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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

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WHITE HOUSE 2000

National polls this week had Governor Bush leading the Vice President by one to 10 points, although most did not yet reflect the results of the final presidential debate or its aftermath, and instant post-debate polls showed the Vice President narrowly won that debate. In any event, this year will see the longest span of time ever between the last televised debate and Election Day, increasing the possibility that unexpected developments could tip the balance.

On Wednesday, both sides began the drive to the finish. The Vice President kicked off a 20-day campaign marathon -- aides say he will take no days off before Election Day -- with a new emphasis on the economic prosperity of the Clinton Administration. The campaign's new mantra, "The Big Choice," signifies the choice voters must make in how to continue the country's prosperity. The Vice President plans to use the final days of the campaign to slam Governor Bush's position on major domestic issues, such as tax cuts for the rich and his plan to privatize Social Security.

Governor Bush plans to stress broad themes while the Vice President stresses details. Bush strategists believe that describing the Vice President's agenda as "government-bloating" and "prosperity draining," and challenging the Vice President's credibility is their best approach. Bush aides say their campaign will focus on Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan, with Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Tennessee and Wisconsin in the second tier.

The Vice President's aides refuse to be so specific, but indicate that even states that recently seemed to tip Bush's way, such as Ohio, remain targets. Both sides say turnout is key and thus both campaigns started ideological appeals to their bases this week. Analysts feel that the Republicans are further along in that task than the Democrats are, citing such evidence as a *USA Today*/CNN/Gallup poll conducted October 13-15 which shows 52% of Republicans say the outcome this year matters more to them than in previous years, and 46% say they are more enthusiastic than usual. That compares to 45% of Democratic voters saying the outcome matters more, and 36% saying they are more enthusiastic.

Gore-Lieberman Campaign

Instant polls say Vice President narrowly won third presidential debate. Immediately after Tuesday's final presidential debate in St. Louis, two polls showed the Vice President the winner. A *USA Today*/CNN/Gallup Poll showed the Vice President winning 46%-44% (although prior to the debate, 52% of this group said they were Bush supporters and 43% said they were Gore supporters). A CBS poll showed the Vice President winning 45%-40%, but with leaners included, it was 55%-45%. An ABC News poll showed the Vice President at 41%, Bush at 41%, with 14% saying it was a tie, although the Vice President won among independents 47%-33% and among women 47%-35%.

In a bid to add a little spice to the debate, Senator Lieberman dropped in unannounced. He attracted 100 journalists before the debate started.

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Third debate audience higher than second, lower than first. According to Nielsen Media Research, about 37.7 million people watched the third debate, compared to 37.5 for the second debate and 46.6 million for the first.

Other Gore-Lieberman Campaign News

DNC diverts funds to Florida from Kentucky and North Carolina. Last week, the DNC decided to suspend advertising in states such as Kentucky and North Carolina in order to buy \$850,000 worth of ads in Florida, after polls showed the Vice President suddenly losing ground. The DNC also decided to pour millions of dollars into an effort to encourage record turnout among African American voters. On Sunday, in a telephone conference call from Air Force Two, the Vice President implored African American preachers to push for his election from their pulpits. He also participated in a second conference call with Hispanic officials and volunteers in campaign headquarters around the country.

Texas legislators say Bush exaggerates. On Sunday, three Texas Democratic state Representatives -- Elliott Naishtat, chairman of the Human Services Committee; Glen Maxey, vice chairman of the committee; and Garnet F. Coleman, vice chairman of the Public Health Committee -- said that Governor Bush exaggerated in last week's debate when he said Texas spent \$4.7 billion a year for uninsured people. They say he took credit for \$3.5 billion of charity care provided by doctors and hospitals, and care financed by local governments or charitable institutions, neither of which was paid for by the state. The legislators also said that Bush bears some responsibility for the fact that according to the U.S. Census Bureau, ~~24% of Texans had no health insurance~~, a figure higher than in any other state. In last week's debate, Bush acknowledged that the Children's Health Insurance Program "got a late start" in Texas, but blamed it on the fact that the state legislature, which had to approve the program, met only four months out of every two years. But the legislators said the real cause of the delay was Bush's resistance to higher levels of coverage advocated by the legislature.

Vice President spending less on ads than Bush, but getting boost from outside groups. The Vice President has spent \$13.8 million on TV ads since the primaries, compared with \$19.5 million for Governor Bush, according to a study by the University of Wisconsin and Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. In addition, the DNC has spent \$29 million and the RNC \$28 million. Moreover, five interest groups have spent \$5 million on behalf of the Vice President. During the two-week period ending October 8, Planned Parenthood spent \$1.5 million on TV ads supporting the Vice President, Handgun Control Inc. spent \$296,000, the AFL-CIO \$239,000, and the Sierra Club \$306,000. No independent groups purchased ads for Bush during this period, but Citizens for Better Medicare has spent more than \$7 million on ads advocating prescription drug proposals similar to those advocated by Bush.

The following chart shows the amount of campaign/party money spent in six battleground states:

STATE	9/25-10/8		Since 6/1	
	<u>Bush/RNC</u>	<u>Gore/DNC</u>	<u>Bush/RNC</u>	<u>Gore/DNC</u>
Pennsylvania	1,253,505	1,531,356	8,053,427	8,862,911
Ohio	1,195,673	1,339,161	6,390,951	6,747,284
Florida	2,091,724	757,508	8,337,250	3,905,646
Michigan	936,618	2,832,390	4,101,839	5,183,417
Missouri	642,282	546,463	2,543,516	3,031,098
Wisconsin	354,212	150,775	1,667,763	2,116,383

Union voters need motivation in Michigan. Despite the endorsement of the Vice President by every major labor leader in the country, thousands of union volunteers in Michigan -- where labor households account for a third of the state's voters -- are confronting a lack of enthusiasm among other union

members because of the Vice President's support of PNTR. Governor Bush is hoping to attract some of these voters with a pro-gun and anti-abortion message and Michigan Governor John Engler (R) is now stumping for Bush almost continuously.

On the other hand, union members are older than most voters and are thus particularly interested in Social Security and the Vice President's plan to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. On top of that, labor turnout on Election Day is expected to be higher than ever because a new contract provision has made Election Day a paid holiday for union members at General Motors, Ford and Daimler-Chrysler.

On Saturday, speaking in Michigan, the Vice President attacked Governor Bush's Texas record while promoting his own agenda on health care. The Vice President specifically questioned Bush's assertion in the second debate that the rate of the uninsured has gone down in Texas but up nationally. The Vice President also secured the endorsement of Cedar Rapids, IA, Mayor Lee Chancey (R).

A "Texas Truth Squad," consisting of a middle-school teacher, a sheet-metal worker, a corrections officer, and a retired cafeteria worker, is also visiting Michigan (and many other cities around the country) as part of labor's effort to help the Vice President. It portrays Bush as indifferent to working families, hostile to unions and cozy with corporations and the rich. They address issues such as Bush's resistance to raising the state's \$3.35-an-hour minimum wage -- which is paid to many Texas farm workers not covered by the \$5.15-an-hour federal minimum -- and his Social Security proposals -- which the Truth Squad says would push up the age for full benefits to age 70 and hurt struggling retirees.

On Tuesday, NRA President Charlton Heston told a crowd of 1,200 Michigan voters that this was the "most important election since the American Revolution and the Civil War," and that the Vice President is no friend of gun owners.

Former Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca joined Bush in Michigan, saying that the Vice President would threaten the auto industry while Bush would be its friend. But United AutoWorkers President Steve Yokich said: "Lee Iacocca forgets that when we saved Chrysler in 1979 [with federal loan guarantees that helped the automaker stave off bankruptcy], it was a Democratic administration and a Democratic Congress that did it."

Texas is the nation's worst air polluter. On Monday, the Washington-based Environmental Working Group released a study that showed Texas leads the nation in the number of smog polluters in violation of federal air standards. The report was based on Environmental Protection Agency figures. Of 556 polluters in areas of Texas that do not meet basic clear air standards, 93 are violating laws established by the federal Clean Air Act. Texas has 2.5 times as many violators as the second worst state, Illinois, where 38 out of 367 polluters are reportedly violating federal standards. California has 611 polluters in areas that don't meet clean air standards, but only four are violating the federal standards, according to the figures. Group members say the contrast with other large states indicates the culprit is not Texas being a large industrial state, as Bush has claimed in the past, but his administration's failure to enforce laws. Governor Bush's presidential campaign immediately dismissed the report as "bogus." "They may have taken EPA data but they have manipulated it and reworded it to suit their needs," said a campaign spokesman.

