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The Honorable Robert Dole
U.S. Senator
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Washington, DC 20510

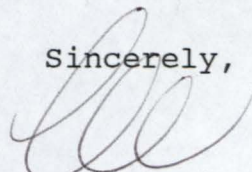
Dear Senator Dole:

We have just completed the second of three big debates with the opposition. The Vice President and Senator Quayle have performed superbly and presented sharp contrasts between the tickets on issues such as crime, contra aid, farm policy, and arms control. We expect a similar outcome for the next encounter between George Bush and Michael Dukakis.

In case you have come across criticism about an alleged lack of attention to issues during the 1988 presidential election, I am enclosing a paper that details the evolution of our campaign's domestic and foreign policy proposals. In addition, I am sending you a Lowell, Massachusetts newspaper editorial endorsing George Bush. We continue to make great progress in Michael Dukakis' home turf; most polls show us only three to five points behind. One final item is a New York Times essay by William Safire on a hypothetical Dukakis inaugural. The prospect of that event will horrify you.

Our campaign continues to go well. But, we are entering the most intense part of the contest so please keep up the good work, and let me know if I can do anything for you.

Sincerely,



Lee Atwater
Campaign Manager

CHRONOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC & FOREIGN POLICY PROPOSALS

BUDGET

2/15/88

Nashua, NH

- o Impose a Flexible Freeze on total federal government spending except for Social Security and net interest

3/10/88

Chicago, IL

- o Personally lead negotiations with Congress on deficit-reduction
- o Enact a line-item veto

TAX

10/12/87

Houston, TX

- o No new taxes
- o Support a taxpayer Bill of Rights

TRADE

10/14/87

Atlanta, GA

- o Build on our free trade agreement with Canada and work with Mexico to create a North American Compact

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

10/14/87

Atlanta, GA

- o Reduce the capital gains tax rate from 28 percent to 15 percent for assets held longer than 1 year

SAVINGS

9/27/88

Columbus, OH

- o Provide for an Individual Savings Account

TECHNOLOGY

5/16/87

St. Louis, MO

- o Make the R&D tax credit permanent
- o Both government and business must devote more resources to R & D
- o Business should have a closer partnership with government and university labs

ENERGY

7/24/88

Houston, TX

- o Fully decontrol natural gas
- o Encourage more use of alternative fuels
- o Provide tax incentives for returning non-producing stripper wells to production

10/4/88

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- o Provide a 10 percent tax credit for oil and gas exploration creditable to the alternative minimum tax
- o Clarify the R&D tax credit to include enhanced recovery techniques
- o Eliminate 80 percent of intangible drilling costs as an alternative minimum tax preference for independents
- o Repeal the transfer rule prohibiting independents from using certain tax provisions on acquired properties
- o Eliminate the windfall profits tax
- o Increase the fill rate of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.
- o Promote long-term contracts with US coal suppliers
- o Encourage R&D of alternative energy sources

AGRICULTURE

7/31/87

Statement

- o Devote an economic summit meeting to the subject of agriculture
- o Develop new uses for agricultural products like ethanol
- o Ensure that retraining funds are available to dislocated farmers
- o Provide for rural enterprise zones
- o Oppose any grain embargo

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

7/31/87

Fact Sheet

- o Develop the rural economy
 - Education
 - Rural health care -- fair treatment under federal health programs

EDUCATION

1/6/87

Manchester, NH

- o Demand more from students, teachers, schools, parents, and community businesses
- o Provide more choice to parents and students, reward good teachers and provide more assistance to the disadvantaged
- o Economic access for higher education

7/28/87

Indianapolis, IN

- o End automatic promotion of students
- o Periodic testing of subject matter knowledge
- o States should consider ensuring computer literacy
- o Competency tests for teachers
- o No unnecessary barriers to qualified individuals who want to teach, but lack the specific training required
- o Encourage teaching of fundamental values
- o Enlist business participation
- o Compensatory education for the disadvantaged

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- o Merit pay
- o College Savings Bonds
- o Continued federal funding of college work-study
- o Continued federal grants to low-income students
- o Income-contingent loan program and debt collection
- o Reward schools of excellence

3/21/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Increased support for Head Start
- o Target money for Chapter I

4/7/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Improve teacher training
- o Public-private partnerships for job-training
- o Business/education partnerships for federal research money
- o "GI Bill"

6/14/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Merit Schools -- \$500 million
- o Magnet Schools -- \$50 million
- o Education reform experiments -- \$50 million
- o Teacher evaluation models

SPACE PROGRAM

3/16/87

Melbourne, FL

- o Soviet challenge
- o Permanently-manned space station
- o Commitment to a vigorous SDI program

10/29/87

Huntsville, AL

- o Mission to Planet Earth
- o Role of NASA and the private sector
- o Support construction of the replacement shuttle
- o Need for a heavy-lift launch vehicle
- o International cooperation

COMPETITIVENESS

4/15/87

Boston, MA

- o Create a climate for entrepreneurship and risk-taking
- o Strive for new standards of excellence
- o Better job-training for workers
- o Reach out to world markets
- o Elimination of needless regulations

10/4/88

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AIDS

6/1/87

Washington, D.C.

