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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


May 11, 1983

Reception for White House Fellows Alumni

Thursday, May 12, 1983

The Rose Garden

4:30 p.m.

From: Fred F. Fielding 

I. PURPOSE

To greet and briefly address approximately 175 of the 265 men and women who have served as White House Fellows over the last nineteen years.

II. BACKGROUND

Every year the alumni of the White House Fellows meet to acquaint themselves with national policy issues and also to see former colleagues from the Program. These alumni come from leadership positions across the country, serving in government, industry, the professions, academe and the military. The alumni will have spent the day meeting with the Vice President, various Administration officials, business leaders and Members of Congress.

For the past two years, you have been unable to participate in receptions scheduled for this group due to your recuperation in 1981 and a television appearance scheduled at the last minute in 1982. The group is most pleased that your schedule would allow you to address them this year.

III. PARTICIPANTS

There will be a total of approximately 300 guests composed of alumni, their spouses and/or guests, current White House Fellows and Administration officials.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 4:00 p.m. Guests will be escorted from room
450 OEOB to the Rose Garden for
refreshments.
- 4:30 p.m. The President will leave Oval Office
for Rose Garden where he will address
the group from the Rose Garden steps.
- Following the President's remarks, he
will then mix and mingle with the
guests as time permits.

VI. RAIN PLAN

In the event of inclement weather, the President will address the group at 4:30 p.m. in room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. The group will then go to the Indian Treaty Room for refreshments.

Attachment: Remarks

(Maseng/AB)
May 11, 1983
2:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS RECEPTION
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983

Thank you very much. It is a distinct pleasure to be able to speak with you this afternoon. Not only do you represent some of America's brightest hopes, but, as some of you may recall, I've had some trouble attending this reception in the past. Two years ago I was recuperating in the residence in my pajamas, and last year I had to bow out in order to make a television appeal for the Congress to hold the line on spending and taxes. But this year I resolved that not even the 20-mule team from Borax could keep me away.

As I say, I am delighted to be your host because I've been a supporter of the White House Fellowships program for a long time. Before coming to Washington it was my pleasure as Governor of California to meet with a number of classes who were visiting Sacramento and I always found these meetings very stimulating.

I know the selection process for this program is rigorous and competitive. You all made the grade and you are to be congratulated for it. But this program is not only a valuable experience for you -- it is also of considerable benefit to us in Government. You bring us your talents, ideas, and enthusiasm; freshening our approaches and broadening our thinking. Of course, White House Fellowships also develop America's future leaders and are a symbol of the individual character, strength, and potential we can draw on.

From the reports I get, the current class of Fellows is making a significant contribution this year. Some 20 former Fellows have returned to work in the Administration, many of them in senior positions. Six worked with the Private Sector Survey Group to help us reduce Government waste and inefficiency, and another 30 are serving as officers in our Armed Forces. So, as you can see, this Administration is already getting a return for its investment in the White House Fellows -- and so is the country.

I hope that your lives have been enriched by your experiences with us, and that your horizons have widened. By now, you should have both a healthy skepticism about the limits of Government and a new appreciation of the good that can result from sound programs and policies. I also hope you have a renewed respect for democracy -- a frustrating and sometimes chaotic system but, with all its defects, it's still the best form of Government yet devised.

And bear in mind that your time here is only a beginning. Thanks to it you can return to your communities aware of the special opportunities you have been given and the hopes your country has pinned on your future. You can make your local government work, help those less fortunate than yourself, and dedicate yourselves to preserving the great legacy of liberty that has been entrusted to you and your generation.

I am proud to be associated with the White House Fellowship program. I welcome you back to the White House and I'm glad we are able to get together at last.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1983

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH SENATE/HOUSE
VICE CHAIRMEN RAISING \$40,000+

DATE: May 12, 1983
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 5:15 pm

FROM: EDWARD J. ROLLINS

ER/mmd

I. PURPOSE

Photo opportunity for Senate/House Dinner Vice Chairmen who have raised \$40,000 or more.

