

June 24, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR DOLE

FROM: SUZANNE HELLMANN

RE: NEW MEXICO POLITICAL BRIEFING

U.S. SENATE RACE

- o According to a statewide poll taken in mid-May, crime is the number one issue of concern to the residents of New Mexico.
- o The second issue of concern is economy and jobs -- just four years ago, NM voters said that jobs and economic development was their number one issue of concern. However, the economy has improved and in fact NM is cited as one of the fastest growing in the nation.
- o Gangs/youth/graffiti is number three and a poor education system is number four.
- o Health care is number seven.
- o McMillan is attacking Sen. Bingaman on the following issues:
 - Weak on defense
 - Weak on crime
 - Will raise your taxes (\$546 billion in tax hikes since 1983)
 - Bingaman voted to triple grazing fees on federal lands (then switched his position)
 - Bingaman has been in D.C. too long and has lost touch with NM families
- o Some of McMillan's positions:
 - Supports term limits -- will serve only two terms himself
 - Health care that provides individual freedom. Clinton's plan will cost NM:
 - o 5,600 job loss
 - o \$430 million wage and benefits loss
 - o \$510 billion personal income loss
 - o \$320 per capita income loss
 - o \$1,280 family of four income loss

(Source: Am. Leg. Exchange Coun. Apr. '94)

(See enclosed from McMillan campaign and NRSC for more information)

MEMORANDUM

June 23, 1994

To: Senator Bob Dole

From: Paul Curcio

Re: New Mexico Briefing

REPUBLICAN:

Colin McMillan, *businessman*, announced

DEMOCRAT:

Incumbent Senator: Jeff Bingaman

INDEPENDENT:

Tom Benavides, *State Senator*

GREEN:

Francesca Lobato, *attorney*

POLITICAL UPDATE

- Jeff Bingaman is an "invisible" senator who has benefited from having a weak GOP opponent in 1988 and from missteps by the GOP incumbent in 1982. Although his favorable ratings are high (62%), his re-elect and ballot scores are weak. He continues to pale by comparison to highly popular Senator Pete Domenici.
- Colin McMillan, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, easily won the Republican nomination on June 7. McMillan has served in the state legislature, ran for governor in 1986, and served as Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Bush Administration. There is a good possibility that there will be one Hispanic and one Perot leader running as independents.
- In the April 13 edition of The Cook Political Report Charles Cook moved Bingaman's Senate seat from the "likely" Democrat to the "lean" Democrat category. He cited the impressive winning margin at the Republican state convention by Colin McMillan and the impressive fashion in which McMillan's campaign is moving forward.
- Two Independent candidacies may play unusually important roles in this race. The prominent Independent gubernatorial candidacy of former Lt. Governor Roberto Mondorgan, a former Democrat who served previously with Governor King, may be a catalyst for Senate Independent candidacies. King now faces a fractured

Democrat base and a strong Republican nominee in Gary Johnson, who - like McMillan - has never before run for office.

- **Tom Benavides** is a state senator and former Democrat who ran against Pete Domenici in 1990, losing badly. Although his name I.D. has slipped back to low levels, most of his support should come at Bingaman's expense. **Francesca Lobato** is an attorney who ran for the New Mexico Supreme Court in 1990 and 1992. Her heritage is Hispanic and Native American. She is running as an "outsider." She has been endorsed by the Green Party.

LATEST POLLING INFORMATION

Political Media Research (6/1/94)

BALLOTS

McMillan	33 %
Bingaman	53

NAME I.D.	McMillan	Bingaman
Favorable	35 %	53 %
Unfavorable	9	29

Research/Strategies/Management (4/29/93)

BINGAMAN REELECT

Reelect	38 %
New Person	44

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Candidate	Raised 5/18	Spent 5/18	PAC \$	COH 5/18	Debt
Bingaman	\$2,279,477	\$1,322,603	\$513,243	\$985,123	\$0
McMillan	\$513,902	\$398,318	\$12,000	\$107,161	\$137,581

Coord. Limit

\$133,140

NEW MEXICO

Status of Incumbent: Gov. King (D) Eligible to seek reelection.

REPUBLICANS

Gary Johnson, Businessman

DEMOCRATS

Bruce King, Incumbent

Update

On June 7, businessman Gary Johnson won a close race for the Republican nomination in New Mexico against four opponents. The construction company owner outdid former state House Minority Leader Dick Cheney by about two percentage points. He favors repealing the gross receipts tax on services and reducing the personal income tax. Economic development would take off, he says, because New Mexico would then be on equal footing with its neighbor states. He also would promote the repeal of three other taxes: Governor King's gasoline tax, taxes on food and taxes on medicine. He would loosen restrictions on investment tax credits. He wants to reward businesses for including workers in profit-sharing plans. He opposes an increase in grazing fees, noting that he is concerned about the economy in rural counties. He supports a mandatory 5-year sentence for a crime involving a firearm. He also supports more police on the streets.

