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Dear C-Span:

Contained herein are two stapled documents. (i and ii) (i) are several questions that I would like you to present, at your disgression, on the program. I would hope to more conservative guests, in the interest of equality. (ii) is a letter and "bill" that I sent to Senator Dole. It helps him to formulate "access" to one area of the population that has undeniable need of it. While it's sophomoric at best, I believe it demonstrates the stupidity with which a person making \$10,000 per year views the republican stance on "ACCESS." Document (i) has been highlighted at the beginning of each question/subject for easy scoping.

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TO: C-SPAN ROUNDTABLE

FROM: [REDACTED]

First, the usual congratulations on having the best thing on television. Should you extend ROUNDTABLE to the nightly seven-o'clock bracket, I would not complain! The nationally interactive format keeps the Washington boys on their toes, and gets many persons involved in the politics that influence their everyday lives. Going over the day's news with guests and the public, every day, would help skew any undue influence that the traditional media extends in "picking" news items for self-serving purposes--whether sublimated or intentional. The downside would be protecting the show from becoming an Oprah etc. This ends the congratulations.

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The following are topics I find needing discussion. I'd hope that time would permit.

1) Whitewater (GATE?) By the time you get this the Republicans will have the block for medical reforms, the smear that gets their boys in the home districts elected, and the President on the defensive, rather than on the job. Congratulations to Dole and the old Business equals Dirty Tricks As Usual Dept. There are two things that I find wanting in the misinformation campaign:

a) There is a big difference between having a "good ole boy" problem in Arkansas, which is so small that it would be hard for one to NOT have some conflict, IF ONE did any amount of business at all, and having a conflict or crime spree WHILE PRESIDENT, and in D.C., such as Nixon and company. For the Governor to have Known things from good ole boys there would be the NORM, there. To believe that Sen. Dole and other Republican Hierarchy are not privy to such info., would be pretty naive. What should concern Congress, and both houses, in light of ANY future possibilities, would be how to augment a permanent INDEPENDENT

COUNSEL. This counsel would be available to give guidance to all parties, and be knowledgeable in all possible problem areas, AND be held directly responsible to the People for giving nonpartisan advice to political persons. All of the Presidents in recent times have shown a naivete, borne more of the preponderance of data that must be taken accountable while in office, and a blatant lack of UNIVERSAL procedure for handling such data/information. The President, whether Republican or Democrat is often not privy to a problem until it is highlighted. Like any company, lesser or jr. officers try to not bother the CEO with trivial items, which they feel they can clear. Knowing WHICH problems will become HUGE, at a later time, under certain circumstances, needs to be explored...and definite, binding guidelines developed. The sooner the better.

b) **CONSPIRACY THEORIES:** Rush and the conservatives have "hinted to" murder conspiracy. After all the Park Police "found" this man dead, and in the process began the "Whitewater" (gate?) GEE WHIZ BEAVER, the one thing nobody calls President Clinton is dumb! Even the term "Slick Willie" alludes to a native intelligence. The republicans make the case for the defense in calling the President "SLICK." This begs the question.

Why would a guy known for high-degrees of intellectual reasoning, and "slick" politics, lead the public to the very chambers where possibly incriminating evidence could be "found?" Even the tabloids would have to kill that story as too far-fetched. An auto accident on the beltway...a kiln explosion, maybe that could be tied in. If you murder someone, you don't use papers with your name on them to wipe up the blood!

SO, WHO WOULD BENEFIT: While I doubt that the Republicans would actually have someone killed just to win elections and discredit a Democrat, it would make a great movie. The Republicans benefit most by the suicide. It is pretty convenient that the death leads to the paper trail that may open the investigation, that will stop the medical reform, and may cost many Democratic seats. If any one benefitted, it was the Republican party. Funny this death should occur shortly after they lose the election, and before many tight regional elections. Funny that Republicans should be privy to so much information about Whitewater. If it smells like the usual Dirty Tricks, it must be...I think I still smell a little WATERGATE here. This "whitewater" is just some foam. What IF Watergate never died...I think that is what Oliver North has alluded to, then shut-up, and managed to live through. Perhaps Inman wasn't so thin-skinned after all. Maybe Perot wasn't as flakey as portrayed. Both men were privy to top notch intelligence. One man could tell us: "Paging Senator Joe!"..."Paging Senator Joe!" Guess we will just have to wait for the movie.