II. BACKGROUND

The promise of this photo opportunity was a tremendous motivational tool for major ticket sellers for the Senate/House dinner, the largest annual fundraising event for the Senatorial and Congressional Committees. Further, it provides the President an opportunity to thank dinner chairman Drew Lewis and his Vice Chairmen for a job well done. All Vice Chairmen doubled their quota of \$20,000 by raising \$40,000 or more. (Note: 10% of the proceeds from this \$2.5 million dinner will go to the James S. Brady Presidential Foundation.)

III. PARTICIPANTS

\$40,000 ticket salesmen

Drew Lewis--Senate/House Dinner--Chairman
Joe Rodgers
Jack McDonald
Bill Timmons
Harley Snyder
Mike Dandy
Carl Lindner
Set Momjian
David Shakarian
Albert Applegath
Ted Welch

Congressman Guy Vander Jagt--Chairman, National Republican Congressional
Committee
Senator Richard Lugar--Chairman, National Republican Senatorial Committee
The Honorable John Roussetot--Senate/House Dinner PAC Chairman; Special
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
Wyatt Stewart--Finance Director, National Republican Congressional
Committee
Bob Perkins--Treasurer, National Republican Senatorial Committee
Joe Gaylord--Executive Director, National Republican Congressional
Committee
Mitch Daniels--Executive Director, National Republican Senatorial Committee

Ed Rollins
Lee Atwater
Bill Lacy

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

--Guests enter Oval Office
--Photographs taken
--President thanks participants for hard work
--Guests depart

Talking points attached

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY TALKING POINTS

- The President may wish to thank attendees for doubling their \$20,000 goals by raising over \$40,000 each.
- The President could thank Dinner Chairman Drew Lewis for his efforts.
- The President might want to emphasize the importance of maintaining control of the Senate and rebuilding a working coalition in the House.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1983

RECEPTION FOR SENATE/HOUSE
DINNER VICE-CHAIRMEN

DATE: May 12, 1983
LOCATION: State Floor
TIME: 5:30 pm

FROM: EDWARD J. ROLLINS

ER/mmd

I. PURPOSE

Reception for Senate/House Dinner Vice-Chairmen who have raised \$20,000, and for \$10,000 table buyers.

II. BACKGROUND

The Senate/House Dinner is a joint fundraising effort between the National Republican Congressional Committee and the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Funds will assist the Committees in helping to elect and re-elect Republicans to the U.S. House and Senate. In addition, ten percent of the Dinner's proceeds will be donated to the James S. Brady Presidential Foundation. (Note: Approximately \$2.5 million will be raised for the two Committees at this event.)

III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 250 individuals are expected at the reception. Included in this group are:

--Senator Richard Lugar
--Congressman Guy Vander Jagt
--The Honorable Drew Lewis--Senate/House Dinner-Chairman
--Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Firestone
--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Willard Marriott
--Mr. Robert Mosbacher
--The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
--Mr. Clement Stone

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See attached list.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
Senate-House Reception
Thursday, May 12, 1983

LOCATION: State Floor

FROM: Gahl Hodges 

4:45 p.m. Guests begin to arrive the Southwest Gate, Diplomatic Reception Room. They are led up the Grand Staircase to the State Dining Room where they may have refreshments.

5:20 p.m. Guests are lined up for the receiving line.

5:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor and proceed to the Blue Room via the Cross Hall and take their places in front of the fireplace for the receiving line.

The receiving line begins, and feeds from the south door of the State Dining Room into the Red Room, through the south door of the Red Room into the Blue Room, past THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN in front of the fireplace, through the north door of the Blue Room into the Cross Hall, and into the State Dining Room for more refreshments.

Following the receiving line, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will proceed from the Blue Room into the Cross Hall and into the State Dining Room for a brief mix and mingle.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN will then depart the State Dining Room via the Cross Hall and will continue to the elevator.

6:15 p.m. Guests begin to depart the Grand Staircase, Diplomatic Reception Room.

