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May 25, 1992

Brian Lamb
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Congratulations on your excellent Viet Nam special. It might be interesting to show how Oregon is handling this drive on Road to the White House. I'm enclosing a copy of the fact sheet we give to interested people and a copy of the letters I wrote to Mr. West, Ms. Carlson, and Mr. Green.

Thanks!

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Enclosures

cc: Perot Headquarters

THE PEROT PETITION COMMITTEE OF OREGON

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PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE

The intent of the initiative petition drive is to place Ross Perot's name on the November Presidential election as an Independent to give the voters of Oregon and across the nation the choice to elect a non-politician as President. Mr. Perot has stated he will run for President if his name is placed on the ballot in all 50 states.

ABOUT ROSS PEROT

Ross Perot is a self-made American success story. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served four years in the U.S. Navy. After working at IBM as a salesman for five years, he took a \$1000 loan and by age 62 has become one of the wealthiest Americans. The company he created, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), is a multi-billion dollar corporation employing over 70,000 Americans. He is described as a non-nonsense man of high principles and integrity.

Ross Perot has a distinguished career as a creative problem solver. EDS is a computer services company which solves large scale data processing problems. In 1969, the U.S. Government asked him to determine what action might be taken to improve the brutal treatment our POW's were receiving in Vietnam, working four years at considerable personal risk until many of the prisoners were released in 1973. In 1979 two EDS employees were taken hostage by Iran; Perot directed a successful rescue mission by fellow employees and personally went into the Iranian prison to extricate them. At the Governor of Texas' request in 1979, Perot led the Texans' War on Drugs committee that passed five laws and made Texas the least desirable state for illegal drug operations. In 1984, another Texas Governor asked Perot to reform the school system, resulting in major legislative changes and improvements in Texas public schools.

POLITICAL VIEWS

- Supports eliminating the \$400 billion a year budget deficit.
- Supports the use by the President of a line item veto.
- Supports women's rights to control their reproductive choices.
- Supports raising taxes on the rich and aggressively pursuing tax evaders.
- Supports eliminating social security payments to the rich.
- Supports higher school taxes to pay for more and better teachers.
- Supports taking away all perks from Congress.
- Supports limiting the power of Congress to raise taxes.
- Wants to require Congress itself to adhere to all laws they pass for the country.
- Supports a ban on government employees from profiting during and after their government service.
- Opposes the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico.
- Opposes allowing Japan a "free-ride" in international trade.
- Supports using an "electronic town hall" to increase citizenry involvement.
- Believes the key to economic prosperity is to focus on increasing the job base.
- Will use a broad-based, consultive, and top-down problem solving process to all major public policy issues.

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I hope you have had a chance to view the program, especially the incident I have cited. As a Perot supporter and worker, I'm incredulous that a man of your stature made this statement so casually. Thank you for listening to my complaint, and I hope you find an opportunity to correct this publicly.

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Margaret Carlson, Deputy Bureau Chief

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