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Campaign Committee

FROM: BOB O'DONNELL
RE: O'DONNELL UPDATE, 11/13/92

I thought you might appreciate the attached Harrisburg Patriot editorial concerning the Speaker's race. So far, I've received positive editorial play out in Western Pennsylvania as well. The key here is that the way the ed boards and news stories are framing the issue is very useful to us long term, i.e. this is either an attempt to depose me because of my reform efforts or it's an attempt to help Evans run for Governor.

The political exercise is going quite well. Members are clearly dividing up into three categories: my hardcore group of loyal supporters; the members who are prepared to go against me publicly; and the largest group who are swinging in the wind. These folks say one thing but quietly do another and it's my increasing sense that they're leaning my way. I believe Bill's support is thinner than he expected and the loyalties he enjoys are based largely on fear, not on a healthy, working relationship. Members are growing anxious about his having placed them in this situation and resentments and distrust are flaring. I've been working this very, very hard and am increasingly confident about the outcome.

That's it for now. I'm in Harrisburg next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will continue to work the members. I'll keep you posted on my progress.

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