

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry

RE: Team 100 Republican Presidential Briefing

*Audience of approximately 150 Team 100 Members, who will be briefed by most of GOP Presidential candidates.

*Order of candidates is as follows:

8:30: Alexander
9:00: Dole
9:30: Gramm
10:00: Keyes
10:30: Lugar
11:00: Specter

*Looking for mix of remarks and Q&A

**BEFORE I TALK ABOUT 1996, LET
ME FIRST SPEND A FEW MINUTES
DISCUSSING WHAT'S AHEAD ON
CAPITOL HILL FOR 1995.**

**1995 IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IF
REPUBLICANS DON'T FIGHT AS HARD
AS WE CAN TO FULFILL THE
PROMISES WE MADE TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE IN LAST
NOVEMBER'S ELECTIONS, THEN ANY**

**REPUBLICAN NOMINEE WILL HAVE A
TOUGH ROAD AHEAD OF HIM NEXT
YEAR.**

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE FIRST
100 DAYS OF THE SESSION
BELONGED TO NEWT, AND TO HIS
REPUBLICAN MAJORITY. AND THEY
DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THEY
HUNG TOGETHER, THEY MADE THE
TOUGH VOTES, AND FROM WELFARE
REFORM, TO CRIME, TO REDUCING**

**TAXES, THEY KEPT THEIR CONTRACT
WITH THE VOTERS.**

**THE NEXT 100 DAYS WILL BE THE
SENATE'S TURN. LIKE THE HOUSE,
WE'VE ALREADY PASSED
LEGISLATION TO SEE THAT
CONGRESS HAS TO LIVE UNDER THE
SAME RULES WE IMPOSE ON
EVERYONE ELSE. WE ALREADY
PASSED THE LINE ITEM VETO. AND**

**WE ALREADY PUT AN END TO
UNFUNDED MANDATES.**

**BUT NOW COMES THE HEAVY
LIFTING. AND THE SENATE HAS
DIFFERENT RULES AND DIFFERENT
RESPONSIBILITIES THAN DOES THE
HOUSE. AND THOSE RULES WILL
MAKE IT EASIER FOR PRESIDENT
CLINTON AND HIS LIBERAL ALLIES TO
BLOCK OUR EFFORTS TO CHANGE
THE STATUS QUO. BUT WE'RE**

**GOING TO BE WORKING EVERY DAY
TO DO JUST THAT, AND TO BUILD ON
THE SUCCESS OF THE HOUSE.**

**WE'LL TACKLE CRIME BY PUTTING
AN END TO PAROLE FOR VIOLENT
CRIMINALS, AND BY
LIMITING THE ENDLESS AND OFTEN
FRIVOLOUS APPEALS CLOGGING OUR
COURTS.**

**AND ONE ISSUE THAT IS
COMPLETELY ABOVE PARTISAN**

**POLITICS WILL BE OUR EFFORT TO
GIVE AMERICA A NEW ACTION
PLAN TO COMBAT FOREIGN AND
DOMESTIC TERRORISM. JUST AS
POLITICS STOPPED AT THE "WATER'S
EDGE," DURING WORLD
WAR II, IT WILL ALSO STOP AT WHAT
I TERM "EVIL'S EDGE," IN THE
BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISM.**

**WE'LL TACKLE WELFARE REFORM
BY GIVING OUR GOVERNORS THE**

**FLEXIBILITY TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS
THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
PEOPLE OF THEIR STATES. AND
WE'LL RESTORE THE CONCEPT OF
WORDS LIKE HARD WORK AND
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR
WELFARE SYSTEM.**

**AND WE'LL ALSO BE DOING ALL
WE CAN TO BOTH RESTRAIN THE
FEDERAL BUDGET--AND TO GIVE**

**AMERICA'S FAMILIES A LITTLE MORE
MONEY FOR THEIR BUDGETS.**

**SOME SAY THAT WE CAN'T DO
BOTH. THAT WE SHOULD FOCUS ON
CUTTING SPENDING AND NOT
CUTTING TAXES.**

**I'M HERE TO SAY WE CAN DO
BOTH, WE SHOULD DO BOTH, AND
WE WILL DO BOTH.**

**IF THE LAST THREE DAYS HAVE
FELT DIFFERENT TO YOU, HERE'S THE**

**REASON: SATURDAY, MAY 6, WAS
"TAX FREEDOM DAY."**

**THE NATIONAL TAX FOUNDATION
ESTIMATES THAT ALL MONEY
EARNED BY THE AVERAGE AMERICAN
FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR
UNTIL MAY 6 WILL BE USED TO PAY
LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL TAXES.**

