

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry

ORDER OF SPEAKERS AT NNA

- *Gingrich
- *Dole
- *Gephardt
- *Gramm
- *Specter
- *Kemp
- *Lugar

*After your remarks, Ron Faucheux (Foe-shay), editor and publisher of Campaigns and Elections magazine will pose questions submitted from audience. These questions will alternate with those from a panel of four publishers.

*In light of the NNA vote yesterday, you may want to say something like this at the beginning:

*LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR VOTE YESTERDAY, AND I AM PROUD TO ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION.

*I KNOW YOU WILL BE TAKING ANOTHER POLL LATER TODAY. I DON'T WANT TO PUT ANY PRESSURE ON YOU, BUT IF MY NUMBERS GO DOWN, I'M FIRING MY SPEECHWRITERS--AND THEY ALL HAVE FAMILIES THEY NEED TO SUPPORT.

preferences (and that what they were asked to vote, their preference, not their prediction) changed after hearing the speakers, who were questioned by a panel of NNA publishers, including Mike Parta, publisher of the New York Mills (Minn.) Herald; R. Jack Fishman, president of Lakeway Publishers Inc., Morristown, Tenn.; Roy Eaton, president of the Wise County Messenger; and Sam M. Griffin Jr., publisher of The Post-Searchlight in Bainbridge, Ga.

Today's voting (118 votes were cast) listed the following runners up: **DOLL 31 %**

- Lamar Alexander, 15 percent,
- Colin Powell, 14 percent,
- Jack Kemp, 11 percent,
- Phil Gramm, 6 percent,
- Christine Todd Whitman, 6 percent,
- Richard Lugar, 5 percent,
- Pete Wilson, 3 percent,
- Ross Perot, 2 percent,
- Arlen Specter, 2 percent,
- Robert Dornan, .8 percent,
- Patrick Buchanan, 0 percent,
- Newt Gingrich, 0 percent,

PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE OR ENTER A REQUEST.

**THANK YOU. I HAVE COME TO
THESE MEETINGS FOR A LONG TIME,
AND IT IS NICE TO BE BACK HERE
AMONG FRIENDS.**

**WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, THE EDITOR
FROM EMPORIA, KANSAS, WHO
BECAME A GIANT IN AMERICAN
JOURNALISM ONCE SAID, "WHEN
ANYTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN
THIS COUNTRY, IT HAPPENS FIRST IN
KANSAS."**

**AND ONE OF THE GREAT
TRADITIONS IN KANSAS IS THAT WHEN
SOMETHING HAPPENS THERE, A
COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER WILL BE
THERE TO COVER IT.**

**COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS LIKE THE
RUSSELL DAILY NEWS--WHOSE FIRST
EDITOR WAS FORMER NNA PRESIDENT
WEB HAWKINS--ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF
RURAL AMERICA, KEEPING CITIZENS
INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND
INTERESTED IN ONE ANOTHER.**

**IN FACT, IF IT WASN'T FOR ONE
CERTAIN COMMUNITY
NEWSPAPERMAN, I MIGHT NOT BE
HERE TODAY.**

**THE LONG TIME PUBLISHER OF THE
PHILLIPS COUNTY REVIEW IN
PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS, WAS A
FELLOW NAMED HUCK BOYD.**

**HUCK AND I MET WHEN HE WAS
DRIVING THROUGH RUSSELL LATE ONE
NIGHT, NOTICED A LIGHT ON IN THE**

**COURTHOUSE, AND STOPPED TO SEE
WHAT FOOL WAS WORKING SO LATE.**

**HUCK WAS EITHER MANAGER OR
CHAIRMAN OF SEVERAL OF MY
TOUGHEST HOUSE AND SENATE
CAMPAIGNS--CAMPAIGNS I MAY NOT
HAVE WON WITHOUT HIS COUNSEL
AND ADVICE. I HAVE TO ADMIT,
HOWEVER, THAT I HAD TROUBLE
LISTENING TO ONE PIECE OF HUCK'S
ADVICE. HE TOLD ME TO STOP
TELLING JOKES, SAYING THAT "WE**

