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On the Road with Bush and Cheney

Nightline

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TED KOPPEL, ABCNEWS The team is in place.

GOVERNOR GEORGE W. BUSH They're fired up in there.

1ST WOMAN Yeah.

GEORGE W. BUSH Something's happening here in the state of Arkansas.

1ST MAN Governor Bush and Secretary Cheney!

TED KOPPEL And already they're on the campaign trail. First stop, enemy territory: Arkansas.

GEORGE W. BUSH This is our first stop. It is a place that will send a resounding signal to America that Arkansas is Bush/Cheney country!

TED KOPPEL But it is merely the first stop on the way to Philadelphia.

GEORGE W. BUSH We're working our way to our convention, which is going to be a big moment in the campaign, but not nearly as big as the finish line. And the finish line is nearly 100 days away.

TED KOPPEL Tonight, on the road with Bush and Cheney.

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TED KOPPEL (VO) Austin, Texas, in the shadow of the state capital, the governor's mansion. It is 6:00 AM.

GEORGE W. BUSH Good morning, everybody.

TED KOPPEL This is all part of a new customized ABC service. I'm—I'm coming by to walk the dog.

GEORGE W. BUSH You are Mr. Koppel, aren't you?

TED KOPPEL Peter Jennings will be here later to pour your coffee for you.

GEORGE W. BUSH How are you?

TED KOPPEL I'm all right.
You've seen the story in the New York Times this morning. I mean, they don't have any...

GEORGE W. BUSH No, I haven't. I just woke up.

TED KOPPEL I ought to let you have my Times here.

GEORGE W. BUSH OK.

TED KOPPEL Big—big...

GEORGE W. BUSH I don't have my glasses.

TED KOPPEL Well, big takeout in the—big takeout in the Times this morning about the vetting process and whether, in fact, you guys did a good enough job vetting the vetter. He was...

GEORGE W. BUSH Of course they did.

TED KOPPEL He was doing very well vetting everybody else. But did you guys do a good enough job vetting him?

GEORGE W. BUSH Yeah. Not only did I do a good job, I picked the perfect vice president. These guys are good men. And I'm—I don't know what they meant. I haven't read the article yet.

TED KOPPEL I think they meant that they've—that

you've given your—your political opponents an opportunity to beat you both about the head and shoulders a little on his voting record. And he didn't—he didn't seem to be prepared for the questions on his voting records.

GEORGE W. BUSH Have a—how absurd. Dick Cheney is a fabulous vice presidential selection. And Dick Cheney's going to be a great vice president. And if Al Gore thinks he can win the election by tearing down Dick Cheney, he's going to be in for an incredibly rude surprise.

TED KOPPEL Want to go get your coffee?

GEORGE W. BUSH I do.

TED KOPPEL (VO) Ninety minutes later, George W. Bush is dressed, made up and almost ready for a formal sit-down interview with my ABC colleague, Peter Jennings. But first, the Governor needs a cup of coffee.

TED KOPPEL I say—Gordon? Is Gordon around here?

2ND MAN What do you need, sir?

GEORGE W. BUSH I'm going to get a coffee. My favorite cup here.

TED KOPPEL (VO) All right. Now he's ready for the interview. If he can only pick his way through the cameras and equipment boxes.

GEORGE W. BUSH You guys are trying to chase me in the wrong door.

3RD MAN Too close.

GEORGE W. BUSH Caterpillar man, that is a very valuable chandelier.

TED KOPPEL (VO) As he sits down, Governor Bush inadvertently knocks over his glass of water.

GEORGE W. BUSH Oh, goddamn. Excuse me.

4TH MAN Get some towels, please.

GEORGE W. BUSH Kicked the water over. Getting elected is a top priority for me, of course. And I don't want the American people thinking in any way, shape, or form that, 'Hey, he thinks he's got it won,' you know? 'He's George Bush's son. He thinks he's got it won.' I'm out to earn the vote.

