

a balanced budget plan in a bipartisan way, then we all have to take responsibility for the decisions, and we all have to take responsibility, therefore, for complimenting those in the other party who take the same decision we do. And so I'm just trying to create the conditions in which we can do that, and I think meeting them halfway on this and perhaps a number of other issues is the way to go.

*Q.* Mr. President—[*inaudible*—will the cuts come from providers or beneficiaries?

*The President.* You'll be briefed on all that, I think, as soon as this is over. But we believe there are substantial savings to be made in the Medicare program, and we're going to offer our ways of doing it.

#### *Campaign Finance Practices*

*Q.* Mr. President, the Democratic National Committee has decided to stop taking even legal—what are now legal contributions from foreigners. Can we ask you—I assume you've had a lot to do with that, and is it a sign that perhaps there were problems in the past?

*The President.* We're going over there in a few minutes, and I'll be addressing all that then.

#### *White House Access*

*Q.* Mr. President, you're making announcements on new, tighter restrictions on access to the White House later today as well?

*The President.* Well, I'm going over there in a few minutes, so I'll have more to say about it.

#### *Balanced Budget Amendment*

*Q.* You heard Alan Greenspan—[*inaudible*—constitutional amendment? [*Laughter*] He says he has reservations about that.

*The President.* Good for him.

*Q.* Is that a result of the meeting you had with him the other day?

*The President.* No, I think Mr. Greenspan makes his own conclusions.

*Q.* What about—

*The Vice President.* Everyone but Wolf [Wolf Blitzer, CNN] leaves. [*Laughter*]

*The President.* [*Inaudible*—makes his own—[*inaudible*—but I was very pleased to hear him say that.

*Press Secretary Mike McCurry.* Wolf, Greenspan is still on the access list. [*Laughter*]

*The President.* We've got new rules on access to the press. You guys are staying here. [*Laughter*]

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:24 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Federal Reserve Board. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the tape was incomplete.

## Remarks to a Democratic National Committee Meeting January 21, 1997

Thank you. Please be seated. Thank you. You know, maybe the Vice President should stay up all night more often. [*Laughter*] He's on a roll today.

I received on Saturday, a day early, very courteously from the New York Times, a copy of the New York Times Sunday Magazine, just preceding the day of the Inauguration, and it had a lot of nice things in it—an article about whether I believed in anything. [*Laughter*] The conclusion was accurate: that I believed in civil rights and that I believed that Government can do good things for people that they can't do on their own.

But far more important, the Sunday crossword puzzle had as its theme "Inauguration," with several very clever clues like "Movie about Presidential aspirations"—"Hope Dreams," instead of "Hoop Dreams." You get it? But the most important clue in the whole thing was "Mathematical rules governing the Vice President's macarena." And the answer was "Al-Gore-rhythms." [*Laughter*] And it struck me that a major part of the history of this time will be the "Al-Gore-rhythms" that have reverberated across America.

Ladies and gentlemen, I come here more than anything else to thank you, to thank our outgoing leaders and our incoming leaders, to