**DON'T NEED A JACK BENNY IN
WASHINGTON, D.C."**

**HUCK PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS
BACK, BUT HIS LEGACY LIVES ON
THROUGH THE HUCK BOYD NATIONAL
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MEDIA AT
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. WITH
THE SUPPORT OF THE NNA, THE
PROFESSORS AND THE STUDENTS AT
THE BOYD CENTER ASSIST
COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS IN NEED OF
ADVICE OR HELP.**

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, I DON'T
THINK ANY OF US COULD HAVE
IMAGINED WHAT LAY AHEAD.
REPUBLICAN CONTROL OF THE
SENATE. REPUBLICAN CONTROL OF
THE HOUSE. REPUBLICANS IN
CONTROL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE
GOVERNORSHIPS. THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY AS AMERICA'S MAJORITY
PARTY.

ON NOVEMBER 8, I BELIEVE THAT
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SET A
MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. THEY
SAID THEY ARE TIRED OF
GOVERNMENT PROMISING TOO MUCH
AND DELIVERING TOO LITTLE. THEY
DEMANDED A RETURN TO FREEDOM
AND A RENEWAL OF OPPORTUNITY.
THEY WANT A GOVERNMENT DEFINED
BY ITS LIMIT AND NOT BY ITS REACH.
I BELIEVE THEIR MESSAGE IS MY
MANDATE: TO REIN IN GOVERNMENT

**AND RECONNECT IT TO THE VALUES
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THAT
MEANS MAKING GOVERNMENT A
WHOLE LOT SMALLER, A LOT LESS
ARROGANT, AND GETTING IT OUT OF
MATTERS BEST LEFT TO THE STATES,
CITIES, AND FAMILIES ACROSS
AMERICA.**

**MY GUIDE IS THE 10TH
AMENDMENT--YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE
BILL OF RIGHTS.**

**THE 10TH AMENDMENT READS,
"THE POWERS NOT DELEGATED TO
THE UNITED STATES BY THE
CONSTITUTION, NOR PROHIBITED BY IT
TO THE STATES, ARE RESERVED TO
THE STATES...OR TO THE PEOPLE."**

**OUR STRAYING FROM THIS
PRINCIPLE OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT IS
AMONG THE REASONS AMERICA
SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN SO BADLY
OFF TRACK, AND I HAVE PLEDGED
THAT IF I DO NOTHING ELSE IN THE**

**NEXT TWO YEARS, I WILL DUST OFF
THE 10TH AMENDMENT AND RESTORE
IT TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE
CONSTITUTION.**

**WE HAVE ALREADY DONE A LOT
ALONG THESE LINES IN THE FIRST TWO
MONTHS OF REPUBLICAN CONTROL OF
CONGRESS--THOUGH WE COULD HAVE
DONE EVEN MORE BY NOW IF WE HAD
A PRESIDENT WHO SHARED THE
VISION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.**

AS A MATTER OF FACT, NOT A DAY
PASSES WITHOUT A NEW COMPLAINT
FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON ABOUT
WHY THIS PROGRAM CAN'T BE CUT OR
THAT DECISION CAN'T BE SENT TO
THE STATES OR THE PEOPLE.

THE "NEW DEMOCRAT" WHO RAN ON
CHANGE HAS BECOME THE "NEW
SPOKESMAN" FOR THE STATUS QUO.

STILL, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE'VE
MADE CONGRESS OBEY THE LAWS IT
PASSES FOR EVERYBODY ELSE. WE'VE

**MADE IT A LOT HARDER FOR
CONGRESS TO BURDEN THE STATES
WITH UNFUNDED MANDATES. AND
ALTHOUGH WE JUST LOST A BIG VOTE
LAST WEEK, I PREDICT THAT BEFORE
THIS CONGRESS IS THROUGH, WE WILL
SEND TO THE STATES FOR
RATIFICATION A BALANCED BUDGET
AMENDMENT.**

**LAST WEEK'S VOTE WILL NOT BE
THE LAST VOTE. IT WILL NOT BE THE
LAST TIME THAT SENATORS WILL**

HAVE TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED
ON THIS ISSUE. THE BALANCED
BUDGET AMENDMENT WILL BE BACK. I
WILL BRING IT BACK AND BACK AND
BACK UNTIL IT PASSES BECAUSE THE
WILL OF THE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE
THWARTED IN THIS CONGRESS.

