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Enjoy, + regards.

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May 3, 1993

Dear Citizen,

Most of the material in "Message To Congress" is concerned with the issue of abortion, but it and the other papers in this booklet touch on and are related to many more fundamental concepts that are at the heart of the populist stirrings so evident in our nation.

I find it helpful to put labels on topics. So, with the aid of a few such labels, let me summarize some of these fundamental concepts:

1. The Law. There is no national need of greater urgency than to reinstate the Law as the powerful and beneficial force that it can and should be.

   If I am right about the law regarding abortion - and I'm very certain that I am right - then this restoration can and should begin at the top by resolving the issue according to the recommendation in the paper.

3. Funny Money. It is tempting to say that Washington just doesn't get it, but that would be a lie. The Senate Republicans get it. The National Tax Foundation, National Taxpayers Union and other interest groups get it. Washington players such as Ross Perot get it.

   And what is it that they get? That what the people have been saying for a long time is: "Congress, stop spending money we don't have! Please, for our sake and that of our children and our nation and the world that looks to us for leadership, stop this deficit financing, this spending in great excess over our revenues."

   And what is the first thing the Administration with the mottoes "It's the economy, stupid." and "We will focus like a laser beam on the economy" does for the economy? It recommends spending $16 billion and all of the attendant carrying charges without a penny of offsetting revenues or cuts.

   As it has been presented, the logic that undergirds this proposal is that the path we have been on is the wrong

one and, therefore, any new path we take is bound to be better. That is, in essence, what the President said in a speech on the date of this writing, April 27.

3. The Eclectic Answer. I am not so presumptuous, unrealistic or egomaniacal as to believe that the recommended Seven Bills are the answer to the needs of our nation. They are part of the answer, with all of the other parts furnished from a variety of sources.

   The challenge is to assemble the complete package from the best parts, regardless of whether the source of any one part is Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, Inner Priest or plain citizen.

4. The HST Standard. Harry Truman vaulted into national prominence with a single great idea: The Senate Special Committee to provide oversight on wartime expenditures ("Truman" by David McCullough, Pages 256-261).

   From that point, he established himself as a great President for a variety of reasons, most of which relate to his personal qualities. For one, he implemented a succession of great ideas and was never concerned with where the idea originated nor with who would be given the credit for it. It was the Marshall Plan, not the Truman Plan.

   For another, as Sam Rosenman said in comparing him to FDR, Truman "paid much less attention to what his actions were doing towards his chances for reelection..." (McCullough, Page 476). He was also a compulsive truth-teller.

   If Waco had happened on his watch, can you picture Harry Truman saying "I was aware of it. But the Attorney General made the decision... The decisions were entirely theirs"? Or allowing his Attorney General to say words to the effect of "I can't say I would do anything differently, but...we can learn lessons for the future"?

   I'm quite certain that in that final fifteen-minute telephone conversation, Harry Truman would have said to his Attorney General: "That plan will not do. We cannot put at risk the lives of those innocent children by ratcheting up the pressure on a leader whose stability is questionable. I want you to draw up a new plan from the

other end of the spectrum of violence. While doing whatever we must in order to comply with the law, let's cut back our resources and attention to the absolute minumum level and see what that plan looks like. Do you understand?"

(Such an order would not only have saved close to a hundred lives but would also have saved us from apologia such as that of Tom Brokaw proclaiming, upon the receipt of the report on April 26 that the cult members had set the fire, words to the effect of "With Waco largely behind him, the President..." before Congress has had its say and hearings. And from the startling prejudgement by Chairman Brooks of the House Judiciary Committee at the opening on April 28 of what is supposedly an open-minded hearing, with words to the effect of: "...the verdict on Koresh can already be found in the polls." This is just part of the insanity of running a government based on polls. A headline such as "Poll: 93% Blame Koresh" is absolutely meaningless and irrelevant. Taken immediately after the incident, it reflects primarily the support most citizens give to established authority - as do all such pieces of fluff that the entrenched power brokers love so much.)

5. A Thousand Saints. If we were to send 535 saints to Congress and 465 saints to the highest positions in the Executive Branch, nothing would change - not with the present system.