Incumbent Governor Bruce King won the Democratic party's nomination against two formidable opponents. He beat his own Lieutenant Governor, Casey Luna, as well as former Interior Department official Jim Baca. King topped Luna by three percentage points. He received less than 39% of all Democratic primary votes. No Governor in the history of the United States has been reelected in the general election after such a poor showing in a primary.

Under King the state has had a six cent per gallon tax increase. Though it has since been lowered, most people want it repealed entirely. New Mexico is ranked fifth in the nation in total crimes committed per 100,000 people and 9th in the nation in violent crimes. Worst of all, New Mexico is ranked second in violent deaths among teenagers.

1992 Presidential Vote

Clinton (D)	261,617 (46%)
Bush (R)	212,824 (37%)
Perot (I)	91,895 (16%)
Total	566,336

1990 Gubernatorial General Election Results

Bruce King (D)	224,564 (55%)
Frank M. Bond (R)	185,692 (45%)
Total	410,256

NEW POLLING INFORMATION

POLITICAL/MEDIA RESEARCH MAY 31- JUNE 1, 1994 (N=630 RV'S MARGIN OF ERROR +/- 4%):

GENERAL ELECTION TRIAL HEAT:

King	49%
Johnson	32%
Undecided	19%

GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Republican Candidate: Gary Johnson, Businessman
Democrat Incumbent: Bruce King

(See enclosed from Republican Governor's Association for more information)

U.S. HOUSE RACES

District 1 Steve Schiff (R), incumbent
(Albuquerque) Peter Zollinger (D)

District 2 Joseph Skeen (R), incumbent
(Roswell and Las Benjamin Chavez (D)
Cruces)

District 3 F. Gregg Bemis (R)
(Sante Fe) Bill Richardson (D), incumbent

Colin McMillan

For United States Senate

Colin McMillan
Victory Night
June 7, 1994

First, I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to make this victory possible. I also want to thank my family for their support and encouragement.

Now the great battle begins.

--A battle over how New Mexicans want to be represented in the United States Senate.

There will be two very different candidates. Let me assure you of one thing, come November you will have a clear choice for the U.S. Senate.

--We are different on the issues.

--We have different backgrounds and experience.

This will not be one of those races where it's difficult to figure out who's who.

New Mexicans want a Senator who will be tight-fisted with their tax dollars--a Senator who will vote to hold the line on higher taxes.

I passed the largest tax cut in the history of the state -- the Big Mac of 1981. Jeff Bingaman raised your taxes 7 times in the last 12 years. If we give him 6 more years in the Senate, he'll raise taxes 3 or 4 more times.

New Mexicans want a Senator who will fight for tougher crime laws. Just this year, Jeff Bingaman voted to confirm a federal judge who voted against the death penalty for a mass murderer and cop killer. I voted for tougher penalties for juveniles and for the death penalty.

New Mexicans want a Senator who will stand up to Bill Clinton and his administration's war on the western states. Jeff Bingaman voted to triple grazing fees on federal lands, then switched his position when he saw it was going to cost him politically.

But to show you just how out of touch he has become, here is what our junior Senator had this to say just a couple of weeks ago -- a direct quote about grazing fees -- "I don't think it's a major issue in New Mexico." That's what Jeff Bingaman thinks about grazing fees.

Tell that the families who run sheep in the Sangre de Cristo and to the cowboys who fight the drought, the wind and the dusts on the Llano Estacado and ranchers who fight the snow, the altitude and the bureaucrats on the Mimbres River. They think it's an important issue and Colin McMillan thinks it's important.

New Mexicans want to send to Washington people who are less interested in perks and pork, and more interested in solving America's problems.

--Jeff Bingaman has voted consistently to raise his salary. He even voted for the scheme that gives Senators automatic cost of living pay raises.

I will never vote to raise my salary -- or take it if offered.

New Mexicans want a someone in Congress who understands the real world and who understands about creating jobs, lowering taxes, and reducing government regulation.

Jeff Bingaman is a career politician who's never held a real job in his life. I've been a working man all my life.

Jeff Bingaman is against term limits. I think they're a good idea. Regardless of what's law, if I'm elected to the U.S. Senate, I will serve not more than two terms, then return home to New Mexico.

One thing is for sure: Jeff Bingaman has been there too long. He's lost touch with New Mexican working families.

New Mexican voters will have a clear choice between a politician who talks about problems, and a businessman who solves them. They'll have a choice between one who is practically joined at the hip to Bill Clinton and one who will stand up and fight for what's important to New Mexico. Bill Clinton won't be my boss.

Jeff Bingaman is in the fight of his political life. We're going to run a campaign that reaches every city and town in the state... a campaign that respects the intelligence of New Mexico's voters... and a campaign that creates hope by showing how problems can be solved.