"Father of Internet" endorses Vice President. On Monday, Vinton Cerf, known as a "father of the Internet," and 420 other high-tech leaders endorsed the Vice President. The others included: Paul Allaire, CEO of Xerox; Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple; Marc Andreessen, founder of Netscape; Rob Glaser, CEO and founder of Real Networks; Donna Dubinsky, CEO and co-founder of Handspring; John Doerr, a

leading venture capitalist at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, and Leo Hindery, CEO of Global Centre, Inc.

Million Family March urges African Americans to vote. On Monday, speakers at the Million Family March repeatedly urged the audience consisting mostly of African American families to vote and while they stopped short of an unequivocal endorsement of the Vice President, they were clearly urging voters to consider him.

Human Rights Campaign runs ad featuring Judy Shepard. On Tuesday, the Human Rights Campaign began running a radio ad in markets where Governor Bush is traveling. It features Judy Shepard, mother of slain Matthew Shepard, holding Bush accountable for his opposition to comprehensive federal hate crimes legislation.

Garry South criticizes Vice President's strategy in California. On Tuesday, Garry South, a strategist for the Vice President in California, says the Vice President has failed to aggressively respond to accusations from Governor Bush, needs to change his campaign tactics in the state, and may have to advertise to win it. South, a chief political advisor to Governor Gray Davis (D), said in a speech to the Sacramento Press Club that an apparent narrowing of the Vice President's lead over Bush had sparked a growing internal debate about the need to advertise for the first time in California. Republicans are spending about \$1.5 million a week there. Senior advisors to the Vice President said, however, they have no plans to advertise in California, where Democratic polling shows the Vice President leading by 8 to 12 points.

Vice President campaigns in Iowa, hits Bush on Social Security. On Wednesday in Des Moines, Iowa, the Vice President talked about "The Big Choice" facing voters in this election concerning how to maintain the nation's prosperity, and how Governor Bush's Social Security plan might bankrupt the program within a generation. Repeating a theme he introduced in this week's debate, the Vice President said Governor Bush was promising two different groups --current retirees and younger workers -- the same pot of one trillion dollars. "Which promise will he break?" the Vice President asks, the promise to the younger workers or the one to the older workers? Thus, the Vice President is raising the very issue that Bush has tried to raise against him: trust. Bush responded by accusing the Vice President of trying to create generational warfare.

Also on Wednesday, the DNC started running a new ad about Social Security called "Promise" in ten states, including Pennsylvania and Michigan. DNC Chairman Joe Andrew vowed to make Bush pay for touching the third rail of American politics. "Well, he grabbed that rail," Andrew said. "He just doesn't realize that we hadn't switched on the electricity yet, and that's what we're going to do with this television ad."

The Vice President continued his assault on Bush's Social Security plan on Friday's NBC Today Show.

Vice President and Bush accept Fox News' free airtime. On Wednesday, both the Vice President and Governor Bush accepted the offer Fox television network made on October 2 for the candidates to share an hour of free time on Friday, October 27, to say why they think they should be president. Both candidates must tape a half-hour broadcast in the presence of a Fox official and the tapes cannot be edited or enhanced. Fox, sensitive to the bad press it got from not showing the first presidential debate on its broadcast network, decided to preempt "Police Videos" on October 27 and give the two candidates the entire hour.

Bradley campaigns for the Vice President. On Thursday, former Senator Bill Bradley (D) stumped for the Vice President in New Hampshire. This was the first time Bradley returned to the state since the February 1 primary.

AFL-CIO embarks on crash fundraising program. On Thursday, the AFL-CIO let it be known that it and its international unions will raise an extra \$3-\$5 million for the last weeks of the campaign. This is on top of the \$40 million or so they spent in the primaries and the \$40-\$50 million they are already spending in the general election. Furthermore, they plan to send out many of their headquarters staff to nine or so key states to help out on the ground.

Vice President gives economic address in New York, campaigns there. On Thursday, the Vice President gave an economic speech at Columbia University and said that Governor Bush's tax cut proposal would drain Social Security, jack up interest rates and undermine economic growth by giving "too much to too few at the expense of too many." And in a refrain that is emerging as the core of his message, he declared, "Prosperity itself is on the ballot." The Vice President was introduced by former Treasury Secretary Bob Rubin, who told the audience that the Vice President was "at the center" of the difficult but effective economic choices made by the Administration. He also said Governor Bush's proposals would take the nation on the "wrong path." That evening, the Vice President attended a raucous rally with Senator Lieberman and the First Lady in New York City sponsored by the Service Employees International Union.

Also on Thursday, the Vice President taped appearances for the "Rosie O'Donnell Show" and "Live with Regis," both airing on Friday. On ABC's "Live with Regis," the Vice President demonstrated how as a teenager he hypnotized chickens, using host Regis Philbin as the stooge. The Vice President, standing behind Philbin, circled his finger around the talk-show host's head, declared him under and intoned this message: "Regis, between now and November 7, you will say good things about the Gore/Lieberman ticket." Rosie O'Donnell asked about the Vice President's relationship with the President, to which the Vice President replied: "He's my friend. We've worked together, we've been able to do some good things for the American people. I'm not trying to make this race about the past. It really is about the future."

That evening, the Vice President and Governor Bush -- as well as the First Lady -- attended the Al Smith dinner in New York, which raised \$900,000 for health care programs in the Archdiocese of New York. The Vice President and Bush traded barbs. Introduced by the great-grandson of Smith, a Roman Catholic, four-term governor of New York, the Vice President said: "Your great-grandfather was my favorite kind of governor, the kind who ran for president and lost." Bush also mentioned Smith's ill-fated campaign, admitting, "It gives me hope that in America it's still not possible for a fellow named Al to be the commander-in-chief."

Democrats go all out for Africa American voters. The Democratic Party is spending \$1.25 million in Florida this year as part of an ambitious national effort to get black voters in key battleground states to the polls to vote for the Vice President. Ambitious and expensive turnout efforts also are under way in other targeted states including Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The money will be spent on canvassing for votes door to door, on the radio, on television and in newspapers, through phone banks and even Internet chat rooms. The Reverend Jesse Jackson toured Florida for several days this month to encourage registration in a state where many blacks remain angry over Governor Jeb Bush's (R) efforts to roll back affirmative action.

While just over 80% of blacks nationally said they supported the Vice President in an October poll by the Pew Research Center, his support is not quite as intense as the support for the President in 1996, when 57% said they supported the President strongly. This year, 46% support the Vice President strongly.

"The fact that the economy has been good for African-Americans, means they're not angry at anybody," said black pollster Ron Lester of Washington. "The economy is so strong, that they don't think who's in charge matters. But that can change quickly."

Large donors choose with checkbooks. Democrats are raking in donations from Hollywood executives, trial lawyers and labor unions for the final lap in the campaign, while Republicans are cleaning up among large corporations and wealthy individuals, according to newly released FEC reports.

Unions gave \$3 million to the DNC from June 1 to September 30. Among the biggest contributors were the United Food and Commercial Workers, which gave \$180,000 in the third quarter, for a total of \$480,000 this year, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which donated \$800,000 in the last three months. The Service Employees International Union donated \$500,000 in that time, the AFL-CIO \$230,000 and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades \$400,000. Houston trial lawyer John Eddie Williams, who grew rich from tobacco litigation, gave the DNC \$275,000, and Jeffrey Katzenberg, a founder of DreamWorks movie studio, gave \$125,000. There were only a few donors who gave the DNC at least \$250,000, including Freddie Mac, the mortgage securities company, and San Francisco investor William Hambrecht.

The RNC reported at least 17 donors who gave \$240,000 or more, including the NRA, which gave \$242,730; Amway founder Richard DeVos and his wife, Helen, who gave \$250,000 each; fiber optics firm Global Crossing, which donated \$300,000; and Smithfield Food of Virginia, which contributed \$250,000. Investor Charles Schwab gave the RNC \$245,000, and the Aerospace Finance Corp., a Miami plane leasing firm, donated \$250,000, as did DLC Corp., the political contribution arm of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. Others who gave \$250,000 include Michael Dell of Dell Computers; John McDonnell, chairman of Worthington Industries, an Ohio metal processor; and Kenneth Eldred, founder of the computer reselling firm Inmac Corp., and his wife, Roberta.

