

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: Speechwriting, Office of: Speech Drafts:
Records

Folder Title: Concerned Women for America
Convention (Gilder)(Hayes) 09/25/1987 (2 of 3)

Box: 352

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digitized-textual-material>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Inventories, visit:

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/white-house-inventories>

Contact a reference archivist at: reagan.library@nara.gov

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/research-support/citation-guide>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

Last Updated: 12/26/2023

MASTER

(Gilder/ARD)
September 21, 1987
4:30 p.m. 55

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN
FOR AMERICA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much and welcome to ~~the Old~~
~~Washington. Its wonderful to see you all here,~~
~~Executive Office Building. It's wonderful to have you in~~
Washington. It makes me feel as if the reinforcements have just
arrived.

First, I want to congratulate you on your fourth annual
convention -- in just 4 years you've become the largest
politically active women's organization in the Nation. A lot of
the credit, of course, has to go to one woman. She's one of the
powerhouses on the political scene today. One of the reasons
that the "grassroots" are more and more a conservative province.
Because of her, the great majority of women once again have a
voice in the issues of the day -- they can no longer be ignored
by the media or by their elected Representatives.

Beverly LaHaye is changing the face of American politics --
and she deserves our thanks, and our congratulations.

Invent 3

~~Thinking of this convention, and the agenda ahead of us
these next months, I was put in mind of one of my favorite
Churchill anecdotes. It was near the close of the Second World
War. Churchill was visited by a delegation from the temperance
league and chastised by one woman who said, "Mr. Prime Minister,
I've heard that if all the whiskey you have drunk since the war
began were poured into this room, it would come all the way up to
your waist." Churchill looked dolefully down at the floor, then~~

at his waist, and then up to the ceiling. And then he said, "Ah, yes, madam, So much accomplished, and so very much more left to do."

~~Well, we, too, have so very much more left to do. And with the help of the Concerned Women for America, we're going to get it accomplished. One of the first things we have to do is -- well, you might say that we have to make sure that justice is done -- that Judge Bork is confirmed by the Senate as our next Supreme Court Justice.~~

The Wall Street Journal called Judge Bork, and I quote, "...the most qualified American alive to serve on the Supreme Court." His testimony which was completed last Saturday demonstrated that to the Nation. The American people saw not only a brilliant legal mind at work, but also a ^{wise} man who was prudent and fair. A man of careful consideration and deep learning. And they saw that all the ^{unfounded} ~~wild~~ charges that have been flying around say a lot more about the people who are making them than about Robert Bork.

Before the hearings began, there was a lot of talk ^{by certain interest groups} to the effect that Judge Bork was a political ideologue. On TV's across the Nation, those who tuned into the hearings saw something very different indeed. They saw a Judge who impressively argued against ideology -- that is, against the current fashion in some legal circles that says a judge should bend the law to suit his own political agenda. Judge Bork clearly spelled out his philosophy: that a judge should keep his own views from interfering with an interpretation of the laws and the

Constitution according to the intentions of those who enacted them, consistent with precedent. In other words, a judge should interpret the laws, not make them. I think you'll agree, we need more judges like that.

Before the hearings, ~~it was~~ ^{these same interest groups} also argued that Judge Bork was "outside the mainstream." But last week, in an article on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post, President Carter's White House Counsel, Lloyd Cutler, threw that canard out the window. Mr. Cutler wrote of Judge Bork, and I quote, "...his views were and are widely shared by justices and academics in the moderate center." It's clear now that the charges that Robert Bork is too ideological are themselves ideologically inspired, and that the criticism of him as "outside the mainstream" can only be held by those who are themselves so far outside the mainstream that they've long ago lost sight of that moderate center.

← ^{Insert 1} Now, I don't usually make predictions, but in this case I feel confident that reason will prevail over politics. So I'm going to make this prediction: not only that Judge Bork will be confirmed, but that he will go down in history as one of the finest Supreme Court Justices our Nation has ever known.

^{Insert 2} The next item on our agenda -- and nothing we've done in the last 6-1/2 years has been ^{more} important -- is the survival of freedom in Central America. ~~In the last few years, your organization has been vital in that cause~~ -- but this is the crucial moment. Now is the time we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the hope for freedom in Nicaragua is not betrayed once again.

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine they printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors ^{continued} aid to the ~~Nicaraguan~~ freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba -- an aggressive, Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters, the numbers were impressive -- 58 percent ^{say yes} ~~for~~ only 29 percent were opposed.

Aid to the freedom fighters must -- and will -- continue. The American people want it, justice demands it; and it's the only way to make the peace.

In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

Asked the question: should the United States aid the rebels to prevent Communist influence from spreading to other countries in Central America?

There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all, a free press, allow Radio Catolico, and the other radio stations, to broadcast once again; send the Soviets and Cubans

The Sandinistas have promised to end all censorship. That is a good beginning, and we must hold them to it. But it is only a beginning. The next steps are obvious: let the exiles come home; allow freedom of worship, labor unions, a free economy; dissolve the so-called "neighborhood watch committees"; give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human rights. And last, but not least, send the Soviets and Cubans home.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas --

anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is

mere show -- with "potemkin" reforms. We will not be satisfied with

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave

you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address.

"...there is no truth more firmly established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness..." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she is good, for the "propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was "deeply, finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have

"democratization" will be no more than a fraud. And until they are met, we will not have true democracy. My signature here is a

responded to that sense of urgency, who have taken up Washington's call, who will keep America good -- and therefore prospering. Working from the grassroots through all the branches of Government, it is people like you who are keeping that sacred fire of liberty alive.

Thank you all and God bless you.

27TH DOCUMENT of Level 1 printed in VAR KWIC format.

Public Papers of the Presidents

Association of Independent Television Stations

Remarks and a Question-and-Answer Session at a White House
Briefing.