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On Character and Values: Much has been said about the President's (so-called) lack of values and character. This innuendo is from Republican conservatives, of course. Why then, when talking about possibly the only President possessing high moral character, indisputable family values, and unimpeachable ethics did the Republicans refer to him as "weak." Jimmy Carter was one of the

most verbally abused presidents in history. The opposition berated everything about him but character and values. In fact, and regrettably so, I have only now begun to realize what a fine man President Carter was.

If values and character was what Republicans really believe in, they should have supported Carter wholeheartedly. Instead they laud a dysfunctional family man, Ronald Reagan. I am sorry to say that I did not appreciate Carter at the time. Q. Can a man of Character and value (whatever that means to each person) make it as a high-level politician?

Q-2. Is it true that when Ronald Reagan was asked to define "family values" he stated:

"Oh, about \$200,000 or better, per year...I 'spose"

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Q. Is it true that with a little global warming and another Republican president the U.S. could have become a third-world "banana" republic?

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STATEMENT: Senator Dole and his "speaker pro tempore" Rush Limblah (sic) along with their "Chorus of Frogs" have finally managed to irritate me. I am a white, lower-class family man, and we ain't too prone to intimidation by elitist pinheads.

We in the lower class HAVE family values, we're characters, and we don't know what a waffle is...unless it's something we ate far too little of during Reagan/Bush. Down in the lower classes we usually let others do our politics, and ride out the waves. Most figure that one politician is about like the other.

That is until we had TWO Republican administrations in a row! One loses us recreation. Two broke the lower classes. We lost homes, then work trucks, then kids. Dole and his frogs turned trucks into shopping-carts, houses into cardboard boxes, and had our kids trade schoolbooks for guns. We could have survived that, except the GOP then blamed our lower class laborer demise ON US!

Because they never elicit a peep from lower-class whites they thought this was a safe bet. WRONG! Then to tell the country that we had NO PROBLEMS, an unmitigated lie...well, that sunk the hook.

Lower-class white families have traditionally never asked for much, and gotten even less. We're not considered a minority, so we have no giant lobbies. Our medicine has consisted of whiskey and aspirin for decades. We have nothing but pre-existing conditions, and bad backs. We don't have carpels or tunnels, just ask our "doctors." We don't usually live long enough to collect Social Security. The nature of the "work" we get gives us the highest risk category for injuries and on the job mortality. Our brighter kids are called hyperactive, where a rich kid is gifted-talented for the same set of indices. If we call a cop, it is more likely WE will go to jail, than it is the perpetrator will. We always owe tickets, because there's never enough money. Our relationships tend to be longer than the national average, yet many call our families dysfunctional. We do most all of the country's dirty and dangerous work, and yet the only time we're acknowledged in a positive way is in time of WAR. Boy, are we popular then!

Mr. Dole, when you ask to fight with us, we play to win. We

don't like Republican (or any) springboards on our backsides. We ain't Communists or Socialists, and tend to be pretty darn conservative. We've built our values and character on years of hard work and doing without. We got values you rich boys never even heard of! We don't usually bother you, so keep your yogurt eatin' butts outta our business. Clinton may not be the best, but if he don't know shinola, he TRIES to find out.

If you write to him, he seems to answer somehow. He isn't afraid to come out in public and shake a poor man's hand...I'm even told he actually likes and knows a couple poor folks: I am sure you do not, except for a servant or two...and they probably ain't American citizens. I am sure you Republicans speak (down) to them often. (cont.)

The state of Kansas has three cash crops: ABM, ADM and "The Wizard of Oz."

MISSILES...THISTLES...and FANTASY STORIES.

Senator Dole, you and the "boys" should stick to what you know and leave the lower-class, AND MY PRESIDENT out of it. Please continue doing what you're best at...creating Straw-Men...and you won't hear much from me. But please, don't have the Republican party begin to try thinking (as the Minority Whip has suggested). The Prozak and aspirin futures would skyrocket!

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Desert Storm...the Baby-Milk scam.

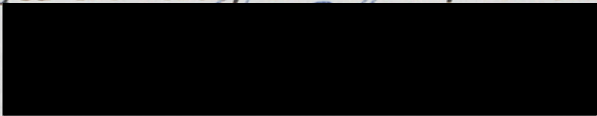
I have been waiting a long time now for some hotshot investigative reporter to answer a question that plagues me. No one has yet, to my knowledge, explained...or attempted to explain an incident which occurred during the Gulf War. Please try to enlighten me now.