I humbly accept the nomination of the Republican Party and thank all of you who helped in this great victory today. I ask for the support of all Republicans as well as Democrats and Independents who want real change in Washington. I want to compliment my opponents on their hard work and dedication -- being a candidate is a tough job.

It's time to bring Jeff Bingaman back home. Join me in this great battle to change U.S. Senators. We can make the right choice. With your dedication and hard work, we will win!

McMillan Gets GOP Senate Nod

Roswell Rancher Takes Aim at Rival Bingaman

By Nancy Tipton
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Colin McMillan ran away with the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in the primary election Tuesday, making good on his repeated predictions of victory. "Now the battle begins," McMillan told cheering supporters at the Albuquerque Marriott hotel in a victory speech.

McMillan garnered about 75 percent of the vote, putting him on the November ballot against Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

Bingaman, seeking his third term in the Senate, was unopposed in



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Republican U.S. Senate nominee Colin McMillan is congratulated by Robin Dozier Otten, one of his two challengers in the race.

Tuesday's primary.

McMillan, a 58-year-old Roswell rancher and businessman, said many times during the campaign he would carry the party vote over opponents Bill Turner and Robin Dozier Otten, both of Albuquerque. Speaking at the Albuquerque

hotel where Republicans gathered to watch election returns come in, McMillan took dead aim at Bingaman.

He said Bingaman has been in Washington, D.C., too long and has

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lost touch with "New Mexican working families."

"There will be two very different candidates. Let me assure you of one thing: Come November, you will have a clear choice for the U.S. Senate," McMillan said.

He said he and Bingaman are different on the issues as well as having different backgrounds and experience.

"This will not be one of those races where it's difficult to figure out who's who," he said.

Bingaman spokesman David Contarino agreed the differences are obvious.

"That's the only thing we agree on," Contarino said. "Yes, we will offer New Mexico a clear choice."

"Colin is a relic. He wants to take it back 12 years. We want to move forward."

McMillan said "New Mexicans want a senator who will be tight-fisted with their tax dollars — a senator who will vote to hold the line on higher taxes."

McMillan again pointed to the Big Mac tax cut of 1981, passed while he served as chairman of the New Mexico House of Representatives Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Big Mac was a comprehensive cut in state income and gross-receipts taxes that also cut the state out of receipts from property taxes. It subtracted about \$250 million from state coffers.

McMillan also repeated his earlier pledges to

fight for tougher crime laws, not to vote for or accept any proposed pay raises for senators and to serve no more than two terms.

"Jeff Bingaman is in for the fight of his political life," he said. "We're going to run a campaign that reaches every city and town in the state ... a campaign that respects the intelligence of New Mexico's voters ... and a campaign that creates hope by showing how the problems can be solved."

Contarino called on McMillan to "stick a little closer to the truth" during the upcoming campaign.

The Bingaman camp has said McMillan has misrepresented the senator's voting record on everything from the budget to grazing fees.

McMillan's political experience includes a 12-year stint in the Legislature, three years on the state Board of Finance and nearly three years as assistant U.S. secretary of defense for production and logistics during the Bush administration.

McMillan and his wife of 35 years, Kay, live in Roswell. Born in Texas, McMillan has been involved in ranching, oil, banking and farming in New Mexico since he moved to the state in 1961 while he was working for Texaco Inc.

Turner, a hydrogeologist who owns a consulting business, was active in Ross Perot's New Mexico campaign. Otten is an Albuquerque attorney who has been involved in the Republican Party on both the county and state levels.

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Roswell Daily Record

National choices

The Daily Record is endorsing candidates in contested races only in Tuesday's Democrat and Republican primaries. Here are our endorsements for party nominations in the races for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House, Second Congressional District:

U.S. Senate

Democrat — Jeff Bingaman. Incumbent, of Santa Fe is unopposed.

Republican — Colin McMillan of Roswell over Bill Turner and Robin Dozier Offen, both of Albuquerque.

Colin McMillan seems to be at his best during a crisis situation.

As a state representative, he put together the "Big Mac" tax cut of 1981, which cut \$250 million from state taxes and was the largest tax cut in state history, to help spark an economically depressed New Mexico toward an economic boon that's still active today.

As assistant secretary of defense for production and logistics in the Bush administration, March 1990-December '92, and during Desert Storm, 1991, he instituted cost-cutting measures at the Department of Defense that will help save American taxpayers \$48 billion (over a seven-year period) while maintaining the world's strongest military power as exhibited during the Persian Gulf war.

McMillan succeeded in the Roundhouse in Santa Fe as a legislator and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., as a member of Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's team by using common sense business practices in government.

He believes America is in a new crisis because of President Clinton's inadequate leadership. He also believes America is heading toward change and he wants to be a part of that change ... as a U.S. senator from New Mexico.

