I'VE BEEN A REPUBLICAN FOR A
LONG TIME. AND LIKE MANY OF
YOU, I CAN'T RECALL ALL OF THE
RNC MEETINGS I'VE ATTENDED
OVER THE YEARS. THEY SEEM TO
RUN TOGETHER IN MY MIND.

BUT THE WINTER MEETING OF

1995 WILL BE DIFFERENT. THIS ONE
WE'LL REMEMBER. BECAUSE AT

THIS WINTER MEETING WE CAN

FINALLY SAY: THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY IS THE MAJORITY PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A VERY LONG TIME, MORE AMERICANS SAY THAT IDENTIFY WITH REPUBLICANS THAN DEMOCRATS. AS THE RESULT, WE...THE REPUBLICANS...ARE THE MAJORITY IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. WE...THE REPUBLICANS...ARE THE MAJORITY IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES. AND, WE...THE
REPUBLICANS...HOLD THE
MAJORITY OF GOVERNORS' SEATS
IN OUR STATE CAPITALS.

AND, IF WE REMAIN TRUE TO
OUR PRINCIPLES, I PREDICT THAT
WHEN YOU HOLD YOUR WINTER
MEETINGS IN JANUARY OF 1997,
YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM A
NEWLY-INAUGURATED REPUBLICAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

UP UNTIL LAST YEAR THERE WERE MANY WHO THOUGHT A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WOULD BE NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE. AND THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME DIVINE INTERVENTION LAST NOVEMBER. BUT OTHER FORCES **WERE AT WORK, TOO:**

YEARS AND YEARS OF HARD

EFFORT BY MANY REPUBLICANS--

PEOPLE LIKE YOU--BUILT THE PARTY UP FROM THE GRASS ROOTS, ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE HAD **OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN** CANDIDATES. AND WE HAD GREAT PARTY LEADERSHIP--ESPECIALLY FROM PEOPLE LIKE HALEY BARBOUR AND JEANIE AUSTIN.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT
FORCE WAS, AND WILL CONTINUE
TO BE, THE POWER OF OUR IDEAS.

AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT TODAY. REPUBLICAN IDEAS. HOW THEY ARE, AT ROOT, VERY AMERICAN IDEAS. THAT'S WHY WE WON. AND THE MOST POWERFUL OF THESE IS THE IDEA OF LIMITED **GOVERNMENT.**

AMERICANS ARE DEMANDING A
NATION MADE MORE FREE BY
INSISTING ON A GOVERNMENT

THAT IS MORE LIMITED. LIMITED TAXING, LIMITED SPENDING, AND NO MORE UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES. FEWER FEDERAL PROGRAMS, MORE POWER TO THE STATES, MORE FREEDOM FOR OUR PEOPLE. IT'S NOT COMPLICATED. MORE FREEDOM, LESS GOVERNMENT.

IF WE CAN REMEMBER THAT--IF WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENT TO THAT IDEA--IF WE CAN KEEP THE PROMISES WE MADE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE--WE WILL RETURN AMERICA TO **GREATNESS AND REMAIN THE MAJORITY PARTY FOR MANY** WINTER MEETINGS TO COME. HOWEVER, OUR DESTINY IS NOT YET SET. THE FUTURE OF THE

REPUBLICAN PARTY AND OUR
COUNTRY IS BEING WRESTLED OUT
IN THE CONGRESS ALMOST AS WE
SPEAK.

WE'RE STRUGGLING NOW OVER
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES SUCH
AS REQUIRING THE CONGRESS TO
LIVE UNDER THE RULES IT IMPOSES,
ENDING UNFUNDED FEDERAL
MANDATES, AND PASSING A
BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

DESPITE OUR MAJORITY, IT'S NOT EASY. THE MEDIA WANT TO REPORT THE PERSONALITIES, THE SMALL VICTORIES, THE THREATENING DEFEATS. THEY HAVE MADE THE CONTRACT WITH AMERICA THE ISSUE, INSTEAD OF THE IDEAS THE CONTRACT REPRESENTS. THEY ARE MISSING THE STORY TODAY, AS THEY MISSED IT IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION. BUT THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND,
AND THEY ARE WATCHING.

