

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR SECRETARY DOLE

NEW YORK GOP DINNER

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I'M DELIGHTED TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING. IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE IN THIS GREAT CITY, WHERE PREPARATIONS ARE GOING FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR THE BIGGEST CELEBRATION IN MEMORY -- THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. THE COAST GUARD, PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE CEREMONIES, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING BACK HERE OVER LIBERTY WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE WITH NEW YORK, AND THE NATION! AND THAT MAY BE MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MY HUSBAND, AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING! WE'VE BEEN LIKE SHIPS PASSING IN THE NIGHT -- AND TONIGHT IS NO EXCEPTION -- I'D SURE LOOKED FORWARD TO HAVING DINNER WITH HIM.

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SOMETIMES I THINK BOB'S A LITTLE JEALOUS...

BOB WOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH THE ENTHUSIASM OF THIS GROUP TONIGHT. THIS DINNER IS A WONDERFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE STRENGTH OF OUR PARTY.

HERE IN NEW YORK WE HAVE TREMENDOUS REPUBLICAN LEADERS AND WE'LL HAVE A FORMIDABLE TICKET TO RUN WITH -- AND WIN WITH -- IN NOVEMBER. AL D'AMATO: A SENATOR WHO GETS THINGS DONE FOR NEW YORK; AS A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH AL ON MANY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. I LOOK TO HIM FOR ADVICE AND

COUNSEL ON NEW YORK ISSUES AND I KNOW HE LISTENS TO YOU! AL'S A KEY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS, BANKING, FINANCE AND URBAN AFFAIRS; SMALL BUSINESS, AND THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. HE IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING NEW YORK'S INTERESTS IN THE SENATE. IN FACT THERE'S NO ONE MORE TENACIOUS -- NO ONE MORE RESPONSIVE TO HIS STATE'S CONCERNS -- NO ONE MORE EFFECTIVE. AL'S REELECTION IS CRUCIAL TO THIS STATE, AND IT'S CERTAINLY KEY TO ENSURING THAT WE RETAIN A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE U.S. SENATE.

NEW YORK IS ALSO BLESSED WITH A FINE REPUBLICAN U.S. HOUSE DELEGATION WHO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE STATE WITH DISTINCTION. AND IN MY OWN DEPARTMENT, I AM PRIVILEGED TO HAVE TWO OUTSTANDING NEW YORKERS AS PART OF MY TOP MANAGEMENT TEAM --JIM EMERY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY CORPORATION, AND AL DELLIBOVI AS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

THE FACT THAT WE NOW HAVE SUCH FINE LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT IS DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO THOSE WHO GIVE TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS THEIR HEART, AS WELL AS THEIR MATERIAL RESOURCES -- WHO SHARE THEIR TIME, THEIR ENERGY, THEIR COMMITMENT.

I'M LOOKING AT JUST SUCH A GATHERING TONIGHT, AND IF I IMPART NOTHING ELSE, I WANT TO EXPRESS THE PERSONAL GRATITUDE I FEEL, ALONG WITH SO MANY OTHERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION, FOR ALL YOU DO TO MAKE WHAT WE DO POSSIBLE.

MOUNTAINEER STORY -- "PRAISE THE LORD, HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!" LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU DO IT AGAIN AND AGAIN, FOR YOUR PARTY AND

YOUR COUNTRY. AND I'M DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY AS WE MOVE ALONG IN YET ANOTHER ELECTION YEAR.

AMERICA IN 1986 IS EXPERIENCING A DIFFERENT KIND OF MIRACLE -- THE REBIRTH OF OUR ECONOMY AND OUR NATIONAL SPIRIT. FIVE AND A HALF YEARS AGO, WHEN RONALD REAGAN BECAME PRESIDENT, OUR COUNTRY WAS IN BOTH ECONOMIC SHAMBLES AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DOLDRUMS. DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION, AS YOU WELL KNOW, INTEREST RATES THE HIGHEST SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, AND THE LOWEST RATE OF GROWTH IN PRODUCTIVITY OF ANY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATION. ALL THAT HAS CHANGED.

THANKS TO OUR REPUBLICAN POLICIES, WE'RE ENJOYING A NEW WAVE OF POPULAR SUPPORT ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A GROWING PARTY THROUGHOUT AMERICA BECAUSE IT FAVORS GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS. AND AMERICANS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE FINDING A NEW HOME IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

LIKE PRESIDENT REAGAN, I TOO WAS ONCE A DEMOCRAT. WHEN I GREW UP IN SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA, EVERYONE AT THAT TIME WAS A DEMOCRAT. IN FACT, I THINK I WAS ABOUT 12 BEFORE I LEARNED THERE WAS ANOTHER PARTY. THE PRESIDENT LIKES TO SAY, WHEN HE WAS 12, THERE WAS NO OTHER PARTY!