WE'RE ALSO ABOUT TO ROLL BACK
OPPRESSIVE REGULATION WITH THE
MOST SWEEPING DEREGULATORY BILL
IN MEMORY. WE WILL CUT TAXES.
WE WILL PASS THE LINE ITEM VETO.

**AND I AM GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I
CAN SEE THAT WE GET TERM LIMITS.
AND BECAUSE THERE ARE NOW
NEARLY 5 MILLION WORDS OF
FEDERAL INCOME TAX REGULATIONS--
PERHAPS THE MOST OPPRESSIVE
ASPECT OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT--
WE WILL TAKE A LONG, SERIOUS LOOK
AT SUBSTITUTING A FLAT TAX FOR
THE INCOME TAX IN THIS COUNTRY.**

**AMERICANS ARE DEMANDING A
NATION MADE MORE FREE BY**

**INSISTING ON A GOVERNMENT THAT IS
MORE LIMITED, AND WE WILL GIVE IT
TO THEM. FEWER FEDERAL
PROGRAMS, MORE POWER TO THE
STATES, MORE FREEDOM FOR OUR
PEOPLE. WE WILL ROLL BACK LAWS,
REGULATIONS, AND PROGRAMS FROM
AMTRAK TO ZOOLOGICAL STUDIES,
WORKING OUR WAY THROUGH THE
ALPHABET SOUP OF GOVERNMENT.**

AND AS WE DO, OUR GUIDE WILL BE
THIS QUESTION: IS THIS PROGRAM OR
AGENCY, OR EVEN THIS DEPARTMENT,
A BASIC FUNCTION OF LIMITED
GOVERNMENT? OR IS IT AN EXAMPLE
OF HOW GOVERNMENT HAS LOST
FAITH IN THE JUDGMENT OF OUR
PEOPLE, AND IN THE POTENTIAL OF
OUR MARKETS?

IF WE KEEP ASKING THAT
QUESTION TIME AFTER TIME, WE'LL
END UP WITH LESS FEDERAL

**INVOLVEMENT, FEWER FEDERAL RULES
AND REGULATIONS, A REDUCTION IN
FEDERAL SPENDING, AND MORE
FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR
STATES AND OUR CITIZENS.**

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS
COURSE BECAUSE WE HAVE AN
AWESOME FAITH IN THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AND THE POWER OF OUR
IDEAS. IDEAS LIKE FREEDOM, SELF-
GOVERNMENT, AND SELF-
DETERMINATION.**

**WE KNOW THAT FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES ARE
THE TRUE SOURCE OF OUR NATION'S
ENERGY, AND THAT GOVERNMENT,
THESE DAYS, IS MORE OF A SAP THAN
A SPARK.**

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO RE-
LIMITING GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WE
KNOW THE COSTS OF BURGEONING
GOVERNMENT. WE KNOW THE
EFFECTS OF HIGH TAXES, OVER-
REGULATION, AND ARROGANT**

MANDATES. FOR SPRAWLING
GOVERNMENT AND STRANGLING
REGULATION NOT ONLY SQUEEZE THE
WALLET, THEY STIFLE THE SPIRIT, AS
WELL. THE MISSION OF AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP IN THE 1990'S MUST BE
TO SET THE AMERICAN SPIRIT FREE
AGAIN.

SO WE'RE NOT ONLY GOING TO
CHANGE HOW WASHINGTON WORKS,
WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE HOW IT
LOOKS, AS WELL.