Assuming that each of these saints was also brilliant, honest and dedicated, nothing will change unti the Federal Income Tax and Campaign Funding laws are changed along the general or specific lines recommended in these papers. Changes such as the Ten Percent Solution are as inevitable as the tide - as a replacement for the present system, not as an add-on.

One of the building blocks that I recommend to anyone is that he or she learn to forgive and forget, to move on and live only for the future. The American people are not anywhere as concerned about what any President or member of Congres has done so far in his or her term as they are about what happens in the remainder of that term. The depth of their feelings on matters such as additional taxation and deficit financing will be a great shock to anyone who underestimates that depth. They don't want a Democratic answer. They don't want a Republican answer. They want an answer.

As to my comments regarding Mario Cuomo, I want to make the following points as clearly as I can: I have had no personal contact with him in thirty-nine years except to say hello and shake his hand as he exited the 92nd Street Y in New York City after giving a talk. That was in the fall of 1991. I have sent him my writings of the past three-and-a-half years. Three years ago he sent me a nice note of acknowledgment.

Mario has had absolutely nothing to do with a single word I've written in the last thirty-nine years, and should not be held responsible, accountable or to blame - nor punished - for anything I've written, said or done. We are completely independent agents.

Yours truly,

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June 1, 1993

Dear Citizen,

As I start this new cover letter for "Message to Congress", I have just returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., a trip that began on May 4 and ended on May 22.

There were many interesting developments in that time. For one, Bill Clinton is history. The only questions that remain are how many Senators and Congressmen he will take down with him in 1994 and 1996, and whether he will use the remaining three-and-a-half years of his term for the good of the people or for more of the same, i.e., disorderly policy-wonkism run amok in the name of Big Brother Bill. The answer to the former question will be furnished by the answer to the latter one.

There is, for starters, the $200 haircut. People, real people, may not know why it cost taxpayers $15,000 in aviation fuel and the like to have Air Force One idle for forty-five minutes while Christophe of Beverly Hills performed his wonders, nor why they should pay $1.4 million for this West Coast trip and Presidential Town Meeting, but they do understand a $200 haircut. For example: After buying a Profolio from Lynne Matthews of Jacobs Gardner, at the corner of 17th and L Streets in Washington, at 9:42 a.m. on May 6, I asked a gentleman if he knew of a barbershop in the area. He pointed out a Salon on the next block. I walked there, entered, and asked, "How much is a haircut?". When told "$45", I broke out in laughter, said "I'm sorry to laugh that way, but that is ridiculous.", and started to walk out. The guy behind the counter, who appeared to be immune to any help from the practitioners in his shop, said "And so are you.". Thanks to a discipline enforced over the last fifteen years to ignore all such potential provocations, I just kept going, with another man there seeming to smile in agreement with my sentiments on the matter. (This morning, May 23, I heard many comments of outright derision made at Hardee's on the subject, without my ever adding a bit to what was already a full plate.)

In addition to Hairgate, however, there are countless reasons of substance that explain why Bill Clinton is history. Before delving into a few of them, let's look back into history and prepare the ground properly.

If the Pentagon Papers and the interpreters thereof portray the situation accurately, on the day that Lyndon

Johnson went to Congress to ask that it pass the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, he had already been informed that the reliability of the early data that prompted his actions was questionable.

Assuming, just for the sake of argument, that this is true, what should we call it? Can it be anything other than treason? If the crime of treason must, as a matter of law, involve selling or giving something to a foreign country, then let's admit that we are using the team in a broad, generic sense - a treasonous act in which a person sells out his country for the sake of personal or political gain - and not in the technical, legal sense.

Assuming that this had become public in early 1968, what should have been the penalty for this act of duplicity that ultimately cost over 59,000 American lives? If he had been tried and found guilty of this crime, what price should LBJ have paid for it?

I believe that he should have been marched before a firing squad in front of the Washington Monument and shot to death, and that if we were to have set such an example there would be fewer mass murderers such as those that followed in Cambodia and Serbia and Africa.