TED KOPPEL At about the same time, the new vice presidential candidate, Dick Cheney and his wife, are leaving their home in Dallas.

1ST REPORTER What's going through your mind?

DICK CHENEY Well, I hope I got everything.

2ND WOMAN Did they get you all set up and everything?

DICK CHENEY We have not been told anything or given any directions.

TED KOPPEL (VO) At the Fayetteville Airport, an advanced team for Governor Bush is making preparations.

2ND WOMAN I have two drivers. I need a third.

TED KOPPEL (VO) On the way to the Austin airport, Bush's senior adviser, Karen Hughes, calls ahead to Arkansas to find out the latest.

KAREN HUGHES No. No, tell me—right. Now, tell me about the Arkansas stop today. It's the family center?

2ND WOMAN It's the presidential candidate and the vice presidential candidate and their wives, and all four of them will walk up together.

TED KOPPEL (VO) On board his plane, Bush is met by a flurry of questions from the traveling press corp who are with him day in and day out.

2ND REPORTER I mean, is there something about you that you think the American public doesn't want to know?

GEORGE W. BUSH I don't know. That's—that's what—that's your job to figure that out. I—I hope they know I'm a decisive, firm leader that's got good

judgement and ready to lead the nation.

TED KOPPEL It is—this business of running for president—a seemingly endless succession of wind sprints wrapped in a marathon, all of it conducted dangerously high above the ground. The ultimate political high-wire act. George Bush and Al Gore on the same wire, headed now, finally, directly towards one another.

Every day, day after day. We're always here watching, waiting for you.

GEORGE W. BUSH Waiting for the stumble?

TED KOPPEL Yeah.

GEORGE W. BUSH Well, you caught me today when I kicked over a glass of water. You know, I—I—I'm not worried about that. I don't worry about making mistakes because I'm very comfortable about what I want to say and what I want to do for the country.

TED KOPPEL I'm—I'm—I'm less concerned at the moment about you than I am about you looking at the process. I mean, there must be times when both of you, or maybe Ms. Bush as the—as the frequently silent observer. I mean, this political process must be pretty insane to you at times, doesn't it?

LAURA BUSH Well, it's tough, you know? There's—but no one said it should be easy. I think it's right that it's tough, I mean...

TED KOPPEL But is this the best way to pick a president?

GEORGE W. BUSH Yeah, it is.

LAURA BUSH Yeah. I mean, I do think it is. Absolutely. You get to—to really see what people are made of. There's no reason why it shouldn't be long and drawn out, difficult.

GEORGE W. BUSH I agree. I think it is too. I—I agree with Laura. It is a tough process, but after all, it's going to be a tough job we're aspiring for.

TED KOPPEL During the course of this day when you get off this plane right now, do you know who's

going to be waiting for you at the foot of the ramp?

GEORGE W. BUSH We'll know in about—when someone hands me a—I don't. Somebody's going to hand me a...

TED KOPPEL Someone will hand you a piece of paper?

GEORGE W. BUSH There's no question that this is a—everyday is a whirlwind experience. But what makes the whirlwind less of a whirlwind is priorities.

TED KOPPEL You'd better find out who that GOP party chairman is who's waiting for you at the foot of the ramp.

GEORGE W. BUSH Exactly right. They'll be there. And—but I enjoy that as—you'll see. I mean, you've seen me campaign. I'm a—I'm a good retail politician. I'm a good campaigner. I like to shake hands. I like people. I get energized by people. And even though I'm a talker right now, I'm a pretty good listener around people too. And this is a—you know, it's interesting, it's—I have run a marathon before in my life.

TED KOPPEL I'm sorry?

GEORGE W. BUSH I've run a marathon before, one of these 26-mile runs. And this is similar to that in some ways. I mean, it's a—I—I understand where we are in the race. Probably about mile 18. And we're working our way to our convention, which is going to be a big moment in the campaign, but not nearly as big as the finish line. And the finish line is nearly 100 days away.

TED KOPPEL That last half mile is a killer.