**AND WE MUST DO MORE THAN
REDUCE WASTEFUL SPENDING AND
SCALE BACK UNNEEDED PROGRAMS.
FOR THE FACT IS THAT IF WE ARE TO
RE-LIMIT GOVERNMENT IN ANY
MEANINGFUL WAY, THERE ARE
MASSIVE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDINGS
IN THIS CITY--ENTIRE CABINET
DEPARTMENTS--WHERE THE BEST
THING WE COULD DO IS TURN OUT
THE LIGHTS, LOCK THE DOORS, AND
SEND THE WORKERS HOME.**

I THINK THE BEST PLACE TO START
IS WITH FOUR OF THE MOST
INEFFECTIVE, BURDENSOME, AND
MEDDLESOME DEPARTMENTS: THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

TODAY, THESE FOUR
DEPARTMENTS SPEND MORE THAN \$70
BILLION PER YEAR AND EMPLOY MORE

THAN 74,000. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PAGES
OF REGULATIONS. WHEN THEY WERE
CREATED THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE
THE ANSWER TO OUR CHALLENGES IN
EDUCATION, POVERTY, ENERGY, AND
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.

INSTEAD, MORE THAN TRILLION
DOLLARS LATER, THEY HAVE CAUSED
MORE PROBLEMS THAN THEY HAVE
SOLVED. TODAY, THESE AGENCIES
ARE DEFINED MORE BY BOTTLENECKS

**AND BUREAUCRACY, SCANDAL AND
WASTE, THAN ANYTHING REMOTELY
CONNECTED WITH SUCCESS.**

**FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION WAS SUPPOSED TO
BRING "WORLD CLASS STANDARDS" TO
AMERICAN CLASSROOMS. INSTEAD,
AMERICAN EDUCATION CONTINUES TO
SLIP IN COMPARISON TO OTHER
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. AND
NOWHERE IS THE "WASHINGTON
KNOWS BEST" MINDSET MORE**

INSULTING--EMPOWERING

**"EDUCRATS," THE NEA AND THE
POLITICAL ELITE AT THE EXPENSE OF
PARENTS AND SCHOOL BOARDS AND
LOCAL COMMUNITIES.**

**JUST LAST YEAR, A 1,000 PAGE,
\$65 BILLION EDUCATION BILL PASSED
CONGRESS. IT WAS FULL OF NEW
REGULATIONS THAT DICTATE HOW
SCHOOLS SHOULD DISCIPLINE
STUDENTS, WHAT PARENTS AND
TEACHERS SHOULD DISCUSS IN THEIR**

CONFERENCES, AND THE AVERAGE
ANNUAL SALARY OF ASSISTANT
COACHES IN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. IT EVEN
CREATED A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION FOR
GENDER EQUITY. WHAT IS GENDER
EQUITY, ANYWAY? AND WHY ARE
THESE THINGS THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS?

**WE KNOW HOW TO BUILD A WORLD
CLASS SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IN THIS
COUNTRY.**

WE BUILT ONE ONCE.

IT WAS THE PRIDE OF THE WORLD.

**IT WAS DEFINED BY EXCELLENCE
AND IT WAS THE KEY TO FREEDOM
AND OPPORTUNITY.**

**IT WAS THE MEANS BY WHICH ONE
GENERATION COULD STAND ON THE
SHOULDERS OF THE ONE BEFORE IT.**

**AND IT WAS BUILT ON A
FOUNDATION OF PARENTS AND
TEACHERS WHO HAD DIRECT CONTROL
OVER THEIR SCHOOLS--HOW MUCH TO
SPEND, WHAT TO TEACH, WHOM TO
HIRE.**

**WE NEED THAT SYSTEM BACK
AGAIN. WE NEED TO GIVE THE MONEY
BACK TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICTS AND ALLOW TEACHERS TO
TEACH WITHOUT WASHINGTON
LOOKING OVER THEIR SHOULDERS.**

