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David McIntosh (R/IN) in Indianapolis, August 17-20, 1998

Monday, August 17, 1998

12:00 noon      Golf Outing  
Delaware Country Club

G.W. Dinner

Tuesday, August 18, 1998

12:00 noon      Muncie Rotary Speech  
Hotel Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom

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2:00 p.m.      Campaign Office, phone calls

5:00 p.m.      Rick's Boatyard Café, FR event for Scott Newman

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- Jennifer Hallowell, Kevin James, David Buskill, Angie Oren
  - I flew from the Cape to Indianapolis, drove to Muncie and went right to campaign headquarters to see who I could catch. Jennifer was there (I remembered her) and Kevin, a Ball State student with the campaign for the duration. Two interns were busy doing something.
  - "Promises made, promises kept" was still there on the wall. The place looked the same. Jennifer had stayed on since the last campaign--the only one--and mostly to do fund-raising. So they kept the campaign office open. "It got pretty lonely being the only person here," she said.
  - But that discourse quickly moved to "Do you know what David is doing this time? It's called the Indiana Family and Freedom PAC and Scott Bowers runs it." He's "all over the state" fund-raising to help other candidates around the state--particularly State House candidates in this district. Four of the six targeted races, they tell me.
  - "He did some last time, and he was so successful, that he decided to expand the effort this year."
  - I noted that in DC he had been quoted as saying that he "might take a shot at the governorship in 2004. She laughed and said, "That's Washington talk. We don't talk about that back here. Our point is to win this election. But he has said that he might consider running for governor in 2000 or 2004. That's a long way off as far as we are concerned. But we do think about it now and then."
- David Buskill came down from the "main office" and gave me the schedule. Jennifer already hit me with (for me) the bad news. Ruthie's mother has no more than 10 days to live with her breast cancer. "Her body has shut down and David has cut his schedule" for my stay. He'll be gone all day Wednesday--which means I miss an editorial board meeting and a speech to the Federalist Society--both of which were top on my list. So it goes--big disappointment. But the world outside governs.
- David Buskill is solicitous and helpful. And I respond in kind. It turns out that he called Truro that morning to tell me, but I had left. (David M. mentioned that later.) Which is a good thing, since I've long since learned to take what I can get--and McIntosh would have been well down my list if I hadn't come out when I did.

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- David B. tells me that DM is "dividing his time one-third, one-third, one-third to Washington business, state business, and campaign business." All of which accents the fund-raising effort. Which, in turn, indicates an expansionist effort aimed at the future. The higher office goal rears its head.
- I asked David B. why DM cancelled Wednesday's schedule and not Thursday. "Because there was more fund-raising on Thursday, and there were several meetings--especially the lunch--he didn't want to miss."
- So fund-raising rules all now. He also had come home late that afternoon to go to a fund-raising golf tournament. The staff took me along to that event (where I got my first meal since breakfast). I sat with Jim Houston and a banker, Wayne Gilchrest, and a school board member who had read Rick Hanushek!
- There had been a "golf outing" and they gave out prizes, etc. One bit of by-play. The golf balls (I have one) at the tables were stamped with "Hoosier Credit Unions" and the banker-master of ceremonies got up and asked DM to autograph it for him. Great laughter because the baker opposed the credit union bill and they lost and David voted for the credit union. DM signed the ball. And when he spoke, DM laughed and said that "\_\_\_\_\_ was being a good sport because he wasn't very happy with the way I voted on that bill. But he's been a strong supporter of mine and I hope he will continue to be." The banker (Gilchrest) said to me afterward, "we lost 411-8 and I didn't blame David for voting the way he did. I don't expect him to throw himself in the flames in that situation. But I wanted to hold his feet to the fire, too." When he proposed the golf ball idea to the men at the table, it brought high hilarity (see DM comment later).
- When he introduced DM, he mentioned the marriage penalty and the Kyoto treaty and called him a "strong conservative." That is his reputation. I think--conservative. And it should be!
- When David spoke, he said that he was "keeping after the regulators" in several areas. And he mentioned marriage penalty. And in view of the Clinton speech coming up that evening, he said a few things. "I know it's not politically correct to say this, but it's wrong to commit adultery and cheat on your wife."
- "If he tells the truth and asks forgiveness, as Christians we should forgive him." "It is also important that the rule of

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law be upheld as the foundation of our democracy."