And how does this look back into recent history relate to 1993? In these ways;

1. It is treasonous for a President and Congress to ramrod an ill-conceived, ineffectual, patchwork-quilt Economics Plan that is a boon only to the lawyers, lobbyists, legislators and bureaucrats whose infinite wisdom will be required to interpret its complexities - especially when they are aware of a much simpler, better and more effective plan.

2. It is treasonous for any public official to put his party or his wannabe ambitions to be President (a disease that afflicts only about 536 people in Washington, give or take a few dozen) ahead of the national interests. Anyone who puts his party ahead of his nation is not deserving of being a dogcatcher, let alone a President, Senator or Congressman.

3. It is treasonous for a President to deny to a nation the services of a uniquely-qualified Governor Mario Cuomo as a Supreme Court Justice because that President has a petty temper tantrum over things that I've written that are critical of

> Big Brother Bill. Uniquely qualified? Legal scholar, with a legal IQ at the outer borders of genius; a law professor; a three-time Governor of one of the largest states in the nation; a pleader of the causes of the least of these; and, above all else and of special need at this time, an advocate who can attack the very foundations of conventional wisdom with the same dedication, thoroughness and effectiveness of a General George Patton attacking an enemy force.

Yes, we can find a sitting judge of great legal distinction, or even a very special symbol of some very special minority group, but we will not find anyone with Mario's unique combination of abilities, talents, experiences, judicial temperament, humanity, vision and potential.

I, and the overwhelming majority of Americans, have no objections to putting before a firing squad any public official, President or whoever, who is guilty of such treasonous acts - after a fair trial, of course. But this drastic step will not be necessary.

Although I am not one of the guys in navy blue suits with rep ties and bulging wallets of PAC money who roam the corridors of Congress, but am a plain citizen, I will eventually get a hearing. Perhaps it will be in the fall of 1994, after all the damage has been done and just before the elections, so that the people will have no choice except to reject most of the thirty-three incumbent Senators and 435 incumbent members of the House who will be up for re-election. It will be no later than that time. (Note: I did not attempt to make any appointments on the trip in May - well, no serious attempts. That is not my point.)

Why will they do this? Because it will be then that the American people will discover that there was a simple, fair, just, balanced, moderate, progressive, beneficial and effective answer out of the mess that sixty years of Big Brother has created:

1. Have each individual and each non-profit corporation remit off the top ten percent of their gross income - with the non-profit corporations first deducting all donations from their gross.

2. Have each for-profit corporation remit seven percent of their gross income.

3. Cut spending and cap entitlements to achieve whatever figure is desired for the reduction of the annual deficit and the accrued national debt in that fiscal year in light of the anticipated revenues from the Federal Tax System.

4. Eliminate all PAC's, slash the incumbent's franking amounts, and go to public financing along the lines recommended in "Message To Congress".

The Ten Percent Solution spreads the pain of taxes in a uniform, consistent and fair way. The consumption aspect of the corporate system will provide the progressivity to offset the regressivity at the lower end of the individual income scale. It will make the placement of caps on entitlements more palatable and acceptable.

Some of the multi-syllabic words I have just used come straight from the worlds of bureaucracy and wonkism. Let me put the concepts behind some of these recommendations in the form of a few simple truths that all of us can understand and agree to:

1. If I give anyone a tax deduction, it is the same as giving him money.

2. If I give anyone a tax exemption, it is the same as giving him money.

3. If I am a President or member of Congress, I can maintain my power over the people and the PACs by giving them tax deductions and tax exemptions.

4. If I give no deductions or exemptions to anyone, the power goes back to the people, where it belongs.

5. The basic structure of the existing Tax Code is insane, a gigantic con job.

6. It would be much better to do nothing on the taxing and spending sides this year than to ramrod this budget through the Senate in the name of the Democratic Party - infinitely better. What's the rush? This is not what the people voted for a scant seven months ago. Don't their views ever count?

7. I have absolute, complete confidence that the Ten Percent Solution will not only do the job but will also be of enormous benefit to the nation in a

great number of ways. I am willing to stake my reputation and believability on that claim. Are you willing to stake yours on the claim that it cannot and will not work?