GEORGE W. BUSH That last half mile.

TED KOPPEL I—I've run one, too.

GEORGE W. BUSH You've been there too. You know. That last half mile is uphill. It's a test. It's the ultimate test of will and—and desire. And in this case, what makes it different, a test of vision. It's a test of a person's vision about America. And if—if it's a vision rooted in principle and rooted in strength, it's a vision

that'll test—stand the test of a campaign and ultimately the test of the presidency.

TED KOPPEL (VO) Ten forty-three Central time. Pretty much on schedule, Governor and Mrs. Bush arrive in Fayetteville, Arkansas, where they are met by Mr. and Mrs. Cheney. When we come back, and then there were four.

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(Commercial break)

TED KOPPEL (VO) The only thing that is predictable on a presidential campaign is that nothing is predictable. As for example, the odd question that can happen at anytime at any subject, from UFOs....

5TH MAN Half of the public believes that they are real. Would you finally tell us what the hell's going on?

GEORGE W. BUSH Sure.

TED KOPPEL (VO) ...to immigration...

6TH MAN Are we going to have an open border with Mexico if you're president?

GEORGE W. BUSH No, we're not. We're going to enforce the border.

TED KOPPEL ...to children.

YOUTH So what do you think the biggest problem facing America's teenagers is, and...

GEORGE W. BUSH Adaptation.

TED KOPPEL (VO) What may be a little difficult to discern here is that what you're watching is unprecedented in American politics.

LYNNE CHENEY I'm Lynne Cheney. How are you?

3RD WOMAN Hi. We wish you...

TED KOPPEL (VO) Lynne Cheney is, of course, the

wife of Dick Cheney.

DICK CHENEY I'm Dick Cheney. Good to see you. Who's that back there?

TED KOPPEL (VO) Next week, in Philadelphia, Dick Cheney will be nominated at the Republican convention as George W. Bush's running mate.

GEORGE W. BUSH We got—they're fired up in there.

1ST WOMAN Yeah.

GEORGE W. BUSH Something's happening here in the state of Arkansas.

TED KOPPEL (VO) Traditionally in American politics, we haven't even known the identity of a vice presidential candidate before a nominating convention.

1ST MAN Please join me in welcoming the next president and vice president of the United States, Governor Bush and Secretary Cheney!

TED KOPPEL (VO) This campaign is mounting a full-scale out-of-town tryout before the convention is even under way.

DICK CHENEY And we're going to begin the fall campaign. And it is going to be a tough campaign, make no mistake about it.

We're going to have to fight every single day in every single state for every single vote. But we're going to earn your vote. Because we are embarked on a great crusade, to restore dignity and integrity to Washington.

TED KOPPEL (VO) Dick Cheney is a practiced, if somewhat subdued, campaigner. It is Governor Bush who lays the raw meat in front of the party faithful.

GEORGE W. BUSH This man—this man is a good man. He's a solid man. He's a man who understands what the definition of 'is' is.

TED KOPPEL (VO) What you are watching is a likely preview of the next three months. Gathered together for their first joint television interview, the

Republican ticket and their significant others.

GEORGE W. BUSH And then I—I saw this man. He's an extraordinarily thoughtful, well organized, fellow. You know, one of the things about—that's going to will make our partnership great: he doesn't talk much and I do.

TED KOPPEL You know what they say about the—about the four of you—I say 'they'—I'll say about the four of you. Two of you are natural candidates. The—the two of you—yeah. And—and—and the two of you sitting in the middle there would just as soon read a book. Is that—is that even slightly fair to you?

LAURA BUSH It's not true at all...

LYNNE CHENEY Well...

LAURA BUSH ...about Secretary Cheney. It might be true about me.

TED KOPPEL Well, I—I—I—I—I know he—I know he's run...

LAURA BUSH I am a librarian.

TED KOPPEL I was watching you—I was watching you during the rally, there. You're doing the best you can.

DICK CHENEY Yeah. And I'm getting pretty good at it. Give me—give me a while. It's been a couple days.