The story told of our bombers destroying an Iraqi "Baby-Milk" factory in a bombing raid. Our spokesman said it was a plant which was believed to produce (probably binary) bomb and missile components. In other words, gas or nerve or biotoxic warfare agents. The Iraqi's countered with much press about starving babies without milk. The (I believe English?) t.v. news crew went in the next day and indeed, there were destroyed packages of "baby-milk" strewn all over the place. The U.S. went up in arms for a day or two--our attention span is short--and the Iraqi's scored a subtle victory. We don't bomb babies, after all.

I can still see the Iraqi workers, in their white shop-coats, scurrying here and there to clean up all the destroyed baby milk. Other workers, in white shop coats, try to get the broken factory back on line for the thousands of infants who will starve. On the back of these coats, these white shop-coats, written CLEARLY in ENGLISH...

BABY
MILK
FACTORY

just in case we didn't read Arabic, no doubt! So, who set it up...the journalist covering the story, the Iraqi's? Who let it go through to be aired on national t.v. without a mention, without a comment, without note? (I believe the threshold of a door, or the entrance may have displayed the words, IN ENGLISH, as well.)



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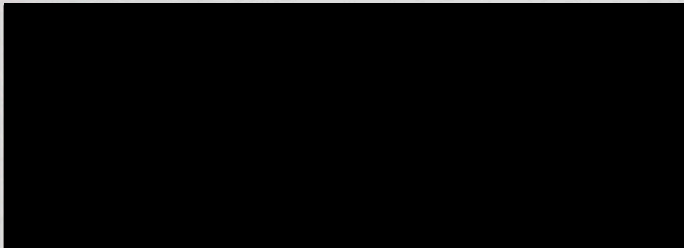
To: Sen. Robert Dole (R-KS)
U.S. Congress
Washington, D.C.

From: 

Sen. Dole:

Though I am a Democrat I feel that I must write to you in this unusual circumstance. The following is a brief discussion of the bill that I would like you to propose for me in this years congress. Because it is entirely possible that the President will not collect the needed Republican votes for his universal health care package, and you **ARE** a strong supporter of universal access to health care, as are many members of your party, I would like to propose a bill:

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THE [REDACTED] AMENDMENT

Whereas, it is known that many citizens falling within the Federal poverty guidelines are without even the most rudimentary health care, and that this number is at least 10 million, and possibly upwards of 35 million; which constitutes a sizeable population; and we do endorse universal access to those, and all, Americans; and that illegal drugs such as heroin and crack-cocaine are cheaper to these persons than a simple 10 day schedule of antibiotics due to emergency room and physician's fees for those unable to attain insurance; and that these persons are predominately lower-class males, who experience the highest injury and mortality rates; and, who fall through the cracks of welfare and job related coverage, then we PROPOSE;

THAT, upon the passage of this legislation ALL PERSONS falling within the Federally established poverty guidelines be eligible for a PRIMARY MEDICATION AND SUPPLY CARD; with these exceptions:

- a) Those already covered by insurance at work.
- b) Those covered under AFDC, WIC, Veteran's, Medicare and Medicaid.
- c) Persons in institutions.

(Eligible persons, for the purposes of this legislation might include, but not be limited to; those citizens over 18 years of age; who, by socio-economic status, job-status, status of a pre-existing "condition," or gender-biasing (certain males) fail to be able to access needed medications and supplies under the current laws.)

Issuance of the PMSC would ENTITLE the bearer to certain limited access in attaining primary non over-the-counter medications and medical supplies, heretofore virtually unattainable to these individuals due to legal limitations and economic status.

The PMSC and accompanying WAIVER of SUPPLIER-VENDOR CULPABILITY DOCUMENT would allow such bearers to purchase all prescription drugs and medical supplies at a mandated 10% above manufacturer's cost; with the following exceptions:

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EXCEPTIONS:

- a) Non FDA approved drugs.
- b) Trial drugs without medical consent.
- c) Drugs that the FDA or DEA have determined to be abusable or illegal (ie. "street-drugs").
- d) Prescription drugs under the heading of scheduled abusable drugs. (ie., narcotics, tranquilizers, anesthetics, and the like.)
- e) Other dangerous gases or chemicals which have a high degree of abuse potential, or present a clear and present danger to society by their use. (ie. chemicals or gases which could be used to manufacture illicit drugs or explosive devices; exceptions...OXYGEN, antihistamine inhalers, legal aerosol dispensers for medications etc.