After working very hard for most of the forty-seven years since I had my first summer job at [redacted] of [redacted] at [redacted], at the age of fifteen, I could be very content in retirement. I can be a most accomplished couch potato, flicking from C-SPAN to VH1 to AMC to CNN to ESPN to NICK to A & E to COM to FAM to Letterman to Leno.

But I am a great believer in the Stone-Thrown-In-The-Water-Effect. I believe that every action I take, every decision I make, every word I speak and write, has some ripple effect. And every action, decision and word I fail to take or speak has a ripple effect, this one of the negative aspect of a ripple I could have created, but did not. Silence gives consent.

I believe that part of the reason, part of the cause-of-the-effect, for the killing of the Japanese exchange student in Louisiana is that Congress is much more afraid of the NRA than of the law or the people. ("The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several states..." can be unrelated to "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed", and unrelated to the National Guard units of the States only if the Founding Fathers didn't understand semantics, didn't know what they were writing, and if pigs have wings. The Law is not what we would like to think it is. The Law is what it is.)

Some elements of both church and state appear to be deathly afraid that some man on a white horse will appear. That is, that someone who is not an Inner Priest would have the effrontery and hutzpah to think that his ideas, which no other Inner Priest is pushing, can have any validity. (Or perhaps the fear is that one will appear, but not be he?)

Well, let me make this point as clearly as I can: I make absolutely no claim to being that man on a white horse. Not only do I not have any horse, I don't even have a car. Come to think of it, I don't even have a bicycle anymore. What I have is two very tired legs with two bum knees and shin splints, legs that are not meant to walk the vast reaches of Washington as I did in May.

My resources are so ridiculously limited and committed to my writings, often at the expense of little things like a place to rest my head at night and something to stoke the calorie furnace of my body, that I can send a copy of this initial mailing of the June 1 version of this booklet to only one member of Congress: Senator Joseph Biden, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I ask that he enter it in the Congressional Record so that the other 534 members of Congress have it available to them. Please. ("Ridiculously limited" because the Degree of Difficulty must be clearly, unambiguously a Ten, from which fact many consequences flow relative to authority, credentials, sources, power and the resolution of a rather important question that has been debated for about 2,000 years, from which resolution many important benefits to all mankind will flow.)

And President Clinton, as to my comment about people who appear to know a great deal and understand little, Thomas Hobbes put it thusly: "If a person's knowledge is not in order, then the more of it he has, the greater his confusion.". Back to three or four basics is the best prescription for that problem. Good luck.

Yours truly,

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P.S. The House has today, May 27, passed the Economic Plan of President Clinton. Not to worry, fellow citizens: "Who knows what tomorrow brings?". (What may be to worry is that the White House has great hopes that the political momentum from this squeeker vote will enable it to bury Wacogate and Travelgate, both of which demand intense scrutiny in this city and in this era in which the Law and the Constitution are in danger of becoming mere old-fashioned annoyances to all except a handful of people such as Lee Hamilton and Senators Boren, Moynihan and Nunn. What is dismissed out of hand as completely anachronistic is the principle that if you simply do what is good, right, fair and just, good results will follow automatically.)

(May 29 Insert: Well, maybe there is hope. The appointment today of David Gergen is good, right, fair and just - and makes all the sense in the world. Getting the best man you can for the right spot makes eminent good, common sense. It is of a piece with my conviction that Mario Cuomo is the best man for the Supreme Court at this

critical moment in our history and in the Clinton Administration. A very practical consideration in the latter situation is that Mario's Confirmation Hearing will be an orderly, cordial one and that his selection will be applauded universally after the Confirmation Hearing. It may take some faith to accept that last point, but I'll stick to it and to the major premise that if you simply do what is right, good results will follow.)