LYNNE CHENEY You got to get your sea legs.

DICK CHENEY No. I—without question. I'm—I'm—have been and the governor and I talked about this when we talked about the job. I'm fairly serious stuff. My friend and yours, Bob Novak, describes me as a pretty dull and boring candidate. That was never my stock and trade. But the—and I—you know, I'm not going to set the house on fire. But I don't need to. Look at the guy that's—that's the candidate.

TED KOPPEL Traditionally it's been the other way around. When I say the other way around,

traditionally presidential candidates picked their vice presidential running mates, A, because of geographical balance—that wasn't the case with you—or because they are the really sort of rip-snorting campaigners who are going to help everybody get into the White House. And then if they happen also, afterwards, to be people who can be good vice presidents, that's a bonus. Now in your case it seems to be slightly flipped. Do you buy that?

DICK CHENEY Well, I—you know, I don't think the—the original model is necessarily the right one. I think the model we've got is a good one. And I—I think in part what we're selling isn't the traditional kind of approach to a presidential campaign. We're not out there slashing and burning, laying waste, if you will, to the opposition.

GEORGE W. BUSH You're the one who redefined the role of vice presidency right here on camera and you're right.

TED KOPPEL How's that?

GEORGE W. BUSH A lot of—well, a lot of people pick a vice president to be the slash and burn artist, somebody to go out and say things that the presidential candidate doesn't want to say.

TED KOPPEL But you're going to do your own slashing and burning are you?

GEORGE W. BUSH No. I'm not going to slash and burn. I'll counter-punch. I'll darn sure defend our records. And if somebody comes after this good man, I'm going to stand up for him. If somebody comes after me, I'll stand up for myself and vice versa. But the role of the vice presidency is always redefined in a—in a—in a—in a—in a good, aggressive, reform-minded administration. And Dick Cheney wouldn't be taking this job if he—if he wasn't assured of the fact that he'd be a, you know, a senior partner in this organization.

TED KOPPEL I'll throw this one up for anybody who wants to read it. Anybody read Maureen Dowd's column?

LAURA BUSH No.

TED KOPPEL No one? Nobody here—nobody here would admit it even if they did. I'm not going to do it total justice, but in her...

LYNNE CHENEY Do we really want to hear this?

LAURA BUSH No.

TED KOPPEL In her—probably not.

LAURA BUSH We didn't read it for a purpose.

TED KOPPEL But in—in her final paragraph she was talking about these two conservative white guys from Yale.

LYNNE CHENEY Yale?

GEORGE W. BUSH You got kicked out of Yale.

DICK CHENEY Twice.

TED KOPPEL Twice?

DICK CHENEY Twice.

GEORGE W. BUSH And I probably should have.

TED KOPPEL Is there any—when you think about the diversity of this great country of ours, do the two of you represent any sense of diversity?

DICK CHENEY I suppose no two candidates can encapsulate all of the experiences of America, but we don't do bad. And in terms of the—the time and effort we put into dealing with various public policies problems, the leadership, the governor's development in Texas, his fantastic track record with the—the Hispanic community and the African American community in Texas, I think we'll do a first rate piece of work. I don't think that there's—I guess I don't give much thought to misdoubts, critique, that somehow this is a narrowly based ticket. It's not.

TED KOPPEL (VO) Shortly after our interview the four of them headed back to the airport and onto their last stop of the day: Joplin, Missouri.

(Commercial break)

TED KOPPEL (VO) They seem, at times, to be many years apart. The youthful, wise-cracking governor who genuinely appears to enjoy pressing the flesh, and his chosen running mate, Dick Cheney, in fact, only five years older than Bush, but more stolid, resigned to campaigning, with little evidence of enthusiasm. Bush lingers. Cheney would just as soon be on his way. Cheney tends to avoid unnecessary eye contact. Bush is always scanning the crowd, seemingly reluctant for an event to end. He's nothing like running-mate Cheney. He's looking for a friendly face. Or if not a friendly face, at least a familiar one. Even this reporter.