**WE NEED OUR SCHOOLS TO REFLECT
AGAIN THE VALUES OF AMERICA AND
TEACH AGAIN THE VALUE OF THE
AMERICAN DREAM.**

**CERTAIN PROGRAMS LIKE CIVIL
RIGHTS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
SHOULD REMAIN IN WASHINGTON,
BUT THEY SHOULD BE RUN BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, NOT BY THE EDUCATION
SPECIAL INTERESTS.**

**IT'S TIME TO END THE REIGN OF
THE NATIONAL EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION AND RE-ASSOCIATE
PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES WITH
THE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR
CHILDREN.**

**ONE OF THE CENTERPIECES OF
PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S WAR ON
POVERTY WAS THE CREATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT. TODAY, IT IS
ONE OF THE MOST POIGNANT**

**SYMBOLS OF THAT WAR'S FUTILITY--
OF HIGH HOPES AND POOR RESULTS.
SINCE 1965, WE HAVE SPENT MORE
THAN \$5 TRILLION FIGHTING POVERTY.
SEVERAL HUNDRED BILLION OF THOSE
DOLLARS HAVE BEEN SPENT BY HUD.**

**BUT TODAY, THERE ARE MORE
POOR IN AMERICA THAN AT ANY
POINT IN OUR HISTORY. HUD IS MIRED
IN ITS BUREAUCRACY AND CONFUSED
IN ITS MISSION. IT HAS EMPOWERED
WEALTHY DEVELOPERS AND SENT THE**

POOR TO LIVE IN HIGH RISE HELLS. IN
THE WORLDS OF ITS OWN REPORT
THIS PAST DECEMBER,
"HUD...HAS...EVOLVE(D) INTO A
BUREAUCRACY FAR MORE ATTENTIVE
TO PROCESS THAN TO RESULTS,
CHARACTERIZED BY SLAVISH LOYALTY
TO NON-PERFORMING PROGRAMS AND
INSUFFICIENT TRUST IN THE
INITIATIVES OF LOCAL LEADERS."

HUD'S GOALS ARE COMMENDABLE--
SEEKING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF

HOMELESS, EXPANDING HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES, AND OPENING
HOUSING MARKETS TO MINORITIES,
HUD'S METHODS, HOWEVER, ARE
NONSENSICAL. MANY OF HUD'S MAIN
PROGRAMS DON'T EVEN PRETEND TO
HELP THE POOR, OTHERS JUST PLAIN
HURT THEM. THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS AND
THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION
GRANTS HAVE BEEN USED BY BIG CITY
MAYORS AND DEVELOPERS TO FUND

**PET PROJECTS THAT HAVE NOT
HELPED PEOPLE IN NEED. THE
ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS TOO
OFTEN END UP AS TAX CREDITS TO
WEALTHY DEVELOPERS.**

**AND THEN THERE IS PUBLIC
HOUSING. PUBLIC HOUSING IS ONE OF
THE LAST BASTIONS OF SOCIALISM IN
THE WORLD. IMAGINE: THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT OWNS THE
HOUSING WHERE AN ENTIRE CLASS OF
ITS CITIZENS PERMANENTLY LIVE.**

**WE ARE THE LANDLORDS OF
MISERY.**

**LET ME BE CLEAR: I BELIEVE THAT
GOVERNMENT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO
MAINTAIN A SAFETY NET--TO
ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF THE
POOR.**

**BUT, THESE PROGRAMS HAVE
FAILED IN THAT MISSION. THEY HAVE
NOT ALLEVIATED POVERTY--THEY
HAVE DEEPEMED IT. THEY HAVE NOT
ENDED SUFFERING--THEY HAVE**

**PROLONGED IT. AND THAT IS WHY
THEY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.**

**HOUSING VOUCHERS WOULD
ENABLE POORER AMERICANS TO
CHOOSE WHERE THEY LIVE--LIKE
EVERYONE ELSE. AND AMERICA'S
FREE MARKETS CAN HELP. THE
FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
SHOULD BE PRIVATIZED.
HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO HHS. AND
ENFORCEMENT OF THE FAIR HOUSING**