Bush-Cheney Campaign

GOP has more cash on hand, targets Catholics. Last Friday, FEC reports showed that the RNC began the final month of the campaign with \$45 million versus \$26 million for the DNC. Democrats are pondering how to counter the GOP ability to mail to nearly every Catholic voter in every swing state.

Bush criticizes Vice President for deal with Chernomyrdin. Last Friday, Governor Bush criticized the Vice President for a 1995 memorandum he signed with then-Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin allowing Russia to complete deliveries of weapons to Iran under a Soviet-era contract and to not inform Congress about it, which was required by law. A Bush spokesman said this was one of the most damaging things that could happen to U.S. security and to the security of our allies in the Middle East.

Arab-American group endorses Bush. On Sunday, members of the Arab-American Political Action Committee (AAPAC), an influential organization of Arab-American political leaders from the Detroit area, gave a unanimous endorsement to Governor George Bush. Many told the *Detroit Free Press* in a story for Monday editions that Bush has reached out for Arab-Americans' support, while the Vice President has not. But a few also said they were uneasy with vice presidential candidate, Senator Lieberman, particularly in the wake of the Middle East crisis. The committee is an influential political force among Arab-Americans living in the Detroit metropolitan area and has a list of 30,000 Arab-American voters. In rebuttal, the Vice President's senior advisor on ethnic affairs, Jim Zogby, said the Vice President has appointed more Arab Americans to high level positions than any campaign in history and that Senator Lieberman supported Arab Americans before most politicians did. David Mack, vice president of the nonpartisan Middle East Institute, a Washington D.C. think tank, said that while both

candidates support Israel 100%, Bush has worked harder to ingratiate himself with AAPAC.

Report alleges inequities in Texas execution process. On Monday, authors affiliated with the non-profit Texas Defender Service released a new report, which echoes many familiar criticisms of the death penalty in Texas, calling it racially biased and in desperate need of reform. The report alleges a clear pattern of punishment meted out disproportionately against those convicted of killing whites as compared to those convicted of killing non-whites. The report found that in 84 cases a Texas prosecutor or police officer deliberately presented false or misleading evidence and that indigent defendants are routinely represented at trials by underpaid, inexperienced, inept or uninterested lawyers.

Bush seen as hands-off manager. On Monday, after analyzing documents about the Bush administration in Texas, *The New York Times* reported that as governor Bush spent remarkably little time on policy details – including whether to go ahead with executions – but spent most of his time wooing legislators, the public and the news media. The *Times* also reported that Bush works short hours and spends little time studying specific issues or working on executive matters.

Bush campaigns in Arkansas. On Monday, during his seventh trip to Arkansas, Governor Bush told several thousand people that the Vice President was engaging in class warfare and that he was a big-spending liberal. Bush said the Vice President proposed spending that was three times more than the President proposed and “more than 1984 Democratic nominee Walter Mondale and 1988 Democratic candidate combined.” Appearing with Bush were his wife Laura, Governor Mike Huckabee (R), Lt. Governor Win Rockefeller (R), U.S. Senator Tim Hutchinson (R), and U.S. Rep. Asa Hutchinson (R).

Women tour for Bush. On Wednesday, former First Lady Barbara Bush campaigned by bus in Michigan with Laura Bush, Lynne Cheney, and Bush foreign policy advisor Condoleezza Rice. The “W stands for Women Tour,” as the campaign dubbed it, continued on Thursday in Pennsylvania. On Monday, Cindy McCain, wife of Senator John McCain, will take Barbara Bush’s place as the tour concludes in Wisconsin. The women talked about issues important to women such as education, health care, safety and violence.

Bush attacks government and Washington D.C.; Cheney attacks Administration’s stewardship of the U.S. military. On Wednesday, Governor Bush campaigned in Eau Claire and La Crosse, Wisconsin, and delivered an increasingly anti-government, anti-Washington message, while branding the Vice President as the apostle of big government. “If you’re sick and tired of Washington, D.C., the attitude, the finger-pointing, the name calling, if you want a fresh start after this season of cynicism, then join this campaign,” Bush said. Bush also accused the Vice President of being a big spender, ignoring the Vice President’s pledge that he would take government spending to the smallest share of national income in 50 years.

Meanwhile, Dick Cheney was in Pennsylvania attacking the Administration for not doing enough to sustain the U.S. military. In a meeting with reporters, Cheney said the Vice President cannot claim credit for reducing the size of the U.S. Government by 351,000 people, when three quarters of those people came from the Defense Department, and still claim that “everything’s alright with the U.S. military.”

Bush defends Social Security plan. On Thursday, speaking in Michigan, Governor Bush defended his Social Security proposal, saying it was a “new deal for a new generation,” that the “worker class will join the investor class,” and that the Vice President was trying to “pit grandparents against grandchildren.”

Bush appears on Letterman. On Thursday, Governor Bush appeared on CBS’s “Late Show with David Letterman.” After starting off with some jokes, Letterman abruptly changed tones and sharply questioned

Bush on the death penalty, violence in the Middle East and pollution in Texas. Letterman seemed not to be joking, even though he punctured his questions with his trademark laugh.

GOP launches big Spanish-language ad campaign. On Thursday, the RNC launched the biggest Spanish-language ad campaign for a presidential candidate in history, highlighting Governor Bush's education record. Of seven states where the ads will air, California is receiving the largest portion of the \$2 million budgeted for the three-week campaign. The ads will run on Spanish-language television and radio stations in the Los Angeles-area market, where an estimated 40% of the state's Latino electorate lives. The ads feature black-and-white shots of a Latino neighborhood as an announcer says: "Times have never been more prosperous. And it's true . . . for some." But, the ad continues, "too many of us have been forgotten." The scene then switches to a mostly Latino classroom and ends with Bush speaking directly into the camera. "For me, education is No. 1 because our children deserve the best," he says in Spanish. Republicans say the 2000 election presents a crucial opportunity to target Latino voters in California, who are expected to make up at least 14% of the November electorate.

 The Democratic National Committee is budgeting about \$1.75 million for its Spanish-language TV, radio and print effort, but has not announced any particular plans for California. In California, Vice President Al Gore holds a commanding 65%-23% lead among likely Latino voters, according to an early October Field Poll.

Bush sends out governors. Beginning the final phase of his presidential campaign, Governor Bush plans to send 28 Republican governors on a three-day fly-around to battleground states as well as deploy his onetime bitter primary rival, Senator John McCain of Arizona, to woo swing voters. The governors, including Bush's brother Jeb, plan to converge in Austin on Sunday for a rally. They then plan to split onto seven planes and crisscross the country for Bush, making 45 stops in 24 states. Altogether the states represent 316 electoral votes, and 22 of the states voted for Clinton-Gore in 1996.

Cheney pursues youth vote. Dick Cheney is making an appeal to voters aged 20-40, pitching retirement savings accounts and tax cuts in a campaign swing through battleground states. On Monday, Cheney appeared at a Christian college in Missouri before heading to Florida, where he toured the state by bus and watched Tuesday night's presidential debate. Cheney pushed Bush's proposal to let younger workers put about one-sixth of their Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts that they would own and control. Cheney has likened these accounts to 401(k) retirement plans that many Americans have through their employers. The Bush campaign contends the accounts will earn a higher rate of return -- perhaps as much as 6% annually, based on historical stock market performance, compared with about 2% that Social Security earns. A young worker earning \$20,000 annually could retire with more than \$100,000 after inflation by investing the money in stocks and bonds, according to campaign estimates. Cheney also campaigned this week in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Texas murder case reexamined. Authorities in Austin are reexamining a 1988 murder case because of evidence that two innocent men are in prison for the crime and the killer could be a convicted felon who has repeatedly confessed to the slaying in letters to public officials, including Governor Bush. Although one man pleaded guilty to the crime and testified against his alleged accomplice, and both were sentenced to prison, DNA evidence now shows that neither was involved in the attack.