(Dolan/AB)

May 11, 1983

3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR SELECTED FUNDRAISERS
FOR SENATE/HOUSE DINNER
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983

Thank you very much. I see many familiar faces here from last year and from years before that. In the past, the special support given by all of you to the Senate/House Dinner has meant a great deal -- and it's going to mean a lot more in the next year and a half. Believe me, next year's election will be a crucial one for the country.

Now I know there's been some speculation about my own plans. And I do wish the Democrats would quit reminding me about how stable Social Security is these days . . . and how low the airfares are to California. In fact, some of them are urging me to retire and become an elder statesman -- but when I ran for President that's what they were accusing me of. Usually I can tell when one of those Democratic Senators is joining the race for President -- when he comes to the Oval Office, he doesn't bring his advisors . . . he brings his decorators.

But you know the decision to run for a second term comes down to this: Do I want to go out to the California coast and watch the waves . . . or stay in Washington and make waves?

Well, together, you and I have made some waves in the past few years. We're getting our country out of the economic mess it was in. Inflation is down, interest rates are down, productivity is up, real wages are up, so is the stock market, auto sales, housing starts . . . the list goes on and on.

Some of the opposition is put off by all of this. I had to chuckle the other day when one Democrat said our Administration couldn't take credit for the early recovery because after all it was just one of those "cyclical" things.

It reminded me of the story about Malcolm Forbes, the famous publisher and balloonist. He was floating over Lake Michigan once, then he landed in a wheat field. He saw a native and said, "Excuse me sir, could you tell me where I am?" "Sure," replied the man, "you're in a basket in a field of wheat."

"You must be the chairman of a transnational corporation," said Malcolm Forbes.

"Amazing," said the man, "how did you know?"

"Your information is totally accurate and absolutely useless."

Well, those cycles didn't just happen. The reason we were bouncing from boom to bust is found in our past policies of tax and tax, spend and spend. This Administration made the first real cut in taxes and in the growth of Federal spending in a very long time. Because we were determined to do something about the drain on the economy by the Federal Government, business and consumer confidence returned and our economic recovery got up a head of steam.

And because this recovery is not based on temporary pump priming by the Federal Government, it should last a good long time. I say "should last" because the tax and spending cuts that created the climate for recovery will probably be very short-lived if our opposition manages to elect next year a

veto-proof House of Representatives and to take back control of the Senate.

So please remember how important this election is. Given the state of the economy in 1982, the Republican party did pretty well last November in States where we made extra efforts and Republicans turned out to vote.

Next year we're going to need plenty of money to get our message on the air in all the States and rev up our precinct organizations and fire up our constituency. We're going to need to remind the voters what things were like a few years ago and the changes we've made. But, even more important, we have to remember that this is one campaign that will be won from the heart. We have to remind Americans of what many of them are already instinctively feeling -- that this great country is on the way back, walking tall again, that our best days are ahead of us not behind us.

Your generosity makes all of this possible. Nancy and I and the leaders of the party are very grateful to you. And we're especially grateful that part of the proceeds from tonight's dinner are being used on behalf of the James Brady Foundation. Jim is a friend and a colleague and a patriot who's given much to his country.

So for Jim and for the Republican Members of the House and Senate, thank you all very much.

G

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1983

SPEECH TO SENATE/HOUSE DINNER

DATE: May 12, 1983
LOCATION: Washington Hilton
TIME: 7:30 pm

FROM: EDWARD J. ROLLINS

ER/mmd

I. PURPOSE

The President will address the Republicans gathered for this dinner, the major fundraising event of the Senate and House campaign committees.

II. BACKGROUND

The Senate/House dinner is easily the largest fundraising event for the Republican Party's two campaign committees--the National Republican Congressional Committee and the National Republican Senatorial Committee--grossing over \$2 million in each of the last two years. The dinner is critical again in 1983 to give the committees a financial boost after an expensive 1982 election cycle, and will be attended by major Republican donors and representatives of political action committees.

The dinner is expected to gross approximately \$2.5 million this year, 10% of which will be donated to the James S. Brady Presidential Foundation. (Tickets are priced at \$1,000 each.)