**LAWS SHOULD BE MONITORED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.**

**I ACTUALLY VOTED FOR THE
CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY IN 1977. AT THE TIME, I
HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO
DEAL WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS THAT
WE FACED. UNFORTUNATELY, IT ONLY
MADE THINGS WORSE. THE GAS LINES
AND NATURAL GAS SHORTAGES IN
THE LATE 1970'S WERE THE RESULT
OF BURDENSOME REGULATION, AND**

WERE SOLVED ONLY WHEN THE
DEPARTMENT WAS FORCED TO
CHANGE ITS OPERATIONS UNDER
PRESIDENT REAGAN AND MARKET
FORCES WERE ALLOWED TO TAKE
HOLD. TODAY, THIS DEPARTMENT IS
PERHAPS THE MOST CONFUSED OF
THEM ALL. IT SPENDS MORE THAN
TWICE AS MUCH ON DEFENSE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP AS IT
DOES ON ENERGY.

**IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT MAKES A
LOT MORE SENSE TO SEND ENERGY'S
DEFENSE MATTERS TO AN
INDEPENDENT AGENCY UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FARM
OUT THE FEW OTHER NECESSARY
PROGRAMS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS
AND OFFICES. WITH ANNUAL
REVENUES THAT EXCEED \$5 BILLION
PER YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY WOULD RANK IN THE TOP
THIRD OF ALL U.S. COMPANIES.**

IN 1980, CANDIDATE RONALD REAGAN SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES DIDN'T SUFFER FROM A SHORTAGE OF ENERGY BUT FROM A SURPLUS OF GOVERNMENT. HE STARTED THE CUTBACK IN THE EARLY 1980'S. THE TIME HAS COME TO FINISH THE JOB HE BEGAN.

AND WHILE I WASN'T AROUND TO VOTE ON THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN 1903, STROM THURMOND WAS AND HE

TOLD ME HE HAD A LOT OF
CONCERNS. AS, USUAL HE WAS
RIGHT.

COMMERCE WAS FOUNDED TO
INCREASE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
AND FURTHER TRADE. TODAY, IT
CHURNS UP TAXPAYER DOLLARS WITH
UNNECESSARY TASKS AND A
"MISSION CREEP" UNPARALLELED IN
GOVERNMENT. IN FACT, ITS
FUNCTIONS ARE DUPLICATED BY 71
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES,

DEPARTMENTS, AND OFFICES.

**MORE THAN HALF OF ITS
ACTIVITIES ARE DEVOTED NOT TO
COMMERCE OR TRADE, BUT TO THE
OUTMODED AND OUTDATED
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION THAT
THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING
OFFICE CALLS "TECHNOLOGICALLY
OBSOLETE." AND ITS PRINCIPLE ARM
FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIALS
DEVELOPMENT, THE ECONOMIC**

**DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, IS A
BARREL OF PORK--SENDING FUNDS TO
THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF
SENIOR APPROPRIATORS.**

**THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT
OF COMMERCE IS THE ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM WHICH WILL
SOON SPEND MORE THAN \$1 BILLION
PER YEAR IN CORPORATE WELFARE.**

**THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO BUSINESS
AND NO COMPETENCE DECIDING
WHAT AREAS NEED TO BE DEVELOPED**

**TECHNOLOGICALLY. LET THE MARKET
DETERMINE THAT.**

**IN FACT THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT
SHOULD BE REPLACED BY RELIANCE
ONCE AGAIN ON AMERICA'S FREE
ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.**

**THESE FOUR DEPARTMENTS ARE
POWERFUL SYMBOLS OF A
WASHINGTON OUT OF TOUCH AND
OUT OF CONTROL. THEY ARE OVER-
FUNDED, OVER-STAFFED AND
RESOUNDINGLY UNNECESSARY. I**

VOTED AGAINST THE CREATION OF
TWO OF THESE DEPARTMENTS, AND I
WILL LEAD THE CHARGE FOR THE
ABOLITION OF ALL FOUR.