Because the PMSC would preclude the expensive, and thus prohibitive, visit to a physician and/or emergency room, and would entail the bearer's self-written "prescription" each participant in the PMSC program would be required to signature a Waiver of Supplier-Vendor Culpability form. The WSVC would be made available to all medical vendors.

IN ADDITION; each PMSC participant would be required to watch a film explaining that all liabilities for negligence have been removed from those supplying medications and supplies to cardholders. AND, at the time (of film viewing) and after a question and answer period, the applicant would further, be required to sign an ORIGINAL WAIVER, to be retained by the Federal Administrator(s) of the program.

EXCEPTIONS: the waiver would protect vendors from lawsuits and litigations involving the misuse and mis-self-diagnosis re: medical drugs, medications and devices. It would not protect vendors from suits resulting from products later found to be faulty to the general public. ie. Harmful consequences to which the general public has a right to fair compensation, resulting from faulty or negligent manufacture or containment, would not be a barr to compensation for a PMSC member.

ADDITIONALLY; PMSC members would be allowed to instruct laboratories etc. to preform such non-invasive tests and procedures as might be needed to determine states of wellness, and afford a degree of certainty when self-prescribing medications and other treatments. Labs would be allowed to have the cardholder sign the same WSVC document, and thus be protected from litigation, with the same exceptions as previously mentioned.

Such procedures might include; but not be limited to:

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***NON-INVASIVE tests done on;

- a) urine
- b) blood
- c) sputum
- d) stools
- e) externally accessible lesions etc.

for the express purpose of primary diagnosis of airborne, bloodborne and other pathogens, or for the purpose of ascertaining serum or other levels for the purpose of regulation or treatment of existing conditions.

***EXCEPTIONS: in the case that a cardholder orders blood work, then the withdrawal of blood must be performed by an on-site REGISTERED phlebotomist, who must be paid a fair-market value for services rendered by the cardholder.

***EXCEPTION: Swabs and agar dishes can be provided by the laboratory for throat culture etc. and the lab protected under the WSVC condition.

DISCUSSION: Many persons who would be privy to the CARD are ones who have a known pre-existing condition. Much of the time they are aware of the etiology, prognosis and maintenance routines which are a part of the condition. Mostly, due to the laws regulating a trip to the "doctor" each time a test or medication is warranted, and because these visits are impossible with emergency room fees, and all of the add-ons, on their limited incomes, they go without tests and needed medications. While they might easily be able to afford the treatment, the redundant "diagnosis" prohibits them from getting any treatment. The "catch-22" used to protect other, more affluent segments of society, inhibits or prohibits Poverty Guideliners from even the barest bones of medical attention. At least until the conditions become critical, and they end up in the E.R. at a much greater expense to their health, and to the taxpayer's pocketbook.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EXCLUSIONS; ADVICE:

There exists in the medical community, those physicians, P.A.'s, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Laboratory Technicians, Radiologists and other specialists who might prevail their advice and wisdom upon PMSC members IF they were not subject to possible

THE [REDACTED] AMENDMENT

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Malpractice and negligence suits. This legislation would provide for that by exempting professionals who advise PMSC members on non invasive medical matters. In signing a WSVC document, a member could receive free medical advice from civic-minded professionals, without subjecting them to loss of business or practice. In this manner, a lab-tech could advise a client in the best method of achieving a "clean-stream" or swabbing an infected throat, without the threat of bankruptcy or license forfeiture prohibiting him. "Advice" from caring professionals could help avoid the more obvious pitfalls of self-administered medicine. While the 90210 types would scoff at such "hyprocracy" there are plenty of good GP's and others who would do their bit to help people to help themselves, if only the threat of sanction were removed.

(note: this means LICENSED PROFESSIONALS and does not mean sidewalk doctors or carpetbaggers). In days past doctors often helped the needy, but multi-million dollar lawsuits have stopped these humanitarians. If they were back into the health picture, medicine would improve for all persons.)

METHODS OF DETERMINING ELIGIBLE PERSONS:

Eligibility should not prove to be overly expensive or cumbersome. We could use existing Health and Welfare rooms for intake and video presentations. Shelters (approved) and other agencies could screen applicants, as well. A proof (financial statement) and two pieces of I.D. should be enough. Obviously, anyone who can afford mainstream insurance and such, would not volunteer for such primitive care. Persons not having appropriate I.D. could be referred by shelters or agencies where they are "known." The PMSC cards should be picture I.D. ultimately, and the participant should provide \$10.00 toward the maintenance of needed machines. Driver's license bureaus could be used for the initial card manufacture.