III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 2,200 persons will attend the dinner including:

- Vice President and Mrs. Bush
- Senator and Mrs. Richard Lugar
- Congressman and Mrs. Guy Vander Jagt
- The Honorable and Mrs. Drew Lewis
- The Honorable and Mrs. John Rousselot
- The Honorable and Mrs. James Brady
- The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
- Mr. Ernie Banks--former Chicago Cubs star
- Other Members of the Cabinet and of Congress

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Please see line item schedule

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983

EVENT: 1983 Republican Senate-House Dinner
WEATHER: Low 60's; Clear
DRESS: BLACK TIE; Ladies' Evening Attire

- 7:20 p.m. With Mrs. Reagan, proceed to Diplomatic Entrance and board motorcade.
- 7:25 p.m. Motorcade departs White House en route Washington Hilton. Drive Time: 10 mins.
- 7:35 p.m. Arrive Hilton and proceed to Cabinet Room.-Closed Press

Met in Cabinet Room by:

The Vice President
Mrs. Bush
Cong. Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman, National
Republican Congressional Committee
Mrs. Carol Vander Jagt
Hon. Drew Lewis, former Secretary of
Transportation and Dinner Chairman
Mrs. Marilyn Lewis
Former Congressman John Rousselot, Special
Assistant to the President
Mrs. Vionne Rousselot

-Ofcl. Photographer

- 7:40 p.m. Greeters depart.
- 7:45 p.m. Depart Cabinet Room en route off-stage announcement area.

NOTE: Vice President and Mrs. Bush are announced and proceed to their head table.

- 7:48 p.m. Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"

Proceed to seat on stage.

- Open Press

05/11/83 3:00 p.m.

- 7:52 p.m. Cong. Vander Jagt makes welcoming remarks.
Invocation by Dr. James D. Ford, Chaplain,
U.S. House of Representatives.
Congressman Vander Jagt introduces Pearl
Bailey.
- 7:58 p.m. National Anthem sung by Pearl Bailey.
- 8:03 p.m. Dinner is served.
- 9:20 p.m. Program begins:
Senator Richard Lugar (R-Indiana) makes
welcoming remarks and introduces honored
guests.
- 9:30 p.m. Cong. Vander Jagt introduces honored
guests and Drew Lewis, Dinner Chairman.
- 9:38 p.m. Drew Lewis makes remarks.
NOTE: Don Rumsfeld, Chairman, Brady
Foundation, will proceed to the stage and
present Drew Lewis with a check for the
Brady Foundation.
- 9:48 p.m. Don Rumsfeld makes remarks and introduces
Ernie Banks.
Ernie Banks makes remarks.
Senator Lugar makes brief remarks and
introduces The Vice President.
- 10:00 p.m. The Vice President makes remarks.
- 10:05 p.m. Walter Cronkite message is played.
Cong. Vander Jagt makes remarks and
makes introduction.
- 10:10 p.m. Make remarks.
- 10:20 p.m. Conclude remarks and, joined by Mrs. Reagan, proceed to
motorcade for boarding.
- 10:25 p.m. Depart Hilton en route White House. - Closed Press
- 10:30 p.m. Arrive White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983

EVENT: 1983 REPUBLICAN SENATE-HOUSE DINNER

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

Remarks

WEATHER

Low 60's

Clear

DRESS

BLACK
TIE

ADVANCE

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TERRY, GREY
ROSENKER, MARK
[REDACTED]
HVOZDOVIC, MIKE
SUTTON, WOODY

STAFF
PRESS
USSS
WHCA
MIL. AIDE

CONTACT

Presidential Advance Office: 202/456-7565
WILLIAM HENKEL
KAREN JONES ROBERTS

05/11/83 3:00 p.m.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

7:15 p.m. Proceed to motorcade and board.

7:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to motorcade and board.

7:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart The White House en route Washington Hilton.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Lead

Spare

L. Speakes

Limo

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Reagan

Follow-up

Control

D. Fischer
Dr. Ruge
Military Aide

Support

Ofcl. Photographer
Medic

Staff I

E. Rollins
M. Weinberg

WHCA

Press Van I

Press Van II

M. Rosenker

Ambulance

Tail

7:35 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Washington Hilton, Exhibit Area entrance and proceed to Cabinet Room.

