

aggression. We lifted the spirits of America. We honored the Vietnam veterans as well as the veterans of Desert Storm.

There was a very interesting announcement out of Baghdad, of all places, the other day, that Saddam Hussein's government is planning a party—they said 500,000 people—if Governor Clinton wins. Well, Saddam, put it on hold, old fellow, because we are going to make you live up to every resolution passed by the United Nations. We're going to make you lighten up on the people of Iraq.

I ask this at the end. We've helped the world become more peaceful by busting up international communism. But let me tell you this: The world is still a dangerous place. I don't want to cut into the muscle of our defense. I feel a responsibility to young people to keep this country strong. We've reduced defense, but we can't do what Clinton and Gore want, cut right into the muscle of the defense. I'm not going to do that. The reason we're not is because it still is a dangerous place, this world of ours. It's still a dangerous place. I believe that we need a Commander in Chief that the people trust, who has had the experi-

ence and hopefully has demonstrated the character to lead this country in peace and to lead it in war.

And so tomorrow—

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The President. So tomorrow when you go into that polling booth, pollsters be darned, everything else aside, I ask for your support. I ask for your trust to lead this great country for 4 more years.

Thank you, and may God bless the greatest country on the face of the Earth. May God bless the United States of America.

Don't listen to these guys that say we're in decline. We are the United States. God bless you all. Thank you very much. Great rally. Now go to the polls, Ohio.

Note: The President spoke at 1:52 p.m. at Akron-Canton Regional Airport. In his remarks, he referred to Alex Arshinkoff, Summit County Republican chairman.

Remarks on Arrival in Louisville, Kentucky

November 2, 1992

The President. Thank you very much. Thank you so very much. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Audience members. Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!

The President. Thank you very much. Let me just start by thanking first all of you for this great Kentucky welcome and a great Kentucky sendoff into the final hours of the campaign. Tomorrow, let's do the country a favor and give the country back to the people by sending some new Representatives to the United States Congress. Let's send Dave Williams to the Senate. And you know, you hear a lot about the able women candidates, strong, powerful women. We have one right here in Susan Stokes. I want to see her win. Get her in there. Get her

up there. You talk about cleaning House, we can start right here, I'll tell you. May I thank Mitch McConnell, who has been at my side through thick and thin. We climbed off the plane, and he said, we are going to win Kentucky. What a great Senator you have.

You know, the last couple of days, I don't know whether you saw it here, but Governor Clinton's been talking about his inaugural parade and playing sax—wait a—

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. —playing his saxophone in the White House. Well, I told him, hold on, Bill, not so fast. Don't believe the pollsters; believe the American people. We are going to win the election.

No, that's the way it works. You go to the

polls, and the people make these decisions. They don't have to have a filter. They don't have to have one of those instant analysts coming across, those people that tell us from Washington every Sunday what's wrong with our country. Let's go and vote for what's right, the reelection of George Bush and more prosperity for this country.

Hey, listen, if we'd do it the way the media wants you, they wouldn't even have—if they were running the races here, they'd just say who the favorite is and let it go. That's not the way it works at Churchill Downs, and that ain't the way it works for American politics, either.

Here's what it's about. The choice before the American people is the vast difference in experience, a vast difference in philosophy, and yes, a vast difference in character. Character matters. The big question the American people ask tomorrow is: Who do we trust? Who do we trust with our kids? Who do we trust with our country?

Governor Clinton talks about change, change, change. That's all we hear about—uses the word about 50 times every minute with gusts up to 250. [Laughter] But let's look at what he offers. Change: \$150 billion in new taxes before he can get started.

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. And \$220 billion in new spending before he even gets started.

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. Bigger Government: He talks about Government investing. Government doesn't invest. It's small business that invests and creates jobs in this country.

Clinton and the Ozone Man don't like to hear this, but—[applause]—hey, wait a minute. Wait a minute. That's fair. "Ozone Man" is fair. How about trying a carbon tax on the coal industry here—what he wants to do. We're not going to let him do that.