One aspect of the LBJ-type of armtwisting and horsetrading in the passage of the Economic Plan, portrayed as macho heroism by the Beltway ethos, was interesting. Let me put it the way I believe a typical citizen views it: If a President promises to raise the import fees on peanuts, so that domestic peanut farmers in the Congressional districts whose votes he needs can raise their prices without affecting adversely their sales or share of the market, in order to offset their increased costs from a BTU tax boost, that President is in essence buying votes with money stolen from every citizen who purchases any peanut butter or peanuts - i.e., all ordinary citizens. Yes, I said "stolen". And, yes, that vote was "bought". It's horsethievery, not horsetrading, except to the horsey set and to the pampered practitioners of governmania and mediaville to whom the horserace is all that matters: the public, the Law, the Constitution and all moral codes, including especially the Ten Commandments, be damned.

Let me express another truth that apparently is not getting through the Washington fog: In regards to any additional taxes of the nature passed by the House, you simply do not understand how many people, including middle class people, are just making it now, from day to day, or from one week to the next. With the Ten Percent Solution, there will be a flood of cash available to invest in the private sector, create jobs and make small business loans and development. That's where the relief of this crunch will come from, not from Big Brother, whose taxes will kill any potential for development.

Ross Perot is exactly right in raising the questions he does in the interview with David Frost. That was proved beyond any doubt by the President's answer on "CBS This Morning" on May 27. Asked about the misuse of the FBI by the White House during Travelgate, the President said he was not aware of any procedure that required him to go through the Attorney General's office in dealing with the FBI.

If he had had any experience in the Army or Navy, or with IBM, the President would realize that no organization

charts of the kind he apparently envisions exist. I'll leave it at that.

As to the Dedication Page, I found that Profile in Courage in Congress in May - someone who has apparently seen and appreciated Alexander Korda's great film "The Four Feathers" - and have therefore returned to Jacksonville.

As to my thoughts for the future for myself, let me repeat what I have written in papers that are not included in "Message to Congress": I don't know the future. I don't know The Plan. I don't concern myself with either the future or The Plan. I am concerned only with doing today whatever I am supposed to be doing as well as I can do it.

If I had a choice in the matter, what would happen is that I would be remarried, go off on a second honeymoon, spend some time with my four chldren, and then tell as many people as I can what the Word of God says, and what the words mean. But I can't do that until a couple of things happen - which "things" I will be able to identify clearly, because they will include events which guarantee that people will be very interested in what my opinion is as to the meaning of the words in the Word of God - and from all signs those things have to happen in Washington. But believe me, I would like to leave the things of Caesar to Caesar so that I can get on with what God has invested sixty-two years in preparing and teaching me to do - which is to teach His Word.

With the heavy volume of mail addressed to President Clinton, it is probably fruitless to send "Message to Congress" to him. I'll send a copy to David Gergen and ask him to bring it to the attention of the President. I pray that they and Congress will receive it as an opportunity to do what is right for the country. In light of developments, I am also sending a copy to Senator Moynihan and ask that he make it available to the other members of the Senate Finance Committee and to its staff.

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July 1, 1993

Dear Citizen:

The first large mailing of "Message to Congress" was made to the individuals on the enclosed list at 2:12 a.m. on June 14, 1993. The Letter of Transmittal of June 1 was mailed to them on June 17, withheld until then because I thought that I was more frank in it than was necessary.

This change of mind and heart was triggered by what I perceived to be a week in which the office of the Presidency was degraded further even as the media chalked it up as a good week - a difference of opinion which in itself speaks to my concerns.

My primary concern is that we are turning the office of President of the United States into that of a prop, a talking head promoting the latest Madison-Pennsylvania Avenue hot product via Pavlovian visual images that disguise the emptiness and untruthfulness of the steady stream of words emanating from the head behind the podium in the Rose Garden. Instead of a leader whose bedrock principles define a vision that we can subscribe to and work in unison to achieve, we have an unprincipled follower who will say and do anything in order to win personal and party horseraces.

Consider this summary of some of the highlights of what the media called a great week. After having trial balloons on two Supreme Court nominees shot down in one week, the President turned not to the individual whom he named as his ideal candidate during the campaign, Mario Cuomo - who said on television recently that it would be "heaven" to serve on the Supreme Court and who would certainly say "Yes, sir" to any call by the President to go to heaven - but to someone who had been in the background for the last eighty-eight days. We can only wish the best for Judge Ginsburg, but the President passed up a golden opportunity to keep at least one campaign promise in addition to putting gays in the military and socking the well-to-do with higher taxes.