GEORGE W. BUSH How long you around for? How long you around for?

TED KOPPEL (VO) 'It's your worst nightmare,' I tell the Governor. 'We're with you for the next three weeks.'

GEORGE W. BUSH That's why they got the on/off button on the television sets.

TED KOPPEL (VO) Or this exchange at another location.

GEORGE W. BUSH Yeah. The only thing that makes me nervous, when I walk into a crowd and people are screaming 'Koppel, Koppel!'

TED KOPPEL Yeah, but you don't know—you don't know what comes after that.

GEORGE W. BUSH That's right.

TED KOPPEL It's not for...
(VO) Ideologically, these two men may be soul mates. Stylistically, well, Bush is energized by the active campaigning, Cheney, at times, seems almost pained by the process. Bush may actually miss the campaign trail when all this is over three months from now. Cheney, it seems clear, was picked for what he will bring to the ticket after the election. They had planned, Dick and Lynne Cheney, to fly back to Washington this evening to be with their grandchildren. But Joplin was socked in tonight and their flight was canceled. Which afforded us another opportunity to spend a few minutes with America's

most prominent new foursome.

(OC) You seem to be wired. I mean, you seem to energized by the—by the campaign.

GEORGE W. BUSH I am.

TED KOPPEL Do you think somebody with your...

GEORGE W. BUSH I do. Listen, I stand there in front of a people that—we're just talking about that—I think there's probably five or 6,000 people in that hall and—accurate count, by the way. And anyway, but I was looking out in the crowd. And I'm—I'm saying to myself, 'I—I'm going to be the president of these—of these folks.'

TED KOPPEL And if they start whacking at you as apparently they intend to, as they already have, these—these two very conservative guys, both very amiable. But, I mean, they're—they're going to be saying, 'Don't let that—don't let that genial exterior fool you. These are just—these—these guys are to the right of Attila the Hun.'

GEORGE W. BUSH Well, one theory is, better they be picking on him than me. But...

DICK CHENEY That's my role.

GEORGE W. BUSH Yeah.

TED KOPPEL So he's—he's just your lightning rod?

DICK CHENEY Why not?

GEORGE W. BUSH More than that. He's a—he's a sounding rod, too. But you know, it's something about politics. They're going to label us and they're going to call us names. Not going to work. It's just not going to work.

TED KOPPEL From here on in it gets mean at times.

LYNNE CHENEY Good.

LAURA BUSH They just got in and they already know.

TED KOPPEL Much—much—it gets worse, as you

well know. I mean, I'm not telling you anything you don't know. These—these national campaigns get really, really, rough. You're a scrapper. You're a fighter. Are you going to come back? Are you going to—are you going to throw a couple of punches?

LYNNE CHENEY If they start coming to me I'll come back. I think Dick's perfectly capable of taking care of himself. And...

TED KOPPEL Oh, they'd never do that to you.

LYNNE CHENEY Oh, ho, ho!

GEORGE W. BUSH Let me—let me make a comment on that. Campaigns don't have to deteriorate into mudfests. As a matter of fact, one of the reasons we're going to win is because we're not going to allow ourselves to be drawn into the mud. Now, we'll counter-punch. But America's sick and tired of that kind of campaigning.

TED KOPPEL Oh, come on. The biggest—the biggest applause line you had in there was when you started talking about restoring—restoring to the White House. Restoring...

GEORGE W. BUSH Yeah. You know why it's an applause line?

TED KOPPEL Yeah.

GEORGE W. BUSH Because it's been lacking. But that doesn't mean I'm going to—I notice you—I never tore down my opponent. I didn't say, 'This is a man who's,' you know, 'did such-and-such,' or 'this-that.'

TED KOPPEL Well, I think people heard more behind it.

GEORGE W. BUSH No. I...

TED KOPPEL You're very quiet, dignified. What do you do?