- Walking out, he talked about Janet Reno's refusal to appoint a counsel in the campaign abuse area. He thinks it was part of the deal when they left her in the Cabinet. But he thinks there is a mandatory part of the law that she is flouting.
- In his little thank you talk to the country club group, he emphasized "the rule of law" again.
- He greeted me, as always, very impersonally. "Hello, I didn't think you were here yet. You've heard about the truncated schedule?" Then he turned to David B. and said, "I'm going to drive home with Mark." No mention of my name, my trip there, etc. But he did recognize me at first glance and that's better than last time! A little!
- When he finished his thank yous, a Delaware County Commissioner got up and thanked him for getting \$13.8 million for Delaware County from ISTEA. "We got the money, \$13.9, and a lot of other counties are envious of Delaware. We got it because we worked very hard. But David and his staff worked very hard, too, and we couldn't have gotten it without them. So we owe them our thanks." David said, "thank you, you did it." No credit taking.
- Then he asked if there were "any other questions?" None. It was a group of supporters. They had all contributed. And they wanted to go home.
- Re tax cut, he said, "I pushed and pushed on Newt to bring up the tax cut in July before the recess. But he kept telling me, 'David, the President will be in a lot weaker position when we come back in September than he is now.' And I couldn't fault him on that."
- MC introduced David for his "reputation as a strong conservative." And it seems to me that is his district reputation now, "a conservative." Newspaper articles will say that "conservatives" do this or that as lead in to something about DMC, i.e., "Conservatives won't let missile defense idea die." Headline in AP article printed.
- The event that Jennifer, David and then Steve Austin highlighted as one of their greater ever was the Job Fair (1,000 people, 250 companies--see clips).
- In this context, Jennifer said that three companies had had

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layoffs, Borg Warner (800 jobs), ABB (closed plant), Ball Delphi Energy (formerly Delco), New Venture Gear (downsizing). GM lately and that the employment situation was down. David, she said, was getting some criticism for allowing it to happen. And the Job Fair was a response of his. An example of enforced attention to home? "And it brought NAFTA to the fore," Jennifer commented.

- Patrick Barney, "Job Fair Shows Plenty of Workers Want Something Better," Muncie Star Press.
- 5,000 job seekers, state-wide unemployed 3.5%, 250 companies. They need people because they have openings.
- Thomas P. Wyman, "Employment Facing Drought Driving Job Fair Recruitment," The Republic, results not clear in terms of match.
- But Jennifer talked about PR success--they catch a guy at point where he just got a job--all on TV. I hear about follow-up re success. Too early, she said. Articles tend to be skeptical--albeit good publicity. Thomas P. Wyman is AP person, "Employers, Job Seekers, Fill Fair, But Matches Few," Shelbyville News, 7/10/98. His AP story ran in The Republic, Muncie SP, Shelbyville News, Rushville Republic, Palladium Item, Commercial Review. And before the Fair, articles and/or Dmc press release ran in Greenbury Daily News, Palladium Item, Shelbyville, Middletown, Muncie Courier times, Ball State University Daily News. In short, it's all over the papers. And at the Rotary luncheon, he asked for a round of applause for Jim Houston, and they clapped loudly. Kevin told me, on the ride back to Muncie, that Jim has been in a couple of state-wide campaigns and has been in politics all his life from Ball State and Muncie.
- We went to Muncie Rotary Club--100 people--his speech (which I have) was to be on global warming. He gave it "somewhat dry," he said, but he shortened it so as to take questions. I listed 12 questions. On the main one--the President's speech last night on "the affair," he asked for a show of hands on several questions: "How many think it's strictly a private affair?" Zero. He registered surprise. "Do you think there should be a different standard for the President then in any other business setting?" Zero. More surprise. "Well then, let me ask you this. How many think the President should be impeached?" Twelve to 15 hands went up--very scattered. "I was really very surprised by that." Later, on phone, he put the number as "1/4 to 1/3."

