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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

Good afternoon. I am so glad to have this opportunity to take part in your convention. Your endorsement means a great deal to the President and Vice-President, the Clinton Administration and everyone who is working hard on behalf of the Clinton-Gore ticket. We need your help and appreciate it.

Thank you, Jack for that kind introduction and for your work on behalf of the President and issues important to working people and their families. I know the President also thanks your International Secretary, Jack Moore, and all the members of the I-B-E-W for your spirit, ~~energy~~ ^{long-term support} and commitment. Over the years, you have been on the front lines, fighting for fair wages, decent health care, good schools, retirement security and equal opportunity for all Americans.

Three-and-a-half years ago the American people sent a President to the White House who promised to put people first, to reinvigorate America's working families, and to renew a sense of economic security that was fast evaporating because of our nation's exploding deficit, stagnant wages, increased global competition, and downsizing.

In the last three years, we have seen the creation of 10 million new jobs. We now have the lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation in 27 years. The long decline in median hourly wages has eased. We have seen a record number of new exports. Home mortgages are at their lowest levels since the 1960's. The President's economic plan -- passed with no help from the Republican side -- has cut the deficit in half.

The President realizes that even w/ the progress we've made, some 60 million citizens and workers are remain anxious about the future.
~~The President says that our duty as Americans is to build a bridge to the 21st century.~~
by helping Americans
And building that bridge means coming together as a nation to create opportunities, take responsibility, and strengthen our sense of community. And it means being committed to policies that reward work and safeguard the American dream for the working people of America.

That's why the President signed the minimum wage bill into law. At long last, 10 million responsible, hard working men and women will get the raises they deserve.

That's why he ~~also~~ signed the Kassebaum-Kennedy health insurance reform bill. This legislation is a long-overdue victory for millions of Americans who lived in fear of losing their health insurance when they changed or lost their jobs, or who couldn't even get insurance because a family member has a chronic illness or pre-existing condition.

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more fears + he is responding to them*

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kids, or
even pay for
the next
vacation.*

That's why he expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to give a tax cut to more than 15 million working families.

That's why he worked so hard to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act. Because no family should have to choose between caring for a loved one and keeping their job.

That's why he won't allow some in Congress to gut health and safety standards in the workplace.

That's why the Administration, with your help, defeated the attempts of some in Congress to amend or eliminate 60 years of federal labor protections, including threats to the Davis-Bacon Act.

[striker replacement?]

The President also believes that collective bargaining is a right, not a privilege. He has appointed women and men to the N-L-R-B who share that belief. And he vetoed the TEAM Act to prevent company-dominated unions.

~~And~~ today, 40 million American workers and retirees have better and safer pensions as a result of the Administration's Retirement Protection Act of 1994. And the President successfully opposed legislation that would have allowed corporations to raid \$15 billion in pension funds.

The accomplishments of this President and his Administration speak volumes about our nation's capacity to expand opportunities for working people and their families, to strengthen our basic values and to renew our individual and collective sense of responsibility as American citizens.

It does matter who sits in the Oval Office. It ~~does~~ matter that we have a President who signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, who is preventing convicted criminals from buying handguns, making sure that children get immunized, fighting for decent health care for all Americans, standing up to environmental polluters, and doing everything he can to protect children from the harm of tobacco addiction.

The belief that we can build a bridge to the 21st c. is the
When you ~~voted~~ to endorse the President and Vice President, ~~you voted to endorse~~ the positive view of what we can achieve together as a nation. There is so much we can do if we work together as one American family. And with your help, there is so much we will do.

There is no limit to what Americans can achieve
Thank you for your work and your support, commitment and concern. God bless all of you.

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September 13, 1996

SATELLITE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

DATE: September 17, 1996
LOCATION:
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
CONTACT: Jennifer O'Connor

I. PURPOSE

To give an address via satellite to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Convention.

II. BACKGROUND

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be holding their convention September 16-20 in Philadelphia, PA. The convention, held every five years, brings together a broad representation of over 2,700 delegates from across the United States and Canada.

President Jack Barry, who will most likely be re-elected at his union's upcoming convention, is focused primarily on building trades issues: preservation of the Davis Bacon Act and construction safety. IBEW Secretary Treasurer Jack Moore runs the union's political action program, and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Administration.

The IBEW has been particularly supportive of the President and the Democratic Party. The IBEW is the only union that has held a fundraiser for the Clinton-Gore Re-elect, raising approximately \$120,000. The IBEW also hosted the largest fundraiser for Hugh Rodham's campaign.

The major issues of concern to the IBEW include:

Davis-Bacon

During the 104th Congress, the Administration, working with organized labor, beat back efforts to amend or eliminate 60 years of federal labor protections, including threats to the Davis-Bacon Act (first enacted in 1931.) Davis Bacon requires the payment of prevailing wages and fringe benefits to workers employed by contractors and subcontractors engaged in federal construction projects.

do we mention
striker replacement
Anyone aside from
Jackie he
should acknowledge?
Are they endorsing?