18 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 83

January 27, 1982

LENGTH: 2482 words

... myself on the late, late show, and I said it was like looking at a son I never knew I had. [Laughter] I appreciate that award and for what it says about communication. I'd say I'm at a loss for words, but then you'd take the award back. [Laughter]

I've been kidded a few times because I now and then praise silent Cal Coolidge. He was a real communicator. He was having his hair cut once in a one-chair barbershop up in Vermont, and the town doctor came in, sat down, and said, "Cal, did you take the pills that I gave you?" And Coolidge said nothing for a minute or two, and then in his usual, articulate style, he said, "Nope." And a little later the doctor asked, "Well, are you feeling any better?" Another long silence and then he said, "Yup." Well, his haircut was finished, and he started to leave. And the barber hesitantly said, "Well, aren't you forgetting something?" And an embarrassed Coolidge replied, "Oh, yeah. I'm sorry, I forgot to pay you. I was so busy gossiping with the doctor, it slipped my mind." [Laughter]

You probably haven't heard, but I tried some communicating just last night, and I hope the message finally got across. The message was that I want to reduce taxes, not raise them. You know, I sometimes think that government is like that definition -- an ...

*Coolidge
Anecdotes*

18TH DOCUMENT of Level 1 printed in VAR KWIC format.

Public Papers of the Presidents

School Prayer Day

Remarks at a Candle-Lighting Ceremony.

18 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 1214

September 25, 1982

LENGTH: 855 words

We want to welcome each of you to the White House. We gather together to draw attention to an issue that is as vital to the future of this country as any that we face. No one should doubt that economic and technological progress will have very little impact unless the spirit of our people remains strong.

Calvin Coolidge, a President whom I greatly admire, once said, "The government of a country never gets ahead of the religion of a country." Fostering the faith and character of our people is one of the great trusts of responsible leadership. I deeply believe that if those in government offer a good example, and if the people preserve the freedom which is their birthright as Americans, no one need fear the future.

Unfortunately, in the last two decades we've ...

... Senate to move directly on the constitutional amendment now awaiting action. But Senate action is not enough. The leadership in the House has the proposed constitutional amendment bottled up and has, thus far, failed to hold the appropriate hearings. Some suggest we should keep religion out of politics. Well, the opposite is also true. Those in politics should keep their hands off of the religious freedom of our people, and especially our children.

Earlier I quoted Calvin Coolidge. He had some other words I'd like to share with you. "It would be difficult for me to conceive," President Coolidge said, "of anyone being able to administer the duties of a great office like the Presidency without a belief in the guidance of Divine Providence. Unless the President is sustained by an abiding faith in the divine power, I cannot understand how he would have the courage to attempt to meet the various problems that constantly pour in upon him from all parts of the earth."

Well, after 20 months I can ...

14TH DOCUMENT of Level 1 printed in VAR KWIC format.

Public Papers of the Presidents

Conservative Political Action Conference

Remarks at the 10th Annual Conference Dinner.

19 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 257

February 18, 1983

LENGTH: 5030 words

... first to acknowledge that there's a good deal left unfinished on the conservative agenda. Our cleanup crew will need more than 2 years to deal with the mess left by others for over half a century. But I'm not disheartened. In fact, my attitude about that unfinished agenda isn't very different from that expressed in an anecdote about one of my favorite Presidents, Calvin Coolidge. [Laughter]

Some of you may know that after Cal Coolidge was introduced to the sport of fishing by his Secret Service detail, it got to be quite a passion with him, if you can use that word about "Silent Cal." [Laughter] Anyway, he was once asked by reporters how many fish were in one of his favorite angling places, the River Brule. And Coolidge said the waters were estimated to carry 45,000 trout. And then he said, "I haven't caught them all yet, but I sure have intimidated them." [Laughter]

Well, it's true we haven't brought about every change important to the conscience of a conservative, but we conservatives can take a great deal of honest pride in what we have achieved. In a few minutes I want to talk about just how ...

10TH DOCUMENT of Level 1 printed in VAR KWIC format.

Public Papers of the Presidents

Southern Republican Leadership Conference

Remarks to Participants in the Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

20 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 102

January 26, 1984

LENGTH: 2193 words

... out of the Treasury. They know who eventually ends up paying for all of those promises. I feel sorry for some of those Democratic Congressmen, though, at the same time. Can you imagine what it must be like, worn out after a day at the office? They go home. They try to go to sleep. And the first thing you know, they're having nightmares that the money they're spending is their own. [Laughter]

Calvin Coolidge once said that "Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for the country." Well, the Republican message to voters this year is just that: When we vote, we should do it for America. When we choose on election day, we should think of the future of our children. It'll require hard work on our part. We have to get our message out, and that isn't so easy in America. There just does ...

9TH DOCUMENT of Level 1 printed in VAR KWIC format.

Public Papers of the Presidents

Independent Insurance Agents of America

Remarks at the Association's National Legislative
Conference.

20 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 432

March 27, 1984

LENGTH: 3612 words

... about their policies is that they didn't discriminate; they made everybody miserable. [Laughter]

In these last 3 years, we've done our best to reverse the policies of tax and spend and inflate that wrought such havoc on our country. At first, we were told that turning the situation around would be impossible. We were told, for example, that it would take 10 years to wring inflation out of the system.

Well, I just kept in mind something President Coolidge reportedly once said. "I have found it advisable," he said, "not to give too much heed to what people say when I'm trying to accomplish something of consequence. Invariably they proclaim it can't be done. I deem that the very best time to make the effort." Well, now, contrary to some reports on my age, Cal didn't tell me that personally. [Laughter] I read it.

We didn't let the pessimists hold ...

7TH DOCUMENT of Level 1 printed in VAR KWIC format.

Public Papers of the Presidents

National Association of Counties

Remarks at the Association's Annual Legislative Conference.