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- In the car coming back, he was asked was he surprised. "Yes I was, I thought some people would say it was a private matter. And I do think there was some social pressure there. At the golf dinner last night, several people came up to me individually and said they thought it was a private matter."
- So I asked him--in light of his comment at the luncheon--that "when I get back to Washington, people will ask me what the people back home were saying,"--whether, if he was asked that question, whether he would take the answer at the Rotary Club as the district answer. "Was that group representative of the district?" "It was mostly Republican, but some Democrats. Most of the opinion leaders in town were there. I'd expect more support for impeachment elsewhere. Muncie would be a little less harsh than some places--except Columbus. Their self image is that they are part of the establishment. Muncie is not establishment, but they are a little bit that way. If I went to Russellville, I know they'd say, "string him up."
- Later, on the phone, "I was at Rotary today and I think the sentiment is changing. The President did not answer their questions." (Guy in motel, "If I had lied, my daddy would have whipped me. That's why you don't lie.")
- David asked me how he did at the luncheon and I said, I thought he "navigated the question well." And he said, "We'll see what the paper picked up. Larry Shorer (some guy he'd been talking with afterward) is the editorial page editor of the Muncie paper. He's the guy who asked me the question about Quayle. (I.e., what did DM think of DQ's statement that BC resign.) "That's why I answered that it depended on how the Democrats react."
- There was one Indiana public radio reporter there and he asked David what he thought Republican strategy should be. Ans: "Aggressively lay out a vision of where we want to take the country--a tax cut, regulatory reform, strengthening our values in the schools, and in our communities, be strong in standing up for our values and implement our values. The question is about what direction the country should go. My hope is that the presidential stuff will not be part of it and that we will pursue an aggressive agenda."
- Jim Houston says Steve makes 400 stops in mobile van. Little places--500 people plus.
- David Buskill told me that there was nothing in papers when

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DMc was chosen head of CATS. And I found not one clip on it during the period. David B. says that David M. has to explain what it is whenever he mentions it. In the campaign headquarters file, there was a CAT heading and no entries. It's the July-August file. March-June, 3 CAT releases, no home articles.

- When I listen to him talk one-on-one, the line he uses constantly is "thank you, I appreciate it."

- Re phone call re State Republicans, "My whole thing is tell the voters what you are going to do and then do it--with the property tax cut." "People said to me, David, you'll never get these people to agree. But we've come a long way from where we started."

- Tuesday P.M., I sat in the campaign office while he sat at the long table and made phone calls. Never started (or finished) with money pitch. How are things going, etc., obviously knew all these people--invited some to wine and cheese for Hostettler (obvious contribution). Long talk with his brother--in car he called his brother, "he's angry at me for my stands on the environment." (Brother owns no TV!) Called Quayle (who had called upon BC to resign) apologizes for last events today which he won't make.

- I fed David my "theory" about him getting coopted into leadership. "It didn't happen." "Why not? Maybe the idea is nutty."
- "No it isn't nutty. You aren't following John Thune, are you, because that's just what's happened with him. I've seen it. So it could have gone that way." (Then to the "agenda.")
- Then he started to tell the story of why it didn't happen to him. It is so long and it's been so many hours since we talked, that I have only bits. I billed it as his "development." And he began at the beginning.
- "I went into politics because I had an agenda. I had a support base from my work with Reagan in that I knew what I wanted to get done in terms of legislation--to cut regulation, cut taxes and so forth. I never thought of myself as a leader, only as someone who wanted to get certain things done."
- "That was my idea when I decided to become a liaison for the freshmen class."

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- His description of his in's and out's are too dense to recall. The main point he made was that "it happened in stages."
- "At the time we passed our first budget, I had begun to have reservations about our leadership. But I was put under a great deal of pressure to go along. And I did so, at that point, maybe because I did feel as though I was a part of the leadership. But that feeling had already begun to change. And the turning point came when Newt told us all to read an article in the Washington Post about what had happened in the government shutdown. What the article showed was that Newt was saying one thing to us in the Conference and in the leadership, and then saying something different when he was with the Senate or the President. That's when I began to distrust his leadership."
- Re the attempted coup, "There were several groups that were all coming to the same conclusion about Newt." He described them--I can't recall except that when Delay got into the act, he had a plan for watching Newt all the time--sort of in shifts--"that was absolutely crazy."
- "I have a theory that all politicians fall along a spectrum. At one end are those most interested in philosophy and at the other end are those most interested in power. We are all arranged along the spectrum and there is a little of both in all of us. The philosophical types need power to implement their ideas; and the power types need ideas to guide them. Newt, it seemed to me, had gone from one extreme to the other--from a man of ideas to a man concerned with power. I had been attracted to him in the beginning because of the forcefulness of his ideas, but I began to see him as a person increasingly concerned with power. I don't want to put a value judgment on the two types of politicians. But I think of myself as a philosopher; and I hope I am, that I am guided by a philosophy. The other people who were disappointed with the leadership saw what I saw. They saw what was happening, but they didn't have a theory about it as I did."
- "After the 1996 election, Newt told Sue Myrick and <sup>my</sup> that he wanted us to stay in the leadership. So he kept open our two spots, and we agreed to stay. But I had begun to feel a great burden in trying to speak or think in terms of the freshmen class and I did not want to continue in that role. So I suggested to the leadership two or three projects that I might undertake to help. And they knocked all of them down. One was a proposal that we have a study of regulation of all sorts