Bush signed law blocking cheaper drug. Governor Bush, who promises to make prescription drugs more affordable, signed legislation making it more difficult for Texas doctors to prescribe a cheaper generic version of a popular blood-thinning drug. The Vice President's campaign is seizing on the issue, alleging that Bush is a pawn of industry. The legislation Bush signed was sought by DuPont Merck

Pharmaceutical, the drug giant that manufactures the name-brand drug Coumadin and tried to persuade states to block the new, generic competition, called warfarin. Just three states, including Texas, adopted such laws. Texas has since reversed course, now agreeing with the Food and Drug Administration that generic warfarin is just as safe and effective as Coumadin. Even one of Bush's own top health advisers argues that it should be up to doctors and patients -- not state drug boards -- to choose among FDA-approved drugs. "Generics offer lower cost alternatives in most cases. They ought to be used as an option," Gail Wilensky, who helped craft Bush's Medicare prescription drug plan, said Tuesday.

"Reyn" Archer placed on indefinite leave. Texas health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer, who was appointed by Governor Bush, has been placed on indefinite leave because of comments Governor Bush says represent "inappropriate conversation for a supervisor to have with an employee." An African American aide to Archer, Demetria Montgomery, who feared being fired by Archer and who was subsequently dismissed, recorded a conversation she had with him, and has filed a sexual and racial discrimination grievance with the Texas Commission on Human Rights. Archer told Montgomery that because she was fair skinned as a black woman, "you get certain privileges in white culture that others don't get for that." He also said Montgomery had "used her smarts to get ahead in her career and that's what white people do." He also told her: "I want to be clear about what I'm asking you. That is, facts lead to lynchings. Relationships lead to hope."

OTHER CAMPAIGN NEWS

Nader attracts 15,000 in New York. On Friday, about 15,000 people of all ages filled Madison Square Garden for the biggest rally yet supporting Ralph Nader's (Green) presidential bid.

Nader files suit. As he said he would, Ralph Nader filed suit against the co-chairs of the Commission on Presidential Debates, Paul G. Kirk Jr. and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, as well as the security officer and police officers who kept him off the campus of the University of Massachusetts, site of the first presidential debate. "Mark my words," Nader said, "this is the debate commission's last hurrah. Its power will be broken."

Original Nader's Raiders urge help for Vice President. Twelve of the original "Nader's Raiders" have sent a letter to Ralph Nader calling upon him to reassess his presidential campaign and urge him to consider its consequences. From the letter: "First, you predicted that Pat Buchanan would reduce the Bush vote by a comparable number. You were wrong. Second, you said you would campaign only where your candidacy would not hurt Gore's ability to carry the state. Third, you suggest that only 'clairvoyance' could predict your impact on the race. It no longer takes clairvoyance. It is now clear that you might well give the White House back to Bush. As a result, you would set back significantly the social progress to which you devoted your entire, astonishing career...It is time for you once again to step aside in the best interest of your nation."

Record number to vote before Election Day. A record number of Americans will vote before Election Day this year, a phenomenon which is affecting GOTV drives. For example, Oregon is holding the nation's first all-mail balloting and millions will vote absentee in California, Washington state, Nevada and Arizona. In Washington state, which has three competitive House races, a key Senate contest and a tight presidential race, absentee votes are expected to top 50%. And because the state counts all absentee votes postmarked by November 7, it is possible that it might take a week to find out who the winners are. In California, more than 1 million absentee ballots will not be counted until after Election Day. In Nevada, where absentee and early voting accounted for more than 40% of the 1998 turnout, there are competitive Senate and House races. In North Carolina, voters began voting October 16, the first time no-excuse absentee voting has been allowed. More than half the states have either liberalized their absentee

voting rules or allow voting before Election Day, or both, and most no longer require voters to state a reason for requesting an absentee ballot. The following chart shows the increase in absentee voting among selected states:

<u>State</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>
AL	14.4%	10.6%	NV	22.1%	42%
AZ	23%	30.4%	NM	24.5%	30.9%
AR	14.3%	15.5%	OR	49.2%	60.8%
CA	20.7%	25.6%	SD	10.8%	5.6%
CO	22.6%	30.3%	TN	23%	22.9%
HI	15.7%	17.7%	TX	31.6%	28.2%
IA	15.7%	15.3%	VT	11.4%	10.7%
KS	12%	14%	WA	36.2%	49%
MT	13%	9.5%	WY	15.7%	9.9%

Buchanan compares Palestinian uprising to American Revolution. On Monday, speaking in Milwaukee, Pat Buchanan (Reform) suggested that the U.S. should rethink its commitment to Israel in the Middle East crisis. Buchanan compared the Palestinian uprising to the American Revolution and blamed Israel's Ariel Sharon for provoking the crisis. Buchanan said the United States should back away from its strong support for Israel and "get out of there."

On Thursday, as part of his \$10 million media effort, Buchanan started airing an ad in 24 states and 209 markets, including north Florida, although campaign officials wouldn't specify which states. In the ad, the second of his campaign, Buchanan takes a stand for prayer in schools and defends the Boy Scouts. Both topics are traditionally Republican issues, raising the possibility that the ad could be a threat to the Bush base in key states like Florida -- although Buchanan has had little impact on presidential polling since leaving the GOP.

U.S. HOUSE 2000

DCCC touts CQ report projecting Democratic majority in the House. In its October 18 edition, *Congressional Quarterly* projects that if the election were held today, Democrats could make exactly the seven-seat gain net gain they need to obtain a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. CQ projects the following results:

<u>Democratic wins</u>		<u>Republican wins</u>
CA-15	MT-AL	NJ-01
CA-27	NY-02	NY-01
CA-31	OK-02	PA-04
CA-36	UT-02	VA-02
FL-08	WA-02	
IN-08		

In addition, the report found that there are 5 Republican races and 2 Democratic races likely to be held by the incumbent party, ranked "No Clear Favorite," but warns some of them could go the other way. Furthermore, there are 16 Republican-held seats ranked "Leans Republican" and 12 Democratic-held seats ranked "Leans Democratic," which could conceivably produce some surprises. There are even upset chances -- though slighter -- in the 19 Republican-held districts CQ labeled "Republican Favored" and the 23 Democratic-held districts ranked "Democratic Favored."

Democrats field some conservative candidates. Recognizing that recapturing the majority in the House will require winning some conservative rural districts, Democrats are fielding a number of candidates who are either pro-gun, antiabortion or both. These candidates include: state Senator Ted House (MO-02); physician and anti-abortion candidate Paul Perry (IN-08); lawyer Robert W. Rock (IN-02); former sheriff Brian Roy (KY-01); Patrick Casey (PA-10), who is anti-abortion and pro-gun; and Loy Sneary (TX-14). In addition, state Senator Mike Ross (AR-04) wishes to scale back environmental laws. Should these candidates provide the margin of victory for the Democrats next month, a Democratic leadership would face building coalitions with conservatives not only from the GOP but also from its own party.

DCCC and NRCC have roughly same cash on hand. New FEC figures show the DCCC has \$20.6 million cash on hand while the NRCC has \$22.8 million. At the end of June, the DCCC had a \$15 million advantage. The NRCC enjoys a considerable advantage in the amount of hard money: \$13.7 million to \$6.9 million for the DCCC. The DCCC spent more than \$30 million in three summer months while the NRCC spent \$26.8 million. Some of the DCCC \$30 million went to pre-pay for ads that will be run between now and Election Day.

Business groups hedging donations; move benefits Democrats. A study for the Center for Responsive Politics has found that despite the GOP House majority and business's historic ties to Republicans, Democrats have garnered 52% of the \$70 million in business contributions to the DCCC and the NRCC, up from 37% two years ago. Indeed, the DCCC has nearly doubled its contributions from business, raising more than \$36 million so far this cycle, compared to \$19 million two years ago. The figure includes contributions from PACs, business executives, and corporate "soft money" donations. The Democrats' share, however, still lags far behind what it was when they controlled the House.

Businesses that gave directly to House candidates, as opposed to the DCCC or NRCC, still tilts heavily toward the Republicans.

In other activity, the Business Roundtable launched a \$6-\$8 million TV, radio and print campaign this week targeted at 40 members of the House and Senate, favoring Republican candidates by a ratio of 2:1 over Democratic ones. The Business Roundtable did, however, include Democratic candidates Rep. Cal Dooley (CA-20), Rep. Dennis Moore (KS-03), and Gregory Meeks (NY-06) because of their support of PNTR.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is running ads in eight House races and four Senate races--all in favor Republicans -- praising lawmakers for opposing legislation that would allow patients to sue their managed-care plans. The chamber also dramatically expanded its political program for this election, and plans on making 1 million phone calls and sending 12 million e-mails before Election Day.