McMillan, geophysicist, businessman, rancher and politician from Roswell, is among three candidates for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate. He's actually been building toward this year for a lifetime, one success at a time and the spectrum of his successes is enormous.

He is a successful family man devoted to his wife of 35 years, four children and five grandchildren; a successful community leader with many accomplishments and services to others; a successful defender of America's freedoms as a major in the U.S. Marine Corps; a successful geophysicist as owner of his own oil and gas exploration company; a successful banker as a founder and chairman of a bank and a chairman of an S&P;

A successful rancher as a founder and operating partner of his own cattle company; and a successful politician as a 12-year member of the House of Representatives — including four years as minority whip and four as chairman of the powerful Taxation and Revenue Committee — and a senior appointee in the Department of Defense.

McMillan, as a politician, is for a strong national defense; tougher laws against violent criminals; the death penalty as a crime deterrent; health care reform, except for socialized medicine; welfare reform; cutting taxes and decreasing the tax burden on working people; and keeping grazing fees at a reasonable level to allow farmers and ranchers to remain on their land.

He's against raising taxes for any reason.

And, he's committed to a balanced budget amendment, line item veto and term limits. McMillan, in fact, says he would serve no more than two terms in the U.S. Senate and he would donate all pay raises he would receive as a senator to state universities in New Mexico.

McMillan, 58, a Houston native who graduated from the University of North Carolina and who has been a resident of Roswell since 1962, is a true leader who believes his success is in teaching and helping those around him. He's also a pragmatic man who finds solutions to problems and strives for a win-win situation for everyone.

He is an excellent example of what America's founding fathers had in mind when they envisioned talented citizen-statesmen who would step forward out of the private sector to serve their country during times of need and then return home to private life.

McMillan believes he could make a difference. We do too. He is the best choice in his primary race.

The Daily Record endorses Mr. McMillan for the Republican

good line

Editorial

Las Cruces Sun-News

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Monday, May 30, 1994

Experience sets McMillan apart



One candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate from New Mexico stands out from his two primary-election competitors in his breadth of accomplishments in business and government.

That is Colin McMillan of Roswell, who receives the Las Cruces Sun-News endorsement for the June 7 vote. He would be a tough opponent should he be nominated by his party to face Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., in the November general election.

Bingaman is running for a third six-year term and is unopposed in his party's primary. The Sun-News is running endorsement editorials only for candidates in contested races in the primary.

McMillan is a confident and aggressive campaigner. He already is taking aim at Bingaman and is linking the incumbent to the Clinton Administration, contending that Bingaman "votes 80 percent of the time with Bill Clinton." That is a campaign theme likely to be often repeated.

The Republican takes a more conservative stance than Bingaman on most spending and policy issues, which would offer voters a clear choice between candidates in November.

As a former state representative and chairman of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee, and as the assistant U.S. Secretary of Defense for production and logistics in the Bush Administration, McMillan has the political background and connections to know how to get things done in Washington as well as in Santa Fe.

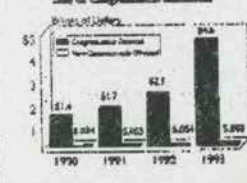
As a successful businessman in banking, ranching and oil exploration, he has a hands-on, working knowledge of three key New Mexico industries. One of the financial institutions he heads has offices in Las Cruces, so he is familiar with this city and believes in its economic growth and potential.

Voters of New Mexico would be well-served by a hard-hitting campaign that pits two such well-funded and experienced politicians as Bingaman and McMillan. They would hash out the issues thoroughly and, in November, voters will decide who can best represent New Mexico in the U.S. Senate.

DEFENSE SPENDING

I am concerned that Bill Clinton and Congress are cutting Defense in areas that are critical to the security of our Nation. DOD funding is projected to decline 11 percent over the next five years according to a report by the Defense Budget Project. The report also exposes the Administration's lack of long-term commitment to funding research and development. The United States has already given up the ability to respond to the challenge it faced only three years ago during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"Non-Defense" Spending Is Increasing Rapidly
Due to Congressional Mandates



Source: Current Spending (Fiscal 1992 Budget, Post-1992 Defense Budget) - (Source: Congressional Budget Office)

Not only is defense being hit by cuts in the budget, its funding is being siphoned off through non-defense spending of DOD money. In fiscal years 1990-1993, the Department of Defense spent at least \$10.4 billion on non-defense items, such as World Cup and World University Games and the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, as well as other projects.

To protect America's vital interests we must:

- assure that Congress approves, in advance, all U.S. participation in and funding for U.N. military activities;
- stop Clinton's defense cuts which are too sharp and indiscriminate. Reductions in spending should be consistent with our nation's reduced military and still provide our service men and women with the resources necessary to preserve and protect America;
- support research and development of weapons systems, procurement and weapons testing;
- provide priority funding for the National Guard and Reserves.