Striker Replacement

September 8 was the deadline for seeking Supreme Court review of an appeals court decision striking down the Executive Order barring federal contractors from using permanent replacement workers during lawful economic strikes. (Chamber of Commerce v. Reich). The President had directed the Department of Justice to take all appropriate steps to get the Circuit Court opinion against the Executive Order overturned. However, the Administration decided not to appeal the ruling. While the Administration still believes that the Executive Order is legal, it was decided that it would not be effective to appeal the ruling of the court. The AFL-CIO supported this course of action and continues to support the Administration on this issue. The Administration continues to support legislation to ban the hiring of permanent replacement workers.

TEAM Act

On July 30, the President vetoed a Republican-sponsored bill to eliminate the 60-year-old ban against company-dominated unions contained in Sec. 8(a)(2) of the NLRA. The IBEW strongly supported this veto.

Pension Protections

On August 7, 1996, the Department of Labor announced reform of a 401(k) pension rule that will enhance workers' retirement security by requiring employers to promptly deposit employees' pension contributions in their plan.

Forty million American workers and retirees have better and safer pensions as a result of the Administration's Retirement Protection Act of 1994. The law helped reverse the trend of pension underfunding, which has declined from \$71 billion in 1993 to \$31 billion.

The Administration initiated nationwide Pension Protection Program is protecting 401(k) retirement savings. More than 1062 investigations have returned over \$10 million to 401(k) plans since the program was publicly announced last November.

The Administration also successfully opposed legislation that would have allowed corporations to raid \$15 billion in pension funds.

Worker Safety

The President's veto threat stopped the 1995 Republican attempt to completely gut OSHA. In the FY 1997 budget, OSHA was cut 13% below the President's request (5.6% below last year). The House defeated a rider that would prohibit OSHA from developing an ergonomics standard, but the Senate may consider a similar rider.

PARTICIPANTS

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- President Jack Barry will make remarks and introduce you.
- You will make brief remarks.
- President Barry will thank you and conclude the program.

PRESS PLAN

Open press

REMARKS

Remarks attached

MEMORANDUM ON IBEW CONVENTION**DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 1996**

The 35th International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers begins September 16 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

The current President, Jack Barry, is up for re-election; and although he is expected to win, because he is being challenged at the convention our acknowledgement of him should be perfunctory. International Secretary Jack Moore should also be acknowledged; he is the more politically active of the two Jack's.

The major issues for the IBEW are:

1. Protection of wage standards...Davis-Bacon, Service Contract Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act (40-hour-week));
2. Protection of pensions...Administration stopped Republican attempt to allow corporations to raid employee pension plans and is cracking down on 401(k) abuse;
3. Striker replacement...Although the Executive Order was overturned by the courts, the Administration continues to support legislation to ban the hiring of permanent replacement workers;
4. Worker safety...President's veto threat stopped Republican attempts to gut OSHA dead in their tracks;
5. Similarly, an Administration veto threat killed the National Right to Work Act;
6. The President's veto of the TEAM Act prevented a return to the days of company unions.

When addressing the economy, note that an editorial by President Barry in the union's most recent magazine argues that "growing economic insecurity is undermining America's future":

"We in the IBEW know about that. For years, a rising nonunion market kept too many of our construction members idle. The turmoil in the utility industry has caused the loss of thousands of jobs. In manufacturing and telecommunications, the job losses have been severe since the 1970s. Even though many of our members have done well, we have taken our share of hits along with workers in literally every industry across the entire economic landscape."

September 12, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR HAROLD ICKES

FROM: JENNIFER O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: IBEW

- Only union to hold a fundraiser for the Re-elect. Raised approx. \$120,000 at a breakfast organized by Jack Moore and attended by the First Lady in October, 1995.
- Hosted largest fundraiser for Hugh Rodham's campaign, raising him more than \$100,000. This was a third of Hugh Rodham's money. First Lady and President both attended -- September or October 1994.
- Immediately answered the call to give the maximum to the Wyden campaign when the DNC prioritized it.
- Gave approx. \$120,000 to DNC in 1996 -- 9th biggest union donor this year (after CWA, Laborers, Machinists, Food and Commercial Workers, AFT, AFSCME, Postal Workers and UTU).
- Gave approx. \$350,000 to DNC over 4 years -- 11th biggest union donor on 4 year basis.
- Extensive political program this year to elect POTUS, VPOTUS and congressional democrats.
- Consistent political support whenever requested.
- Terry McAuliffe says they never say "no" when there is a special project requiring funds.

Scheduling Request

9/4/96

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TO:	PATTI SOLIS-DOYLE Director of Scheduling		
FROM:	Harold Ickes Jennifer O'Connor		
CC:	Doug Sosnik Karen Hancox		
PURPOSE:	For the First Lady to attend the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers convention.		
BACKGROUND:	The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be holding their convention September 16-20 in Philadelphia, PA. The convention, held every five years, brings together a broad representation of over 2,700 delegates from across the United States and Canada.		
TIME AND DATE:	September 19 or 20 (dates preferred), Time TBD		
LOCATION:	Pennsylvania Convention Center, PA		
PARTICIPANTS:	J.J. Barry, President IBEW Jack Moore, International Secretary, IBEW		
DURATION:	TBD		
REMARKS:	Yes		
CONTACT:	Jennifer O'Connor - 6-6350		

who to acknowledge
who introduces FLOTUS
are they endorsing POTUS
Convention Theme? Agenda?
What are they doing for
election?
any issues we should
be aware of?
~~what does International mean?~~
when will video be shown?