1985 Pub. Papers 250

March 4, 1985

LENGTH: 3214 words

... man had the idea that since money could buy anything, and Federal programs could provide everything, then more money and more programs were the answer to all our problems. But the dramatic increase of Federal participation in local goverment only complicated your problems.

To make matters worse, the shift of power toward Washington moved us away from the very principles that had kept our country on a sound footing for most of our history. Calvin Coolidge, one of our most underrated Presidents, put it well: -- Our country," he said, "was conceived in the theory of local self-government. It has been dedicated by long practice to that wise and beneficent policy. It is the foundation principle of our system of liberty."

When Cal Coolidge was President, taxes -- Federal, State, and local -- were taking a dime out of every dollar earned, and two-thirds of that dime went to State and local government. By 1980 taxes were up to 35 cents of every dollar, and three-fifths of that came to Washington.

No wonder communities had lost control of some of the most basic decisions affecting everyday hfe. As the Federal Government grew more intrusive, you became less ...

Insert 1.

There's one subject I wish the hearings had dealt with more thoroughly -- and that's crime. Nearly one-third of the court's time is spent on criminal cases. As a judge on one of our Nation's most important appellate courts, Judge Bork has handed down tough but fair decisions that have not only protected the rights of the accused -- but the rights of the victims as well. And I think you'll agree -- our Constitution requires no less.

And if people want a measure of how the American public feels on the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court, they should ask this organization about the 72,000 petitions, pro-Bork petitions, that have flooded in over the last three weeks -- with more coming in all the time. (No Paragraph)

Insert 2.

(no Paragraph) Believe me, I know how much your organization has done in that cause -- setting up schools, medical clinics, and farms to help refugees fleeing Communist oppression. \$4 million of clothes in one shipment alone. And over the last few years, you've been vital in getting the message out to the American people -- (no paragraph)

Insert 3.

Thinking of this convention, brought back to mind one of my favorite stories about Calvin Coolidge. (Insert)

Well, there are only 535 Senators and Congressmen up on Capitol Hill. And as Beverly might say, we haven't caught them all yet -- but we've sure got their attention.

And one of the things we're going to keep their attention focused on is -- well, you might say it's making (no paragraph)

(Gilder/ARD)
September 21, 1987
4:30 p.m. 55

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPHY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN
FOR AMERICA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987

Thank you. ~~Thank you all very much and welcome to the Old Executive Office Building.~~ It's wonderful to have you in Washington. It makes me feel as if the reinforcements have just arrived.

X First, I want to congratulate you on your fourth ^{national} ~~annual~~ _{a few short} convention -- in just ~~4~~ years you've become the largest politically active women's organization in the Nation; ^{*} A lot of the credit, of course, has to go to one woman. She's one of the powerhouses on the political scene today; ⁷ one of the reasons that the "grassroots" are more and more a conservative province. Because of her, the great majority of women once again have a voice in the issues of the day -- they can no longer be ignored by the media or by their elected Representatives.

Beverly LaHaye is changing the face of American politics -- and she deserves our thanks and our congratulations.

Thinking of this convention, and the agenda ahead of us these next months, I was put in mind of one of my favorite Churchill anecdotes. It was near the close of the Second World War. Churchill was visited by a delegation from the temperance league and chastised by one woman who said, "Mr. Prime Minister, I've heard that if all the whiskey you have drunk since the war began were poured into this room, it would come all the way up to your waist." Churchill looked dolefully down at the floor, then

^{*} according to the 1987 edition of the encyclopedia of Associations the over 500,000 members of CWA represent almost twice the number of NOW members and 5 times the members of the League of Women Voters.

at his waist, and then up to the ceiling. And then he said, "Ah, yes, madam, So much accomplished, and so very much more left to do."

Well, we, too, have so very much more left to do. And with the help of the Concerned Women for America, we're going to get it accomplished. One of the first things we have to do is -- well, you might say that we have to make sure that justice is done -- that Judge Bork is confirmed by the Senate as our next Supreme Court Justice.

The Wall Street Journal called Judge Bork, and I quote, "...the most qualified American alive to serve on the Supreme Court." His testimony which was completed last Saturday demonstrated that to the Nation. The American people saw not only a brilliant legal mind at work, but also a man who was prudent and fair, [✓] a man of careful consideration and deep learning. And they saw that all the wild charges that have been flying around say a lot more about the people who are making them than about Robert Bork.

Before the hearings began, there was a lot of talk to the effect that Judge Bork was a political ideologue. On TV's across the Nation, those who tuned into the hearings saw something very different indeed. They saw a Judge who impressively argued against ideology -- that is, against the current fashion in some legal circles that says a judge should bend the law to suit his own political agenda. Judge Bork clearly spelled out his philosophy: that a judge should keep his own views from interfering with an interpretation of the laws and the

Constitution according to the intentions of those who enacted them, consistent with precedent. In other words, a judge should interpret the laws, not make them. I think you'll agree, we need more judges like that.

Before the hearings, it was also argued that Judge Bork was "outside the mainstream." But ^{recently} ~~last week~~, in an article on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post, President Carter's White House Counsel, Lloyd Cutler, threw that canard out the window. Mr. Cutler wrote of Judge Bork, and I quote, "...his views were and are widely shared by justices and academics ^{who are} in the moderate center." It's clear now that the charges that Robert Bork is too ideological are themselves ideologically inspired, and that the criticism of him as "outside the mainstream" can only be held by those who are themselves so far outside the mainstream that they've long ago lost sight of that moderate center.

Now, I don't usually make predictions, but in this case I feel confident that reason will prevail over politics. So I'm going to make this prediction: not only that Judge Bork will be confirmed, but that he will go down in history as one of the finest Supreme Court Justices our Nation has ever known.