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. This Ozone Man and Governor Clinton want to put fuel efficiency standards on the auto business of 40 to 45 miles per gallon and throw a lot of auto workers out of work. And we're not going to let them do that.

Audience members. No-o-o!

The President. These guys are my favorites, I'll tell you. These Oak Ridge Boys

are just great. And I want to tell you something, I wish you could have been with us on the plane, every single one of you—might have been a little over baggage there. But nevertheless, I wish you could have heard these guys singing those beautiful gospel songs. It made us—not a dry eye in the house. These are my friends, and I am grateful to all four of them.

Back to the business at hand. The last time we tried the kind of change that Clinton and the Ozone Man are talking about, we had change—exactly. We had interests rates at 21 percent. We had inflation at 15 percent. We had a "misery index" of 20. Now it's 10. We cannot go back in the name of change to those failed policies of the past.

We're going to win not just on character and trust. We're going to win on a positive agenda. We have the best program for rebuilding our schools, putting the faith in the teacher, putting the faith in the family to have a choice. Give the parents the right to choose public, private, or religious schools, and all schools will be better.

We've got the best plan for reforming health care: Make insurance available to the poorest of the poor through vouchers; next income bracket, give them a break through taxes; pool insurance so you get the price down. But do not do what Governor Clinton wants and get the Government in the rationing business. Keep the quality of health care up.

At every turn, every turn, Governor Clinton talks about expanding Government. I want to expand the American dream. There is a difference.

Now let's just talk about character and trust. And let me tell you what this election is about. Here's a quote by Horace Greeley. He said, "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wing; only character endures." And that is true. That is very true.

In the debate, Governor Clinton said it's not the character of the President, it is "the character of the Presidency." Wrong. They're both interlocked. What happens in that White House shapes the character of the Presidency, and make no mistake about it.

We have tried very, very hard to uphold

the trust. Frankly, in Barbara Bush I think we have a first-class First Lady that has held America in her arms and cares about people. She cares. And when she reads to those children in the Diplomatic Entrance of the White House or holds an AIDS baby in her arms, she's saying two things: We should care about each other, and she's saying family matters, family values matter.

So what it boils down to is we simply cannot take a risk on a man who keeps changing his position every single day in order to get votes. You can't do it. You know, Kentucky, Fort Campbell and many other places, rallied around when we faced a very critical moment in our history, on the Persian Gulf. I had to make a tough decision, look the American people in the eye, and say here's what we're going to do. And we did it with the help of the American people. But I would remind you what Governor Clinton said at the time. He said, "I agreed with the arguments the minority made, but I guess I would have voted with the majority." You cannot do that as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces.

Hey, the good one happened the other day. Maybe you didn't see it in the press; I did. Don't read it too much anymore, but I saw this one—[laughter]—this one said that Saddam Hussein's government plans a party of 500,000 people when George Bush loses. Saddam, put it on hold, old friend. We're going to come after you until you lighten up on the people of Iraq. We are going to make you live by the United Nations resolutions. He's not going to get rid of us. We're going to keep to it until he does what's right by his people. Frankly, I couldn't care less whether he's unhappy if I win. That doesn't bother me one single bit.

So here's what it is. Just picture this: We've dramatically changed the world, dramatically. All these kids here go to bed at night without the same fear of nuclear war than they had 4 years ago. Now, that's change. You talk about change, that's change.

But we're not out of it yet. Governor Clinton and the Ozone want to cut defense by \$50 billion more. They are still some wolves out there. We have cut defense. We have cut it, but we must not cut the muscle

of our defense.

Just imagine if there's a crisis; imagine if we have to face an unforeseen crisis. The question then is this: What American leader will you trust in that kind of a crisis? I do not believe we should put our trust in a man who is all side of every issue. You can't do that in the Oval Office. You have to make the tough decision.

I remember well that very cold and rainy February just before our young men and women from Kentucky and the other States were sent into battle. Barbara and I were at the Camp David chapel. And yes, we prayed, prayed hard to do the right thing. We prayed that these young people would come back. And boy, did they ever do this country proud. They did us proud, and don't let them take it away from us.

