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**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- **And they said it couldn't be done. Trump's economic team delivers on 4% GDP growth.**
- **Immigration reform begins with building the wall. That's how the President got elected.**
- **The politics of personal destruction indicate that the Left lacks a moral compass.**
- **Personel is policy. Why, then, are there so few Trump supporters in the White House?**

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COMING HOME

It is with great humility that again take to the printed word to deliver a message to Americans who cherish liberty and believe that America is truly an exceptional nation. As many of you know, I have been on an extraordinary adventure the past five years—running for office, founding a center for civic awareness at Morningside College, playing a significant role in a presidential election, helping direct policy development during the transition between administrations and serving as the Senior White House Advisor to the Department of Agriculture. Along the way, I have learned much and have internalized significant lessons about the media, how our government actually works and what our responsibilities really are if we are to preserve our nation.

In the weeks and months to come, the reader will have the opportunity to view the world through the lenses of business, economics, politics and pop culture. I intend to be as forthright with the readers as I have been with the President. The perspective will certainly be mine, but I am hopeful the reader will be able to gain insight and knowledge about the workings of all the institutions that make America great.

In this document, I will address some personal issues, just to get them off the table. Many people are

curious about the Mueller probe and my role in bringing together the National Security Advisory Team for the Trump Campaign. I know many of you would like to know what testifying in front of a House and Senate committee must be like, especially when the sides are so openly partisan. I will address my adventures in trying to get confirmed by the Senate for a position at the Department of Agriculture. I will also discuss why I left the administration and what I think needs to be done to fix what is wrong at the White House and what needs to be done to hold serve in the upcoming midterm elections.

The last five years has been an incredible adventure. I reflect back on how all of this got started—giving a speech in the back of a pickup in Dakota City, NE, in 2009. Those who encouraged me to take on a larger role in local politics are among my dearest friends still today. Those individuals have never wavered in their support of me or what I have wanted to do. In fact, they have often been the loudest voices to do even more.

Many of the readers know the story behind "Do One More Thing." I am following my own mantra by continuing to push the boundaries of the establishment so that "they" might know that the majority is not silent and that we are indeed a majority. Together, we will continue to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN.

TRUST AND PARTY

Some of you may be wondering what happened during my confirmation process. As many of you know, I withdrew my name from consideration for the Under Secretary for Research, Economics and Education at the United States Department of Agriculture. I was asked to take this position by Secretary Perdue and President Trump. I was honored to be considered and was ready to bring order and direction to an organization that had been left to fallow for the past two administrations.

I had gone through all the FBI and White House vetting, completing all of that in June of 2017. I was the first nominee at USDA to be cleared and given clearance to go to the Senate for interviews. As I was clearly a controversial nominee given my strong conservative positions and my closeness to the President, I knew I was in for a rough ride. I went through the interviews, met with Senators and had a hearing set when Republican senators went to Senate Agriculture Committee

Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) to tell him they did not want a floor fight over me and my position. That's right, it was members of my own party that got wobbly and left me twisting in the wind. I was assured we could have won in committee and would have had a chance on the floor of the Senate, but a handful of less than courageous individuals doomed my chances of getting through. Not that it is any consolation, but I am not the only one who has been treated this way by well-known members of the Grand Old Party.

God always has a plan, and me being an Under Secretary was clearly not in the plan. Subsequently, I soldiered on at USDA and finally came to the conclusion that I needed to come home. I had been on the road for five years, living out of a suitcase and the backseat of my truck. In the end, coming home has been a true blessing. I get to pet my dogs everyday and get to sleep in my own bed every night. Life is good.

THE NEW “NEW” NORMAL



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Immigration reform must first be moral, and that means for the nation, not just some sliver of society who wants to feel good.



I am sure that everyone remembers the time in the presidential campaign when Candidate Trump and his motley crew were being roundly criticized for having the temerity to suggest that if all of his tax plans and other economic policies were put in place, the economy could see more than 4% growth in GDP. The hue and cry from the mainstream media (and many naysayers in the Republican Party) was deafening. The outgoing president ridiculed Candidate Trump suggesting that waving a magic wand would not change the new reality of limited, shallow GDP growth. Of course, those of us raised on Supply Side Economics, the Austrian School, Frederick Hayek, Milton Friedman and James Buchanan and plain old common sense saw things differently. When the Federal Reserve announced recently that the GDP growth had expanded to more than 4% annually, many of us felt vindicated and, or course, elated at what such growth means for middle class Americans.