I THANK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR TRUST AND THEIR CALL TO ACTION. THEIR WISHES COULD NOT BE MORE CLEAR, AND AS A PARTY WE MUST ACT ON THEM. MY MANDATE AS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER WILL BE TO REIN IN OUR GOVERNMENT, AND I HOPE

IT WILL BE THE PURPOSE AND THE PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE 104TH CONGRESS.

TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL. WE REPUBLICANS WILL DUST OFF MY FAVORITE AMENDMENT--THE **10TH AMENDMENT--THE ONE THAT** READS: "THE POWERS NOT **DELEGATED TO THE UNITED STATES** BY THE CONSTITUTION, NOR PROHIBITED BY IT TO THE STATES,

ARE RESERVED TO THE STATES,
RESPECTIVELY, OR TO THE PEOPLE."
YOU CAN FIND THAT AMENDMENT
IN THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

DEMOCRATS, HOWEVER, SEEM
TO DISCOVER A <u>NEW</u> "RIGHT"
EVERY TIME THAT STUMBLE
ACROSS SOMETHING THAT'S
WRONG.

THE TROUBLE IS, LIBERAL

DEMOCRATS SEEM TO THINK

AMERICA IS WHAT'S WRONG, AND

WE THINK AMERICA'S BIGGEST

PROBLEM IS HAVING A

GOVERNMENT RUN BY LIBERAL

DEMOCRATS.

THEY THINK "RIGHTS" ARE
THINGS A GOVERNMENT GIVES TO
THE PEOPLE. WE THINK OUR
FOUNDING FATHERS DISCOVERED

ENOUGH RIGHTS, THAT THEY ARE
ALREADY ENUMERATED IN OUR
CONSTITUTION, AND THEY ARE THE
RIGHTS OF PRIVATE CITIZENS TO BE
FREE FROM GOVERNMENT, NOT TO
BE PROVIDED THINGS BY IT.

IF THERE IS A LITMUS TEST, THIS

IS IT: ARE YOU MORE FREE IF YOU

ARE GUARANTEED CERTAIN

RESOURCES THAT ARE DETERMINED

AND MEASURED BY A GOVERNING

ELITE, OR ARE YOU MORE FREE IF
YOU ARE GUARANTEED THAT
GOVERNMENT WILL NOT INTERFERE
WITH YOUR ABILITY TO PURSUE
WHAT YOU CHOOSE? WE THINK IT
IS THE LATTER.

THAT'S WHY, IN THIS SESSION

OF THE CONGRESS, WE WILL

PROPOSE AND PASS LEGISLATION

TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS, AND

TO CUT THE TANGLE OF RED TAPE
FORCED UPON AMERICA'S SMALL
BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN.

AND THAT IS WHY, IN THIS
SESSION, WE WILL CUT TAXES.
THERE SEEMS TO BE A GROWING
BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS TO CUT
TAXES, WHICH WE REPUBLICANS
SHOULD WELCOME, AND WHICH
MAKES ME THINK WE SHOULD BE

ABLE TO ACT ON A TAX CUT FAIRLY QUICKLY.

BUT THE PHILOSOPHICAL DIVIDE BETWEEN THE PARTIES IS ESPECIALLY VISIBLE HERE. I, FOR ONE, STRONGLY OBJECT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHO I **ASSUME STILL SPEAKS FOR HIS** PARTY, LABELLING AMERICANS **ACCORDING TO "CLASS" ON THIS** ISSUE.

WE MUST NOT CREATE **FACTIONS OF AMERICANS** COMPETING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER FOR THE FAVORS OF GOVERNMENT. INSTEAD, WE SHOULD LEAD BY INSTILLING HOPE AND RESTORING FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.