Impeachment managers' PAC on brink of collapse. By the end of June, a PAC inspired by Rep. Chris Cannon (R-UT-03) to protect the 13 impeachment managers, had raised only \$76,787 in about a year and a half and had doled out only four \$1,000 checks. Recipients were Republican Reps. Jim Rogan (R-CA-27); Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (R-IL-06); Bill McCollum (R-FL-08), now running for the Senate; and Cannon. In contrast, MoveOn.Org, an online fundraising effort dedicated to defeating incumbents who voted for impeachment, has collected \$1.5 million since it was created last year and currently ranks 16th in overall PAC receipts.

CA 20: Two Hispanic groups endorse Dooley; one endorses Rodriguez. The Mexican American Political Association and the United Farm Workers have endorsed Rep. Cal Dooley (D) in his race against Hispanic former TV anchorman Rich Rodriguez (R).

Rodriguez has won the support of the Hispanic Business Roundtable, but the group's address is nothing more than a mailbox with a seemingly prestigious location, a Web site and a track record of endorsing Republican candidates.

CA-27, 36: State GOP buys airtime to help Rogan and Kuykendall. On Monday, the California GOP began airing about \$1.3 million in ad time in four L.A.-area broadcast stations for issue-oriented messages designed to boost GOP contenders, including Reps. Jim Rogan (R) and Steven Kuykendall (R).

CA-46: Sanchez poll numbers remain high despite summer controversies. Despite controversies generated over her desire to stage a fundraiser at the Playboy mansion and her subsequent cancellation of a DNC fundraising event in her district with the President, there is no evidence that Rep. Loretta Sanchez has been hurt in the polls. According to poll conducted in English and Spanish by the *Los Angeles Times* October 9-11, Sanchez leads her opponent Matta Tuchman (R) by 21 points. Analysts explained that voters are pleased with the positive image Sanchez has brought to Latinos.

<u>General Election Match-Up</u>		<u>Sanchez Job</u>	
Loretta Sanchez	52%	Approve	58%
Matta Tuchman	31%	Disapprove	29%

CA-49: Davis moving out on Bilbray. A KGTV-10 tracking poll conducted October 17 showed Assemblywoman Susan Davis (D) leading Rep. Brian Bilbray (R) 51%-41%. In a previous poll conducted October 2, Davis led 50%-43%.

District of Columbia: The Supreme Court ruled on Monday that residents of the District of Columbia do not have a constitutional right to a voting representative in Congress, ending a two-year legal battle waged by a diverse coalition of community leaders and activists. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) and others said the battle will shift to Congress. Norton said she intends to introduce legislation in the next session to give the District a vote in Congress.

FL-08: Jim Brady endorses Chapin. On Tuesday, former Reagan press secretary Jim Brady endorsed Orange County Chair Linda Chapin (D) in her race against attorney Ric Keller (R). Chapin has made gun control the focus of her TV ads.

IN-08: Majority of Perry's contributions come from health care industry. FEC reports show that through June, doctors, their spouses and other health care professionals gave \$274,000 out of the total of \$431,000 Dr. Paul Perry (D) has received from individuals. Larry Makinson, the executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, said: "Never in my 10 years of tracking campaign contributions have I seen a candidate get this much money from one industry." Perry is running against Rep. John Hostettler (R).

KS-03: Moore and Kline neck and neck in new poll. A *Kansas City Star* poll conducted early this week showed Rep. Dennis Moore (D) leading Phill Kline (R) 40%-38%. According to the Moore campaign, a recent internal poll showed Moore leading 7%-8%, but they agree that the race is close. (A September Moore campaign poll showed Moore leading Kline 51%-34%.) Moore's people say he was hurt by NRCC ads and the fact that the Vice President's campaign had fallen behind in the polls. The campaign says privately that it is desperately looking for money with which to pay for direct mail costs through the Coordinated Campaign. It needs \$131,000 in non-federal dollars for this and does not know where it is coming from. It has requested \$50,000 from the DCCC.

OH-17: Traficant may be run out of Democratic caucus. Top aides to House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D) say that Rep. Jim Traficant (D) will no longer be permitted to caucus with the Democrats if he follows through with his vow to support another term in the Speakership for Rep. Dennis Hastert (R). Traficant has said he will remain a Democrat even if he votes for Hastert, and a Traficant aide said Traficant "doesn't give a damn" about Gephardt's threat.

PA-04: Two stations pull NRCC ad on Van Horne's SBA loan. Last Friday, Terry Van Horne (D) scored a victory of sorts when two Pittsburgh TV stations agreed to pull a NRCC ad accusing him of failing to make payments on an SBA loan. The ad failed to mention that the loan had been settled by a partial payment in 1989. The DCCC said it was working to get two other stations to drop the ad.

PA-10: Rep. Sherwood says Administration responsible for Cole attack. On Sunday, Rep. Donald Sherwood (R) said the Administration contributed to the likelihood of a terrorist attack on the USS Cole by underfunding the Navy and thus preventing it from being able to refuel the Cole from a tanker at sea. Sherwood is running against Scranton lawyer Patrick Casey (D).

TX-05: Outlook changes from Likely R to Leaning R, and first TV ads begin. In this race where former White House IGA Director Regina Montoya Coggins (D) is challenging Rep. Pete Sessions (R), *Congressional Quarterly* has changed its outlook from Likely R to Leaning R, in part due to Regina's fundraising ability. To date, she has raised \$1.5 million compared to Sessions' \$1.2 million. An internal poll of uninformed voters conducted for Regina from September 9-11 showed that Sessions led Regina 51%-28%, but after both candidates were profiled, Regina led Sessions 54%-33% with 13% undecided.

On Monday, Regina's campaign aired its first TV ad, buying up \$650,000 and 3,200 points in the expensive Dallas market, airing a negative piece showing a real constituent explaining her struggle to buy prescription drugs using the tag line, "I can't afford Pete Sessions anymore." Regina also bought \$32,000 on rural radio focusing on prescription drugs. Another poll is scheduled at the end of this week to see the impact of the ads. Regina's sixth mail piece, out of a 9-piece mail program, is to 40,000 female swing voters. She has also invested \$65,000 in phone banks.

On Wednesday, Sessions aired his first TV ad focusing on special needs children, healthcare and prescription drugs. He also has a \$32,000 rural radio ad buy with two men talking at a gas station complaining about gas prices and tax increases, and attacking Regina for being part of the "Clinton White House" when "Bill and Hillary Clinton" raised taxes. Sessions' ad uses the tag line, "We cannot afford Regina in Congress." Regina anticipates Sessions will use a similar tax message and Clinton association spot on TV in the Dallas market. Sessions also has sent direct mail on prescription drugs and healthcare.

WA-02: Race between Rep. John Koster (R), Rick Larsen (D) seen as tossup. In the race to replace self-term-limited Rep. Jack Metcalf (R), both Rick Larsen (D) and John Koster (R) participated in a 90-minute debate sponsored by the AARP, where Social Security and prescription drugs were the dominant issues. The two candidates agreed on a number of topics, including opposing a Canadian-style health care system, raising the eligibility age for Medicare, and repealing the tax on Social Security benefits.

U.S. SENATE 2000

FLORIDA

Jim and Sarah Brady endorse Nelson. On Monday, state insurance commissioner Bill Nelson (D) held a short news conference in which he announced that gun control activists Jim and Sarah Brady endorsed him in his U.S. Senate race against Rep. Bill McCollum (R).

MINNESOTA

Dayton lent additional \$3.3 million to campaign. During the five weeks before September 30, Mark Dayton (D) lent his senatorial campaign \$3.3 million, thus raising his personal investment to more than \$6.7 million. Senator Rod Grams (R) collected \$677,000 during the same period, bringing his total collected since January 1, 1995 to nearly \$6.3 million.