This announcement was followed by three press conferences in four days, the last two dictated by the unceremonious ending of the first. This roller-coaster week was itself preceded by an intimate little "Let them eat cake" cookout for eight-hundred members of the media under a sprawling RFK-Stadium-size tent on the White House lawn. This part of the charm offensive was kept from television, probably on the reasonable basis that Joe Sixpack would be upset to find out that he paid for this party.

As to the press conferences, "I regret the leaks" was the answer to the undignified handling of Bruce Babbitt and Judge Breyer. I guess that I will have to wait until hell freezes over for some cub reporter to say "Mister President, those leaks came from members of your staff. If they did this without your knowledge and contrary to

your wishes, they should be fired for insubordination. If they did it with your knowledge, then what you have just said is a - well, let's call it an untruth. Isn't that right? It has to be one or the other?"

The farce that our foreign policy has become, as exemplified by our declaration of victory in Somalia, is not the fault of President Clinton. It is the result of an evolution from many administrations which has desensitized us as to the letter and spirit of the Constitutional principles undergirding the words "Congress shall have the power...to declare war...".

Consider this headline of early June: "U. S. Commits Troops to Macedonia". No, it did not. The U. S. consists of two-hundred-and-fifty million people. They did not commit any troops to Macedonia. Nor did their 535 representatives, who didn't even discuss it. One man did, the King--I mean, the President. This is the kind of power the Founding Fathers tried to keep out of the hands of any one man.

Consider these facts: On October 31, 1990 George Bush, with no legal authority to do so, issued orders to double the size of our forces in the Persian Gulf and to change from a defensive to an offensive posture; sent the Secretary of State to inform Russia, China, Japan, Germany, England and France; and finally, eight days later, on November 8, notified Sam Nunn and Les Aspin, one hour before the public announcement.

What has happened is that we have become accustomed to doing the right thing - such as trying to alleviate the suffering in Somalia - the wrong way.

As for my comments about Mario Cuomo, he probably feels the same as Bruce Babbitt: "I can take care of my enemies, it's my friends who did me in." Well, I'm sorry, but I think it is an absolute disgrace that the Democratic Party has treated so shabbily one of its leading lights, someone who has worked so hard so well so long for it, someone who campaigned tirelessly for candidate Clinton. Do you think Waco would have happened if he had been the Attorney General? How did he handle the prison riot in New York?

Before concluding with some thoughts that flow from these facts, please let me put them in perspective. I yield to no one on the face of the earth on my lifelong record of treating people as individuals and not as members of some racial, ethnic or religious group. That is, I do not prejudge anyone. I am not prejudiced or racist. The principal differentiation I make of people is based on the content of their character. If you wish, I can give you the names of many witnesses who will verify everything I've just said.

Does it matter that Mario Cuomo could not be the Attorney General because, as the record makes clear, Hillary Clinton had

decided it had to be a woman? In the narrow sense, it obviously matters a great deal to the dozens of innocent children at Waco. Anyone who knows Mario well knows that he would never have approved any cockamamie scheme to knock down the walls of the compound with tanks and pour in tear gas to beat one-and-two-year old babies into submission - no matter how much Jack Brooks would have loved it.

What is it that the Democratic Party has against babies? Instead of putting the spotlight on Waco to protect the babies of future situations, the Democratic House gives it the whitewash treatment and the Democratic Senate doesn't look at it at all. The Attorney General testified that she discussed it over the phone with the President for fifteen minutes to get final approval of the raid the next day, and that there were only two options: to do as they did, or to maintain the status quo, which they decided was untenable. I have never read or heard any journalist ask the following questions - but surely one of them must have. Why was this final decision made in a phone call? Isn't the entire premise upon which that final decision was made a false one? Wasn't there the option of benign neglect (you will recall that phrase, Senator Moynihan) in which all resources and attention could have been reduced to the bare minimum? But it is the broader view with which we must concern ourselves rather than with this tragic episode that we can do nothing about.