See Tab A for arrival diagram.

CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

Motorcade will split. Press vehicles will enter Terrace Level and press will be escorted directly into International Ballroom. Those staff manifested through Support only to accompany THE PRESIDENT. All others hold until THE PRESIDENT has cleared the area. Staff will be escorted to staff table in Ballroom.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Cabinet Room.

Met in Cabinet Room by:

The Vice President

Mrs. Bush

Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman,
National Republican Congressional
Committee

Mrs. Carol Vander Jagt

Honorable Drew Lewis, former Secretary of
Transportation and Dinner Chairman, 1983
Republican Senate-House Dinner

Mrs. Marilyn Lewis

Former Congressman John Rousselot, Special
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Vionne Rousselot

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7:40 p.m. Greeters proceed to seats in the International Ballroom.

7:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan and Vice President and Mrs. Bush proceed to separate off-stage announcement areas.

NOTE: Vice President and Mrs. Bush are announced and proceed to their head table.

Refer to Tab A for diagram.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

7:48 p.m. Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to seats on stage at their head table.

See Tabs B and B-1 for head table seating.

7:52 p.m. Congressman Vander Jagt makes welcoming remarks.

Invocation by Dr. James D. Ford, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman Vander Jagt introduces Pearl Bailey.

7:58 p.m. National Anthem sung by Pearl Bailey.

8:03 p.m. Dinner is served.

9:20 p.m. Program begins:

Senator Richard Lugar (R-Indiana) makes welcoming remarks and introduces honored guests.

See Tab C for list.

9:30 p.m. Congressman Vander Jagt introduces honored guests and Drew Lewis, Dinner Chairman.

See Tab C for list.

9:38 p.m. Drew Lewis makes remarks.

NOTE: Don Rumsfeld, Chairman, Brady Foundation, will proceed to the stage and present Drew Lewis with a check for the Brady Foundation.

9:48 p.m. Don Rumsfeld makes remarks and introduces Ernie Banks.

Ernie Banks makes remarks.

Senator Lugar makes brief remarks and introduces The Vice President.

10:00 p.m. The Vice President makes remarks.

10:05 p.m. Walter Cronkite message is played.

Congressman Vander Jagt makes remarks and introduces THE PRESIDENT.

10:10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT makes remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

10:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and, joined by Mrs. Reagan, proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

Refer to Tab A for diagram.

CLOSED PRESS COVERAGE

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

10:20 p.m. Proceed to motorcade immediately and board.

10:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart Washington Hilton en route The White House.

Drive Time: 5 mins.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

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HEADTABLES SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Front Headtable

MARILYN LEWIS	PRES. REAGAN	CAROL VANDER JAGT	X	GUY VANDER JAGT	MRS. REAGAN	DREW LEWIS
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BALLROOM

Back Headtable

VIONNE ROUSSELOT	VICE PRES. BUSH	CHAR LUGAR	X	DICK LUGAR	MRS. BUSH	JOHN ROUSSELOT
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HONORED GUESTS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR LUGAR

Majority Leader Howard Baker (R-TN)
 The Republican Members of the Senate as a whole
 Edwin Meese III
 James A. Baker III
 Balance of The President's and The Vice President's
 staff as a whole
 Senator Paul Laxalt (R-Nev), General Chairman, RNC
 Frank Fahrenkopf, Chairman, RNC
 Betty Heitman, Co-Chairman, RNC
 Governor John Sununu (R-New Hampshire)
 Governor Peter Coleman (American Samoa)