- o Education
- o Money for research and treatment
- o Testing with appropriate guarantees of confidentiality

6/28/88

Press Statement

- o Law barring discrimination against people suffering from AIDS
- o AZT - continued expedited availability

ALTERNATIVE FUELS

8/4/87

U.S. Capitol

- o Encourage use of ethanol and methanol

10/14/87

Atlanta, GA

- o EPA should require the use of alcohol blends in cities hard-pressed to meet federally mandated clean air standards

7/22/88

Fact Sheet

- o Remove regulatory barriers to use compressed natural gas

SCIENCE

8/7/87

Yale University

- o Importance to national security and economic health
- o Greater cooperation between private and public sectors
- o Flexible approach to management of government funding

LONG TERM CARE

1/6/88

Goffstown, NH

- o Eliminate conversion penalties
- o Change tax code to encourage long-term insurance
- o Adjust Medicaid requirements

4/30/88

Columbus, OH

- o Research on debilitating illnesses
- o Catastrophic insurance legislation
- o Long-term care legislation

HEALTH CARE

1/22/88

Des Moines, IA

- o Ensure continued viability of rural hospitals through upgraded Medicare payments
- o Tort reform for medical malpractice suits
- o Biotechnology advances
- o Reduce health care costs, now outpacing inflation

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ETHICS

3/10/88

Chicago, IL

- o Appoint White House ethics panel

7/26/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Establish a White House ethics office
- o Appoint a Senior Counselor to the President, whose first responsibility will be ethics
- o Sanctions imposed by law for a breach of the standards of conduct must be fair and proportionate
- o Standards of conduct must be uniformly applied to all public servants -- including Congress
- o Establish a permanent ethics office in each department and major agency of government

EMPLOYMENT

3/11/88

Harvey, IL

- o Supports JTPA
- o Supports creating Worker Readjusment Program (WRAP)

CIVIL RIGHTS

3/21/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Enforce Civil Rights Laws for organizations receiving tax dollars
- o Restore the Office of Minority Business Enterprise

7/12/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Ensure the full participation of all Americans in our economy and our government

DRUGS

3/24/88

Hartford, CT

- o Restore money for Coast Guard
- o Material support (boats, planes, training) for source countries
- o Stronger penalties, including death penalty
- o International anti-drug force
- o Summit meeting of all countries in this hemisphere to discuss the drug threat

5/18/88

Los Angeles, CA

- o Mandatory sentencing
- o International anti-drug force
- o Penalties plus treatment
- o Establish a Cabinet-level Council of War on Drugs headed by the Vice President
- o Inform leaders of drug exporting countries that relations with the U.S. will be conditioned on their efforts to eradicate drug crops

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5/26/88

Hackensack, NJ

- o Shrink supply
- o Increase punishment
- o Testing and education, especially for public safety
- o Rehabilitation
- o Federal contracts - drug-free
- o International strike force programs to hit foreign drug operations
- o Involve intelligence community

6/21/88

Press Release

- o Drug production and export estimates must be improved so DEAs can better target

7/23/88

Tampa, FL

- o Death penalty for drug-related murderers and drug dealers

SOCIAL SECURITY

4/30/88

Columbus, OH

- o Protect Social Security fund - no Social Security COLA cuts

ENVIRONMENT

5/16/88

Seattle, WA

- o Enforce environmental laws aggressively
- o Clean up toxic waste dumps
- o Groundwater protection
- o Supports clean-coal technology program
- o Supported Wallop-Breaux Amendment
- o Solid waste
- o Clean air
- o Acid rain
- o International cooperation
- o Ozone

6/5/88

Los Angeles, CA

- o Defer Lease Sale 91

7/22/88

Point Pleasant, NJ

- o Clean Water Act enforcement

8/11/88

Press Release

- o Calls for FBI action on ocean dumping
- o Supports Senate measure on banning ocean dumping by 1991

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8/20/88

Cleveland, OH

- o Prosecute polluters of oceans and lakes

8/23/88

Portland, OR

- o Expand national parks

8/31/88

Erie Metropark, MI

- o Urge U.S. and world to sign protocol limiting nitrogen oxide emissions
- o International summit on global environmental problems
- o Reduce emissions that cause acid rain by millions of tons by the year 2000
- o No net loss of wetlands
- o National commitment to recycling
- o Protect very sensitive off-shore tracts from drilling

9/1/88

Boston Harbor

- o Superfund to be a high-profile program
- o Reduce the production of waste

URBAN AFFAIRS

6/13/88

Letter to Conference
of Mayors

- o Appoint Presidential Task Force on Urban Affairs

HOUSING

6/13/88

Letter to Conference
of Mayors

- o Tenant control of public housing
- o Cut red tape to make food stamps more readily available
- o Increase money for community-based mental health clinics and low-income housing assistance
- o Develop federal/state/private partnerships for more single-room occupancy shelters
- o Enforcement of existing laws like the McKinney Act to ensure the availability of emergency shelter, food and medical care