We are a nation of 250,000,000 people. The federal government is led by nine people in the Judiciary Branch, 535 people in the Legislative Branch and about twelve people in the Executive Branch. Why in the world would you not want to get the very best people out of the 250,000,000 for these 556 spots? Why should the criteria be anything other than getting the brightest, smartest, most imaginative and dedicated people whose experiences and talents mesh most closely with the requirements of the position? And why should we greet as progress the diffusion of power in the office that usually supplies overall direction to the nation, the Presidency, as some other party, wife or whoever, is given executive decision-making ability, unbeknownst in advance to the voters? (Or purposely hidden in advance? Was any voter ever told that the Attorney General had to be a woman?)

(On March 13, I told my daughter, on her nineteenth birthday: "Most of Washington and the media are telling you that Hillary Clinton is your new role model. Don't buy that line. She wields zero power of her own. One hundred percent of her power comes not from her husband, but from the office that her husband occupies for a short time. If you are interested in politics and government, set your sights on being the President, not his wife. That's the role model that women should have - and will have sometime in your lifetime.")

President Clinton said in his radio address on June 26 that the principles upon which he now stands are those that he has stood for

in the last five months and in all of 1992. We can only assume that these are also the principles of the Democratic Party: Government as the provider and promoter of jobs, incentives, stimuli and regulations in the economic life of the country; higher taxes; gays in the military; more Wall Street takeovers as promoted by the new Tax Code; an absolutist position that equates to "The right to abortion is not enough. It must be completely without limits or restrictions - unlike any other Constitutional right - and everyone who believes that it is the taking of embryonic life and therefore wrong must nevertheless be compelled to pay for it through Medicaid, national health or any other federal or state program that promotes and encourages this act that these taxpayers, the great majority, believe is the moral, ethical and spiritual equivalent of the murder of a 'person'"; multiculturism and quotas and diversity in all Executive Branch assignments; and decision-making by co-Presidents, only one of whom was elected. That should make for an interesting 1994 and 1996. There will be no difficulty in distinguishing the parties from each other.

And by then we will know whether what is happening now is merely the decline of the Democratic Party, from which it can recover, or its demise.

It is debated often as to whether men control events or the events control the men. The answer depends on which part of a cycle we ask the question of. We do control our own individual and corporate destinies through our exercise of free-will decision-making liberty, but the outcome of any decision may be set inexorably by forces beyond our control, often with results the opposite of what we intended.

The evolution of thought should be of infinitely greater interest to most people than the evolution of plant life. For instance, it is only after the Industrial Revolution and two of its offshoots, computers and management science, that we can appreciate clearly this paradox that man controls events while being controlled by them.

There is a computer program dating back a few decades to Admiral Rickover's nuclear sub program, and other similar large projects, called Program Evaluation Review Technique - PERT, in the world of IBM and computer acronyms.

This program makes it possible to describe to a computer all of the elements of a large project from initial design to completion. The path for each of what may be millions of individual steps is identified, with all dependencies on materials and prior steps defined. It is then the job of the computer program to do what no

individual mind is capable of doing: assimilating all of the data and portraying the entire process in the form of a chart.

One of the key elements in the path is the decision box. This is analogous to the individual or corporate decisions we make. Just as with the decision box in PERT, once we make that decision, some results will follow automatically. Just as certainly as day follows night, certain results will follow our decision.

With some decisions, however, we cannot know which path they will take, because they are determined not solely by us. So too with our lives and with history. The larger picture is even more complicated because there is someone else making His decisions as we make ours, someone whose Intelligence is to all of the brains, computers and supercomputers that ever were and ever will be as the distance covered in trillion light-years is to an inch. When He decides to exert His purposeful will, then we discover the true meaning of inexorability: all of the power in earth and in hell cannot prevent that will from being accomplished.

It is deeply entrenched in our tradition and history that two political parties dominate. We have at this moment our two parties; a leader and player, Ross Perot; and a movement, United We Stand America. Five and ten years from now, we will probably have two major political parties. The question before the house is: Which two will they be ? A PERT-sized gaggle of decisions, some much more important than others, will provide the answer.