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so as to coordinate our efforts. I think Newt was afraid of the committee chairmen. I had suggested ways he could harness my energies and he had rejected them. Other things were happening, too. About the same time I had begun to focus less on Washington and more on Indiana. I was canvassing the idea of running for the Senate. I decided I did not have a broad enough base to take it on, that even if I could do that, Bayh was a strong candidate and it would be 50/50 at best. But I did want to think about running state-wide, and I knew that meant a cut-back in Washington. About that time, too, some of the people in CATS wanted me to become the leader of the group. Which I did. And it was a great relief to be able to be just what I wanted to be--a conservative, an active conservative, pushing the agenda I believed in.

- Re CATS, "It was a surprise. I was going along, minding my own business, when some members of CATS came to me to discuss the leadership of the group. I gave them the names of some members of my class. I should have seen what was coming, but I didn't. When we have a meeting, they all went around the table saying why I should take it."
- "It has given me a different standing with Newt. Up till now, he has thought of me as a kid who was useful to have around to keep the freshmen happy. Now, he knows that he has to listen to me because I can back up what I say. But I don't think he will ever trust me again the way he did. He will know that on substantive matters, when I say I'll back him, I will. When we disagree, I will be aggressive in pursuing my view."
- When CATS takes a position, he either has a written statement passed around for all to sign, or, he works informally. "I have tried to do it informally. They have all been very good about it. Many of them are saying, 'David, you don't have to check with us on everything.' But I do, sometimes using trial balloons, without attribution, to see what reaction I get."
- I remarked to him--as I did to Jennifer and David B.--how there was zero local mention of CATS in all the clips. They all found it remarkable and true. David said he didn't know whether it was because Chris Jones didn't report it or because Chris reported it and people paid no attention. "I'll have to check with Chris to see whether he has sent anything out or not. Of course, it's in a lot of the articles, even if we don't mention it by name. I don't go around telling people, 'I'm the leader of a group.' But if I decide to make my career in Indiana, then we'll start talking about it."

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- re Newt DMC*
- Re Newt/DMC relationship, "I don't tell people I'm a lawyer because in my experience, it does more harm than good. It makes people suspicious. But recently, in a meeting with Newt, I made a legal analysis and he said to me, 'I didn't know you were a lawyer. That explains it!' He never knew anything about my background, or the Federalist Society. I guess he never thought it worth his while." And yet David came every week to leadership meetings for two years. "Just some kid," as David said.

- I asked about the freshmen class and his idea of a reform element in conference. He said that he had wanted to join freshmen with the newcomers and the junior class (92). "When I suggested we join sophomores with the junior class (of 92), my friends objected. And when they tried to recruit the new freshmen class, they got nowhere. When they told the new freshmen that the leaders were no good, the freshmen said 'they helped elect us.' So nothing happened. But if we win by a small margin next time, people will think that we should have done better and one leadership race will grow out of that. And one leader from among the three classes will mount a challenge. Some have suggested that I should try, and I have suggested others. After the election, we will make a decision about whether or not to concentrate on Indiana. If we decide to make a career in Indiana, I would not run for a leadership position."

- responsibility about policy*
- We talked about "promises made, promises kept." "You know my theory about representation is that you have a platform and when you are elected, you try to implement that platform. You tell people what you are doing through the newspapers and you come home to explain to them what you did, and to answer questions about it. That is the way democracy should work, and the way it must work if people are to have any faith in their politicians and the political system. Of course, conditions may change and new issues may come up that go beyond your platform--when explaining to the voters is more important."

- did it hurt him - govt? race?*
- Have you ever had to go back on a promise? "No. I think the credit union vote was one where the bankers felt I had made an implied promise to support their position. I explained to them that I favored across the board banking with less regulation on everyone. And I think they understand my position. There might be an occasion when I would have to admit that I was wrong, and I would. With the firefighters, I had said that the provision that there had to be four firemen to go in every building I had called it a ridiculous

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regulation. But when they came in and explained it to me, I said I was wrong and I changed my view. But that was not something in my platform. It was at a different level."