LAURA BUSH Well, I don't listen that much. And if I search...

TED KOPPEL I saw you reading. You were—you

were...

LAURA BUSH That was not a bad article.

TED KOPPEL You were reading the articles. He was sneaking a peek. Right? He didn't even want to read that article.

LAURA BUSH That was not a bad article. That was a profile and it was not a bad article.

TED KOPPEL You don't read the bad ones?

LAURA BUSH No, I don't read the bad ones. And I use the remote control on the bad television shows. And I think there is a—I mean, I think you can feel it in these halls that people want civility again. And—and so that's what we'll do.

(Commercial break)

TED KOPPEL It is a slightly bizarre process that we have crafted for ourselves, this emotional obstacle course that sends serious men and women reeling across the country from one artificial event to the other while a small army of journalists and technicians catalogs their process, probing for weaknesses, watching for missteps. Do presidential campaigns effectively disseminate substance? Barely. Not because the candidates lack it, or even because the media ignores it. They try, we try. But in the final analysis, our presidential campaigns have become, like that blockbuster summer success over at CBS, a question of survival.

That's our report for tonight. I'm Ted Koppel in Joplin, Missouri. Remember to watch "*This Week*" with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts. Their guests will be Dick and Lynne Cheney. For all of us here at ABCNEWS, good night.

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5TH MAN Half of the public believes that they are real. Would you finally tell us what the hell's going on?

GEORGE W. BUSH Sure.

Wow! Bush is going to release UFO information! Yeah right. Next you're going to tell me he's going to stop taking money from special interest groups.

If you want to see a decent answer to the UFO question, look for my next post regarding presidential candidate and quantum physicist John Hagelin. I also interviewed Ralph Nader and asked him about UFOs but it was a disappointing answer.

Joe in Tampa

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>Saturday Morning News

>Bush-Cheney Take Campaign on the Road; Gore Takes a Vacation

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>KARL: Cheney played low key loyalist. Along the way, someone
>thought Cheney's impressive resume would help Bush tell the
>truth about UFOs.

>UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Half the public believes that they are
>real. Would you finally tell us what the hell is going on?

>GOV. GEORGE W. BUSH (R-TX), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Sure, I
>will. This man knows. He was Secretary of Defense and was a
>great one.

While some are interpreting this transcript as "Bush/Cheney going to blow the lid off the UFO coverup" I saw this differently. We have citizens asking or yelling questions to politicians during a political year. The unidentified citizen in essence asks Bush 'would you tell us what the hell is going on, are UFOs real or not?'

Naturally Bush is not going to say "hell no I am not going to tell you" or "I don't know...", or "After I am elected, I will

check into this..." What Bush says (to put a positive spin on 100s of questions he gets asked, then turns the spotlight to his new VP) is "Sure.." Then turns the spotlight to his running mate and VP cheney by saying "This man knows... he was Secretary of Defense and a great one."

If somebody would have asked Bush if he was going to tell us what was going on with previous US nuclear accidents (Broken Arrows) involving planes etc, the response would have been the same "Sure", then point to cheney and say "This many knows... he was former SecDef."

Point being is that people are putting too much into this comment.

Cheers,

Robert

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Dear List Members

I've been following the "Bush" story with interest. Before this story broke, I had been at a social dinner party in London when I received some unusual information.

The following was posted in Bruni's Column at www.ufocity.com for July:

Chuck.

Did Clinton Mess Up The Truth Being Told?

At a recent social function I met a mature titled gent who claimed to be a friend of a British intelligence agent who had visited Area 51.

Apparently, this agent had seen parts of extraterrestrial technology being manufactured at the infamous site. "There are spacecraft there," I was informed. "But why then are they keeping this a secret," I asked, to which my new friend reported that steps had been taken to inform the public, which was to be announced by President Clinton.

However, when Clinton became involved in the sex scandals it was decided that the truth might not be taken seriously and therefore should be saved until they had a president more capable of dealing with it.