My service as Assistant Secretary of Defense confirms that the Department of Defense can successfully implement spending cuts without jeopardizing our position as a world power.

CRIME

We must stop the violent crime that is terrorizing America. Gang violence, drive-by shootings, violent drug rings, and carjackings have penetrated communities all across America. Solving the crime problem should not be focused on restricting the right to bear arms. Stiff punishment is the only real solution to America's crime epidemic.

We must get tough on criminals. I will support:

- effective mandatory minimum prison terms, so that inmates serve at least 85 percent of their prison sentence;
- tougher penalties for using firearms to commit crimes;
- life imprisonment without parole for three-time violent criminals and major drug felons;
- the appointment of prosecutors who are willing to go after criminals and appointment of judges who are willing to impose tougher penalties;
- the death penalty for violent criminals.

TERM LIMITS

I support term limits — two terms for the U.S. Senate and six terms for the U.S. House of Representatives — because there are too many career politicians in Washington who are afraid of changes and who will not make the courageous decisions to cut back on wasteful government spending.

NATURAL RESOURCES

As a farmer and rancher, I understand the complexities of the agricultural industry. I will defend our rights to use public lands. Higher grazing fees will put many ranchers out of business. I will fight against higher grazing fees and Washington's hidden agenda to get the ranchers and farmers off the land.

I have called for the resignation of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt because his policies are 180 degrees from what New Mexico needs and wants. Not only is Babbitt calling for higher grazing fees but he wants to use a new Interior agency called the National Biological Survey to send the bureaucrats out searching for endangered species in our farms, and in our backyards. These policies are undermining our individual rights.

I support the wise development of our natural resources with sound environmental policies which encourage multiple use of our public lands, and provide jobs to our work force.

COLIN MCMILLAN

ON THE ISSUES
FACING AMERICA

HEALTH CARE

America now provides the world's best health care system. In our haste to reform health care, we must preserve the best of the present system. Under Clinton's health care plan, employers will be forced to pay 80 percent of employees' health premiums — which will put many small businesses out of business. Clinton's plan places our medical decisions in the hands of yet another government agency, a new National Health Board. And, not only will we be forced to buy a standard benefits package, we will have to pay extra for additional coverage. **The measure of the economic impact of the Clinton plan in New Mexico by 1998 is as follows:**

Measure	Amount
Job Loss	5,600
Wage and Benefit Loss	\$430 million
Personal Income Loss	\$510 million
Per Capita Income Loss	\$320
Family of Four Income Loss	\$1,280

(Source: American Legislative Exchange Council, March 1994)

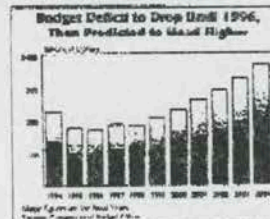
I will support a program that places an emphasis on individual freedom. I support:

- preserving individual rights to choose a health care provider;
- voluntary, not mandatory insurance for employees and employers;
- no limitation or exclusion for "pre-existing" conditions when people change jobs;
- the continuation of a separate, high quality system for military retirees, veterans, and U.S. civil service employees;
- simplification and standardization of insurance forms;
- initiating cost saving programs such as tort reform;
- tax credits for working people who cannot afford health coverage. Any tax credits should be fully paid for and not add to the deficit or the tax burden on the American people now or in the future;
- improved health care for Native Americans.

If you think health care is expensive now, just wait until it's free.

TAXES AND FEDERAL SPENDING

Jeff Bingaman has consistently voted for tax increases since he left New Mexico for Washington. He voted 7 times to increase our taxes for an estimated total of \$546 billion according to Congressional Research Service. Jeff voted for the largest tax increase in the history of America last year (\$240 billion). For New Mexico alone, the effect of Clinton's and Bingaman's 1993 increase will drain New Mexico revenues by \$1.1 billion over the next 5 years. Also, Clinton's promise to reduce the deficit increases government spending over the long term.



The Congressional Budget Office projects the deficit will more than double by the year 2003. Almost 100 percent of the increase is due to soaring government domestic spending.

During my term in the New Mexico Legislature, I sponsored the largest tax cut in New Mexico history. And, as Assistant Secretary of Defense, I developed and implemented DOD policy that will result in savings of \$49 billion over seven years. As a United States Senator for New Mexico, I will work for:

- balanced budget amendment;
- line item veto.

The deficit reduction plans that Congress has forced on the American people just don't work. The answer to the deficit is to cut spending, NOT raise taxes.

