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The two political briefings and USAFC Greeter for Tuesday have been reviewed by Burck and are final. They are attached and saved on the H Drive.

We expect schedules soon.

BPs to come following working group.

USA FREEDOM CORPS SERVICE RECOGNITION
El Paso, Texas

1. Name: Dale Baugh
2. Activity: You will meet Dale and pose for photos with him under the Presidential seal on Air Force One upon arrival.
3. Background: Dale was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He worked as an electronics technician in the United States Army from 1966 through 1986. Dale worked as a software analyst for the Science Applications International Corporation until his semi-retirement in 2005. He continues to work as a part-time consultant.
4. Age: 63 years old
5. Service Record: Dale has been a volunteer with the City of El Paso Police Department for three years and has contributed over 1,400 hours of volunteer service. He is responsible for overseeing the Citizens Police Academy, a 40-hour class offered to the citizens of El Paso to create a better understanding between civilians and the police department. The classes cover the department's personnel, philosophies, and procedures.

Dale also volunteers with the El Paso Police Department's Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Unit (SORT) in the Crimes Against Children section. He is responsible for updating and maintaining the computerized sex offender database.
6. Other: Dale has been married to Pat for 37 years. They have one son and two granddaughters.
7. Participation: Dale will not join you for your remarks.

COLORADO BRIEFING

STATE ISSUES

ECONOMY

The unemployment rate in Colorado in October was 4.9 percent, 1.5 percent below a peak of 6.4 percent in July 2003. As of October, the national unemployment rate was 5.0 percent.

REFERENDUMS C AND D

On November 1, Colorado held a special election on referendums relating to the state's Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). By approving Referendum C, Coloradans suspended TABOR for five years, allowing the state to keep approximately \$3.1 billion in revenue, which would have otherwise been refunded to taxpayers. By rejecting Referendum D, voters barred the state from borrowing against those funds to pay for infrastructure and education programs.

Governor Bill Owens (R) called the election as part of a bipartisan budget compromise between his administration and Colorado's Democrat-controlled House and Senate. Although TABOR checked overall spending, education costs increased due to a constitutional mandate requiring education spending to grow irrespective of TABOR limits; the result is a permanent deficit.

In the aftermath of the special election, which had dominated state politics and exposed divisions between Republican leaders and party activists for months, Colorado is experiencing relative political calm. By approving one referendum and rejecting the other, Colorado voters gave both sides an opportunity to claim a victory. Republican leaders – who largely supported suspending TABOR – are now working to rebuild Party unity by reaching out to fiscal conservatives.

JUDGE SAMUEL ALITO

Senator Ken Salazar (D) expressed “grave concern” about Judge Samuel Alito after meeting with the Supreme Court nominee on November 17. Although he was elected as a “conservative Democrat,” Salazar has moved to the left since taking office. Salazar says he does not yet know whether he will vote to confirm Alito, but he also said he does not foresee participating in a filibuster to block the nomination. Salazar voted to confirm Chief Justice John Roberts.

COLORADO BRIEFING

IMMIGRATION

Conservative Republican lawmakers are considering legislation to fight what they see as the causes and effects of illegal immigration. Among the measures they are considering: requiring local police to record the residency and employment status of people they arrest; conditioning the issuance of Colorado business licenses on prospective owners making “legal workers only” pledges; a mandatory status check for all state hires; and a ban on state contracts for companies that do not ensure that they hire only legal workers.

Anti-illegal immigration activists will begin collecting signatures in January for a November 2006 ballot question asking voters to require residency checks of all applicants for state services.

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COLORADO BRIEFING

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STATISTICS

2004 General Election Results:

	Total	Win %
Bush	1,101,255	52%
Kerry	1,001,732	47%

2004 Denver County

General Election Results:

	Total	Win %
Kerry	166,135	70%
Bush	69,903	30%

2000 General Election Results:

	Total	Win %
Bush	883,748	51%
Gore	738,227	42%

2000 Denver County

General Election Results:

	Total	Win %
Gore	122,436	62%
Bush	61,081	31%

COLORADO BRIEFING

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

U.S. SENATE:

- Senator Ken Salazar (D), 1st term, elected in 2004 with 51%
- Senator Wayne Allard (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 51%

U.S. HOUSE: 7 total (4R, 3D)

- Diana DeGette (D-01), 5th term, re-elected with 74%
- Mark Udall (D-02), 4rd term, re-elected with 67%
- John Salazar (D-03), 1st term, elected with 51%
- Marilyn Musgrave (R-04), 2nd term, elected with 51%
- Joel Hefley (R-05), 10th term, re-elected with 71%,
- Tom Tancredo (R-06), 4th term, re-elected with 59%
- Bob Beauprez (R- 07), 2nd term, re-elected with 55%

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Bill Owens (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 63%

Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 63%

Attorney General John Suthers (R), 1st term

Note: He was appointed by Governor Bill Owens (R) in January 2005 after then-Attorney General Ken Salazar was elected to the Senate.