The name of the president elected to enlighten the world in the new millennium, is, I am told, George W Bush! Is that foresight? We shall wait and see - but if it transpires, you read it here first!

Georgina Bruni



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Bush-Cheney Take Campaign on the Road; Gore Takes a Vacation

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MILES O'BRIEN, CNN ANCHOR: We begin this morning, where else? Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. It's the site of a convention. You've heard about it a little bit, the Republican National Convention, which is being carefully orchestrated to send George W. Bush and Dick Cheney to the White House.

KYRA PHILLIPS, CNN ANCHOR: Speaking of brotherly love, Leon Harris joins us from Philadelphia with the latest on that big event, which begins on Monday. Hey, there, Leon.

LEON HARRIS, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Good morning.

Actually, this is now the city of Republican love. How's that for you, huh? Well, good morning folks, as we are high above the floor of the Comcast First Union Center on the city's South Side. Now this center is being transformed. It's almost there. Red, white and blue bunting is going to greet the arriving Republican faithful and all the media covering this gathering.

Now, the candidates, Bush and Cheney, are taking their campaign through Kentucky today with stops in Owensboro, Louisville and Covington.

And CNN's Jonathan Karl tells us this morning how Cheney is reacting to his return to the campaign trail after a long absence.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

DICK CHENEY (R), VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: Mercy.

JONATHAN KARL, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Call him the reluctant candidate. Dick Cheney used his kickoff speech to remind people George W. Bush had to talk him into taking the job.

CHENEY: I'm proof positive, the mere fact that I'm on the ticket, that he's a smooth talker.

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smooth talker.

KARL: Republicans call him safe, solid, dependable and short- winded. His speech in Springdale, Arkansas lasted barely three minutes.

CHENEY: And it is going to be a tough campaign, make no mistake about it. We're going to have to fight every single day in every single state for every single vote. KARL: After this, Cheney's first appearance outside his home state, Bush joked to his aides, "He's the perfect running mate for me because I talk a lot and he doesn't."

If it looks like he hasn't campaigned in more than a decade, maybe it's because he hasn't. But with some people, his very lack of polish is an asset.

UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: Integrity and character is back. God bless you.

KARL: Cheney played low key loyalist. Along the way, someone thought Cheney's impressive resume would help Bush tell the truth about UFOs.

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(on camera): Cheney's first campaign foray outside his home state was a brief one. He doesn't have another campaign speech scheduled until Wednesday, when he addresses the Republican National Convention.

Jonathan Karl, CNN, Joplin, Missouri.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

HARRIS: Cheney's no dummy. He was smooth enough to stay away from the UFO question, obviously. Jonathan Karl is on the road with the candidates. He joins us now by telephone from Joplin, Missouri.

Good morning, John.

KARL: Good morning, Leon.

You know, George W. Bush in this brief foray that we've seen, the first real trip of the general election, some of them were calling it here in the Bush campaign, he's been playing to the largest crowds that this campaign has seen since the very height of his primary battle against John McCain. And Bush himself is also betraying a certain level of intensity that we have not seen from him since the height of those primary battles.

Today, as you mentioned, we were in Joplin, Missouri. The next state is Kentucky. We go to Owensborough, Louisville. And then we're going to jump on a bus and this is the beginning of the bus tour. We'll bus it from Louisville, Kentucky all the way up to Cincinnati and continue that bus tour through Cincinnati tomorrow. And this campaign, again, as they've been telling us, has

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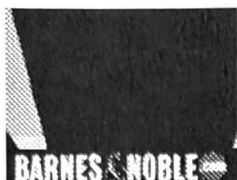
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Cincinnati tomorrow. And this campaign, again, as they've been telling us, has been trying to target those states where George W. Bush thinks that he can win, states that the Democrats have turned for the last two presidential elections but where the polls all suggest in each one of these five states he's hitting on his way to Philadelphia, that Bush has got a chance of winning.