**NOW, AT LAST, YOU'RE WORKING
FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.**

**IT'S HIGH TIME WE MOVED THAT
DATE BACK CLOSER TO THE
BEGINNING OF THE CALENDAR.**

**OUR SHORT-TERM PRESCRIPTION
FOR HELPING AMERICA'S FAMILIES IS
A DOSE OF TAX CUTS--AND WE CAN
START BY PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT
FOR CHILDREN, AND BY REMOVING
THE MARRIAGE PENALTY. AND WE
SHOULD ALSO CUT THE CAPITAL
GAINS TAX TO STIMULATE**

**ECONOMIC GROWTH, CREATE NEW
JOBS, AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITY
FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.**

**BUT THAT'S JUST A START.
BECAUSE OUR LONG-TERM
PRESCRIPTION IS TO TOTALLY
REFORM A TAX SYSTEM THAT IS
MORE COMPLEX AND CONFUSING
THAN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S HEALTH
CARE PLAN OF LAST YEAR--AND
THAT'S SAYING A LOT.**

**TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM,
SPEAKER GINGRICH AND I HAVE
FORMED THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND TAX REFORM, AND WE
NAMED JACK KEMP TO LEAD THE
COMMISSION.**

**AS YOU KNOW, JACK'S AN OLD
QUARTERBACK, AND HE'S USED TO
CALLING THE SIGNALS. BUT HE IS IN
COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH THE**

**INSTRUCTIONS THAT NEWT AND I
GAVE HIM--WE WANT THE
COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND HOW
WE CAN MAKE THE ENTIRE TAX
SYSTEM LOWER, FAIRER, FLATTER,
AND SIMPLER.**

**IF WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT
BALANCING THE BUDGET--AND WE
ARE--THEN WE MUST PAY FOR TAX
CUTS THROUGH SPENDING**

**REDUCTIONS--AND WE'LL DO THAT,
TOO.**

**WHEN IT COMES TO THE BUDGET
AND REDUCING THE DEFICIT,
PRESIDENT CLINTON AND HIS
LIBERAL ALLIES IN CONGRESS AND
THE MEDIA HAVE MADE THEIR
STRATEGY VERY CLEAR. THE
PRESIDENT WENT A.W.O.L.--ABSENT
WITHOUT LEADERSHIP--IN THE WAR
AGAINST THE DEFICIT. HE SENT UP A**

**BUDGET THAT PROJECTED DEFICITS
OF \$200 BILLION AND \$300 BILLION
AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.**

**INSTEAD OF PROVIDING
LEADERSHIP, THE PRESIDENT IS
PLAYING POLITICS. EVERY TIME WE
QUESTION A SPENDING
PROGRAM....EVERY TIME WE TRY TO
RESTRAIN THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL
SPENDING, THEN DEMOCRATS WILL
POINT FINGERS AND ACCUSE**

**REPUBLICANS OF BEING MEAN AND
HEARTLESS, AND THEY'LL PAINT A
VERY DRAMATIC PICTURE OF BABIES
GOING HUNGRY, AND SENIOR
CITIZENS THROWN OUT ON THE
STREETS.**

**THE MEDIA WILL REPORT THESE
ACCUSATIONS, AND NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT, SOME AMERICANS WILL
BE CONVINCED.**

BUT WHAT THE MEDIA WON'T REPORT IS THAT IF WE SIMPLY INCREASE THE GROWTH OF OVERALL FEDERAL SPENDING BY 3% A YEAR INSTEAD OF THE 5% PRESIDENT CLINTON PROPOSES--AND DO NOTHING ELSE--WE WILL REACH A BALANCED BUDGET BY THE YEAR 2002.