The next item on our agenda -- and nothing we've done in the last 6-1/2 years has been so important -- is the survival of freedom in Central America. In the last few years, your organization has been vital in that cause -- but this is the crucial moment. Now is the time we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the hope for freedom in Nicaragua is not betrayed once again.

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine they have printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba --
X an aggressive, ~~S~~Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters, the numbers were impressive -- 58 percent for, only 29 percent opposed.

In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

X There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all; a free press; allow Radio ~~Catolico~~^{Catolico}, and the other radio stations, to broadcast once again; send the Soviets and Cubans home; open up the jails and let the political prisoners free; allow freedom of worship, labor unions, a free economy; dissolve X the Orwellian "neighborhood watch committees;" give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human rights.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas -- anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is not serving the cause of peace.

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address.

X "...there is no truth more ~~firmly~~^{thoroughly} established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an X indissoluble union between virtue and happiness..." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she X is good, for the "propitious smiles of Heaven can never be X and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was deeply, finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have

responded to that sense of urgency, who have taken up Washington's call, who will keep America good -- and therefore prospering. Working from the grassroots through all the branches of Government, it is people like you who are keeping that sacred fire of liberty alive.

Thank you all and God bless you.

(Gilder/ARD)
September 23, 1987
2:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA CONVENTION
CRYSTAL CITY, VIRGINIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much and welcome to Washington. It's wonderful to see you all here. It makes me feel as if the reinforcements have just arrived.

First, I want to congratulate you on your fourth national convention -- in just a few short years you've become the largest politically active women's organization in the Nation. A lot of the credit, of course, has to go to one woman. She's one of the powerhouses on the political scene today, one of the reasons that the "grassroots" are more and more a conservative province. Because of her, the great majority of women once again have a voice in the issues of the day -- they can no longer be ignored by the media or by their elected Representatives.

Beverly LaHaye is changing the face of American politics -- and she deserves our thanks and our congratulations.

Thinking of this convention brought back to mind one of my favorite stories about Calvin Coolidge. Some of you may know that after Cal Coolidge was introduced to the sport of fishing by his Secret Service detail, it got to be quite a passion with him, if you can use that word about "Silent Cal." Anyway, he was once asked by reporters how many fish were in one of his favorite angling places, the River Brule. And Coolidge said the waters were estimated to carry 45,000 trout. And then he said, "I haven't caught them all yet, but I sure have intimidated them."

Well, there are only 535 Senators and Congressmen up on
① Capitol Hill. And, as Beverly might say, we haven't caught them
all yet -- but we've sure got their attention.

And one of the things we're going to keep their attention
focused on is -- well, you might say it's making sure that
justice is done -- that Judge Bork is confirmed by the Senate as
our next Supreme Court Justice.

The Wall Street Journal called Judge Bork, and I quote,
"...the most qualified American alive to serve on the Supreme
Court." His testimony, which was completed last Saturday,
demonstrated that to the Nation. The American people saw not
only a brilliant legal mind at work, but also a wise man who was
prudent and fair, a man of careful consideration and deep
learning. And they saw that all the unfounded charges that have
been flying around say a lot more about the people who are making
them than about Robert Bork.

Before the hearings began, there was a lot of talk by
certain interest groups to the effect that Judge Bork was a
political ideologue. On TV's across the Nation, those who tuned
into the hearings saw something very different indeed. They saw
a Judge who impressively argued against ideology -- that is,
against the current fashion in some legal circles that says a
judge should bend the law to suit his own political agenda.
Judge Bork clearly spelled out his philosophy: that a judge
should keep his own views from interfering with an interpretation
of the laws and the Constitution according to the intentions of
those who enacted them, consistent with precedent. In other

words, a judge should interpret the laws, not make them. I think you'll agree, we need more judges like that.

Before the hearings, these same interest groups also argued that Judge Bork was "outside the mainstream." But recently, in an article on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post, President Carter's White House Counsel, Lloyd Cutler, threw that canard out the window. Mr. Cutler wrote of Judge Bork, and I quote, "...his views were and are widely shared by justices and academics who are in the moderate center." It's clear now that the charges that Robert Bork is too ideological are themselves ideologically inspired, and that the criticism of him as "outside the mainstream" can only be held by those who are themselves so far outside the mainstream that they've long ago lost sight of that moderate center.

There's one subject I wish the hearings had dealt with more thoroughly -- and that's crime. Nearly one-third of the court's time is spent on criminal cases. As a judge on one of our Nation's most important appellate courts, Judge Bork has handed down tough but fair decisions that have not only protected the rights of the accused -- but the rights of the victims as well. And I think you'll agree -- our Constitution requires no less.

And if people want a measure of how the American public feels on the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court, they should ask this organization about the 72,000 petitions, pro-Bork petitions, that have flooded in over the last three weeks -- with more coming in all the time. Now, I don't usually make predictions, but in this case I feel confident that reason will

prevail over politics. So I'm going to make this prediction: not only that Judge Bork will be confirmed, but that he will go down in history as one of the finest Supreme Court Justices our Nation has ever known.

The next item on our agenda -- and nothing we've done in the last 6-1/2 years has been more important -- is the survival of freedom in Central America. Believe me, I know how much your organization has done in that cause -- setting up schools, medical clinics, and farms to help refugees fleeing Communist oppression, \$4 million of clothes in one shipment alone. And over the last few years, you've been vital in getting the message out to the American people -- but this is the crucial moment. Now is the time we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the hope for freedom in Nicaragua is not betrayed once again.

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine, they printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors continued aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba --

an aggressive Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters, the numbers were impressive. Asked the question: should the United States aid the rebels to prevent Communist influence from spreading to other countries in Central America -- 58 percent said yes, only 29 percent were opposed.