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Second, though employment numbers appear good, the hidden numbers are troubling. The current participation rate is still below recent average levels.

For every percent below average, there are 1.5 million people who should be working that are sitting on the sidelines. They are no longer counted in the labor force because they have stopped looking for work. If the economy can continue to grow, and these people can be enticed back into the labor force, then our tax base and overall consumption will rise.

Third, we must continue to work toward building out the infrastructure needed to take advantage of our incredible supply of fossil fuels. America can dominate the energy markets, but only if the energy industry can keep abreast with pipelines, railroads, rolling stock and refineries to sustain strong supplies, thus buffering the vagaries of world energy manipulation by nations that are not our friends.

Fourth, we must make sure we are constantly vigilant in our trade negotiations. We are not entering a trade war. We have been in one for 40 years. We are just now fighting back. One can see that the President is tough in negotiations, but he is also interested in making the best deal possible for the American people. So far, his approach is working.

Finally, we must continue to hack away at the pernicious regulations that have hindered our economic development for decades. There is a balance that can be struck that will make sure we preserve clean air and water, that we are better stewards of our forests, that we are protective of our wildlife and that we can continue to make available to Americans millions of acres of recreational lands.

We cannot let success cover up sloppy play. We must hold our elected officials accountable or we will most certainly slip back into the incredible malaise of an extended recession. Nobody wants that.

BUILD THE WALL

Aside from getting to appoint Supreme Court Justices, enforcing immigration laws is really what got Donald Trump elected president. No other issue resonated more with the American people. Believe it or not, immigration reform is truly a bi-partisan issue strange alliances being formed on each side of the issue.

Middle class Americans, especially those who might be immigrants who came to this country legally, have been the strongest advocates for building the wall on the southern border and enforcing existing immigration laws. The powerful cabal of open border progressives and the United States Chamber of Commerce has been able to put tremendous pressure on elected officials, causing a huge rift in the American political landscape.

The rule of law is the value most treasured by the American people. It is this belief that all are equal before the law that leads law-abiding citizens to take exception to the notion that the law should be enforced

for some, but that by looking the other way, millions of individuals have been allowed to enter the country illegally so that special interests and certain political entities might flourish. The burden placed on society by these illegal immigrants is visited on citizens at the state and local level, thus relieving the national government of much of the strain.

The pity of all of this is that our political leaders are more interested in personal gain than in doing what is best for the American people. To have a nation, one must establish national sovereignty, and that sovereignty is based on establishing borders and enforcing sound immigration policies. Every time the national government tries to reform immigration policies, the Congress seems to foul things up even more. Perhaps the best thing to do is enforce the laws that are already on the books and see what happens. There's a thought.

IT'S PERSONAL

The American people are currently witnessing the worst angels of the Democrat Party (and some establishment Republicans) as Brett Kavanaugh gets dragged through the sewer. This man is acknowledged by both sides of the aisle as one of the great legal minds in America. He is perhaps, as some have said, a man set apart in his generation.

Judge Kavanaugh was put on a short list as far back as the evening we found out Justice Scalia had passed away. I was on the Trump airplane when we started working on a list of premier conservative legal minds who might be best suited for the Supreme Court. He was at or near the top of the list from that moment on. He has received wide-spread bipartisan support when it comes to his legal temperament. However, as his nomination languishes in the Senate Judiciary committee, the enemies of the President and the rule of law have drawn the long knives to ensure that Brett Kavanaugh suffer as much damage as possible enroute to confirmation. Better still would be having him be withdrawn as a nominee for the court.

Right now, Senator Diane Feinstein has placed herself right in the middle of the controversy surrounding the alleged sexual assault supposedly committed by Kavanaugh. From my own personal experience with that senator, I can tell you that she has no moral compass and would do whatever is necessary to block a Trump appointee. The closer or higher profile the nominee is, the more intense are the attacks

from the Left and the media (of course, that is redundant). I ought to know—I was assailed by this machine myself.

The complete lack of decency on the part of the Democrats is damnable. Their lust for power and domination in Washington seems to be considered a birthright by the left and anyone or anything that appears to be a threat to those circumstances will be attacked with all weapons. And lying about a person is not off the table.