THERE WILL BE A LOT OF
OPPOSITION. THE SPECIAL INTERESTS
THEY SUSTAIN AND THE POLITICIANS
WHO CATER TO THEM WILL POUND ON
DOORS AND CRY FOUL. WE WILL BE
CALLED HARD-HEADED AND COLD-
HEARTED. BUT OUR EFFORTS AND
OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS

GOAL WILL BE VIEWED BY THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A MEASURE OF
OUR SERIOUSNESS--WE WILL DRAW A
LINE IN OUR PUBLIC LIFE BETWEEN
CHEAP TALK AND REAL ACTION. WE
WILL BE ON THE SIDE OF ACTION. WE
WILL BE ON THE SIDE OF SMALLER
GOVERNMENT. WE WILL BE ON THE
SIDE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
LAST SUMMER, I RETURNED TO THE
HILLS OF ITALY I HAD CLIMBED

**NEARLY 50 YEARS BEFORE, AS A
PLATOON LEADER IN THE 10TH
MOUNTAIN DIVISION.**

**AS WE WALKED AND TALKED WITH
THE OTHER VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES, I THOUGHT ABOUT THE
AMERICA OF OUR YOUTH...THE
AMERICA WE RISKED OUR LIVES TO
PROTECT, AND ABOUT OUR HOPES
FOR THE GENERATIONS WHO WOULD
FOLLOW US.**

AND THEN I THOUGHT ABOUT THE
AMERICA WE LIVE IN TODAY--AN
AMERICA STILL GREAT AND STILL THE
BEACON OF FREEDOM AROUND THE
WORLD, BUT AN AMERICA WHOSE
PROBLEMS SEEM TO BE GROWING
DEEPER AND MORE INTRANSIGENT.

STANDING THERE IN THOSE ITALIAN
HILLS I THOUGHT PERHAPS THERE
WAS ONE MORE MISSION FOR MY
GENERATION...ONE MORE CALL TO
SERVE.

**I THOUGHT MY GENERATION MIGHT
HAVE SOMETHING THE COUNTRY
NEEDS RIGHT NOW IN A PRESIDENT:
SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT MADE
AMERICA GREAT IN THE FIRST
PLACE...SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT
HAS BEEN SACRIFICED TO KEEP US
FREE...SOMEONE WHO WOULD DO ALL
IN HIS POWER TO LEAD AMERICA BACK
TO HER PLACE IN THE SUN--SOMEONE
WHO KNOWS THE WAY.**

INDEED, AS WE CLOSE THIS
CENTURY AND PREPARE TO BEGIN
ANOTHER, A GREAT CONTEST IS BEING
WAGED OVER THE PRINCIPLES, IDEAS
AND VALUES BY WHICH AMERICA WILL
GOVERN HERSELF--AND THE OUTCOME
WILL DETERMINE AMERICA'S PLACE IN
THE WORLD AND HER HISTORY AND
FUTURE IN IT. AS BECAME SO CLEAR
TO ME, STANDING ON THAT LONG-
AGO BATTLEFIELD IN ITALY, SO MUCH
IS AT STAKE.

**THIS CENTURY WAS ONCE CALLED
THE AMERICAN CENTURY. LET US
RECLAIM IT FOR AMERICA. LET US
RENEW OUR STRENGTH BY RETURNING
TO FIRST PRINCIPLES AND
TRADITIONAL VALUES. LET US REIN IN
OUR GOVERNMENT SO THAT THE
SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN
BE SET FREE. LET US REASSERT OUR
RIGHTFUL PLACE AS THE GREATEST
NATION ON EARTH.**

WE SHOULD DO IT FOR OURSELVES.

WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN. THIS

MOMENT IN OUR NATIONAL LIFE WILL

BE REMEMBERED BY HISTORY.

TOGETHER, WE MUST ACT SO THAT

FUTURE GENERATIONS MAY LOOK

BACK ON US AS WORTHY

CUSTODIANS OF THE MAGIC GIFT OF

FREEDOM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.