Aid to the freedom fighter must -- and will -- continue. The American people want it, justice demands it, and it's the only way to make the Marxist-Leninist in Managua sincerely talk peace. In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all. The Sandinistas have promised to end all censorship. That is a good beginning -- and we must hold them to it. But it is only a beginning. The next steps are obvious: open up the jails and let the thousands of political prisoners free; let the exiles come home; allow freedom of worship, free labor unions, a free economy; dissolve the so-called neighborhood watch committees; give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human

rights. And last, but not least, send the Soviet and Cubans home.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas -- anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is not serving the cause of peace. We will not be satisfied with mere show -- with "potemkin" reforms. Until these conditions are met, "democratization" will be no more than a fraud. And until they are met, we will press for true democracy by supporting those who are fighting for it.

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address. "...there is no truth more thoroughly established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness...." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she is good, for the "...propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained...."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was deeply, finally "staked on the experiment intrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have responded to that sense of urgency, who have taken up

Washington's call, who will keep America good -- and therefore prospering. Working from the grassroots through all the branches of Government, it is people like you who are keeping that sacred fire of liberty alive.

Thank you all and God bless you.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/21/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM 9/22/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPHY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAKER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GRISCOM <i>attd</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HENKEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER - OMB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOBBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BALL <i>attd</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAUER <i>called CH</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RANGE <i>wcb</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARLUCCI <i>attd</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RISQUE <i>called research</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIBB <i>attd</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIPPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPRINKEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULVAHOUSE <i>attd</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TUTTLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAWSON <i>attd</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DOLAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DONATELLI <i>none</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Gilder/ARD)
September 21, 1987
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPHY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN
FOR AMERICA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much and welcome to the Old Executive Office Building. It's wonderful to have you in Washington. It makes me feel as if the reinforcements have just arrived.

First, I want to congratulate you on your fourth annual convention -- in just 4 years you've become the largest politically active women's organization in the Nation. A lot of the credit, of course, has to go to one woman. She's one of the powerhouses on the political scene today. One of the reasons that the "grassroots" are more and more a conservative province. Because of her, the great majority of women once again have a voice in the issues of the day -- they can no longer be ignored by the media or by their elected Representatives.

Beverly LaHaye is changing the face of American politics -- and she deserves our thanks and our congratulations.

Thinking of this convention, and the agenda ahead of us these next months, I was put in mind of one of my favorite Churchill anecdotes. It was near the close of the Second World War. Churchill was visited by a delegation from the temperance league and chastised by one woman who said, "Mr. Prime Minister, I've heard that if all the whiskey you have drunk since the war began were poured into this room, it would come all the way up to your waist." Churchill looked dolefully down at the floor, then

at his waist, and then up to the ceiling. And then he said, "Ah, yes, madam, So much accomplished, and so very much more left to do."

Well, we, too, have so very much more left to do. And with the help of the Concerned Women for America, we're going to get it accomplished. One of the first things we have to do is -- well, you might say that we have to make sure that justice is done -- that Judge Bork is confirmed by the Senate as our next Supreme Court Justice.

The Wall Street Journal called Judge Bork, and I quote, "...the most qualified American alive to serve on the Supreme Court." His testimony which was completed last Saturday demonstrated that to the Nation. The American people saw not only a brilliant legal mind at work, but also a man who was prudent and fair. A man of careful consideration and deep learning. And they saw that all the wild charges that have been flying around say a lot more about the people who are making them than about Robert Bork.

Before the hearings began, there was a lot of talk to the effect that Judge Bork was a political ideologue. On TV's across the Nation, those who tuned into the hearings saw something very different indeed. They saw a Judge who impressively argued against ideology -- that is, against the current fashion in some legal circles that says a judge should bend the law to suit his own political agenda. Judge Bork clearly spelled out his philosophy: that a judge should keep his own views from interfering with an interpretation of the laws and the

Constitution according to the intentions of those who enacted them, consistent with precedent. In other words, a judge should interpret the laws, not make them. I think you'll agree, we need more judges like that.

Before the hearings, it was also argued that Judge Bork was "outside the mainstream." But last week, in an article on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post, President Carter's White House Counsel, Lloyd Cutler, threw that canard out the window.

Mr. Cutler wrote of Judge Bork, and I quote, "...his views were and are widely shared by justices and academics in the moderate center." It's clear now that the charges that Robert Bork is too ideological are themselves ideologically inspired, and that the criticism of him as "outside the mainstream" can only be held by those who are themselves so far outside the mainstream that they've long ago lost sight of that moderate center.

Now, I don't usually make predictions, but in this case I feel confident that reason will prevail over politics. So I'm going to make this prediction: not only that Judge Bork will be confirmed, but that he will go down in history as one of the finest Supreme Court Justices our Nation has ever known.

The next item on our agenda -- and nothing we've done in the last 6-1/2 years has been so important -- is the survival of freedom in Central America. In the last few years, your organization has been vital in that cause -- but this is the crucial moment. Now is the time we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the hope for freedom in Nicaragua is not betrayed once again.

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine they have printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba -- an aggressive, Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters, the numbers were impressive -- 58 percent for, only 29 percent opposed.

In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all; a free press; allow Radio Catolio, and the other radio stations, to broadcast once again; send the Soviets and Cubans home; open up the jails and let the political prisoners free; allow freedom of worship, labor unions, a free economy; dissolve the Orwellian "neighborhood watch committees;" give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human rights.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas -- anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is not serving the cause of peace.

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address. "...there is no truth more firmly established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness..." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she is good, for the "propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was "deeply, finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have

responded to that sense of urgency, who have taken up Washington's call, who will keep America good -- and therefore prospering. Working from the grassroots through all the branches of Government, it is people like you who are keeping that sacred fire of liberty alive.