Secretary of State Gigi Dennis (R), 1st term

Note: She was appointed by Governor Bill Owens (R) in August 2005 when Donetta Davidson resigned to accept a Federal appointment as a commissioner on the U.S. Electoral Assistance Commission.

Treasurer Mark Hillman (R), 1st term

Note: He became the acting Colorado State Treasurer in June 2005 when the former treasurer took a military leave of absence.

State House:	65 Total (30R, 35D)
Speaker:	Andrew Romanoff (D)
Majority Leader:	Alice Madden (D)
Minority Leader:	Joe Stengel (R)

State Senate:	35 Total (17R, 18D)
President:	Joan Fitz-Gerald (D)
Majority Leader:	Ken Gordon (D)
Minority Leader:	Andy McElhany (R)

COLORADO BRIEFING

STATE PARTY

Chairman: Bob Martinez
Committeeman: Bob Schaffer
Committeewoman: Lilly Nunez

STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Estimated Population 2003:

Colorado: 4,550,688, an increase of 5.8% since 2000.

National: 290,809,777, an increase of 3.3% since 2000.

Race/Ethnicity:

Colorado: 74.5% White; 17.1% Hispanic; 3.8% African-American; 2.2% Asian

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6% Asian;
0.9% Native American

Median Age:

Colorado: 34.3 years (9.7 % are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

College Educated:

Colorado: 32.7%

National: 24.4%

Median Income:

Colorado: \$47,203

National: \$41,994

Households:

Colorado: 65.4% family households; 51.8% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

COLORADO BRIEFING**YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL**

Event	Date	Location
Hurricane Briefing	September 24, 2005	Colorado Springs
Conversation on Social Security	March 21, 2005	Denver
Victory 2004 Rally	October 25, 2004	Greeley
Victory 2004 Rally	October 12, 2004	Colorado Springs
Coors for Senate Fundraiser	October 11, 2004	Denver
Victory 2004 Rally	October 11, 2004	Morrison
Victory 2004 Rally	September 14, 2004	Greenwood Village
Meeting with Founder of Focus on the Family; and Remarks at the United States Air Force Academy Graduation Ceremony	June 2, 2004	Colorado Springs
Victory 2004 Finance Event	June 1, 2004	Denver
Lunch with Soldiers, Remarks to Soldiers and Families, and Meeting with Families of Fallen Soldiers	November 24, 2003	Fort Carson
Bush-Cheney '04 Finance Event	August 11, 2003	Denver
Colorado Welcome	October 28, 2002	Denver
Fundraiser for Bob Beauprez	September 27, 2002	Denver
Remarks to the Cattle Industry Annual Convention And Trade Show	February 8, 2002	Denver
Wildland Urban Interface Project; Lunch with YMCA Volunteers at Estes Park; and Fundraiser for Wayne Allard and Bill Owens	August 14, 2001	Rocky Mtn. Nat'l Park; Estes Park; Denver

TEXAS BRIEFING

STATE ISSUES

ECONOMY

As of October 2005, Texas' unemployment rate was 5.2 percent, 1.6 percent below a peak of 6.8 percent in August 2003. The national unemployment rate for October was 5.0 percent.

TOM DELAY INDICTMENT

On November 1, Judge Bob Perkins was removed from Congressman Tom DeLay's (R, TX-22) case because of his contributions to Democratic candidates and MoveOn.org. He was replaced with retired Judge Pat Priest from San Antonio. At a hearing on November 22 to consider requests to drop the charges against DeLay, Judge Priest indicated that he would take at least two weeks to consider the arguments and that if the case goes to trial, it would likely not begin until early next year. DeLay's attorneys are also requesting that the trial be moved out of left-leaning Travis County. DeLay was indicted on October 3 on charges of illegally laundering corporate money to Republican candidates in the 2002 elections in Texas, adding to a conspiracy charge handed down less than a week earlier.

HURRICANE KATRINA

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Governor Rick Perry (R) opened the doors of the Houston Astrodome and Reliant Stadium to 25,000 evacuees. As more evacuees poured into the state, Perry enacted an emergency plan, opening shelters in San Antonio and Dallas. It is estimated that by September 5, Texas was housing 139,000 hurricane victims in official shelters and 90,000 in hotels and private homes. On September 6, Perry declared a state of emergency and asked neighboring states for assistance in housing evacuees.

Texas continues to shelter tens of thousands of evacuees, many of whom are rebuilding and resuming their lives in Houston and Dallas rather than moving back to their original homes. Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst (R) predicts that the state will absorb an extra \$1.4 billion of health care and education costs by next summer.