HONORED GUESTS INTRODUCED BY CONG. VANDER JAGT

Minority Leader Bob Michel (R-IL)
 The Republican Members of the House as a whole
 Secretary Samuel Pierce
 Chairman Martin Feldstein
 William P. Clark
 Administrator-designate William Ruckelshaus
 Secretary Malcolm Baldrige
 Director Loret Ruppe
 Secretary Donald Hodel
 Director William Casey
 Secretary Ray Donovan
 Secretary Jim Watt
 Secretary John Marsh
 Secretary Margaret Heckler
 Chairman Mark Fowler
 Administrator Gerald Carmen
 Chairman James C. Miller
 Administrator James D. Sanders
 Administrator Harry N. Walters
 Secretary John Lehman

(Elliott/AB)
May 11, 1983
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SENATE/HOUSE REPUBLICAN DINNER
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983

Well, thank you Guy Vander Jagt. Nancy and I are honored to be here with you distinguished ladies and gentlemen this evening. Please forgive me, but as I was waiting here, listening to the great Ernie Banks, I felt a little like that fellow who bats last for the Chicago Cubs.

That's all right. I'm a life-long Cubs fan. If I can wait all these years for them to win the pennant, you better believe I can wait a few minutes to pay tribute to each of you -- and to my dear friend Jim Brady.

The more things change the more they seem to stay the same. Every time I see Jim, the Cubs have lost another game and that's bad news. But every time I see Jim, he's looking better and better and that's the best news we could have.

May I just say something you've made me feel at this dinner: Anyone who believes the Republican Party has reached its peak is making a big mistake. If you maintain the support, enthusiasm and commitment you've shown this evening, then this Grand Old Party can reach the farthest stars and score a tremendous victory on election night in November, 1984.

It happens to be a fact that we don't just have good people on our side, we have the best people. We have a man who, only one week after leaving his Government post to accept a top job in private industry, didn't hesitate a second when asked to organize this dinner -- and you know I'm talking about Drew Lewis and what a great job he always does.

Can anyone here imagine two more dedicated, talented and determined leaders for our Congressional and Senatorial Committees than Guy Vander Jagt and Dick Lugar?

And let me repeat what I could never say often enough. When I needed someone of unquestionable leadership, loyalty and skill, there is only one person I could -- or would choose again -- and that's my partner and your Vice President, George Bush.

I believe we have an important message. With the support of the people, we came to the rescue of a Nation whose house was on fire; we put out the flames, and brick by brick, we are rebuilding a foundation of strength, safety and security for America. Oh yes, we've made our share of mistakes, and yes, we still have many problems to solve. But we had the courage to take action when those before us had refused -- again, and again and again.

Teddy Roosevelt said, "Far better it is to dare mighty things . . . even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Our opponents oppose our budget savings, they oppose our tax cuts and they complain that all their special interests have been treated unfairly. Well let them deny and oppose and complain, because we can remind the people: Those who saddled this Nation with double-digit inflation, 21½ percent interest rates -- the highest in more than 100 years -- and the worst tax burden in our peacetime history -- are the last people who should be giving sermons about fairness and compassion.

If inflation had continued at the 12.4 percent rate of their last year in office, a family of four on a fixed income of \$20,000 would be \$1,700 poorer in purchasing power today. If their tax increases had stayed on the books, and our tax cuts had not been passed, a median income family of four would be paying \$700 more in Federal income taxes this year. That doesn't sound like fairness to me -- and it sure isn't compassion.

I said we still have a long way to go. But take a look at how far we've come in this short time by sticking together. Inflation has been cut by two-thirds; the prime rate has been cut in half. Personal tax rates have been cut for the first time in almost 2 decades; estate taxes on family farms and businesses have been cut sharply. Real wages are improving for the first time since 1978; the rate of personal saving and productivity have reversed their declines; venture capital investments have reached record levels. The stock market has awakened from a decade of disappointment and surged into new record ground; sunrise industries are springing up like jack rabbits; production in autos, housing and steel is gaining strength, and more workers are being called back each month.

Isn't it time for Republicans to stand shoulder to shoulder and tell our critics: "If you won't work with us, if you can't cooperate and help to keep America moving forward, then please, stand aside and get out of the way."

You know, I get kidded about this, but I keep wondering: Now that our program is doing what we said it would, how come they don't call it Reaganomics anymore? I never liked that name. In my mind it has always been the people's program. The

Democrats called it that when they pronounced it a failure -- the morning after it was passed.