Thank you all and God bless you.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/21/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM 9/22/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERIC

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAKER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GRISCOM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HENKEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER - OMB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOBBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAUER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARLUCCI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RISQUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIBB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIPPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPRINKEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULVAHOUSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TUTTLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAWSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DONATELLI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Tony

I can understand why we wouldn't talk about the budget but believe we at least ought to mention our control, given that it plays well to women's issues

Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702
m 9/22

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/21/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM 9/22/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPHY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERIC

	ACTION		FYI			ACTION		FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAKER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GRISCOM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HENKEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER - OMB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOBBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAUER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARLUCCI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RISQUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIBB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIPPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPRINKEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULVAHOUSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TUTTLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAWSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DONATELLI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to **Tony Dolan's** office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

See minor changes on pages 4 and 5; otherwise, concur in text.

cc: Dawson, R.

Joe
Bill Courtney
 Grant S. Green
 Executive Secretary
 22 September 1987

Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine they have printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba -- an aggressive, Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters ^{insert} the numbers were impressive -- 58 percent for, only 29 percent opposed.

In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

insert: "to stop communist influence from spreading in this region, . . ."

There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all; a free press; allow Radio ~~Catolico~~ ^{CATOLICA} and the other radio stations, to broadcast once again; send the Soviets and Cubans home; open up the jails and let the political prisoners free; allow freedom of worship, labor unions, a free economy; dissolve the Orwellian "neighborhood watch committees;" give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human rights.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas -- anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is not serving the cause of peace.

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address. "...there is no truth more firmly established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness..." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she is good, for the "propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was "deeply, finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/21/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM 9/22/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERIC

		ACTION	FYI			ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAKER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	GRISCOM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HENKEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER - OMB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOBBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAUER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARLUCCI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RISQUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIBB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIPPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPRINKEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULVAHOUSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TUTTLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAWSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DONATELLI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*Concur
w) changes (2,5)
MD*

(Gilder/ARD)
September 21, 1987
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPHY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN
FOR AMERICA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much and welcome to the Old Executive Office Building. It's wonderful to have you in Washington. It makes me feel as if the reinforcements have just arrived.

First, I want to congratulate you on your fourth annual convention -- in just 4 years you've become the largest politically active women's organization in the Nation. A lot of the credit, of course, has to go to one woman. She's one of the powerhouses on the political scene today. One of the reasons that the "grassroots" are more and more a conservative province. Because of her, the great majority of women once again have a voice in the issues of the day -- they can no longer be ignored by the media or by their elected Representatives.

Beverly LaHaye is changing the face of American politics -- and she deserves our thanks and our congratulations.

Thinking of this convention, and the agenda ahead of us these next months, I was put in mind of one of my favorite Churchill anecdotes. It was near the close of the Second World War. Churchill was visited by a delegation from the temperance league and chastised by one woman who said, "Mr. Prime Minister, I've heard that if all the whiskey you have drunk since the war began were poured into this room, it would come all the way up to your waist." Churchill looked dolefully down at the floor, then

at his waist, and then up to the ceiling. And then he said, "Ah, yes, madam, So much accomplished, and so very much more left to do."

Well, we, too, have so very much more left to do. And with the help of the Concerned Women for America, we're going to get it accomplished. One of the first things we have to do is -- well, you might say that we have to make sure that justice is done -- that Judge Bork is confirmed by the Senate as our next Supreme Court Justice.

The Wall Street Journal called Judge Bork, and I quote, "...the most qualified American alive to serve on the Supreme Court." His testimony which was completed last Saturday demonstrated that to the Nation. The American people saw not only a brilliant legal mind at work, but also a man who was prudent and fair. A man of careful consideration and deep learning. ~~And they saw that all the wild charges that have been flying around say a lot more about the people who are making them than about Robert Bork.~~

Before the hearings began, there was a lot of talk to the effect that Judge Bork was a political ideologue. On TV's across the Nation, those who tuned into the hearings saw something very different indeed. They saw a Judge who impressively argued against ideology -- that is, against the current fashion in some legal circles that says a judge should bend the law to suit his own political agenda. Judge Bork clearly spelled out his philosophy: that a judge should keep his own views from interfering with an interpretation of the laws and the

Constitution according to the intentions of those who enacted them, consistent with precedent. In other words, a judge should interpret the laws, not make them. I think you'll agree, we need more judges like that.

Before the hearings, it was also argued that Judge Bork was "outside the mainstream." But last week, in an article on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post, President Carter's White House Counsel, Lloyd Cutler, threw that canard out the window.

Mr. Cutler wrote of Judge Bork, and I quote, "...his views were and are widely shared by justices and academics in the moderate center." It's clear now that the charges that Robert Bork is too ideological are themselves ideologically inspired, and that the criticism of him as "outside the mainstream" can only be held by those who are themselves so far outside the mainstream that they've long ago lost sight of that moderate center.

Now, I don't usually make predictions, but in this case I feel confident that reason will prevail over politics. So I'm going to make this prediction: not only that Judge Bork will be confirmed, but that he will go down in history as one of the finest Supreme Court Justices our Nation has ever known.

The next item on our agenda -- and nothing we've done in the last 6-1/2 years has been so important -- is the survival of freedom in Central America. In the last few years, your organization has been vital in that cause -- but this is the crucial moment. Now is the time we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the hope for freedom in Nicaragua is not betrayed once again.

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine they have printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba -- an aggressive, Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters, the numbers were impressive -- 58 percent for, only 29 percent opposed.

In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all; a free press; allow ~~Radio Catolico,~~ and the other radio stations, to broadcast once again; send the Soviets and Cubans home; open up the jails and let the political prisoners free; allow freedom of worship, labor unions, a free economy; dissolve the Orwellian "neighborhood watch committees;" give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human rights.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas -- anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is not serving the cause of peace.

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address. "...there is no truth more firmly established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness..." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she is good, for the "propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was "deeply, finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have

responded to that sense of urgency, who have taken up Washington's call, who will keep America good -- and therefore prospering. Working from the grassroots through all the branches of Government, it is people like you who are keeping that sacred fire of liberty alive.