I don't know if Professor Ford is telling the truth or not—and she certainly should be heard—but the way this has played out leaves a lot of concerns about her credibility. If she is not willing to go under oath to spell out her accusations, then her credibility should certainly be questioned. If she is willing to be sworn, then she should testify at the earliest possible date.

After the past five years, my level of cynicism has grown exponentially. I don't trust any process where the Senate is involved, especially when the leadership of the Democrat caucus is so morally bankrupt.

I trust things will work out. Judge Kavanaugh is a good man and a great jurist. He deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. We the People need him on the court. Here is hoping that the shameless Democrats can see their way to conducting themselves in a more dignified manner. On that, I am not holding my breath.

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Elected officials should internalize their oaths of office. It's a pity they are so consumed with self interest.

BELOW THE RADAR

This section will be used to alert readers to situations and circumstances that might not be covered in the media as extensively as other dominating stories might be. And today, there is a very critical situation that should concern all Americans, especially those who support the President.

Recently, I had a close confidant of the President related to me a story. It seems the President had walked through the West Wing of the White House to say hello to the staff. He is known to do this regularly, as it is his way of providing a morale boost to the troops. When he returned to his office, however, he realized that he had not recognized a single individual working in those spaces. In other words, he had no known supporters working in close proximity to him in the White House. Why is this important? It is important because those who are closest to the President may not be Trump supporters.

I have long been suspicious that those who have had the most influence on personnel decisions for the administration have been systematically moving Trump supporters further away from the President or out of the administration altogether. Further, those who are left to do the bidding of the President seem more concerned about bad headlines than they are with getting the job done. This is probably why there have been so many leaks to the press from those

who should be the strongest advocates of the Trump agenda.

I wonder when Republicans who work in DC will figure out that the media are not our friends. They will torpedo a Republican in a heartbeat, especially if that individual is thought to be a supporter of the President.

The campaign did not do a good job getting ready for transition. Thus, when Candidate Trump became President-elect Trump, those closest to the President were not ready to build out the 4K political appointees that would be needed. Instead, the campaign had to rely on establishment Republicans to find enough resumes to staff the administration early on. The Heritage Foundation had on file some 7K resumes for consideration. Many of those in the Heritage binders were Never-Trumpers (and have remained so to this day). Yet, these individuals have insinuated themselves into the most powerful positions throughout the various departments and agencies in the Executive Branch.

Many of us who support the President have been raising Cain about this, and it appears that the President and his folks are finally starting to recognize that some of the worst enemies of the administration are already in the administration.

The President needs to clean house and start over. The short term pain would be worth the long term gain.



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SHOW HIGHLIGHTS – UPCOMING EVENTS

This section of the newsletter will be used to highlight my schedule of appearances and radio shows. Hopefully, the reader will find the information useful, as well. The biggest announcement is that I am going back on the radio—this time the Internet version. On Sunday, the 30th of September, I will be launching IMPACT with Sam Clovis on LATalkRadio, Channel 2, from 3-5 pm central. The show will be on every Sunday, regardless of where my travels may take me. That is the beauty of internet radio. If one has a good computer, microphone and internet connection, then one can put out a great program.

As many of you may remember, I was on internet radio many years ago. I was paying for the time myself. I ran out of money, but the growth of the listening audience was phenomenal. The first broadcast had some 1K listeners. By the end of the 12th (and final) week, there were 18K distinct listeners and another 18K individuals who downloaded the program.

The principal sponsor for the broadcasts will be Charles W. Herbster, owner and CEO of Conklin Company, Herbster Angus Farms, North American Breeders and Carico Farms. Mr. Herbster is chairman of the Trump National Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Rural Issues. This group was instrumental in raising funds and turning out votes for the 2016 election. This advisory group remains active and a strong influence on the President. The Herbster sponsorship will be present in this newsletter in subsequent issues, as well.

A website will be forthcoming, but for now, I will keep up through

email. Below is the tentative schedule for the program and other activities in which I might be involved:

- September 22—Phoenix Foundation annual gala in Denver, CO.
- September 27—Keynote address at Johnson County GOP fall dinner in Iowa City, IA.
- September 30—Inaugural broadcast of IMPACT with Sam Clovis on LATalkRadio, Channel 2, 3-5 PM Central. LATalkRadio.com.
- October 7—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- October 14—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- October 21—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- October 28—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- November 4—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- November 11—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- November 18—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.
- November 25—IMPACT with Sam Clovis.