HURRICANE RITA

On September 24, Hurricane Rita struck the southeast corner of Texas, making landfall just east of Sabine Pass. Although people fled several cities, including Houston and Galveston, the Category 3 storm was much weaker than expected. The greatest effects of the hurricane were power outages and wind damage; nine counties around the Beaumont area were declared disaster areas, and power was out for six weeks in some cities. No major refining and shipping capacities reported any long-term damage.

TEXAS BRIEFING

NO SOLUTION TO SCHOOL FINANCE PROBLEM

On November 22, the Texas Supreme Court handed down a ruling affirming a lower court's decision that the State's school finance system is unconstitutional. Under the system, local property taxes are used to pay for public schools; because these taxes are so widespread, the Court ruled that they amount to an unconstitutional statewide property tax. Governor Perry has named former State Comptroller John Sharp (D) to head a commission charged with restructuring the tax system; this commission must meet a June 1, 2006, deadline set by the State Supreme Court.

TEXAS BECOMES A MAJORITY-MINORITY STATE

The U.S. Census Bureau announced in August that Texas has become the fourth state to have a non-white majority population. According to estimates based on the 2000 Census, 50.2 percent of the state's population are minorities. The surging number of Hispanics accounts for the change, and the Hispanic population will continue to grow in coming years. Some estimates predict that by the year 2030, every major city in Texas will have a Hispanic majority. The other majority-minority states are Hawaii, California, and New Mexico.

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TEXAS BRIEFING

34 ELECTORAL VOTES

2006 – GOVERNOR PERRY (R) UP

2006 – SENATOR HUTCHISON (R) UP

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STATISTICS

2004 General Election Results:

	Total	Win %
Bush	4,526,917	61%
Kerry	2,832,704	38%

2000 General Election Results:

	Total	Win %
Bush	3,799,639	59%
Gore	2,433,746	38%

2004 El Paso County Results:

	Total	Win %
Kerry	95,142	56%
Bush	73,261	43%

2000 El Paso County Results:

	Total	Win %
Gore	83,848	58%
Bush	57,574	40%

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

U.S. SENATE:

- Kay Bailey Hutchison (R), 2nd full term, re-elected in 2000 with 65%
- John Cornyn (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 55%

U.S. HOUSE: 32 Total (21R, 11D)

- Louie Gohmert (R-01), 1st term, elected with 61%
- Ted Poe (R-02), 1st term, elected with 56%
- Sam Johnson (R-03), 8th term, re-elected with 86%
- Ralph Hall (R-04), 13th term, re-elected with 68%
- Jeb Hensarling (R-05), 2nd term, re-elected with 64%
- Joe Barton (R-06), 11th term, re-elected with 66%
- John Culberson (R-07), 3rd term, re-elected with 64%
- Kevin Brady (R-08), 5th term, re-elected with 69%

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TEXAS BRIEFING

- Al Green (D-09), 1st term, elected with 72%
- Michael McCaul (R-10), 1st term, elected with 79%
- Mike Conaway (R-11), 1st term, elected with 77%
- Kay Granger (R-12), 5th term, re-elected with 72%
- Mac Thornberry (R-13), 6th term, re-elected without opposition
- Ron Paul (R-14), 8th full term, 5th consecutive term, re-elected without opposition
- Ruben Hinojosa (D-15), 5th term, re-elected with 58%
- Silvestre Reyes (D-16), 5th term, re-elected with 68%
- Chet Edwards (D-17), 8th term, 1st term in TX-17, elected with 51%
- Sheila Jackson Lee (D-18), 6th term, re-elected with 89%
- Randy Neugebauer (R-19), 2nd term, re-elected with 58%
- Charles Gonzalez (D-20), 4th term, re-elected with 65%
- Lamar Smith (R-21), 10th term, re-elected with 61%
- Tom DeLay (R-22), 11th term, re-elected with 55%
- Henry Bonilla (R-23), 7th term, re-elected with 69%
- Kenny Marchant (R-24), 1st term, elected with 64%
- Lloyd Doggett (D-25), 6th term, 1st in TX-25, elected with 68%
- Michael Burgess (R-26), 2nd term, re-elected with 66%
- Solomon Ortiz (D-27), 12th term, re-elected with 63%
- Henry Cuellar (D-28), 1st term, elected with 59%
- Gene Green (D-29), 7th term, re-elected without opposition
- Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-30), 7th term, re-elected without opposition
- John Carter (R-31), 2nd term, re-elected with 65%
- Pete Sessions (R-32), 5th consecutive term, 2nd term in TX-32, re-elected with 54%

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor Rick Perry (R), 1st full term, elected in 2002 with 58%

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 52%

Attorney General Greg Abbott (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 57%

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 64%

General Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson (R), 1st term, elected in 2002 with 53%