McMillan Colin
For United States Senate

Colin McMillan

For United States Senate

March 18, 1994

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McMillan Says: "Grazing Fee Proposal Will Hurt Ranchers"

Albuquerque Colin McMillan, candidate for United States Senate, said the proposed grazing fee increase will hurt the livestock industry in New Mexico and in other western states. The proposed increase in the grazing fee was announced by the U.S. Department of the Interior yesterday.

"It's a set back for the ranching community", McMillan said today. "I recently called for the firing of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, because I believe he is no friend of the west. The announcement of the proposed grazing fee hike confirms my earlier statement." McMillan said.

"Earlier in the year, Babbitt said higher grazing fees were necessary for better management of the range. However, his own staff admits in a memo of June 23, 1993 that the "...range is in better shape than at any point in this century." McMillan said.

"The real agenda behind the Babbitt proposal and the Clinton Administration is to drive ranchers off federal public lands." McMillan added.

"Further, I don't believe we can count on Jeff Bingaman to come to the defense of the cattle industry. He initially supported grazing fee hikes and then when he felt the pressure from an important industry in New Mexico, he changed his mind." said McMillan.

"As United States Senator, I will fight to protect the rights of the cattle industry to use federal public lands." McMillan said.

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Colin McMillan

For United States Senate

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Bingaman Hides From Real Defense Record

Clavis-- At a news conference today, Republican nominee for the U. S. Senate Colin McMillan called on Bill Clinton and Jeff Bingaman to restore those cuts in the defense budget that will jeopardize America's national security.

Former Assistant Secretary of Defense McMillan said, "America cannot return to the hollow force of the late 1970's when ships couldn't sail, planes couldn't fly, and tanks couldn't roll because the funds weren't there for personnel, training, spare parts, and maintenance."

Last week, New Mexico's junior senator called for a delay in phasing out the F-111 Fighter stationed at Cannon Air Force Base. The need for the F-111s is well documented and supported by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the CINCs (Commanders In Chief). It has a long-range all-weather strike capability that is unique in the Air Force. For instance, the F-111 was flown from England in the strike on Qaddafi in Libya and was very successful in the Persian Gulf War.

"If Jeff Bingaman sounds pro-defense, it must be an election year. Jeff Bingaman is once again scrambling to cover up his real record. Now he wants to save the F-111. However, his voting record and recommendations of his boss Bill Clinton have caused the problem Bingaman is now claiming to want to correct," McMillan said.

"It is political hypocrisy for Bingaman to support the F-111 while supporting unnecessary boondoggles with no military value. For instance, last year Bingaman cast the deciding vote to continue Cargo Preference -- a \$500 million annual subsidy for the maritime union, \$300 million of which comes from the defense budget. There is no military justification for this expenditure. Another example is Bingaman's support of an \$80 million continuing subsidy to acquire additional ferrochrome and ferromanganese for the National Defense Stockpile when we already have a 300-year supply. These two unnecessary annual expenditures by themselves are more than is necessary to fund the F-111 at Cannon Air Force Base," McMillan said.

The F-111 is an effective attack plane with a 2,400-mile range. The F-111 can carry twenty-four 500-pound bombs on each wing and has unique capabilities in delivering laser-guided gravity bombs and it performs well against Russian-made aircraft. McMillan says he supports the F-111.

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"People concerned about the defense of our country need to look at our junior senator's voting record. For example, Bingaman has supported Clinton's efforts to cut defense appropriations without regard to the merit of the programs and systems that are being cut. From 1995 to 1999, Bill Clinton proposes a defense budget that is \$100 billion short of what is needed to maintain America's military strength. That's simply too much, too fast. To make matters worse, Jeff Bingaman tried to one up his boss Bill Clinton by voting just this year against measures that would have protected the defense budget from further cuts," McMillan said.

"Just weeks after his election to the Senate in 1982, he began his crusade to cut the defense budget. Now he wants the people of New Mexico, including those in Clovis, to forget his record of cutting defense," McMillan said.

According to McMillan, Bingaman's second term sent a clear message. Bingaman voted in favor of several measures that trimmed the already slashed defense budget by an estimated \$88.8 billion. In addition, Bingaman supported on March 26, 1992 an effort to allow the shifting of funds between defense and domestic appropriations. Also, he even refused to restrict Americans from serving under Foreign Commanders in U.N. operations. Bingaman voted against using U.S. military force against Saddam Hussein.

"Jeff Bingaman's voting record has weakened defense and national security. But this is an election year, so he's trying to cover up his voting record. What is clear is that he does not have a consistent policy on defense," McMillan said.

According to last year's report by the Defense Budget Project, New Mexico would stand to lose over 7,000 jobs in the next six years under the Clinton defense plan. According to McMillan, the loss would be too much for the state's economy to handle in such a short period of time.

"Bingaman and Clinton hold the military in low regard. Bingaman voted to raise his own salary by over \$23,000, in addition to the yearly cost of living adjustments. But what did he do for those who put their lives on the line daily to protect America's freedom? Bingaman voted against military pay raises and froze cost of living adjustments for military personnel," McMillan said.