Let there be no confusion on one point: I will veto any attempt to tamper with or take away the third year of the people's tax cut. And I will veto any attempt to tamper with or take away the indexing provision that follows. Indexing is an historic reform; indexing isn't designed to help the rich; it protects low- and middle-income families from being pushed by inflation into higher and higher tax brackets. Indexing is the very essence of fairness and compassion.

So we have a right to ask the Democrats, and we should ask them: Why are you falling all over each other to push working families and small businesspeople into tax brackets once reserved for millionaires?

This is Small Business Week, and we should remember that small business is on the cutting edge of innovation and job creation in America. Of the 2.7 million new jobs added in 1980 and 1981, some 60 percent were in firms of less than 500 employees. Eighty-five percent of all U.S. firms pay their taxes by personal rates, not by the corporate rates.

So let us spell out what this means in terms of jobs. The Democratic plan to eliminate the third year of the tax cut, and the indexing provision, amounts to an enormous tax increase on the most important employers of America -- the small business community.

The Democratic tax increases are not a jobs creation program. Their tax increases are a jobs elimination program and America doesn't need any more progress like that.

Increasingly, we see evidence that the ideas and vision we brought to Washington are shared by the great majority of our citizens. During the years when Federal spending on education grew and grew, and the Government elbowed aside the traditional role of parents, we saw S.A.T. scores steadily decline. We said the answer was not, "Washington knows best," but a return to the basics, more competition, more emphasis on high standards, quality instruction, student discipline, and a restoration of parental involvement and local control. Now, after 18 months of preparation, a blue-ribbon Commission on Excellence in Education has issued a report that reflects this view.

Let me interject here to say there is one area where the Federal Government has clearly neglected its responsibility -- and that's national defense. The debate on defense is about more than dollars and deficits, and rooting out waste -- as important as they are. The central issue is about protecting human lives, and preserving freedom and democracy -- because they are the source of all our other blessings. I believe what occurred in the last decade -- when the Soviets raced ahead militarily and we stood still -- was dreadfully wrong. I believe it is not just immoral, but unforgivable to ask the sons and daughters of America to protect this country with aging equipment and bargain basement weapons.

We can only keep our families safe, and our country at peace, when the enemies of democracy know that America has the courage to stay strong -- and I'm determined they will know that. People like Ted Kennedy criticize our Administration for being too concerned with preparing for war. But what George Washington

warned in 1790 holds true today: Being prepared for war is one of the best ways of preserving the peace -- and peace through strength is our policy.

Eighteen senior officials from three previous administrations, and leading Republicans and Democrats across the country, have joined our call to build and deploy the M-X Peacekeeper and the small, single-warhead missiles -- but not so we can fight a war. They want to build and deploy those missiles so America can secure legitimate arms reductions and preserve the peace.

During the past decade, the U.S.S.R. improved, developed and deployed more than a dozen new strategic systems, while the United States did nothing. The Soviets will have no incentive to negotiate arms reductions if we are unwilling to defend ourselves. For the sake of America, and all we hold dear, I am asking all responsible Democrats and Republicans to join together now to approve the Scowcroft Commission's recommendations for the Peacekeeper, the small, single-warhead missile and arms reductions policies.

We are doing everything we can to ensure the United States will be safer, stronger and more secure today, both economically and militarily, than before. Let us remain united and true to our vision of progress -- a vision that begins with your families, churches, schools and neighborhoods. We do not ask the people to trust us -- we say, "trust yourselves, trust your values, and working together, we will make America great again."

Some of our opponents are only comfortable trusting government. Their solutions would bring us back full circle to

the source of our economic problems, with the government deciding that it knows better than you what should be done with your earnings, and how you should live your life. Our road is bold and filled with hope and opportunity. Their road is timid and relies on fear and envy.

So we have a great message for the people. And with the all-out support I know you'll continue to give, we'll get that message across, and we Republicans will celebrate a magnificent victory in 1984.

Thank you very much and God bless you all.