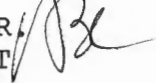
Thank you all and God bless you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR. 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Dropby Briefing for
Concerned Women for America

Pursuant to Rhett Dawson's request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks. Subject to the following very minor suggestions, Counsel's office has no objection to these remarks.

Page 2, second full paragraph, sixth line: between "A" and "man" add the word "wise," in response to Andrew Young's line that Judge Bork is a scholar without wisdom.

Page 2, third full paragraph, first line: between "talk" and "to" add the phrase "by certain interest groups," to clarify that the attack has been mounted by partisans.

Page 3, first full paragraph, first line: replace the pronoun "it" with the phrase "these same interest groups," again to highlight the partisan and limited nature of the charges against Judge Bork.

Page 3, third full paragraph, line two: replace the word "so" with "more," to avoid any implication that the Bork confirmation is not as important as other matters.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/21/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM 9/22/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERIC

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BAKER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GRISCOM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HENKEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER - OMB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOBBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	KING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAUER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RANGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARLUCCI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RISQUE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIBB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RYAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRIPPEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPRINKEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULVAHOUSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TUTTLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAWSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DONATELLI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22nd. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

I strongly recommend that we include a paragraph on the crime issue. This is a group of grass roots supporters of the President's conservative agenda, so we should make this point forcefully. You may want to lift from the President's remarks to law enforcement heads in Los Angeles. (attached).

Jan

Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702

(Gilder/ARD)
September 21, 1987
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPHY BRIEFING FOR CONCERNED WOMEN
FOR AMERICA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much and welcome to the Old Executive Office Building. It's wonderful to have you in Washington. It makes me feel as if the reinforcements have just arrived.

First, I want to congratulate you on your fourth annual convention -- in just 4 years you've become the largest politically active women's organization in the Nation. A lot of the credit, of course, has to go to one woman. She's one of the powerhouses on the political scene today. One of the reasons that the "grassroots" are more and more a conservative province. Because of her, the great majority of women once again have a voice in the issues of the day -- they can no longer be ignored by the media or by their elected Representatives.

Beverly LaHaye is changing the face of American politics -- and she deserves our thanks and our congratulations.

Thinking of this convention, and the agenda ahead of us these next months, I was put in mind of one of my favorite Churchill anecdotes. It was near the close of the Second World War. Churchill was visited by a delegation from the temperance league and chastised by one woman who said, "Mr. Prime Minister, I've heard that if all the whiskey you have drunk since the war began were poured into this room, it would come all the way up to your waist." Churchill looked dolefully down at the floor, then

300-
Rework
for
appear
at
the
event

at his waist, and then up to the ceiling. And then he said, "Ah, yes, madam, So much accomplished, and so very much more left to do."

Well, we, too, have so very much more left to do. And with the help of the Concerned Women for America, we're going to get it accomplished. One of the first things we have to do is -- well, you might say that we have to make sure that justice is done -- that Judge Bork is confirmed by the Senate as our next Supreme Court Justice.

We can quote Justice Burger for this as well → The Wall Street Journal called Judge Bork, and I quote, "...the most qualified American alive to serve on the Supreme Court." His testimony which was completed last Saturday demonstrated that to the Nation. The American people saw not only a brilliant legal mind at work, but also a man who was prudent and fair. A man of careful consideration and deep learning. And they saw that all the wild charges that have been flying around say a lot more about the people who are making them than about Robert Bork.

Before the hearings began, there was a lot of talk to the effect that Judge Bork was a political ideologue. On TV's across the Nation, those who tuned into the hearings saw something very different indeed. They saw a Judge who impressively argued against ideology -- that is, against the current fashion in some legal circles that says a judge should bend the law to suit his own political agenda. Judge Bork clearly spelled out his philosophy: that a judge should keep his own views from interfering with an interpretation of the laws and the

Constitution according to the intentions of those who enacted them, consistent with precedent. In other words, a judge should interpret the laws, not make them. I think you'll agree, we need more judges like that.

Before the hearings, it was also argued that Judge Bork was "outside the mainstream." But last week, in an article on the Op-Ed page of the Washington Post, President Carter's White House Counsel, Lloyd Cutler, threw that canard out the window. Mr. Cutler wrote of Judge Bork, and I quote, "...his views were and are widely shared by justices and academics in the moderate center." It's clear now that the charges that Robert Bork is too ideological are themselves ideologically inspired, and that the criticism of him as "outside the mainstream" can only be held by those who are themselves so far outside the mainstream that they've long ago lost sight of that moderate center.

Now, I don't usually make predictions, but in this case I feel confident that reason will prevail over politics. So I'm going to make this prediction: not only that Judge Bork will be confirmed, but that he will go down in history as one of the finest Supreme Court Justices our Nation has ever known.

The next item on our agenda -- and nothing we've done in the last 6-1/2 years has been so important -- is the survival of freedom in Central America. In the last few years, your organization has been vital in that cause -- but this is the crucial moment. Now is the time we must redouble our efforts to make sure that the hope for freedom in Nicaragua is not betrayed once again.

Insert a paragraph on crime
(possibly from the President's
remarks in LA)

In the latest issue of Public Opinion magazine they have printed the results of an extensive polling of American attitudes toward Central America. The numbers make it very clear: the message is getting across. The American public recognizes the great danger posed by an aggressive, Communist government in Nicaragua and, by a large majority, favors aid to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters battling to liberate their nation from Communist tyranny.

Of those who had an opinion, a huge majority described Central America as, "very important to the defense interests of the United States" and agreed that the situation in Nicaragua is a threat to the security of the United States. Huge majorities believe there is a danger of Nicaragua becoming another Cuba -- an aggressive, Soviet outpost exporting revolution to its neighboring countries.

And on the subject of aid to the freedom fighters, the numbers were impressive -- 58 percent for, only 29 percent opposed.