OUR PARTY IS A GROWING PARTY BECAUSE WE'VE RESTORED HOPE TO THE VOCABULARY OF AMERICAN LIFE. EVENTS ARE NOT BEYOND OUR CONTROL. OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES ARE NOT DOOMED TO WITHER AWAY. OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT WITHOUT A FUTURE. FOR WE WERE NOT MEANT TO BE VICTIMS OF FATE, BUT MASTERS OF DESTINY.

I WON'T FORGET A CABINET MEETING AT WHICH I SPELLED OUT THE POLITICAL COSTS OF PURSUING A LINE OF POLICY. THE PRESIDENT LOOKED AT ME AND THANKED ME FOR DOING MY JOB, TRYING TO PROTECT HIM INSOFAR AS I COULD. HE SAID SOMETHING THAT GOES TO THE HEART OF OUR MISSION. "ELIZABETH, FORGET WHAT'S THE BEST THING TO DO POLITICALLY. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

WASN'T EASY TO BRING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL IN TWO YEARS INSTEAD OF TEN --IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...WE REPUBLICANS DID IT!

WASN'T EASY TO CREATE 10 MILLION NEW JOBS, HALF FILLED BY WORKING WOMEN -- IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...WE REPUBLICANS DID IT!

WASN'T EASY TO CUT TAXES ACROSS THE BOARD SO ALL AMERICANS COULD KEEP MORE OF WHAT THEY EARNED -- IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...REPUBLICANS DID IT!

WASN'T EASY TO STRIKE BACK AT THE TERRORIST REGIME OF MUAMMAR KADDAFI --IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...OUR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT DID IT!

WE'VE DONE A LOT. MUCH REMAINS. FOR THE SAKE OF AMERICA, IT'S NOT WHETHER OUR NEW DIRECTION SHOULD BE CARVED IN STONE, BUT HOW. IT'S NOT WHETHER WE SHOULD REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEFICIT, BUT HOW.

THE GRAMM-RUDMAN LEGISLATION IMPOSES SOME DARN TOUGH DISCIPLINE. IT MANDATES THAT CONGRESS REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEFICIT TO ZERO BY 1991. THAT'S A TALL ORDER. IT CLOSSES THE ESCAPE HATCH, BY THREATENING ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS IF WE DON'T REACH THOSE DEFICIT GOALS. IT GIVES EVERYBODY AN OPPORTUNITY, A CHOICE. TWO ROADS.

ONE PUTS THE GOVERNMENT ON AUTOMATIC PILOT WITH THESE ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS IN NEARLY EVERY PROGRAM, CUTTING BOTH THE FAT AND THE MEAT.

THAT'S THE GARDEN PATH TO DISASTER.

THE (ROAD LESS TRAVELLED,) IS A MORE DIFFICULT COURSE, REQUIRING MORE COURAGE, MORE IMAGINATION, LONGER HOURS OR GRUELING WORK... BUT IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

WE'VE CHARTED A COURSE: MAKE TAXES SIMPLER SO THAT ALL AMERICANS KNOW THAT THEY ARE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE; ELIMINATE THE COMPLEXITIES THAT CONFUSE US; GET RID OF THE PREFERENCES THAT ENRAGE MANY OF US; AND MOST OF ALL, ACHIEVE FAIRER TAXES: AND THAT'S WHAT OUR SENATORS -- YOURS AND MINE -- ARE DOING TONIGHT, AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, THE OBLIGATION, TO GET THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF BUSINESS THAT SHOULD BE RUN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE WORD "PRIVATIZATION," AN AWKWARD WORD AT BEST, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH MARGARET THATCHER'S SPLENDID PROGRAM IN GREAT BRITAIN. THE TIME HAS COME TO USE THE BRITISH MODEL HERE. I'M PRESIDING OVER THE SALE OF OUR FREIGHT RAILROAD, CONRAIL, AND IT'S THE FLAGSHIP OF PRIVATIZATION. IT'S ALSO A DEFICIT REDUCER. NORFOLK SOUTHERN WILL PAY \$1.9 BILLION CASH ON BARREL HEAD AND BRING GREAT STRENGTH TO CONRAIL, A FRAGILE ENTITY, A marginally profitable railroad. AFTER \$7 BILLION, WE DON'T EVER WANT THE RAILROAD BACK.

