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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Costello
Office of Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole

FROM: Barry Bennett
Campaign Director, DeWine for U.S. Senate

RE: Meeting with John Block, Publisher Toledo Blade and Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette

DATE: October 10, 1994

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Tues, Oct. 11



October 7, 1994
5:00 pm

Senator Dole:

Here are the talking points for the proposed meeting with Mike DeWine and the Toledo Blade on Tuesday, October 11th. Santorum will not be at the meeting.

This is not a news article. It is all about endorsement. The Blade owns newspapers in both Ohio and Pennsylvania. They want to know if DeWine and Santorum will have a role in the Senate that would be sufficient to help their states.

Betsy Kelsey
DeWine for Senate
PAC Director

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Will you meet on Tues. Oct. 11?

yes

no

10:00

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1:45 - 3:00

4:30 - 5:30

DeWine

FOR U.S. SENATE

October 7, 1994
4:30 pm

Senator Dole:

Jo-Anne told me to fax this request to you through Joyce so that we can receive an answer more quickly.

Would you be able to meet with Mike DeWine, Senator Gramm and the editor of the Toledo Blade, John Robinson Block next Tuesday? We will be in Washington next week and the Blade is willing to fly in for this brief meeting (15 minutes or so). They would like speak to you about DeWine and Santorum.

We have free time on Tuesday, October 11th at 10:00 am, 1:45-3:30 pm and again from 4:30-5:30 pm.

Would you be kind enough to let Jo-Anne know if this will work with your schedule? She will notify me of your answer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Betsy Kelsey
DeWine for Senate
PAC Director

*talking points coming
per Jo Anne*

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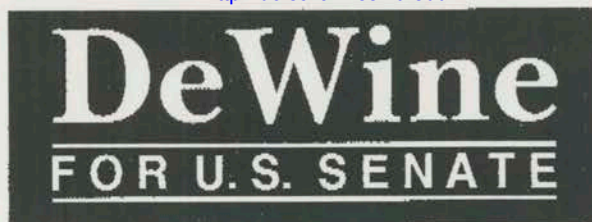


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TO: JoyceCOMPANY: Senator Dole/Leaders Office

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: 202 - 224 - 3163FROM: Laurel Pressler 614-224-8709.COMMENTS: Mr. DeWine will see JoAnn Coe 15
minutes prior to Sen. Dole's mtg. for any additional
information Sen. Dole might need.DATE: 10-11NUMBER OF PAGES: 2
[INCLUDING COVER]IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMISSION, PLEASE CALL
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FRONT PAGE

Example
of Toledo
Blade
editorial

An editorial

Montgomery for A.G.

FOUR years ago when The Blade weighed in on the eve of the election with its endorsement for Ohio attorney general — the last major Ohio newspaper to do so — we acknowledged the fine qualities of the northwest Ohio candidate, Paul Pfeifer, but decided that on balance, Lee Fisher was the better choice. Mr. Fisher won by just 1,234 votes out of 3.3 million cast statewide.

Clearly The Blade's endorsement was pivotal in that race. We anticipate the same

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governor; Ms. Montgomery
wants to be attorney general.
Since they are running for the
latter, she deserves to win*

will be true this time, but unlike four years ago, we think the home-grown candidate is the better choice. We recommend State Sen. Betty Montgomery for attorney general.

Let us note up front that our support of Ms. Montgomery is not based on geography, at least in terms of her performance in the Senate. Yes, she is from Perrysburg, but we have noted on several occasions over the past few years the opportunity she squandered to become a real leader — a public leader — of the northwest Ohio legislative delegation in Columbus.

We are also realists enough to recognize that with her eyes riveted on running for statewide office, she was cautious about challenging the Republican establishment on behalf of the folks back home.

But despite that caveat, we have become impressed with Senator Montgomery's emergence as a statewide political figure. If this is truly a Republican year in Ohio, as even many Democrats are conceding, her good timing and her record could make her a winner on Nov. 8.

In the Senate she led the way for badly needed "Living Will" legislation, and she served the state well as a legislative mem-

ber of the team which investigated the riot at the Lucasville prison. She also likes to point out that as a former Wood County Prosecuting Attorney, she has prosecutorial experience, which the incumbent does not. While such experience is not essential for an attorney general, it certainly helps. She is a pro-choice Republican, and she also says that as a Republican attorney general for a Republican governor, she can better serve as the "governor's lawyer."

But let's revisit the geography issue. It has become increasingly evident over the course of Lee Fisher's first term that he, too, has something grander than his present office in mind. Mr. Fisher considers himself governor material, and a big re-election win Nov. 8 will propel him toward 1998, when there will be no gubernatorial incumbent.

To us, that smacks of a certain cowardice: if he wants to be governor he should have run this time and saved the Ohio Democratic Party from the enormous embarrassment of such a woefully weak ticket. Instead he'd rather wait for a clear, unobstructed shot.

He had a duty to his party, and he shirked it. As a result hundreds of Democratic candidates across the state face defeat this fall. Governor Voinovich deserved a tougher opponent, an opponent such as Mr. Fisher. Yet when a sacrifice was required in the name of public service, Mr. Fisher refused to make it.

If he runs for governor in 1998 after two terms as attorney general, he will simply snuff out any candidate for governor from the "Other Ohio," the Ohio outside Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. And if he wins, it will mean that Ohio will get its third straight governor from Cleveland. Northwest Ohioans have a pretty clear picture by now of how little attention governors from Cleveland pay to our corner of the state.

The time has come to elect an attorney general who will take care of the business at hand instead of politics. The time has come to elect an attorney general from northwest Ohio. The time has come to elect Betty Montgomery.