But my point is, this is an awesome responsibility, to ask someone else's son or someone else's daughter to put their lives at stake. It's a responsibility that I have tried to fulfill with honor, duty, and above all, integrity. We must serve this country with integrity.

So tomorrow, as we end the long campaign trail in what's got to be one of the most controversial years, certainly probably the most unpleasant year of my life, which is totally unimportant, but I think others know it's been a rather ugly year with this national media just writing us off from day one.

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. Let me tell you something. We're going to show them they're wrong.

So tomorrow is the day of responsibility. I ask you not to take this responsibility lightly. You see, democracy was conceived from liberty, nurtured by freedom, and protected by the blood of those who came before. When you walk alone into that booth tomorrow, you will not spend more than a couple of minutes, but your single voice will echo down the corridor of time. With your vote, you will shape and help shape the entire future of this, the most blessed special nation that the world has ever known and that God has ever created.

Never forget, I don't care what they say, never forget that we are one Nation under God, and we ought to be grateful for that.

So what we do will cast its shadow for-

ward into history. Your vote—look at it this way—it’s an act of power, a statement of principle, and a harbinger of possibility. So like all the candidates, I ask only that you think deeply about our Nation and its needs, because tomorrow the polls don’t matter. The pundits don’t count on election day. Only conscience should be your guide. And never, never let anyone tell you that the United States is a nation in decline. We’ve got problems, but together we can

solve them and lift America up.

May God bless you, and may God bless our great country. Thank you so much. Let’s go win it. Go to the polls. Go to the polls and win. Thank you very much. Thank you, Kentucky. Thank you.

Note: The President spoke at 4:33 p.m. in the Signature Flight Support Hangar at Standiford Field.

Remarks at a Rally in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

November 2, 1992

The President. Thank you very much. What a great Louisiana welcome. Unbelievable. Thank you very much. Thank you so very much for this welcome back. And may I at the outset of these remarks say thank you, Louisiana, and thank you, Cheryl Ladd, an old friend, for introducing me here today.

And I want to salute Congressman Richard Baker, Congressman Holloway, Congressman Livingston, all three great guys; former Congressman and your former Governor Dave Treen, who’s at my side through thick and thin; another great Louisianian, Henson Moore, who is so important to us in the White House and been working his heart out here; and Fox McKeithen and Chuck McMains and Carl Crane and so many others that are helping us in every single way, but especially all of you here tonight to put us over the top in the State of Louisiana.

I’ll tell you, something is happening across this country. Something is happening across this country. And we are going to annoy the media and reelect George Bush. They don’t like it; they don’t understand it. Something is happening in our great country. Come Monday, we feel things moving. But come Wednesday, there’s going to be no joy in Little Rock, believe me. We’re going to win this election. And the pollsters, the pollsters are going to be unemployed, and the rest of the country is going to move forward to jobs and opportunity. [Applause] No, you guys are too

much.

But here’s what it’s about. Here’s what it is about. There is the choice, is a big difference on experience, on philosophy, and yes, on character. Character matters for President of the United States of America. And yes, the issue is, tomorrow when you go into that booth, the question of trust. Who do you trust with your kids? Who do you trust with your country? Who do you trust to lead the free world?

Governor Clinton says he’s the candidate of change. But let’s look at what he offers: \$150 billion of new taxes to start with—

Audience members. Boo-o-o!

The President. —\$220 billion in new spending. That is trickle-down Government. And we do not need to go back to the failed days when you had a Democrat in the White House and Democrats running, the liberals running the Congress. Governor Clinton’s numbers don’t add up. He says, “Oh, I’m going to sock it to the rich.” All you guys driving a cab, being a nurse, teaching school, watch out: He’s coming after you. And we’re not going to let him do that to the United States of America.

And I would remind the entire country from this fired-up rally right here in Baton Rouge—the one I’m told is the biggest they’ve ever had here—what it was like when we had another guy sounding just like this in the White House, like Governor Clinton. We had interest rates at 21 percent. We had inflation at 15. We had a