BUT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY TOP PRIORITY IS SAFETY ACROSS ALL MODES. WE ARE SAVING PRECIOUS LIVES! AND WE ARE MOST ASSUREDLY NOT DEREGULATING SAFETY.

-- 93% OF FATALITIES OCCUR ON THE HIGHWAYS -- BUCKLING SEAT BELT AND ELIMINATING DRUNK DRIVING WILL ENORMOUSLY REDUCE THE 44,000 FATALITIES AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNTIL WE GET EVERY LAST DRUNK DRIVER OFF THE ROADS AND HIGHWAYS OF THIS COUNTRY!

WE'VE GOT SOME BIG CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US, SOME TOUGH CHOICES, WITH THEM COMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT OUR STAMP ON HISTORY. WITHIN OUR GRASP ARE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THAT HAVE PLAGUED US FOR DECADES.

IN NOVEMBER OF 1984, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SET THE COURSE FOR THIS COUNTRY BY OVERWHELMINGLY ENDOSING OUR PARTY'S MESSAGE OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY. THE MESSAGE WAS BOLD ENOUGH, BELIEVABLE ENOUGH TO ATTRACT A SOLID MAJORITY OF WOMEN, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MINORITY VOTERS AND OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE YOUNG.

IN THE 1984 ELECTION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AFFIRMED THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THIS COUNTRY IS HEADED, AND THEY SIGNALLED A FUNDAMENTAL REALIGNMENT OF POLITICAL LOYALTIES WHICH HAS BROUGHT US CLOSER THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE LAST HALF CENTURY TO TRUE MAJORITY STATUS. THE TIDE OF AFFAIRS IS INDEED AT FLOOD STAGE. BUT LET'S NOT DECEIVE OURSELVES. IN POLITICS AS ELSEWHERE, THOSE WHO REST ON THEIR LAURELS SOON FIND THEMSELVES PRETTY UNCOMFORTABLE. RONALD REAGAN OPENED UP A LOT OF DOORS IN 1984. NOW IT'S UP TO US TO WALK THROUGH THEM.

WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE 1986 ELECTION. FOR THE REPUBLICAN RESURGENCE TO CONTINUE, FOR ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND DEFICIT REDUCTION TO CONTINUE, IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL THAT REPUBLICANS MAINTAIN

CONTROL OF THE U.S. SENATE. AND YOU CAN DO A GREAT SERVICE TO OUR PRESIDENT, OUR PARTY AND OUR NATION BY WORKING TO ENSURE THAT AL D'AMATO REMAINS IN THE SENATE. (AND, I MAY ADD, A GREAT SERVICE TO OUR MAJORITY LEADER.)

IT IS IN OUR POWER TO GAIN A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN THE NOT-TO-DISTANT FUTURE. IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT, IN 1984, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR CONTESTED SEATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WON NEARLY HALF A MILLION MORE VOTES THAN THEIR DEMOCRAT COUNTERPARTS. YET THESE REPUBLICANS WON 31 FEWER CONTESTED SEATS THAN THE DEMOCRATS. IN CALIFORNIA ALONE, DEMOCRATS WON 27 OUT OF 45 SEATS --60 PERCENT --EVEN THOUGH WE REPUBLICANS ACTUALLY RECEIVED MORE VOTES STATEWIDE THAN THE DEMOCRATS. THIS INEQUITY CLEARLY RESULTED FROM UNFAIR PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING AND THE CREATION OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOLLOWING THE 1980 CENSUS.

IN THE 1990 CENSUS, OFFICIALS PREDICT AS MANY AS 19 HOUSE SEATS WILL BE ADDED IN THE SOUTH AND WEST, WHICH WILL INCREASE OUR OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

IN ADDITION TO RETAINING CONTROL OF THE SENATE AND ELECTING MORE REPUBLICANS TO THE HOUSE, WE'RE EMBARKED ON A LONG-RANGE EFFORT TO INCREASE OUR STRENGTH IN STATE LEGISLATURES AND GOVERNORS' MANSIONS IN 1986, 1988, 1990 AND BEYOND. IN 1984, IN STATES LIKE TEXAS AND NORTH CAROLINA, WE SHOWED HOW MUCH COULD BE ACHIEVED WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE, OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS, POOLED THEIR IDEALISM AND SACRIFICED THEIR SHOE LEATHER TO PERSUADE THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THAT REPUBLICAN IDEAS SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO THE

WHITE HOUSE. INDEED, THERE ISN'T A SINGLE STATE IN THE UNION THAT WE CAN'T WIN -- NOR A SINGLE STATE THE DEMOCRATS CAN TAKE FOR GRANTED.