BY CUTTING TAXES WE WILL
REDUCE THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKE

OF PRIVATE WAGES--WORTHY UNTO ITSELF. BUT IF TAX CUTS ARE ALSO TO HAVE THE EFFECT OF LIMITING GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING FOR LONG-TERM PROSPERITY, THEN THEY ALSO MUST BE MATCHED BY REAL CUTS IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

DESPITE WHAT THE DEMOCRATS
WILL TELL YOU, DEFICIT SPENDING
IS NOT UNDER CONTROL--UNLESS

SOMETHING DRAMATIC IS DONE, **DEFICITS WILL BEGIN TO BALLOON** DRAMATICALLY AGAIN IN 1999. LIKE A FAMILY EXAMINING ITS **FINANCES AFTER A CHRISTMAS** THAT WAS TOO RICH, WE MUST MAKE HARD DECISIONS AND **ENDURE SACRIFICES TO MAKE ENDS** MEET.

ALONG WITH PROHIBITING
UNFUNDED MANDATES, CUTTING

TAXES, AND REQUIRING A **BALANCED BUDGET--AND NO** DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE BEST **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT IF** WE CAN GET IT, IS ONE THAT REQUIRES A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE TO RAISE TAXES--WE HAVE ANOTHER **VERY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF** LIMITING GOVERNMENT: CUTTING GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY, EVERY BUREAUCRACY AND BUREAUCRAT, EVERY GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AND FEDERAL EXPENSE MUST BE CONSIDERED RIPE FOR REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION.

IN THIS REPUBLICAN CONGRESS,
WE WILL ROLL BACK FEDERAL
PROGRAMS, LAWS AND
REGULATIONS FROM A TO Z-FROM

AMTRACK TO ZOOLOGICAL
STUDIES--WORKING OUR WAY
THROUGH THE ALPHABET SOUP OF
GOVERNMENT:

OUR GUIDE WILL BE THIS

QUESTION: IS THIS PROGRAM A

BASIC FUNCTION OF LIMITED

GOVERNMENT, OR IS IT AN

EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT

HAS LOST ITS FAITH IN THE

JUDGEMENTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND

THE POTENTIAL OF OUR MARKETS? I BELIEVE THAT, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THE ANSWER TO THIS **QUESTION WILL JUSTIFY LESS** FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT, FEWER FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, A REDUCTION IN FEDERAL SPENDING, AND MORE FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STATES AND OUR CITIZENS.

FINALLY, LET ME TOUCH A MOMENT ON AMERICA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD. HERE, TOO, ARE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES. ONE OF THESE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF THIS PRESIDENT TO PLACE THE AGENDA OF THE UNITED NATIONS BEFORE THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. HAITI SPRINGS TO MIND. ANOTHER

EXAMPLE IS HIS WILLINGNESS TO
SUBJUGATE AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND BELIEFS TO THE STRAITJACKET OF GLOBAL OPINION.
BOSNIA SPRINGS TO MIND.

ALTHOUGH THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ARE
LIMITED, ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION IS
TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM AND
WELL BEING OF OUR PEOPLE.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT
AMERICA HAS BEEN THE GREATEST
FORCE FOR GOOD THE WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN.

WE MUST NEVER BE RELUCTANT
ABOUT OUR GREATNESS OR
ASHAMED OF OUR STRENGTH.

AMERICA'S SUCCESS HAS
FUELED A GLOBAL REVOLUTION OF
LIBERTY, SHINING LIGHT WHERE IT
WAS THOUGHT TOTALITARIAN

DARKNESS WOULD ALWAYS REIGN. **OUR GOVERNMENT'S** RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM MUST BE REFLECTED IN THE UNAPOLOGETIC ASSERTION OF **OUR INTERESTS IN EVERY** AGREEMENT, EVERY PRONOUNCEMENT, EVERY ACTION WE TAKE, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

LET ME END WITH WHERE I **BEGAN--IN A DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTY AND HOW** IT IS INTERTWINED WITH THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. AND LET ME QUOTE RONALD REAGAN, WHOSE WORDS STILL RINGS **CLEARLY AND TRUE FOR US TODAY:** "IN THIS PRESENT CRISIS, **GOVERNMENT IS NOT THE** SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM.

