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Subject : **CONGRESSIONAL RECORD March 17, 1993**

Dear Mr. Traficant,

There seems to be some controversy about a speech you have given, according the Congressional Records in the House of Representatives on March 17, 1993. I would like your confirmation if indeed you have given the following speech of which I here present a transcript :

March 17, 1993 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD -- HOUSE H1303

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001 Mr. BEILENSON. Mr.Speaker for
purposes of debate only I yield 5 min-
utes to the gentleman from Ohio. [Mr.
TRAFICANT].

005 (Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was
given permission to revise and extend
his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr Speaker. we
are here now in chapter 11.

010 Members of Congress are official
trustees presiding over the greatest re-
organization of any bankrupt entity in
world history, the U.S. Government.

015 We are setting forth hopefully a blue-
print for our future. There are some
who say it is a coroner's report that
will lead to our demise.

i am going to support the rule: I am
not sure yet if I will support this budg-
020 et. I want to hear an awful lot more,
not being a member of the committee,
and I am not going to vote for things I
do not understand or do not like. but
let there be no mistake. After 12 years
025 of Ronald Reagan and George Bush we
are standing here.

Let me say this to the minority
party: Every program that Ronald
Reagan wanted in 1981 he got. Reagan

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| Section I
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| (Purportedly a
| false sentence
| never spoken by
| Rep. Traficant)

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| Section II
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| (Transcript of
| Rep. Traficants
| speech as he
| really has
| spoken on
| March 17, 1993)

030 got it. There was a Republican Senate
majority and there were 70 Democrats
in this House that might as well have
been Republicans, and we have this pro-
gram.

035 The major assumption was very sim-
ple. We are going to cut taxes, put
money in the pockets of the American
people, and when they spend this
040 money our gross national product is
going to rise so great that even though
we reduced your tax liability on a per-
centile basis, we will balance the budg-
et, quoting Ronald Reagan. In 1987. It
is going to take the fall of our Congress,
045 I think, for that to happen.

Mr. Speaker, let us give this new ad-
ministration a chance. Democrats gave
Ronald Reagan a chance.

050 But let me give one word of caution
here today. America already has race
wars, let us be honest about it. We al-
ready have gender wars, let us be hon-
est about it. We already have age wars,
let us be honest about it.

055 One thing this Congress had better
not get involved in and get trapped
into is a class war on money. In Amer-
ica, if you can not earn all that you
can, there is something wrong and
060 there is no more a spirit of free enter-
prise.

I want to say this to the Members.
We may talk about taxing the rich, but
the rich people have already taken
065 their companies and their jobs out of
America. Be careful that the rich peo-
ple do not take their money out of
America, because the government al-
ready raises our kids, defends our fami-
070 lies, educates our kids, feeds our kids,
houses our kids, and the government is
doing a very poor job of it. I think
mom and dad would be better utilized
there once again.

075 So I am going to listen to the debate.
I do not know if I will vote for this
budget.

080 Finally, I do not know if the budget
makes one damn bit of difference, be-
cause we waive it all the time and I do
not think we have ever followed it. I
think we have an excellent chairman
who worked hard. If we are going to
have budget.. we should follow it. If not,
085 we once again as Members waste both our
time and the people's time.

Let me say this, just in closing.
Today is not the mother of all debates
and the mother of all votes on the floor.

090 Let me say this. I am not for voting
any more taxes on the backs of the
American people, because I believe the
tax of 1990 put on right here today, and
I am very concerned about the tax
095 package being discussed in this Con-

gress.

I am one Democrat who believes we should stimulate the private sector. We already have more government jobs
100 than factory jobs, and I think that is an indictment of our Congress.

One basic tenet to this Constitution is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and there can be no life, liberty
105 or pursuit of happiness in America without job.

I would like to see the mother of all debates center around the jobs bill.

----- Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker I yield 4
110 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH], the distinguished minority whip.

Yours Sincerely,

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