- I asked him what lesson he drew from the 1995 budget shutdown. "The biggest lesson overall is that you don't challenge the President with one big all-in-one legislative package. And on another level, a lesson is that you don't outrun your mandate. When we took on Medicare, we were outrunning our mandate. Another lesson is that if you do challenge the President, you don't let the other side dominate the media."
- He smiled when I mentioned his notion that they could win another shutdown. He said it was all tactical and not serious. Wanted to warn administration not to try anything and keep up the aggressiveness of the Republicans. Re memory of 1995, "It's receding, but it's still there."
- When you talk about the need to "energize the base" of the party, do you think of the base as your district? He brightened up when he said, "Yes, to a large extent I do. I think of voters as made up of ordinary working people who don't pay much attention to politics, and those who actively think about and participate in politics--the base. I am cognizant of the fact that for other people in the party, their base is very different from mine. Issues that help one, hurts them and vice versa. So, I try to find cross-cutting issues that will help all of us. I see our party is made up of social conservatives and fiscal conservatives and some people who are good stewards and want to pay down the debt. In some districts, people are conservative on fiscal policy, but not on social policy or conservative on social policy and not on fiscal policy. But my district is not split. People are socially conservative and fiscally conservative. They are conservative. My base is conservative, period." No wonder he has his reputation. It fits.
- I think there's a little unwillingness to come to grips with the intra-party problem.
- Advice from Howard (?) Morris, a long-time Dick Lugar aide. "Right after we got elected in 1994, he said to me, 'If you are going to run a revolution, don't call it a revolution. And when you make a decision, picture a woman in Richmond trying to raise a child and think of its effect on her!' It may not be the whole story, but it was one of the best pieces of advice I ever got."

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- Kevin re Columbus, "On the Fourth of July, they had a festival. Everyone in town was there--30,000 people, across all class lines--having a great time. It was a blast. If we had the same thing in Muncie, 400 people would come... Muncie is a dying town."
- Indiana Star, 2/18/95, David Haase, "McIntosh Still Owes on Race." DM spent \$972,000--second highest ever spent on Indiana House race, \$5.07 for every voter, 25% PACS, 55% \$200+.
- David talked quite a bit about the state political situation and how he was trying to get them--with some success--to get together on a program. The Senate has been Republican since 1982 and is safe (4-year terms). The House had been Republican, but it went 50-50 in the last election and the governor gets the extra vote. There is a majority override of the governor's veto (and there is a Democratic governor). So getting back the House is crucial this time. "The House is very powerful when its in session--3 or 4 months a year."
- "When the Republicans became the minority in the House, the committee chairmen in the Senate wouldn't even speak to the ranking minority members in the House."
- "Some of the committee chairmen had been in the Senate since 1982. You couldn't criticize anything but what they had been involved in it. They had no incentive to enter into a joint plan. I went to talk with the Senate leader and he agreed to do it because, he said, if he didn't, he'd be embarrassed. So we have a joint program, not as strong as I might like, but we have one--emphasizing property taxes and education. We've accomplished more then I thought we could."
- I talked to Scott in the morning of the second day. He talked about their activity. Scott was the 1996 campaign manager.
- "In 1996, we spent a lot of time helping State House and Senate candidates in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, doing door-to-door, radio spots, get out the vote, bringing in headliners for fund-raisers--the basic stuff to help others in their campaigns. We emphasized the tough races and tried to help them. We spent a lot of time and effort."
- "The House had a 55-45 Republican majority. But in the 1996 election, that became 50-50. The party lost seats. But in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, we gained a net of one seat. After the election, the party chairman said, 'You're the only congressman who does this. Would you help us out again in

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1998, and in other parts of the state, too.'"

- "We thought long and hard about running for the Senate, and spent several weeks talking to people. David decided not to do it. A lot of people came up to us, however, and told us there was a void in the party. Steve Goldsmith (Mayor of Indy) had lost the governor's race. People felt that he--as party leader--would have been the person to do things for the party state-wide. But he couldn't."
- "So we decided to organize a state-wide PAC, to raise funds solely to support candidates. There are different contribution limits for state-wide races; and that makes fund-raising a lot easier. Up to now, we've been trying to raise money. David has been offering himself as a help to others. We have a FAX network of 5,000 people--business people, interested people--we've sent out issue faxes on property taxes and education to energize support and raise candidate profiles. On that basis alone, people have written checks, because they like what we're doing."
- I had asked DM the day before whether they had any luck raising money from out of state. "That's very hard. Even though people may like me and what I'm doing, it's hard to get them to support State House candidates."
- "We're working with the House and Senate leadership to identify key races where we can make a difference, financially or in other facets of campaigns that are costly. As a result of what we call our 'campaign audits,' we have talked to 15 or 16 campaigns. We will play very heavily in six or seven races and less in three or four others."
- "The State has a \$2 billion surplus and will have another \$500 million at the end of this year. We are calling for a property tax and strong education reform. The Democrats want to go slow, tweak it in ways that work for the unions and the teachers."
- I asked him whether the economy was good across the board or in sections and mentioned the Muncie job losses. He said Randolph County nearby had highest unemployment in state. But his general answer was that "small business growth in the state is booming," but that "there is a low profile concerning the balance. For the southern part of the district--Rush, Decatur, Bartholemew and Shelby--there are too many jobs. One idea of the job fair was to bring the north and the south together. It was a simple idea, but the local Chambers of