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs (R), 2nd term, re-elected in 2002 with 60%

Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth A. Jones (R), 1st term, appointed in 2005

Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams (R), 2nd full term, re-elected in 2002 with 55%

Railroad Commissioner Victor Carrillo (R), 1st full term, elected in 2004 with 55%

TEXAS BRIEFING

State House:	150 (86R, 62D)
	Note: Two seats are open at this time.
Speaker:	Tom Craddick (R)
Speaker Pro Tempore:	Sylvester Turner (D)
Republican Caucus Chair:	Ruben Hope (R)
Democrat Caucus Chair:	Jim Dunnam (D)
State Senate:	31 (19R, 12D)
President:	Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst (R)
Republican Caucus Chair:	Mike Jackson (R)
Democrat Caucus Chair:	Leticia Van de Putte (D)

STATE PARTY

State Chairman:	Tina Benkiser
National Committeeman:	Bill Crocker
National Committeewoman:	Denise McNamara

STATE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Estimated Population 2000:

Texas: 20,851,820, an increase of 22.8% since 1990

National: 281,421,906, an increase of 13.1% since 1990

Race/Ethnicity (as of 2000):

Texas: 52.4% White; 32.0% Hispanic; 11.3% African-American; 2.7% Asian-American

National: 69.1% White; 12.5% Hispanic; 12.3% African-American; 3.6% Asian-American; 0.9% Native-American

Median Age:

Texas: 32.3 years (9.9% are 65 years and older)

National: 35.3 years (12.4% are 65 years and older)

College Educated:

Texas: 23.2%

National: 24.4%

Median Income:

Texas: \$39,927

National: \$41,994

Households:

Texas: 71.0% family households; 54.0% married couple families

National: 68.1% family households; 51.7% married couple families

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau

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TEXAS BRIEFING

YOUR PREVIOUS TRAVEL (OTHER THAN TO PRARIE CHAPEL RANCH)

Event	Date	City
Briefing on Hurricane Damage, Meeting with Texas Officials, and Aerial Tour (Hurricane Rita)	September 27, 2005	Beaumont
Briefing with Joint Task Force (Hurricane Rita)	September 25, 2005	San Antonio
Texas Emergency Operations Center (Hurricane Rita)	September 24, 2005	Austin
Little League Baseball Southwest Regional Championship Game	August 13, 2005	Waco
Photo Op and Remarks at RNC Lunch (Broken Spoke Ranch)	August 12, 2005	Crawford
Remarks to the American Legislative Exchange Conference (ALEC)	August 3, 2005	Grapevine
Conversation on Social Security	April 26, 2005	Galveston
Remarks, Lunch with Troops, and Meeting with Families of Fallen Soldiers	April 12, 2005	Fort Hood
Meeting, Joint Press Availability with President Fox and Prime Minister Martin	March 23, 2005	Waco
Victory '04 Rally	November 1, 2004	Dallas
Victory '04 Fundraiser	August 3, 2004	Dallas
Remarks at the Knights of Columbus Annual Convention	August 3, 2004	Dallas
Reception and 80 th Birthday Celebration Honoring Former President George H.W. Bush	June 12, 2004	Houston
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	March 8, 2004	Houston
Visit to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	March 8, 2004	Houston
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	March 8, 2004	Dallas
Reception and Remarks at the Dedication of the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship's Youth Education Center	October 29, 2003	Dallas
Photo Opportunity and Remarks at the Power Center 10 th Anniversary Celebration	September 12, 2003	Houston
Bush-Cheney '04 Pioneer's Reception	August 9, 2003	Crawford
Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser	July 19, 2003	Houston
Remarks on Fitness and	July 18, 2003	Dallas

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Bush-Cheney '04 Fundraiser		
Easter Service at Fort Hood	April 20, 2003	Fort Hood
Remarks to Troops and Families and Lunch with Troops	January 3, 2003	Fort Hood
Rally for Texas Victory 2002	November 4, 2002	Dallas
Fundraiser for John Cornyn for Senate Campaign and Texas Victory 2002	September 26, 2002	Houston
Volunteer BBQ and Pioneer Ranch Event	August 16, 2002	Crawford
RNC Luncheon	April 26, 2002	Crawford
First Responders Photo-Opportunity and Fundraiser for John Cornyn for Senate Campaign and Texas Victory 2002	March 28, 2002	Dallas
Arrival Welcome and Tour of the Bridge of the Americas Commercial Cargo Dock	March 21, 2002	El Paso
Hanging of gubernatorial painting in the State Capitol	January 4, 2002	Austin
Habitat for Humanity World Leaders Build	August 8, 2001	Waco
Bob Bullock State Museum of History Dedication	April 27, 2001	Austin
“Celebration of Reading” for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy	April 26, 2001	Houston