"As I visit with active duty, guard and reserve military of all ranks, I find the following: 1. Training levels are down; 2. Moral is down; 3. Recruiting is becoming more difficult. These are the early warning signs of a decline in America's military preparedness. The price we will eventually pay in American lives is just too high. We simply can't afford the cuts President Clinton is proposing and Jeff Bingaman is supporting," concluded McMillan.

NEW MEXICO

Laree Perez National Committeewoman

Present

National Committeewoman, New Mexico, elected -
August 18, 1992
Member, Board of Trustees, Albuquerque Academy, 1992 -
Member, Board of Regents, New Mexico State University,
1991 -
Member, Board of Directors, United New Mexico Bank, 1988 -
Member, The New Mexico Amigos
President and CEO, Medallion Investment Management
Company, 1993 -

Previous

Member, Board of Trustees, University of New Mexico Hospital,
1987 - 1991
Member, Board of Directors, University of New Mexico Lobo
Club, 1990 - 1991
Graduate of Leadership Albuquerque, 1987 - 1988
Member of New Mexico First Board, 1987 - 1991
Past Treasurer of New Mexico First Executive Committee,
1987 - 1991
Member, Board of Trustees, Hankamer School of Business,
Baylor, 1984 - 1990
Member, New Mexico First Task Force, 1986 - 1987
Member, New Mexico State Investment Council, 1983 - 1985
Co-Chairman, Lincoln Day Dinner, 1988

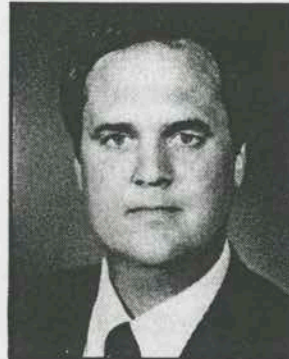
Personal

Education: B.A., Baylor University

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NEW MEXICO

Phelps Anderson National Committeeman



Present

National Committeeman, New Mexico, elected -
August 16, 1988

Executive Vice President, Hondo Oil and Gas Company

Chairman, Lincoln County Heritage Trust

Member, New Mexico Republican State Central Committee

New Mexico Vice President, Independent Petroleum
Association of America

Director, Mountain State Legal Foundation

Finance Chairman, Chaves County Republican Party

Previous

Member, New Mexico Legislature, 1977 - 1981

Member, New Mexico Board of Finance

Chairman, New Mexico Museum of Natural History

Chairman, Water Defense Association

Co-Chairman, George Bush for President Finance Committee

Co-Chairman, Republican Legislative Campaign Committee

Vice Chairman, Chaves County Young Republicans

RNC Activity

Member, RNC Executive Council, 1989 - 1992

Member, RNC Rules Committee, 1989 - 1990

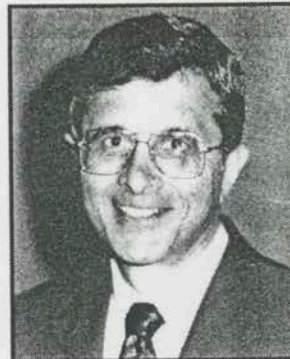
Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1988, 1992

Member, Committee on Arrangements, Republican National
Convention, 1992

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NEW MEXICO

John Lattaudio Chairman



Present

Chairman, Republican Party of New Mexico, elected -
May 6, 1989
Member, New Mexico Republican Executive Committee
Board of Directors, United Mexico Bank in Alamogordo

Previous

Vice Chairman, New Mexico Republican Party
Chairman, Otero County Republican Party
President, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, 1977
Chairman, Committee of 50, 1978 - 1979
Chairman, Military Liaison Committee
Chairman, Otero County United Way
Member, Board of Directors, Alamogordo Rotary Club
Commissioner, International Space Hall of Fame
Chairman, Governor's Advisory Committee
United States Marine Corps

RNC Activity

Member, Platform Committee, Republican National Convention,
1992
Member, Committee on Contests, Republican National
Convention, 1992
Member, RNC Rules Committee

Personal

Spouse: Kathy
Children: Three

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June 24, 1994

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Mike Torrey
SUBJECT: update on Idaho and New Mexico

GRAZING FEES...New Mexico has 53% of their land owned by the government while Idaho has 65% of their land under government ownership. Supposedly, Secretary Babbitt is reviewing information collected during his meetings with ranchers and is working to put together a grazing plan that is more customer oriented. The Bureau of Land Management has also said they are attempting to be more customer friendly. Ranchers are waiting to see the results of these comments but so far have seen nothing. Clinton has only a 24% approval rating in Idaho which is reflective of his Western policy.