It might be noted that all PROCEDURES and TESTS be paid for by the cardholder, not the government; though congress might SUGGEST that vendors give cardholding members a group break on costs. This is in keeping with a fair market economy, and enticing markets that would not otherwise be there, due to costs.

FINALLY; there should be sanctions to prevent abuse. The card should be non-transferrable. Medications should not be able to be dispensed in numbers greater than one-schedule per customer at a time. There should be an anti-blackmarketing provision. Laws are already in effect which prohibit giving or dispensing of medications to another. Fraudulent use of a card can be dealt with in manners already in effect for medicare and other cards.

THE [REDACTED] AMENDMENT

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It is not known whether this should be a bill or an amendment at this time. The outcome of the congressional debates shall determine that. I do not pretend that this is anything but an emergency stop-gap measure until we sort out how to avail all U.S. citizens a primary medical capability. This legislation, with some truing-up from the sessions fellows, should at-least provide the barest minimum of medicine to millions of those who lack it.

Further, it should do so in a way which provides the MOST MODEST cost to the taxpayer, and still promotes a laizze-faire approach to the problem. It does not tackle the whole system, merely the segment where there is undeniably a HEALTH CARE CRISIS!

It at least lets us in the Poverty Guidelines have a running chance at preventive and maintenance medicine; it gives us a hand, not a hand out. While in hearings, the AMA and insurance carriers will surely say of this legislation:

"But who will prescribe these medicines" and "Where are the DOCTORS in this program?"

Dear Senator; that's when you counter with what I always say:

"Yeah, that's my point...

WHERE ARE THE DOCTORS?"

(For the millions of U.S. citizens that have none.)

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Sen. Dole Ltr. (cont)

Well Senator Dole, that is the nuts and bolts of my bill proposal. I'm just a 45 year old hick with an eighth grade education, so I hope you excuse some of the argots. I believe I have, however, given enough information so that the zillions of bill writers now in Washington can put the patch on something that is broken.

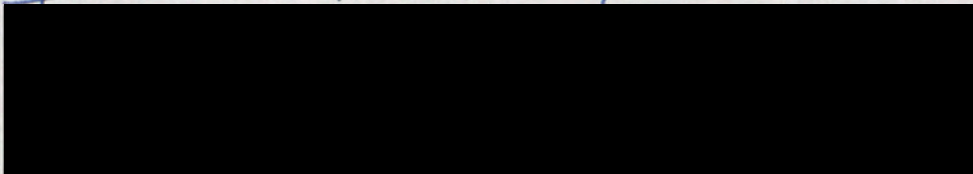
Any Health legislation, no matter whose party, should contain a rider. This should establish:

- a) Caps on lawyer fees at 15%
- b) Caps on malpractice suits at \$500,000 (with these conditions)
 - 1) review in "X" amount of time
 - 2) portions of lump-sum MUST go to a SECURE interest bearing trust AND; be used to pay for the direct care of injured party.
- c) IF a pharmaceutical company or research group uses TAX money, then any profit-taking on new discoveries can be capped, in the public interest.
- d) Social Security deductions should be changed to reflect the current demographic truths. For instance, males in my income bracket rarely live to 65 years, and many do not die natural deaths. We still pay a tax on something we can't use. If 6% of that tax were put into a general health fund, we could have something usable; and fix part of the health care financing, to boot. Wellness is also cheaper for society.
- e) Body parts and organs should be targeted to the economic group from whence they came, unless specifically requested otherwise. Why should rich guys get all of the hearts and lungs and good stuff?
- f) Federal law should (by sanctions of incarceration) prohibit Medical professionals from owning stock or holding office in pharmaceutical companies, hospitals etc. Lawyers, congressmen/women, insurance company execs. should also have to abide by not crossing the lines. A seperation of HEALTH ORIENTTIONS will certainly prevent graft, gouging, corruption, price-fixing and THEN begin to create the fair market economics I hear so much about. Self policing organizations such as the AMA do precious little to promote competition. The same goes for the ABA and insurance organizations. This should apply to the immediate families as well.

Finally, I have a couple of questions: (1) Why can my state MANDATE health insurance FOR MY CAR, but the government can't do the same for my body? (Mandatory auto liability) (2) Don't we MANDATE employeers to cover workers when we apply the WORKER'S COMPENSATION laws? Why does this differ from Clinton's mandate? Are there two different types of laws? Please enlighten.

I appreciate your time, Senator. While we may differ on politics, I'm sure we both have the public's best interest at heart. [REDACTED]

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