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Gentlemen;

Attached you will find this average Americans ideas on how to solve our budget problems. We will never be able to balance our budget as long as it is skewd to special interests.

We must make changes in the Tax Code to make it fair.

We must limit our spending to necessities, not wants and wishes.

The Democrats should be satisfied by increased taxes on the wealthy and cuts in the Defense Budget.

The Republicans should be satisfied with real cuts in programs and the elimination of additional taxes on the average American.

The Business Sector contributes by the elimination of some of their deductions.

I think that Congress should stop the bickering and get down to serious business. Enough is enough.

[REDACTED]
Sarasota, Florida
October 5, 1990

The Honorable Porter Goss
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Goss;

Attached you will find a copy of a letter that I wrote to President Bush with regards to the Budget Summit Agreement. I called your office, Senator Mack's office and Senator Graham's office to express my disapproval of said agreement. I believe that you all are seriously out of touch with your constituents. You are too wealthy. You have no idea on what it is like to try and survive on \$10,000. a year when every time you turn around some Government entity has their hand out for more. Where is it all going to end? When are you all going to put some fairness in the tax code? Example i.e. The "Tax Expenditures" for mortgage interest deductions are over \$350 Billion a year. How many poor people do you know that can afford to buy a home (never mind a second home). The average family cannot qualify for a starter home - it takes two incomes to qualify - then you have to address the problem of child care while "Mommy" works. It is a vicious circle that will never end as long as the wealthy and special interest groups don't pay their fair share. I believe that my suggestions are fair and equitable with my limited knowledge of the Budget. As I told President Bush I am sure that I could find many other programs that could be, and should be cut in the name of fairness. I just hope that Congress will come to it's senses and do what is right for the good of the Country and stop catering to special interests.

Sincerely yours,

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Sarasota, Florida
October 4, 1990

President George Herbert Walker Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Bush;

Regretfully I must inform you of my deep disapproval of the Budget Agreement Package. You have let us down by breaking your "No New Taxes" pledge. The following is a list of some of the things that I feel must occur before I could support additional taxes on the average American.

- Congress:
- Cancel pay raise until Budget is balanced.
 - Cut franking privileges by 50%.
 - Cut all other Congressional Expenses by 10%.
- Farmers:
- Reduce all Farm Subsidy Programs, i.e. Dairy/Tobacco/Peanuts/Sugar/Soy Beans etc 25% each year for 4 years to \$ -0- by 1995.
 - Stop paying farmers for not planting crops.
- Defense:
- Eliminate all allowances for cost over-runs on contracts.
 - Reduce budget 10% in 1991 in addition to (*) savings below.
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 - *Reduce number of Servicemen stationed in Japan & Germany by 25% each year for the next four years.
- Eliminate
- Mortgage interest deduction for 2nd homes.
 - Cap mortgage interest deductions allowed to average price home. (currently \$120,200.00)
 - funding for N.E.A., Rural Electrification and all other such equally unnecessary programs.

- Business deductions for
 - Sporting Event Expenses.
 - Promotional Expenses.
 - Entertainment Expenses.

- Eliminate so called "Bubble" and use income to help pay for the Savings and Loan bailout.
- Cap deposit insurance at \$100,000. per family..... Deposits over \$100,000. would have to buy additional coverage in the private sector.
- Extend Medicare portion of Social Security tax to ALL earned income - NO CAP.
- Add 2% Luxury Tax as follows:

Furs	-	100%
Jewelry	-	100%
Perfume	-	100%
Electronics	-	100%
Boats	-	100%
Airplanes	-	100%

Sincerely yours,

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COLA DISTRIBUTIONS

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Would it be possible for you to have a call-in program on this subject. I think that this is tantamount to what is wrong with government.

Present Cola Policy:

<u>Base</u>	<u>+ 5% Cola</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Thanks</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>+ or -</u>
\$ 350.	17.50	\$		\$ 381.25	+ 13.75
400.	20.00			431.25	+ 11.25
450.	22.50			481.25	+ 8.75
500.	25.00			531.25	+ 6.25
550.	27.50	577.50	550.	581.25	+ 3.75
600.	30.00	630.00	600.	631.25	+ 1.25
650.	32.50	682.50	650.	681.25	- 1.25
700.	35.00	735.00	700.	731.25	- 3.75
750.	37.50	787.50	750.	781.25	- 6.25
800.	40.00	840.00	800.	831.25	- 8.75
850.	42.50	892.50	850.	881.25	- 11.25
900.	45.00	945.00	900.	931.25	- 13.75
\$ 7500.	375.00	\$ 7875.00	\$ 7500.	\$ 7875.00	- -0-

Please explain to me why the person on the high end of the scale should receive \$27.50 more a month than the person on the low end of the scale when -

The cost of a loaf of bread or quart of milk is the same for both.

The cost of utilities - gas, electric & telephone are the same for both.

The cost of Medicare, deductables & prescriptions are the same for both.

In the name of fairness we must change the way we distribute Cola's. This is a perfect example of how the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

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Our current method of Cola distributions is unfair. If we were to change the policy as suggested perhaps eventually those on the lower end of the scale might be able to climb above the poverty level instead of going deeper in the hole. Our present policy cries out for change.

Present Cola Policy:

<u>Base</u>	<u>+ 5% Cola</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
\$ 350.	17.50	\$ 367.50
400.	20.00	420.00
450.	22.50	472.50
500.	25.00	525.00
550.	27.50	577.50
600.	30.00	630.00
650.	32.50	682.50
700.	35.00	735.00
750.	37.50	787.50
800.	40.00	840.00
850.	42.50	892.50
<u>900.</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>945.00</u>
\$ 7500.	375.00	\$ 7875.00

Fair Cola Policy:

<u>Base</u>	<u>5% Equal Dist.</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>+ or -</u>
\$ 350.	31.25	\$ 381.25	+ 13.75
400.	31.25	431.25	+ 11.25
450.	31.25	481.25	+ 8.75
500.	31.25	531.25	+ 6.25
550.	31.25	581.25	+ 3.75
600.	31.25	631.25	+ 1.25
650.	31.25	681.25	- 1.25
700.	31.25	731.25	- 3.75
750.	31.25	781.25	- 6.25
800.	31.25	831.25	- 8.75
850.	31.25	881.25	- 11.25
<u>900.</u>	<u>31.25</u>	<u>931.25</u>	- <u>13.75</u>
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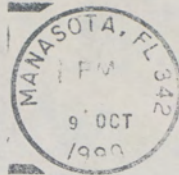
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