MISSOURI

Carnahan's death raises many political issues. The initial reaction of political analysts to the death of Governor Mel Carnahan (D) is that it will make it virtually impossible for the Democrats to recapture the U.S. Senate. This has the ironic effect of reducing pressure on Senator Lieberman to relinquish his Senate seat prior to November 7. While Carnahan's name will remain on the ballot, Democrats are worried that the loss of Missouri's most powerful and popular Democrat could dampen turnout at the polls, hurting the chances of both Vice President Gore and gubernatorial candidate Bob Holden (D) to carry the state.

While there has been some talk about continuing the Carnahan campaign, national Democratic officials said they thought it highly improbable that voters could be encouraged to vote for a deceased candidate. Indeed, the party would not only decline to invest more money in the Missouri Senate race, one official said, but it also might request that several hundred thousand dollars it had given to the state party to assist Carnahan be used to help Senate candidates in other states.

There are also questions about what Carnahan's campaign should do with the money it has in the bank, which campaign officials said was probably less than \$1 million. Some Democrats contended that that money should go into continuing the campaign, but others said that money would be well spent helping either gubernatorial candidate Holden or the Vice President.

MONTANA

Democratic poll gives Burns a 55% negative job rating. A DSCC poll conducted October 15-16 showed Senator Conrad Burns (R) leading farmer Brian Schweitzer (D) 48%-40% and Burns' negative job rating at 55%:

General Election Matchup

Burns	48%
Schweitzer	40%
Lee	2%
Undec.	10%

Burns Job Rating

Positive (Excellent/Good)	38%
Negative (Fair/Poor)	55%

Personal Ratings

	Pos/Neg
Burns	44%/38%
Schweitzer	38%/33%

NEBRASKA

Nelson has 4:1 cash advantage. Former Governor Ben Nelson (D) has spent campaign cash from July through September at more than twice the rate of opponent Attorney General Don Stenberg (R) but still has a cash on hand balance of \$345,038 to Stenberg's \$77,036. On Friday, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) endorsed Stenberg, while Senator Bob Kerry (D-NE) stumped with Nelson.

NEW JERSEY

Corzine's spending reaches \$45 million. On top of the \$35.5 million of his own money that former Goldman Sachs CEO Jon Corzine (D) spent on his primary race, Corzine has spent \$9.5 million in the

past three months to bring his total to \$45 million. Analysts feel the final total may exceed \$55 million. Opponent Bob Franks (R) spent only \$651,733 in the last three months after spending \$2 million in the primary. He hopes to raise another \$2 million by the end of the campaign.

On Wednesday, both Corzine and Franks began airing new TV ads. For Franks it was the beginning of a \$2 million ad campaign; his two 15-second ads are the first he has aired. For Corzine, it was just another \$1.5 million ad buy. In the ads, Franks charges that Corzine is a "big-spending political novice whose liberal proposals will bankrupt the country." Corzine's ads zero in on Franks' recent series of missed votes in the House of Representatives. Franks said he missed about 20 votes because of the death of his father. He missed the rest of the votes because he has been scrambling around the country trying to raise money. Corzine has outspent Franks 15:1 during the last three months.

NEW YORK

Subway series amid Senate campaign. A *New York* magazine poll conducted September 20-24 showed that Met fans prefer the First Lady 57%-39% over Rep. Rick Lazio (R), while Yankee fans favor Lazio 46%-44%.

On Thursday, Lazio tried to close the stature gap between him and the First Lady by meeting with Henry A. Kissinger and emerging with Kissinger's endorsement. Lazio has made no formal address on his foreign policy views during his Senate campaign.

VIRGINIA

Democrats launch new ads against Allen. On Wednesday, Democrats unleashed three new TV commercials that attack former Governor George Allen (R) for hobbling the state's road-building programs and threatening education and other popular programs with tax cuts. One ad directed at traffic-clogged Northern Virginia residents links delays and budget overruns in highway construction in Washington suburbs to sharp staff reductions at the state road agency during Allen's administration. Another ad, as well as a Robb ad, attacks Allen's endorsement of more than \$2 million in tax breaks that Democrats say would erase an anticipated federal surplus and choke off funds for education, prescription drug coverage for seniors and shoring up Social Security.

A cash infusion from the DSCC has given Robb a surprising financial advantage over Allen. The DSCC has now pumped \$4.5 million into the race between July 1 and September 30 to run anti-Allen, pro-Robb TV ads. The NRSC, by contrast, has sent \$2.2 million. All told, Robb's contributions for the past three months totaled \$5.3 million with national party money included, while Allen's totaled \$4 million.

Post endorses Robb. *The Washington Post* endorsed Senator Robb Thursday, saying that "Virginians have enjoyed years of solid, constructive representation on both sides of the aisle in the U.S. Senate—and they have every good reason to continue it by reelecting Charles S. Robb." The *Post* also cited Robb's work to secure Virginia's fair share of federal money for defense, health care and tobacco farmers making the transition to different crops. On the contrary, the editorial charged that George Allen would likely sharpen partisanship if elected and that his proposed education credit would help those who need it the least.

Heston campaigns for Allen. On Thursday, NRA President Charlton Heston appeared in Roanoke on behalf of Republican candidates, including former Governor George Allen (R). But the two did not appear together.

WASHINGTON

Cantwell may not reach fundraising target. Former Rep. Maria Cantwell (D) acknowledged that her campaign is experiencing a cash crunch and that she may not reach her \$8 million target. Her largely self-financed campaign is watching closely as the stock of RealNetworks (the company by which Cantwell created her fortune) has dramatically dropped in value. The drop in the stock, however, is not expected to effect her campaign. The Gorton-Cantwell race is already the most expensive contest in Washington state history.

STATE NEWS

NORTH DAKOTA

Heitkamp has heavy campaign schedule following chemo treatment. Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp (D) has a full weekend of campaign activities scheduled following her first chemotherapy treatment on Friday.

PUERTO RICO

Polls show Pesquera and Romero narrowly ahead. In the gubernatorial race, a poll by Precision Research conducted October 1-9 showed Statehood Party candidate Carlos Pesquera leading the Commonwealth Party's Sila Calderon 46%-43%, with Independence Party candidate Ruben Berrios at 5%. In the last survey, conducted September 10-21, Pesquera led Calderon 46%-44%, with Berrios at 5%.

For Resident Commissioner, the same poll showed incumbent Statehood nominee Carlos Romero leading Commonwealth candidate Anibal Acevedo 46.3%-45.7%, with Manuel Rodriguez Orella of the Independence Party at 4% and 4% undecided. In September, Acevedo led Romero 46%-42%.

THE WEEK AHEAD

	POTUS	VPOTUS	FLOTUS	MEG
Saturday, October 21	FLOTUS breakfast and reception and rally for Rep. Carson (IN-10) in Indianapolis, IN	NOLA, Phila	Campaign events in DC	
Sunday, October 22	Events for FLOTUS in Binghampton, Watertown, Long Island and NYC, NY	Campaign events in Dallas, TX, Albuquerque, NM, and Portland, OR	Campaign events on Long Island, Million Mom March in Westchester, and campaign event in NYC with POTUS	
Monday, October 23	Lunch for Rep. Hinchey (NY-26) in Kingston, bill signing and FLOTUS reception in Queens, and Westchester Co. Dems dinner in NY	Campaign events in Portland, OR, Spokane and Everett, WA	Gannett editorial board in NYC; and Queens campaign event and Westchester County dinner with POTUS	

Tuesday, October 24	Campaign audio tapings and events for Mike Easley (NC), PFAW, and Donald Dunn (UT-01) in DC	Campaign events in Little Rock, AR, and Shreveport, LA, and DNC Gala in Nashville, TN	Campaign events in Rochester and editorial boards in Rochester and Syracuse, NY	Campaign events with VPOTUS in Little Rock, AR, and Nashville, TN
Wednesday, October 25	Events for Rep. Meeks (NY-06), NY Democratic Assembly Committee, and FLOTUS in NYC	Campaign events in Nashville, TN, Jackson, MS, and Kansas City, MO	<i>Newsday</i> editorial board in NYC and campaign gala in DC	Campaign events in Nashville and Chattanooga, TN
Thursday, October 26		Campaign events in Kansas City, MO, Iowa, and Madison, WI		
Friday, October 27		Campaign events in WV and Pittsburgh and , Allentown, PA	Campaign events in NYC	