PRIVATE PROPERTY...The whole premise of your bill has been to give private land owners the same rights as the environment. You offered your bill S. 2006, as an amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act. A Bumpers substitute was accepted which included much of your amendment. The Democrats are concerned you will continue to push this issue and are looking for a way to resolve this matter to the satisfaction of everyone.

Your amendment may not have been accepted if it were not for the intense lobbying of all the organizations. The Western states need to keep up the fight.

USDA REORGANIZATION...This bill passed the Senate overwhelmingly. Westerners are concerned their county offices will be closed causing them to drive hundreds of miles to get to an office. During our discussions in the Ag Committee, USDA assured us that USDA personnel will travel to the area where county offices were closed and hold office days so farmers can sign up for programs.

CRIME--June 24, 1994

Yesterday's previously scheduled meeting of the crime conference was cancelled because of a continuing dispute over the Racial Justice Act. The Congressional Black Caucus is insisting that Racial Justice (or a compromise version) be part of any conference report.

The crime conference has been postponed indefinitely, "subject to the call of the Chair." Republican staff on the Senate Judiciary Committee are now speculating that the conference won't renew its efforts until after the nomination hearings of Judge Stephen Breyer (scheduled to begin on July 12).

During today's radio conference, you may want to emphasize that Republicans will oppose any conference report that contains the Racial Justice Act. The National Association of Attorneys General, the National Association of District Attorneys, and other law enforcement groups have all gone on record in opposition to Racial Justice. They claim that the bill would eliminate the death penalty nationwide, at both the federal and state levels.

As you know, Racial Justice would allow capital defendants to use statistical evidence to challenge their death sentences.

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June 17, 1994

CRIME CONFERENCE

The crime conference began on Thursday, June 16 (just opening statements). The conference will continue its work on Tuesday, June 21.

The following issues must be resolved at conference:

1. **Funding.** The House bill contains authorizations totalling \$28 billion over five years. The Senate bill contains authorizations totalling \$22 billion over five years. The House bill does not contain a funding mechanism. The Senate bill establishes a Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund financed through reductions in the federal workforce. (Rep. Brooks has indicated that he will accept the Senate's funding mechanism.)

The Democrats have been talking about a bill that proposes authorizations of \$30 billion over six years.

2. **Racial Justice.** Both the Senate and the House have passed motions to instruct conferees to strip the Racial Justice provisions from the conference report. The Senate bill does not contain any Racial Justice provisions; the House bill does.

Will the conference report include a compromise version of Racial Justice in order to appease the Congressional Black Caucus?

3. **Incarceration.** The House bill authorizes \$13.5 billion over five years for state prison construction and operation. The Senate bill authorizes \$6.5 billion over five years, earmarking \$3 billion for ten new regional prisons.

How much will the conference report devote to incarceration?

4. **Prevention.** The House bill authorizes \$9 billion for a variety of "Great-Society-type" social programs, including "Midnight Basketball" and the so-called "Ounce of Prevention" program. The Senate bill contains over \$4 billion in prevention programs. (The alternative Republican conference report will propose slightly more than \$1 billion for prevention.)

Will the conference report strike a suitable balance between incarceration and prevention?

5. **Assault Weapons.** The Senate bill contains an assault-weapons ban; the House passed the ban as a free-standing measure.

SENATOR BOB DOLE

CRIME CONFERENCE

JUNE 21, 1994

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SO, MR. PRESIDENT, AS THE CONFERENCE BEGINS ITS WORK, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

WILL THE CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPT A HARD-HEADED APPROACH TO VIOLENT CRIME AND VIOLENT CRIMINALS, OR WILL IT SIMPLY TAKE A PAGE OUT OF THE OLD AND DISCREDITED "ROOT CAUSES" PLAYBOOK, PUMPING BILLIONS AND BILLIONS OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL DOLLARS INTO SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS OF DUBIOUS VALUE?

WILL THE CONFERENCE CONTAIN THE SO-CALLED RACIAL JUSTICE ACT PROVISIONS, ALLOWING CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS TO OVERTURN THEIR CAPITAL SENTENCES USING STATISTICS ALONE? OR WILL IT HEED THE WARNINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS' GENERAL, THE NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS WHO ARGUE THAT THESE PROVISIONS WOULD HAVE THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY NATIONWIDE--AT BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS?

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INCARCERATION SO THAT WE CAN FINALLY SLAM-SHUT THE REVOLVING PRISON DOOR? AND WILL IT EMPHASIZE TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING, SO THAT A 15-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE MEANS JUST THAT--15 YEARS, AND NOT 5 YEARS OR 10 YEARS? NOTHING DOES MORE TO SHATTER PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN OUR SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE THAN THE SIGHT OF A CONVICTED VIOLENT CRIMINAL, RELEASED FROM PRISON INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, THE BENEFICIARY OF A LIBERAL PAROLE POLICY.

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