HERE IN NEW YORK, WE'VE GOTTA PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS TO ELECT ANDY O'ROURKE AND HIS TEAM TO TAKE OVER STATE GOVERNMENT IN ALBANY. WHAT AN ATTRACTIVE CANDIDATE!

ANDY HAS A PROVEN RECORD AS WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE. HE'S WON ELEVEN STRAIGHT ELECTIONS -- AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU AINT SEEN NOTHING YET! NUMBER 12 COMING UP.

THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM IS A LEADING EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. ANDY FORMED THE 2000 COMMITTEE -- STUDY TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER KEY NEEDS TO THE YEAR 2000. MIKE KAVANAUGH - (RUNNING FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)
TOUGH PROSECUTOR

PETER KING -- OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL. AND WE MUST WORK HARD TO ENSURE THAT REPUBLICANS RETAIN CONTROL OF THE STATE SENATE, UNDER THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF WARREN ANDERSON. AND WE MUST ADD MORE REPUBLICANS TO THE RANKS OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY. WE WANT TO MAKE RAPP RAPPLEYEA ASSEMBLY SPEAKER. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT NED REGAN DESERVES A THIRD TERM AS STATE COMPTROLLER -- LET'S STRIVE, LET'S SURE HE GETS THAT CHANCE.

DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS, OUR PARTY HAS ESTABLISHED A BENCHMARK OF LEADERSHIP THAT WILL REQUIRE THOSE WHO FOLLOW NOT MERELY TO PIECE TOGETHER A MOSAIC OF POLITICAL AND SPECIAL INTERESTS, BUT TO ASSEMBLE A CONSTELLATION OF IDEAS THAT WEAVE TOGETHER THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES. AND TO GET THE

JOB DONE, WE MUST RENEW OUR MORAL COMMITMENT TO THAT SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND SELFLESSNESS THAT "FLOWS LIKE A DEEP AND MIGHTY RIVER THROUGH THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION."

RECENTLY, A WASHINGTON CAB DRIVER WAS TAKING SOME TOURISTS PAST THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUILDING, WHERE WORDS CARVED OVER THE DOOR READ, "WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE." THE LITTLE GIRL IN THE FAMILY ASKED HER FATHER WHAT IT MEANT. BEFORE HE COULD REPLY, THE CABBIE SAID, "HONEY, THAT MEANS YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!"

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I SUGGEST THAT WE AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET! TOGETHER, WE CAN SECURE THE PROMISE WE MADE BACK IN 1980, TO GIVE AMERICA BACK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO RESTORE HER WILL, TO RAISE HER SPIRITS, RENEW HER SENSE OF DESTINY AND REACH OUT TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO SHARE IN HER ABUNDANCE.

YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IT SEEMS TO EACH OF US, I'M SUE, THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE INSURMOUNTABLE...

IT'S AT TIMES LIKE THAT I THINK OF SOMETHING OUR PRESIDENT SAID ABOUT HIS EARLY DAYS AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. "ELIZABETH," HE SAID, "EACH DAY BEGAN WITH SOMEONE PUTTING ON MY DESK YET ANOTHER NEWLY DISCOVERED DISASTER. THE STRESS BECAME ALMOST UNBEARABLE. I HAD THE URGE TO LOOK BEHIND ME FOR SOMEONE I COULD PASS THE PROBLEM TO. ONE DAY I REALIZED I WAS LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. I LOOKED UP, INSTEAD OF BACK. I'M STILL LOOKING UP. I COULDN'T FACE ANOTHER DAY IN THIS OFFICE IF I DIDN'T THINK I COULD ASK GOD'S HELP AND IT WOULD BE GIVEN.

FROM THIS POINT ON, WHICH WILL IT BE FOR US AS A PARTY? A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY -- OR A TIME TO SEIZE OUR WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY -- TO SOLIDIFY OUR GAINS AND MOVE INTO THE FUTURE WITH A SOLID MAJORITY?

THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTY AND OUR NATION BEGINS HERE AND NOW. OURS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR IS THIS THE PLACE FOR MEN OR WOMEN WITH FAINT HEARTS, FEEBLE COURAGE, WEAK COMMITMENT OR SELFISH MOTIVES. WE WILL PURSUE OUR VISION, AND COMPLETE THE TASK. OUR PARTY DESERVES IT, HISTORY DEMANDS IT, AND OUR CHILDREN WILL REWARD IT.

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