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LEHRER: We're going to move to foreign affairs. The first question goes to Mr. Perot for a two minute answer, and Sandy will ask. VANOCUR: Mr Perot, in the postwar coldwar environment, what should be the overriding U.S. national interest? And what can the United States do, and what can it afford to do, to defend the national interest?

PEROT: Again, if you're not rich, you're not a superpower. So we have two that I'd put as number one. I have number 1 and 1A. One is we've got to have the money to be able to pay for defense, and we've got to manufacture here. Believe it or not folks, you can't ship it all overseas, you've got to make it here. And you can't convert from potato chips to airplanes in an emergency. See, Willow Run could be converted from cars to airplanes in World War II because it was here. We've got to make things here. You can't ship them overseas anymore. I hope we can talk more about that. Second thing, on priorities. We've got to help Russia succeed in its revolution and all of its republics. When we think of Russia, remember we're thinking of many countries, now. We've got to help them. That's pennies on the dollar compared to renewing the cold war. Third, we've got all kinds of agreements on paper, and some that are being executed on getting rid of nuclear warheads. Russia and its republics are out of control or at best in weak control right now. It's a very unstable situation. You've got every rich Middle Eastern country over there trying to buy nuclear weapons. As you well know. And that will lead to another five star migraine headache down the road. We really need to nail down the intercontinental ballistic missiles, the ones that can hit us from Russia. And we've focused on the tactical. We've made real progress there. We've got some agreement on the nuclear, but we don't have those things put away yet. The sooner the better. So, in terms of priorities, we've got to be financially strong. Number two, we've got to take care of this missile situation and try to get the nuclear war behind us and give this thing very high priority. And number three, we need to help and support Russia and the republics in every possible way to become democratic capitalistic societies, and not just sit back and let those countries continue in turmoil. Because they could go back worse than things used to be. And believe me there are a lot of old boys in the K.G.B. and the military that liked it better the way it used to be.

LEHRER: Governor Clinton, one minute.