9/22/88

Fact Sheet

- o Regional mortgage limits and low down payments for FHA mortgages
- o Vouchers for low-income renters

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

6/22/88

National Sheriffs
Association

- o Death penalty for drug-related murders and drug kingpins
- o Certainty of sentencing
- o Consistent, tougher sentencing
- o Check loopholes
- o Habeas corpus and exclusionary rule
- o Zero tolerance for drugs
- o Better laws to protect law enforcement officers
- o Body armor as desired

6/24/88

Cincinnati, OH

- o Appoint judges who will not legislate, but will interpret the Constitution
- o Appoint judges who have more concern with victims, less with criminals

6/26/88

Columbus, OH

- o Eliminate unneeded domestic military bases and convert to minimum security prisons
- o Federal jail space for habitual offenders
- o Clarify FBI's authority to investigate attacks on any law enforcement officer

CHILD CARE

7/24/88

Albuquerque, NM

- o Children's Tax Credit
- o Refundable Dependent Care Tax Credit
- o Child Care for Employees
- o Expand Head Start
- o New Programs
 - Sick child care
 - Before- and after-school care
 - Day care alternatives

7/29/88

Tyson's Corner, MD

- o On-site care
- o Liability insurance
- o Provisions for federal employees

DISABLED AMERICANS

7/29/88

Press Statement

- o Development of programs to increase benefits for home care for disabled children

10/4/88

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8/10/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Pass legislation extending to disabled people the same equal opportunity protections now afforded to women and minorities
- o Develop programs and policies that promote independence, freedom of choice and productive involvement [of the disabled] in the social and economic mainstream

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

8/21/88

Springfield, IL

- o Strengthen veterans preference in federal hiring
- o Work to build health care policy for older veterans
- o Vietnam veterans will receive proper services and treatment

SMALL BUSINESS

9/19/88

Bensalem, PA

- o Encourage small ownership to be in hands of employees
- o Fight unnecessary, costly and inefficient government intervention in small business
- o Work with Congress to enact a national product liability standard
- o Support government agencies that encourage small business development
- o Encourage small business employers to be trainers

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

1/5/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency
- o Working to secure universal adherence to non-proliferation treaty

CHEMICAL WEAPONS BAN

1/5/88

Washington, D.C.

- o Work to ban the production of chemical weapons and to create an intrusive verification system to guard against violations.

7/14/88

New York City

- o Condemned the use of chemical weapons in the Iran-Iraqi war. Recommitted the U.S. to supporting UN Security Council Resolution 612, which demanded an end to chemical warfare by both parties, saying that no country should think that it can use chemical weapons with impunity.

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BALLISTIC MISSILE PROLIFERATION

8/2/88

Chicago, IL

- o Work to revitalize the missile technology control regime, make it binding, not voluntary, and bring the Soviets and Chinese into it.
- o Raise profile of the issue diplomatically to make clear that there is a price to be paid by those who supply missiles and missile technology.
- o Reorganize the bureaucracy, vesting one senior official with responsibility for integrating our intelligence, diplomatic, military, and economic resources for combatting the problem.
- o Develop defenses against missiles, e.g., joint effort with Israel on the Arrow.

CONVENTIONAL ARMS REDUCTIONS

8/2/88

Chicago, IL

- o Give new priority to conventional arms reduction negotiations; without linking to START, have negotiations move in tandem.
- o Goal: lower, equal levels of forces, removing destabilizing Soviet advantages in tanks, artillery, and rocket launchers.

DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS

8/2/88

Chicago, IL

- o Probe new possibilities with the Soviets, recognizing changes, but measure Soviet behavior and perestroika by their willingness to:
 - * significantly reduce their military spending
 - * change their strategic and conventional force structures, greatly reducing first-strike, destabilizing weapons
 - * restrain radical, aggressive clients and help resolve regional conflicts
 - * live up to obligations in human rights and emigration.

BURDEN SHARING

8/2/88

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- o Getting allies to do more is essential, but should be approached creatively.

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- o Japanese contributions to our collective security does not have to be defined in narrow military terms. Japan's help in relieving Third World debt (Mexico and Brazil) would contribute to our national security needs and interests. That's responsibility sharing.

COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES

10/22/88

Houston, TX

- o Maximize areas of U.S. advantages, focusing on areas that make Soviet military investments obsolete or that require Soviet investment in systems that don't pose a threat to U.S. (e.g. Soviet air defense).

EXTEND FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

8/2/88

Chicago, IL

- o Free trade agreement with Canada is a model for reducing barriers and making trade free and fair.
- o Free trade agreements should be extended in our hemisphere, to Pacific Rim countries and with the European Community as it moves towards integration in 1992.

DEFENSE PROCUREMENT

8/22/88

Chicago, IL

- o Work with Congress to implement the Packard Commission reforms, specifically:
 - * simplify the system by combining all procurement laws into one single government wide statute
 - * Move to multi-year budgeting
 - * Eliminate unnecessary layers of Defense department paper-makers

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