National Polls

Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other/DK	Poll/Date Conducted
43%	45%	1%	4%	7%	<i>Newsweek</i> (10/12-13)
43%	48%	--	4%	5%	<i>CNN/Time</i> (10/12-13)
39%	49%	0%	5%	7%	<i>CNN/USA Today/Gallup</i> (10/16-18)
44%	44%	1%	4%	7%	<i>MSNBC/Reuters/Zogby</i> (10/17-19)
41%	46%	1%	4%	8%	<i>Rasmussen Research</i> (10/17-19)
40%	44%	1%	4%	11%	<i>Voter.Com/Battleground</i> (10/15-18)
42%	48%	1%	5%	4%	<i>NBC News/Wall Street Journal</i> (10/13-15)
39%	42%	2%	7%	--	<i>ICR</i> (10/13-15)
43%	45%	1%	3%	8%	<i>NBC News</i> (10/18)
44%	48%	1%	3%	4%	<i>ABC News</i> (10/12-15, 17-18)
43%	48%	1%	3%	5%	<i>ABC/Washington Post</i> (10/12-15, 17)
46%	45%	1%	4%	4%	<i>Democracy Corps.</i> (10/18-19)

National Poll Tracking	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Date Conducted
<i>ABC News/Washington Post</i>	44%	48%	1%	3%	4%	10/12-15, 17-18
	43%	48%	1%	3%	5%	10/12-15, 17
	44%	48%	1%	4%	3%	10/12-15
	45%	48%	--	3%	4%	10/6-9
	48%	46%	1%	3%	2%	9/28-10/1
	47%	47%	--	3%	3%	9/4-6
<i>CNN/USA Today/Gallup</i>	39%	49%	--	5%	7%	10/16-18
	42%	48%	--	4%	6%	10/15-17
	44%	47%	--	3%	6%	10/14-16
	44%	47%	1%	3%	5%	10/13-15
	43%	48%	1%	2%	6%	10/12-14
	43%	48%	--	4%	5%	10/12-13
	45%	44%	1%	2%	8%	10/9-11
	45%	45%	1%	2%	7%	10/10
	44%	47%	1%	3%	5%	10/7-9
	42%	50%	--	4%	4%	10/6-8
	41%	49%	1%	4%	5%	10/5-7
	45%	47%	1%	4%	3%	10/4-5
	51%	40%	1%	2%	6%	10/2-4
	49%	41%	1%	2%	7%	10/1-3
	46%	44%	1%	2%	7%	9/30-10/2
<i>Fox News/Opinion Dynamics</i>	43%	42%	2%	5%	8%	10/4-5
	43%	43%	1%	4%	9%	9/20-21
	45%	43%	2%	3%	7%	9/6-7

Newsweek	43%	45%	1%	4%	7%	10/12-13
	44%	43%	1%	6%	6%	10/4-6
	45%	44%	1%	3%	7%	9/27-29
	47%	45%	--	3%	7%	9/20-22
	52%	38%	2%	3%	7%	9/14-15
Zogby America	44%	44%	1%	4%	7%	10/17-19
	43%	44%	1%	5%	7%	10/16-18
	43%	43%	1%	6%	8%	10/15-17
	42%	43%	1%	5%	9%	10/13-15
	42%	43%	1%	4%	10%	10/10-12
	43%	43%	1%	4%	9%	10/9-11
	42%	43%	1%	4%	10%	10/8-10
	42%	43%	1%	5%	7%	10/7-9
	45%	39%	1%	6%	2%	10/6-8
	46%	41%	1%	6%	7%	10/3-5
	46%	40%	1%	7%	7%	10/2-4
	46%	41%	1%	5%	9%	10/1-3
Voter.com/Battleground	40%	44%	1%	4%	11%	10/15-18
	40%	42%	2%	5%	12%	10/12, 15-17
	40%	42%	2%	4%	12%	10/11-12, 15-16
	40%	43%	1%	4%	12%	10/10-12, 15
	39%	43%	1%	5%	12%	10/9-12
	40%	44%	1%	4%	12%	10/8-11
	40%	44%	1%	3%	13%	10/5, 10/8-10
	41%	43%	1%	4%	13%	10/4-5, 10/8-9
	41%	44%	1%	3%	11%	10/3-5, 10/8
	41%	43%	1%	4%	11%	10/2-5
	41%	43%	1%	4%	11%	10/1-4

State Polls

New polls were released this week in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington.

State	Evs	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Poll/Dates Conducted
AK	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
AL	9	36%	48%	--	--	9%	<i>Mobile Register/U. of South Alabama</i> (8/28-31)
AR	6	43%	45%	1%	1%	10%	Mason Dixon (9/26-28)
AZ	8	--	--	--	--	--	--
CA	54	48%	39%	--	6%	7%	Research 2000/KCRA TV (10/12-15)
CO	8	33%	45%	1%	5%	16%	<i>The Rocky Mountain News/KCNC</i> (9/29-10/4)
CT	8	48%	32%	1%	4%	13%	University of Connecticut (9/26-10/1)
DE	3	45%	43%	--	--	12%	Mason-Dixon (10/4-5)
FL	25	47%	45%	--	3%	5%	American Research Group (10/12-16)
GA	13	40%	48%	1%	--	11%	Mason-Dixon (10/12-14)
HI	4	52%	34%	1%	6%	7%	Mason-Dixon (9/5-9)
IA	7	47%	39%	1%	3%	10%	Research 2000/KCCI-TV (9/25-27)
ID	4	21%	57%	4%	2%	16%	Research 2000 (7/5-8)
IL	22	47%	40%	1%	3%	9%	Research 2000/Week-TV (10/16-18)
		46%	41%	1%	3%	9%	<i>The Peoria Journal Star</i> (10/12-14)
		45%	37%	1%	4%	13%	<i>The Chicago Tribune</i> (10/6-9)
IN	12	38%	54%	1%	--	7%	Research 2000/South Bend Tribune (10/12-14)
KS	6	--	--	--	--	--	--
KY	8	41%	51%	--	--	8%	<i>Louisville Courier-Journal</i> (9/18-21)
LA	9	38%	44%	1%	1%	16%	Southern Media and Opinion (9/15-21)
MA	12	60%	27%	--	3%	10%	<i>Boston Herald</i> (8/29-31)
MD	10	49%	38%	--	--	13%	Mason-Dixon (10/6-8) for WBOC-TV
ME	4	37%	42%	--	--	11%	Critical Insights Inc. of Portland (10/15-17)
MI	18	42%	43%	--	--	15%	<i>The Detroit News</i> (10/9-13)
		45%	42%	--	2%	11%	<i>The Detroit Free Press</i> /WNEM-TV (10/11-12)
MN	10	41%	44%	1%	8%	6%	<i>The Minneapolis Star Tribune</i> (10/14-18)
MO	11	41%	42%	--	2%	14%	Research 2000/KOMU-TV (10/15-16)
MS	7	36%	50%	--	1%	10%	<i>Memphis Commercial Appeal</i> (9/6-11)
MT	3	30%	55%	1%	4%	15%	Great Falls Tribune (10/13-15)
NC	14	43%	47%	1%	--	9%	Mason-Dixon (10/5-8)
ND	3	35%	47%	2%	1%	16%	Fargo Forum (10/2-6)
NH	4	44%	41%	1%	1%	13%	Mason-Dixon/Concord Monitor (10/16-18)
		43%	39%	3%	7%	--	University of New Hampshire/WMUR (10/5-13)
NJ	15	45%	31%	--	--	--	<i>The Asbury Park Press</i> (10/12-14)
		46%	37%	--	--	--	<i>Newark Star Ledger</i> (10/12-15)
		45%	31%	--	--	24%	Gannett NJ (10/12-14)
		46%	37%	--	--	5%	Eagleton (10/12-15)
		49%	34%	1%	8%	10%	<i>New York Times</i> (10/12-15)