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I. J. BARRY
International President

JACK F. MOORE
International Secretary

February 22, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are pleased to extend this invitation to you, to address the forthcoming International Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

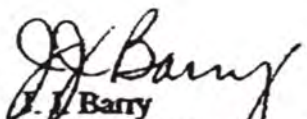
The Convention will be conducted at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, on September 16 - 20, 1996. We suggest, however, that Thursday or Friday, September 19th or 20th, would be the most propitious time for your visit; either of those days would best fit our convention agenda, and such dates should offer a very receptive audience of IBEW representatives and business leaders as well.

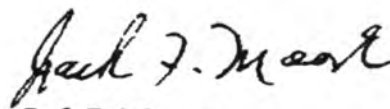
IBEW Conventions, which are held every five years, bring together a broad representation of over 2,700 delegates from all across the United States and Canada, together with approximately 3,000 additional guests.

Understanding your rigid schedule for this important election year, we, and our entire membership, would be highly honored if you are able to accept this invitation; and of course, we would be happy to coordinate the necessary plans with your staff.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


I. J. Barry
International President


Jack F. Moore
International Secretary

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**FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS VIA SATELLITE TO
THE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO
13TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
AUGUST 23, 1996**

Thank you. It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to speak with you today. Your endorsement means a great deal to the President, the Vice President, the Clinton Administration and everyone who is working hard on behalf of the Clinton-Gore ticket. We need your help and appreciate it.

Thank you, Moe, for that kind introduction, and for your hard work on behalf of the President and issues important to working people and their families. I know the President also thanks William Burris, Doug Holbrooke and all the members of this great union for your spirit, energy and commitment. For 25 years, the Postal Workers have been on the front lines, fighting for fair wages, decent health care, good schools, retirement security and equal opportunity for all Americans.

I'm only sorry I can't be with you in person to help celebrate the American Postal Workers Union's Silver Anniversary. Congratulations on twenty-five years of serving the public -- of making it possible for Americans to keep in touch with loved ones, exchange information, pay their bills, and even receive their paychecks. Communication is what binds us all together, and we couldn't do it without you.

Three-and-a-half years ago the American people sent a President to the White House who promised to put people first, to reinvigorate America's working families, and to renew a sense of economic security that was fast evaporating because of our nation's exploding deficit, stagnant wages, increased global competition, and downsizing.

In the last three years, we have seen the creation of 10 million new jobs. We now have the lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation in 27 years. The long decline in median hourly wages has eased. We have seen a record number of new exports. Home mortgages are at their lowest levels since the 1960's. The President's economic plan -- passed with no help from the Republican side -- has cut the deficit in half.

This is a record to build on, not retreat on. And with your help, we will do even better in the years ahead.

The President is committed to policies that reward work and safeguard the American Dream for the working people of America.



That's why just this week, President Clinton signed the minimum wage bill into law. At long last, 10 million responsible, hard working men and women will get the raises they deserve.

That's why he also signed the Kassebaum-Kennedy health insurance reform bill into law. This legislation is a long-overdue victory for millions of Americans who lived in fear of losing their health insurance when they changed or lost their jobs, or who couldn't even get insurance because a family member had a chronic illness or pre-existing condition.

That's why he expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to give a tax cut to more than 15 million working families with incomes under \$28,000.

That is why he worked so hard to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act. Because no family should have to choose between caring for a loved one and keeping their job.

That's why he won't allow Congress to gut health and safety standards in the workplace.

And that is why, when he first took office, he undid his predecessors' anti-worker, anti-union executive orders. Last spring, he signed an executive order that said to federal contractors: if you hire permanent replacements for your striking workers, you will not do business with the government. And his Administration is fighting in court to protect that executive order.

The President also believes that collective bargaining is a right, not a privilege. He has appointed women and men to the N-L-R-B who share that belief. And he vetoed the TEAM Act to prevent company-dominated unions.

But what about the postal service? There are some in Congress who think it should be privatized. But let me tell you something. The President grew up in a small town in rural Arkansas. For his friends and neighbors, it was the postal service that kept families in touch and brought people together. The postal service has always guaranteed universal service at universal rates -- and it always will. The President knows that, and he will not allow the postal service to be privatized.

I know that this year you are undertaking ambitious and unprecedented political activity on behalf of the Democratic ticket. I have no doubt that your "Register, Vote and Win" campaign will ensure the victory of candidates who care about working men and women and their families.

For too many years, public servants were denied participation in our democratic process. But with your help and persistent efforts, the President was able to sign Hatch Act reform into law, finally freeing you to participate in our country's great democracy. Today, at long last you have the right to work on behalf of the issues and candidates you believe in.

The partnership between the Clinton-Gore Administration and this union is more



important than ever.

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