AND WHAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC MUST REMEMBER IS WHAT'S AT

**STAKE. THIS IS NOT JUST A BATTLE
ABOUT A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR
PROGRAM. IT IS A BATTLE FOR THE
STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL
AMERICANS, AND FOR THE FUTURE
WE LEAVE OUR CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN. AND, WITH YOUR
SUPPORT, IT'S A BATTLE WE WILL
WIN.**

**NOW, LET ME TURN TO 1996:
FOUR WEEKS AGO YESTERDAY, I
RETURNED TO KANSAS TO
OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE MY
CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.**

**WE VISITED TEN STATES IN FOUR
DAYS DURING THE ANNOUNCEMENT
TOUR, AND AT EACH STOP I SPOKE
ABOUT MY VISION FOR AMERICA.**

I SAID THAT MY TOP PRIORITY AS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER--AND MY TOP PRIORITY AS PRESIDENT--WOULD BE TO REIN IN GOVERNMENT...TO RESTORE THE 10TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION...AND TO RETURN POWER TO THE STATES, TO THE CITIES, AND TO THE PEOPLE.

I SPOKE ABOUT THE VALUES THAT MADE AMERICA GREAT, AND HOW THESE VALUES NEED TO BE TAUGHT

**IN OUR CLASSROOMS, AND
UNDERSTOOD IN
WASHINGTON--AND IN HOLLYWOOD.**

**AND I TOOK A LITTLE CRITICISM
FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES AND
OTHERS IN THE PRESS FOR MY
STATEMENT THAT IT WAS TIME FOR
AMERICA'S ENTERTAINMENT
INDUSTRY TO CLEAN UP ITS ACT.**

**NOW, USUALLY WHEN THE NEW
YORK TIMES CRITICIZES ME, I KNOW**

**I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK. AND
BELIEVE ME, FROM THE SUPPORTIVE
COMMENTS I'VE RECEIVED, I KNOW
THERE ARE COUNTLESS MOTHERS
AND FATHERS ACROSS AMERICA
WHO SHARE MY CONCERN.**

**THIS IS A FREE SOCIETY...AND
CENSORSHIP IS NOT THE ANSWER.
THE COMPANIES THAT DISTRIBUTE
THIS FILTH HAVE A RIGHT TO DO SO.
BUT YOU AND I ALSO HAVE A RIGHT**

AND A DUTY TO LET THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, FOR PUTTING PROFIT AHEAD OF COMMON DECENCY. SHAME IS A POWERFUL TOOL, AND WE SHOULD USE IT.

I ALSO TALKED ABOUT AMERICA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD. AND ONE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL

**GOVERNMENT THAT CAN NEVER BE
SHIFTED TO THE STATES IS TO
PROTECT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY
AND OUR FREEDOM.**

**AND IT'S MY VIEW THAT IT'S HIGH
TIME WE STOPPED PLACING THE
AGENDA OF THE UNITED NATIONS
BEFORE THE INTERESTS OF THE
UNITED STATES.**

**THERE WERE MANY GREAT
MOMENTS ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**TOUR. THE CROWDS WERE LARGE,
AND THE EXCITEMENT WAS HIGH.
BUT THE HIGHLIGHT FOR ME HAD TO
BE ON GOOD FRIDAY, WHEN
ELIZABETH AND I RETURNED TO MY
HOME TOWN OF RUSSELL, AND
INVITED SOME FRIENDS OVER FOR A
PANCAKE FEED. AND TWO-
THOUSAND PEOPLE SHOWED UP.
THAT'S A LOT OF PANCAKES.**

**I WENT TO RUSSELL NOT TO GIVE
A CAMPAIGN SPEECH OR TO ASK
PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I WENT
TO SAY "THANK YOU" FOR THE
SUPPORT THEY GAVE ME AT A TIME
WHEN I NEEDED IT MOST.**

**LET ME END SIMPLY BY SAYING
THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU FOR
ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY...YOU HELPED TO
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN 1994...AND**

**I KNOW YOU'LL HELP TO MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE IN 1996.**

**SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE
PATH AHEAD IS CLEAR:**

**WE MUST RECLAIM THIS CENTURY
FOR AMERICA.**

**WE MUST RENEW OUR STRENGTH
BY RETURNING TO FIRST PRINCIPLES
AND TRADITIONAL VALUES.**

**WE MUST REIN IN OUR
GOVERNMENT SO THAT THE SPIRIT**

**OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN BE
SET FREE.**

**WE MUST REASSERT OUR
RIGHTFUL PLACE AS A GREAT
NATION.**

**WE MUST ACT TO ENSURE THAT
TYRANTS NEVER AGAIN ARE
TEMPTED TO TEST THE STRENGTH OF
FREEDOM.**

**THESE ARE THE MISSIONS WE
SHARE. AND THESE ARE THE**

**MISSIONS I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH
WITH YOUR SUPPORT.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.