In the months ahead, as the Central American peace process undergoes its inevitable complications, it will be ever more vital to keep the central issue before the American people -- democracy in Nicaragua. We can accept nothing less. Only with freedom and democracy in Nicaragua will there be true peace and a chance for real, lasting economic development in Central America. Anything short of true democracy in Nicaragua will at best bring only a false peace to Central America. The wound will fester -- and the infection will break out once again.

There is only one path to peace: free fair elections open to all; a free press; allow Radio Catolio, and the other radio stations, to broadcast once again; send the Soviets and Cubans home; open up the jails and let the political prisoners free; allow freedom of worship, labor unions, a free economy; dissolve the Orwellian "neighborhood watch committees;" give the people of Nicaragua back their basic human rights.

Anyone who demands anything less of the Sandinistas -- anyone who does not insist on true democracy in Nicaragua -- is not serving the cause of peace.

Well, I have talked long enough, but I would like to leave you with one thought. In this bicentennial year, I keep being drawn back to George Washington's first inaugural address. "...there is no truth more firmly established," he said, "than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness..." America will prosper, America will succeed, he was saying, only so long as she is good, for the "propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

He reminded his countrymen that there is something more at stake here than our own advantage. That something is the "preservation of the sacred fire of liberty" which he said was "deeply, finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

Those words ring just as urgently true today -- perhaps even more so. And it is individuals and groups like yours who have

responded to that sense of urgency, who have taken up Washington's call, who will keep America good -- and therefore prospering. Working from the grassroots through all the branches of Government, it is people like you who are keeping that sacred fire of liberty alive.

Thank you all and God bless you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Los Angeles, California)

For Immediate Release

August 28, 1987

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN MEETING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS
SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF JUDGE BORK

Oak Room
Century Plaza Hotel
Los Angeles, California

11:05 A.M. PDT

THE PRESIDENT: It's a great pleasure to meet this morning with such distinguished law enforcement officials who've been active on the front lines of our fight against crime. I'm particularly pleased to have this opportunity to hear your views on a matter that will have a continuing impact on law enforcement and criminal justice long after my administration leaves office, the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to succeed Lewis Powell as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has had, always had a critical role in the administration and the criminal justice at both the state and federal levels. Criminal cases make up one of the largest categories in the highest court's decisions. I was surprised to learn it's almost one-third of all the cases it considers. And that's why when it comes to crime and safety of our citizens, it's so important for our courts to take a tough, clear-eyed look at the Constitution's purpose to establish justice and ensure domestic tranquility.

Judge Robert Bork, whom I nominated nearly eight weeks ago, would be just such a Justice. His guiding principle is one of judicial restraint. And Judge Bork believes that judges should not make the laws; their function is to interpret the laws based on the Constitution and precedent.

It's time we reassert the fundamental principle of the purpose of criminal justice is to find the truth, not to coddle criminals. The constitutional rights of the accused must be protected, but so must the rights of our law-abiding citizens.

During his distinguished career in law and public service, Robert Bork has demonstrated a genuine concern for the right of our citizens to live in safe communities and a clear understanding of the problems facing today's law enforcement professions. As Solicitor General, the nation's chief legal advocate before the Supreme Court, he argued the landmark cases that upheld the constitutionality of capital punishment -- a position maintained by Justice Lewis Powell in his years on the Court.

Last term, the constitutionality of capital punishment in cases of particularly brutal murders was narrowly reaffirmed with the support of Justice Powell, whose seat Judge Bork would fill. It's essential that capital punishment remain on the books if we're to protect innocent lives from the tragedy of vicious criminal acts.

As Solicitor General, Bob Bork also advanced common-sense readings of the Constitution that would help, not hinder, the truth in criminal trials. He argued the Constitution was intended to assure real justice for all citizens, not to foster never-ending sparring matches between lawyers.

As a judge on one of our nation's most important appellate courts, Judge Bork has handed down tough but fair decisions

MORE

that have protected the rights of victims in the society as well as the rights of the accused. And our Constitution we know requires no less.

Together, we've made great strides in the war on crime. A key reason for that progress has been the appointment of tough-minded judges. For the past seven years, federal criminal sentences have increased 30 percent overall. Judge Bork's nomination is a crucial opportunity to continue our progress in the war against crime.

The Supreme Court today is closely divided on many important criminal justice issues. The support given to Judge Bork's nomination by law enforcement professionals like you and the men and women you represent can help ensure that Lewis Powell's seat on the Supreme Court is filled by a judge who shares his support for the rule of law.

Q Mr. President, why are there no women supporters of Bork on law and order?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not sure there are not. Did you ask Nancy? (Laughter.)

Q You didn't invite any, so -- your own administration officials take up half the table.

THE PRESIDENT: The other half of the table are leaders of virtually all the law enforcement organizations in the United States.

Q Sir, what can you tell us about the Philippines? Do you think Mrs. Aquino is out of danger now?

THE PRESIDENT: I don't know, Sam. I'm not going to get into that. We've got another subject here. And, frankly, we're trying to keep track of what's going on there.

MR. WEINBERG: We've got to go.

THE PRESIDENT: He cut me off. See?

Q Would you ask Mrs. Reagan to take our calls so we can find out if she supports Judge Bork? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: She'll take your calls.

Q Mr. President, Admiral Poindexter wants to retire at his old rank of vice admiral. Will you support that?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not going to comment on that. I just learned that myself.

Q Is that something you'd consider?

THE PRESIDENT: No answers now.

Q It looks like the Russians are planning for a summit in either October or November. Does that please you, sir?

MR. WEINBERG: He said no answers. Let's go, please.

THE PRESIDENT: You know that I support the idea of a summit.

Q It looks good, doesn't it?

THE PRESIDENT: I'm not going to comment.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

END

11:15 a.m. PDT