GOVERNMENT IS THE PROBLEM. FROM TIME TO TIME, WE'VE BEEN **TEMPTED TO BELIEVE THAT** SOCIETY HAS BECOME TOO **COMPLEX TO BE MANAGED BY** SELF-RULE, THAT GOVERNMENT BY AN ELITE GROUP IS SUPERIOR TO GOVERNMENT FOR, BY, AND OF THE PEOPLE. BUT IF NO ONE AMONG US IS CAPABLE OF GOVERNING HIMSELF, THEN WHO AMONG US

HAS THE CAPACITY TO GOVERN SOMEONE ELSE?"

YOU AND LARE LEADERS OF OUR PARTY DURING A DEFINING MOMENT. SOME IN THE MEDIA LIKE TO CHARACTERIZE THE DEBATE GOING ON IN WASHINGTON AS A SQUABBLE AMONG SPECIAL INTERESTS. INSTEAD, A GREAT CONTEST IS BEING WAGED RIGHT NOW OVER THE PRINCIPLES BY

WHICH AMERICA WILL GOVERN
ITSELF IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS EMBRACE PROFOUNDLY DIFFERENT **IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT'S** PROPER ROLE AND SIZE AND INTRUSIVENESS IN OUR LIVES. WE DISAGREE ABOUT SOME **FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL VALUES.** WE HAVE A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA'S

PLACE IN THE WORLD, AND HER HISTORY AND FUTURE IN IT.

AS OUR POLITICAL OPPONENTS
ASSERT TO THE CONTRARY, WE
ARE THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE-AND THAT MUST BE OUR FUTURE.

AS LONG AS OUR

DISAGREEMENTS WITH DEMOCRATS
CONTINUE TO BE ABOUT
PHILOSOPHY AND NOT ABOUT WHO

DIVVIES UP THE SPOILS--AS LONG AS WE REMAIN TRUE TO OUR BELIEFS IN OUR CAMPAIGNS AND IN **OUR GOVERNANCE--WE WILL KEEP** WINNING THE DEBATE BECAUSE WE WILL REMAIN ON THE SIDE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

POSSIBLE ONE-LINERS

*THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN A BIT SLOV, IN THE SENATE, AS MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR BYRD, HAS HELD THE FLOOR DETAILING HOW CICERO WOULD HAVE OPPOSED THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT. STROM THURMOND DISAGREES, AND SINCE HE WAS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF CICERO'S, I'M STICKING WITH HIM.

*TWO YEARS AGO, THE DEMOCRAT THEME SONG WAS "DON'T STOP THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW." WELL, NOW IT'S TOMORROW AND THEY DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT.

*QUITE A FEW DEMOCRAT LANDMARKS WERE SWEPT AWAY IN THIS ELECTION, INCLUDING TOM FOLEY AND DAN ROSTENKOWSKI. ROSTY KNEW HE WAS IN TROUBLE IN CHICAGO, WHEN EVEN DEAD PEOPLE WERE VOTING REPUBLICAN.

*ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE GROUPS ON CAPITOL HILL ARE THE FRESHMEN HOUSE MEMBERS. AND I AGREE WITH A LOT OF THEIR REFORM PROPOSALS. BUT REPLACING THE STATUE OF FREEDOM ON TOP OF THE CAPITOL DOME WITH A STATUE OF RUSH LIMBAUGH MAY BE GOING A BIT TOO FAR.

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BREAKFAST

Hon. Bob Dole - Speaker

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Renaissance Ballroom Saturday, January 21, 1995

8:15am Breakfast begins

Co-Chairman calls Kim Wells to podium for prayer

8:17am Prayer

8:40am Senator Dole arrives, proceeds to Renaissance Ballroom

Seated at Haley Barbour's table

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9:00am Mary Afree Lair introduces Senator Dole

9:05am Senator Bob Dole - remarks

9:40cm HALEY thanks Senator Dole

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I want to thank our sponsors, Eric Hansen from US Strategies and Ken Mazick from Orlando Federal. Joining us today from our sponsors we have John Kenny and ?? from US Strategies and Brian Murphy from Orlando Financial.

We'll be back in the Grand Ballroom (same room as yesterday's meetings) at 10:00am for our Legislative strategy session with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Congressman J.C. Watts. We'll also hear from John Bolton, the new President of the National Policy Forum.

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