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BILL CLINTON First, Id like to thank the commission and my opponents for participating in these debates and making them possible. I think the real winners of the debates were the American people. I was especially moved in Richmond a few days ago when 209 of our fellow citizens got to ask us questions. They went a long way toward reclaiming this election for the American people and taking their country back. I want to say, since this is the last time Ill be on a platform with my opponents, that even though I disagree with Mr. Perot on how fast we can reduce the deficit and how much we can increase taxes on the middle class, I really respect what hes done in this campaign to bring the issue of deficit reduction to our attention. Id like to say to Mr. Bush, even though Ive got profound differences with him, I do honor his service to our country. I appreciate his efforts and I wish him well. I just believe its time to change. I offer a new approach. Its not trickle down economics. Its been tried for 12 years and its failed. More people are working harder for less, 100, 000 people a month losing their health insurance, unemployment going up, our economy slowing down. We can do better. And its not tax and spend economics. Its invest and grow, put our people first, control health care costs and provide basic health care to all Americans, have an education system 2nd to none and revitalize the private economy. That is my commitment to you. It is the kind of change that can open up a whole new world of opportunities to America as we enter the last decade of this century and move towards the 21st century. I want a country where people who work hard and play by the rules are rewarded, not punished. I want a country where people are coming together across the lines of race and region and income. I know we can do better. It wont take miracles and it wont happen overnight, but we can do much, much better if we have the courage to change. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)

MODERATOR President Bush, your closing statement, sir.

GEORGE H. W. BUSH Three weeks from now — 2 weeks from tomorrow, America goes to the polls and youre going to have to decide who you want to lead this country to economic recovery. On jobs — thats the number one priority, and I believe my program for stimulating investment, encouraging small business, brand- new approach to education, strengthening the American family, and, yes, creating more exports is the way to go. I dont believe in trickle-down government, I dont believe in larger taxes and larger government spending. On foreign affairs, some think its irrelevant. I believe its not. Were living in an interconnected world. The whole world is having economic difficulties. The US is doing better than a lot. But weve got to do even better. And if a crisis comes up, I ask who has the judgment and the experience and, yes, the character to make the right decision? And, lastly, the other night on character Governor Clinton said its not the character of the president but the character of the presidency. I couldnt disagree more. Horace Greeley said the only thing that endures is character. And I think it was Justice Black who talked about great nations, like great men, must keep their word. And so the question is, who will safeguard this nation, who will safeguard our people and our children? I need your support, I ask for your vote. And may

God bless the US of America. (APPLAUSE)

MODERATOR Mr. Perot, your closing statement, sir.

ROSS PEROT To the millions of fine decent people who did the unthinkable and took their country back in their own hands and put me on the ballot, let me pledge to you that tonight is just the beginning. These next 2 weeks we will be going full steam ahead to make sure that you get a voice and that you get your country back. This Thursday night on ABC from 8 30 to 9, Friday night on NBC from 8 to 8 30, and Saturday night on CBS from 8 to 8 30, well be down in the trenches under the hood working on fixin the old car to get it back on the road. Now, the question is, can we win? Absolutely we can win, because its your country. Question really is who do you want in the White House. Its that simple. Now, you got to stop letting these people tell you who to vote for, you got to stop letting these folks in the press tell you youre throwing your vote away — you got to start using your own head. (APPLAUSE) Then the question is, can we govern? I love that one. The “we” is you and me. You bet your hat we can govern because we will be in there together and we will figure out what to do, and you wont tolerate gridlock, you wont tolerate endless meandering and wandering around, and you wont tolerate non- performance. And, believe me, anybody that knows me understands I have a very low tolerance for non- performance also. Together we can get anything done. The president mentioned that you need the right person in a crisis. Well, folks, we got one, and that one is a financial crisis. Pretty simply, whos the best- qualified person up here on the stage to create jobs? Make your decision and vote on November the 3rd. I suggest you might consider somebody whos created jobs. Whos the best person to manage money? I suggest you pick a person whos successfully managed money. Whos the best person to get results and not talk? Look at the record and make your decision. And, finally, who would you give your pension fund and your savings account to manage? And, last one, who would you ask to be the trustee of your estate and take care of your children if something happened to you? Finally, to you students up there — God bless you, Im doing this for you; I want you to have the American dream. (APPLAUSE) To the American people, Im doing this because I love you. Thats it. Thank you very much. (APPLAUSE)