State	Evs	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Poll/Dates Conducted
NM	5	41%	44%	1%	6%	8%	Mason Dixon (9/28-30) for <i>Santa Fe New Mexican</i>
NV	4	48%	43%	--	--	9%	<i>The Las Vegas Sun</i> /Survey USA (9/24-25)
NY	33	51%	35%	2%	4%	8%	Marist Institute (10/10-11)
		60%	31%	1%	4%	4%	<i>Newsday</i> /WB-11 (10/11-15)
OH	21	43%	48%	--	2%	7%	<i>The Columbus Dispatch</i> (10/1)
OK	8	33%	51%	--	--	16%	<i>The Tulsa World</i> (9/23-10/2)
OR	7	40%	44%	1%	7%	9%	Riley Research Associates/KPAM Radio (10/2-12)
		44%	43%	--	6%	7%	American Research Group (10/12-16)
PA	23	46%	45%	--	1%	8%	American Research Group (10/12-16)
RI	4	46%	31%	1%	8%	14%	WPRI-TV (10/10-13)
SC	8	39%	52%	1%	1%	7%	Mason Dixon (9/28-30)
SD	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
TN	11	45%	43%	1%	1%	--	University of Tennessee (9/18-28)
UT	5	32%	57%	1%	4%	--	<i>Deseret News</i> (10/9-12)
VA	13	39%	46%	--	--	12%	<i>Richmond Times-Dispatch</i> (9/22-10/2)
VT	3	51%	37%	1%	4%	7%	Research 2000/Rutland Herald/WCAX-TV (10/10-11)
WA	11	45%	43%	--	5%	7%	American Research Group (10/12-16)
WI	11	43%	38%	1%	4%	14%	<i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> (9/18-20)
WV	5	37%	39%	1%	1%	22%	<i>Charleston Gazette</i> (9/18-22, 25-26)
WY	3	37%	57%	2%	--	9%	Mason Dixon (9/16-17)

POTUS Job Approval Rating/Mood of Nation

Job Approval Rating	Poll/Date Conducted
58%/37%	Voter.Com/Battleground (10/15-18)
59%/36%	<i>Time</i> /CNN (10/12-13)
60%/35%	NBC News/ <i>Wall Street Journal</i> (10/13-15)

Generic House Ballot/Congress Job Approval

Democrat	Republican	Undecided/Other	Poll/Date Conducted
47%	43%	5%	Democracy Corps. (10/18-19)
46%	44%	10%	<i>Newsweek</i> (10/12-13)
43%	40%	18%	Voter.Com/Battleground (10/15-18)
42%	48%	10%	<i>Time</i> /CNN (10/12-13)
45%	50%	5%	CNN/ <i>USA Today</i> /Gallup (10/16-18)

House Races

State	Candidate	Matchup	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
CA 27	Sen. Adam Schiff (D)	47%		Schiff Campaign (D) (10/11-12)
	Rep. Jim Rogan (R)	41%		
	Undecided	--		
KS 03	Rep. Dennis Moore (D)	40%		<i>Kansas City Star</i> (10/11-16)
	State Rep. Phill Kline (R)	38%		
	Chris Mina (Libertarian)	2%		
	Undecided	19%		
MO 06	Fmr. Sen. Steve Danner (D)	33%		<i>Kansas City Star</i> (10/11-16)
	Sen. Sam Graves (R)	42%		
	Jimmy Dykes (Libertarian)	1%		
	Undecided	24%		
MT OPEN	Nancy Keenan (D)	39%		<i>Great Falls Tribune</i> (10/13-15)
	Ex-LG Dennis Rehberg (R)	47%		
	James Tikalski (Libertarian)	--		
	Undecided	--		

UT 02	Jim Matheson (D)	45%		<i>The Deseret News/KSL-TV Poll (10/9-12)</i>
	Derek Smith (R)	35%		
	Bruce Bangerter (Independent)	2%		
	Peter Pixton (Libertarian)	--		
	Undecided	18%		
WA 05	Atty. Tim Keefe (D)	41%		Keefe Campaign (D) (10/17-18)
	Rep. George Nethercutt (R)	49%		
	Undecided	--		
PR	Carlos Romero Barcelo (State Party)	46%		Precision Research (10/1-9)
	Anibal Acevedo Vila (Commonwealth)	46%		
	Manuel Rodriquez Orellana (Independence Party)	4%		
	Undecided	4%		

Senate Races

State	Candidate	MatchUp	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
CA	Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D)	52%	50%/37%	Research 2000/KCRA-TV Poll (10/12-15)
	Rep. Tom Campbell (R)	37%	33%/25%	
	Undecided	11%		
IN	David Johnson (D)	18%	19%/9%	Research 2000/ <i>South Bend Tribune</i> /WSBT-TV (10/12-14)
	Sen. Richard Lugar (R)	69%	71%/12%	
	Undecided	13%		
ME	Sen. Pres. Mark Lawrence (D)	16%		Critical Insights Inc. of Portland, ME (10/15-17)
	Sen. Olympia Snowe (R)	73%		
	Undecided	10%		
MI	Debbie Stabenow (D)	33%		<i>The Detroit News</i> (10/9-13)
	Sen. Spencer Abraham (R)	50%		
	Undecided	17%		
	Debbie Stabenow (D)	39%		<i>The Detroit Free Press</i> (10/11-12)
	Sen. Spencer Abraham (R)	49%		
	Undecided	12%		
	Debbie Stabenow (D)	40%		Michigan Democratic Party (10/9-11)
	Sen. Spencer Abraham (R)	46%		
	Undecided	14%		

MT	Brian Schweitzer (D)	40%		Schweitzer Campaign (D) (10/15-16)
	Sen. Conrad Burns (R)	48%		
	Gary Lee (Reform Party)	2%		
	Undecided	10%		
	Brian Schweitzer (D)	40%		<i>Great Falls Tribune</i> (10/13-15)
	Sen. Conrad Burns (R)	48%		
	Gary Lee (Reform Party)	1%		
	Undecided	11%		
NJ	Jon Corzine (D)	43%		<i>The Asbury Park Press</i> (10/12-14)
	Rep. Bob Franks (R)	30%		
	Undecided	--		
	Jon Corzine (D)	43%		Gannett NJ Poll (10/12-14)
	Rep. Bob Franks (R)	30%		
	Undecided	27%		
	Jon Corzine (D)	45%		<i>The New York Times</i> (10/12-15)
	Rep. Bob Franks (R)	33%		
	Undecided	22%		
NY	First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (D)	42%		<i>New York Post/Zogby</i> (10/18-19)
	Rep. Rick Lazio (R)	43%		
	Undecided	15%		
	First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (D)	50%	40%/37%	Quinnipiac University Poll (10/12-16)
	Rep. Rick Lazio (R)	43%	35%/29%	
	Undecided	7%		
	First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (D)	51%		<i>Long Island Newsday</i> /WB-TV Poll (10/11-15)
	Rep. Rick Lazio (R)	45%		
	Undecided	4%		
RI	US Rep. Robert Weygand (D)	34%		<i>The Providence Journal-Bulletin</i> /Channel 12 (10/10-13)
	Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R)	50%		
	Christopher Young (Reform Party)	1%		
	Undecided	15%		
UT	State Sen. Scott Howell (D)	24%		<i>Deseret News</i> /KSL-TV (10/9-12)
	Sen. Orrin Hatch (R)	64%		
	Carlton Bowen (I)	1%		
	Jim Dexter (Libertarian)	1%		
	Undecided	10%		

Gubernatorial Races

State	Candidate	MatchUp	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
IN	Gov. Frank O'Bannon (D)	49%	58%/25%	Research 2000/ <i>South Bend Tribune</i> /WSBT-TV Poll (10/12-14)
	Rep. David McIntosh (R)	34%	47%/33%	
	Undecided	17%		
NH	Gov. Jeanne Shaheen (D)	49%	52%/34%	Mason-Dixon/Concord Monitor (10/16-18)
	Fmr. Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R)	41%	45%/39%	
	Mary Brown (I)	4%		
	John Babiarz (Libertarian)	--		
	Undecided	6%		
	Gov. Jeanne Shaheen (D)	49%		A University of New Hampshire Survey Center Poll (10/5-13)
	Fmr. Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R)	30%		
	Mary Brown (I)	6%		
	John Babiarz (Libertarian)	1%		
	Undecided	12%		
UT	Ex-Rep. Bill Orton (D)	37%		<i>Deseret News</i> /KSL-TV (10/9-12)
	Gov. Mike Leavitt (R)	52%		
	Jeremey Friedbaum (IAP)	1%		
	Dub Richards (Natural Law)	1%		
	Undecided	9%		
PR	Carlos Pesquera (D), (State Party)	46%		Precision Research (10/1-9)
	Sila Calderon (I)	43%		
	Ruben Berrios (Independence Party)	6%		
	Undecided	--		