In conclusion, let me say that I would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to realize that the people to whom I send my writings have been sold a bill of goods that if those writings become public the entire universe will collapse. What nonsense! Do you really believe that this nation and the economy of this country can be destroyed because one person writes the truth? Is it possible to conjure up a more absurd proposition? The truth can only set us free. (And I have no problem in acknowledging as true the fact that I am aiming high in trying to act as the vehicle through whom about three-and-a-half billion people, and many of the other one-and-a-half billion people, will be set free. But I claim to being not one iota or ounce more than that: a "vehicle", a messenger for another who is the Alpha and Omega, compared to whom I am a cipher, a nothing, an irrelevance.)

I do admit that there is a little secret imbedded in my description of Midget Widget in "The Two-By-Four", written in September, 1990, that supporters of big business and big government - and the media that those two elements own and control - would not want to have revealed. That secret is:

1. A company owned by an individual or his agent, such as a legal trustee, is private property.

2. A company owned by the government is not private property, but is public property.

3. A company owned by millions of stockholders and therefore subject to regulation by the government and to plundering by green mail and other machinations of the leveraging and down-sizing Wall Street barracudas, is more accurately classified as public property, not private property.

4. The foundation of capitalism is a free enterprise system constructed of private property,not public property.

5. Midget Widget and the Ten Percent Solution go together and are designed to restore us to a free enterprise system, and to get the government off the backs of all of us - individuals; mom-and-pop enterprises; small, medium and large companies, including even the newspapers and television networks that are supposed to serve the interests of the people. (And exactly what is so radical about taxing the profits of allegedly non-profit companies?)

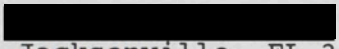
The have-nots of this nation have been deluded into believing that their salvation will come by victories in the realm of politics. This keeps happy the people in Washington and Wall Street who prosper from this myth, and don't want to see any changes made that threaten the status quo. But it is in the arena of economic empowerment and from little-known and little-emphasized spiritual laws, such as that of forgiveness, that all of us, rich and poor, great and small, powerful and powerless, will reach that land where we can say in unison "Free, free at last". In order to set an absolutely-essential example, I volunteer to be the first to forgive and forget all - all offenses by all people for all of my sixty-two years on this planet, with no exception.

And with a firmness of purpose that I will actually stop the writing of this July 1 letter and conclude with this thought, let me mention a broad concept that is the essence of my hopes for the future. That concept is one that I have mentioned frequently in my writings: the Inner Priesthood.

We hear much of the need to break down the walls that divide us from each other: the walls of race, religion, sex, politics and class. Those walls will be destroyed only when we do away with the Inner Priesthood wall; that is, the assumption, conviction or pretense that only licensed practitioners of a particular art, craft or role can understand and perform that art, craft or role.

The work of demolishing that wall has already been started in earnest by the five million people who put Ross Perot on the Presidential ballot in fifty states last year; by the penetrating eye of television, C-SPAN and CNN that enables a viewer to witness a President - in a visit to Chillicothe, Ohio - acting like an undergrad debater at Oxford, a vignette that it is just about certain he will never read in any newspaper; by a senior citizen army that finds itself energized by a healthier, more active lifestyle and desperate to throw whatever lifelines they can to a generation that has been cast overboard into a sea of irresponsibility, materialism, acquisitiveness and a never-ceasing mockery of God, anything that represents Him, and anyone who takes a stand for Him.

This I know for certain: I can make a valuable contribution to breaking down completely, forever, the wall of Inner Priesthood. If the Lord is willing, if the battle is His and not mine, if we can rely completely on Him and His Word, and, to make the question of authority as specific and as definite as possible, if Jesus Christ was given all power on heaven and earth (as He clearly claimed only after He had paid all of the prices of His thirty-three years on earth, in Matthew 28:18), then He will work things out so that I do make that contribution. But if I should die of a heart attack tomorrow, He has other people trained and ready to do the job. That wall will come down.



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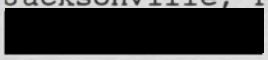

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