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Commerce weren't doing it."

- Will other members start doing this and under-cut you? "They might under-cut him, but they may not go out of their way to help him. Hostettler is very nice and wants to help, but he's got his own problems and we are hosting a party for him."
- "Sue Ann Gilroy, Secretary of State, has been active, but she hasn't caught on. She's laying the ground work for a governor campaign in 2000." (The Harvey Political Report makes her sound better than that.) *Harvey*
- DM said re possible leadership contest, "If we hold the House by a large majority, nothing will change. But if we win narrowly, there will be a challenge. To whom, I'm not sure. Boehner is the least effective, in my judgment, but he's very well liked. And that counts for a lot in the Conference."
- The day I arrived was the day Clinton testified before the Grand Jury on the Lewinsky affair. So, the next day, wherever he went, people wanted him to talk about it. He did at the Rotary Club and at the fund-raiser at the boat yard. Basically, he said that it was a sad time, everyone wished it would go away, that adultery was wrong, that ones' private life shaded into public life if and when it affected the government, that we couldn't know till Ken Starr's report whether there was any obstruction of justice. He hoped there was not. But if there was, Congress had to do its duty, whatever that might be, under the Constitution, that the rule of law, government by law, had to be maintained. And on the political side, the question was how the Democrats would behave. He said, at the boat yard, that from what he'd heard, "people aren't satisfied that his TV talk answered all the questions they have." And, therefore, it wasn't over. (I got a call the next day from Rick Berke of the New York Times, with the question: has Congress ever voted in opposition to clear public opinion? We talked about that: "Have you ever seen a congressional election like this one?" etc.
- The questioning at the boat yard was heavily to the effect that Clinton's lie in January had cost the country a lot in the seven months since. Different people had different ideas about what the cost was--loyalty, lawyer's fees, trust.
- To wind up the logistics of this trip, David went back to his mother-in-law's hospice on Tuesday evening, cancelling one event. Wednesday, I looked at clips in both offices and had a phone conversation with Scott (we met at the boat yard).

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Since David was coming into Indy on Thursday AM and spending the night there, too, I changed my plans, i.e. drive down early Thursday A.M., drop off rental car, meet Scott in the airport, pick up David when he landed, go to events and spend night in same hotel as David. Got to airport, waited as David's plane unloaded--no David. Scott came shortly to say that the mother-in-law was expected to pass away today and he would not be coming back. I changed a flight immediately and came home a day early. All-in-all, not a useless trip, but way below expectations and well below what I need to make sense out of DM. Been there, done that--more than once.

- I accomplished one thing Thursday. I got a shoe shine in the airport. So I must be getting ready for more punishment!

**A list of questions at the Muncie Rotary Club (in order)**

1. Military cutbacks, a danger?
2. Panama Canal, coming up again?
3. Comment on President's talk on TV (he asked question--see notes).
4. Independent Counsel law, good?
5. Effect of global warming on population growth, any?
6. Public attention toward politicians in general and in connection with BC talk. (Cokie Roberts and importance of telling truth in Congress, his intern program.)
7. Can Congress do anything to make the government work better? ("We may only get appropriations bill done in September.")
8. Iraq, what's the .....?
9. Republican strategy for fall?
10. Thanks for road funding.
11. Should we limit independent counsel?
12. Congratulations on job fair, any results? Steve Austin says he has called 115 businesses and 182 people have been hired (applause). Says DM, "We have lots of respect where people have been hired... It could only happen when the community comes together."

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13. Protection of farm land--he talks about reclaiming industrial and inside cities "brown fields." "We have good bipartisan supprt for it. "We mention Greenwood later.

When David ends his talks and the Q/A and he thanks everyone for coming, he ends with "God bless you." I'm reminded of Phil Sharp's comment when he says that.

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