I do want to note, though, the areas that he has been visiting, so far anyway, have been solidly Republican areas in states that are generally swing states with the campaign not taking a lot of chances there, visiting areas that are very friendly to Republicans so far and they've had very large, very friendly crowds -- Leon.

HARRIS: All right, Jonathan Karl reporting live this morning from Joplin. We appreciate that.

One more note. Bush is expected to be in Owinsborough, Kentucky around noon Eastern Time today and we'll bring you portions of that event live right here on CNN.

Now, Bush is taking a healthy lead as he rolls through the Blue Grass State. A CNN/"Time" magazine poll taken Wednesday and Thursday shows that Bush is the choice of 56 percent of some 1,200 adults, more than half of them identified as likely voters. Gore is favored by 41 percent.

Now, speaking of Mr. Gore, on the Democratic side now, Mr. Gore is still off the campaign trail taking a beach vacation with the family. He's spending a week in North Carolina before Democrats gather for their convention in mid-August.

CNN's Chris Black tells us what the vice president is doing.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

CHRIS BLACK, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Al Gore is kicking back this week, taking a low key family vacation off the coast of North Carolina. The Gore family is staying at the oceanfront home of friends on this private barrier island. Gore says he will do a little work on his acceptance speech for the Democratic National Convention and continue to mull over potential candidates for the vice presidential spot. But not too much.

AL GORE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: I'm not actively mulling. Passively mulling.

BLACK: Tipper Gore says the only mulling they are doing concerns fishing. This is the third time the Gore family has stayed on Figure Eight Island, four square miles of prime real estate a short drive from the historic heart of Wilmington. At the height of the summer season, the Cape Fear coast is a holiday haven with vacationing tourists more interested in the surf than politics. The Gore family tends to keep from itself on vacation, quite different from the non-stop socializing of President Bill Clinton on his summer vacations.

While Republicans celebrate the nomination of George W. Bush in Philadelphia, Gore says he intends to swim, run, rent a few movies, read a few books and babysit for his grandson Wyatt, who turned one on the Fourth of July.

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BLACK: All but one of the Gore's four children have grown up and left home, making these gatherings less frequent and more important for the Vice President's family, now enjoying their last family vacation before the election -- Leon.

HARRIS: Well, Chris, while Al Gore does his mulling, as he says he's going to do, is there any speculation as to any names that may be heading to the top of that list?

BLACK: Oh, Leon, is there speculation. There certainly is. It's important to note that as far as we can tell, the Vice President has not yet made up his mind. But ever since Governor Bush chose Dick Cheney the other day, the speculation has centered on two candidates, John Kerry, the junior senator from Massachusetts, and John Edwards, the junior senator from this state, North Carolina. That's because the rhetoric coming out of the Gore campaign is that Dick Cheney represents the old guard and Gore represents the future. This suggests that the Vice President will pick someone who reinforces that theme -- Leon.

HARRIS: All right, thanks much, Chris Black reporting live this morning. Take care.

Now, we're testing your political I.Q. this week. Our Web site is posing six questions every day and we're going to give you the answers to the first three of those questions on CNN at noon Eastern and then the others come at our 8:00 p.m. Eastern newscast.

Now, here's one that we're going to answer during the noon hour. Just what did President Theodore Roosevelt call his program for the American people? Was it the Fair Deal, Square Deal, New Deal or Raw Deal? Take a guess at that one, huh? Test yourself here at cnn.com/election2000, and remember, just the first three answers come in the noon hour. So make sure you tune in. Don't miss that. And be sure and stay with us for a little inside political strategy when Karl Rove, who is the chief strategist for George W. Bush, joins us here in just a few minutes.

And if you've got questions or concerns, CNN's senior political analyst Bill Schneider is going to be joining us at about 9:30 a.m. Eastern this morning to answer those questions. You can send them in now to wam@cnn.com. Try that one out.

We are rolling right along toward the big Republican bash here. Be sure to not miss any of our coverage of Monday's opening session of the Republican convention. That begins at 10:00 a.m. Eastern sharp.

And we will have more a little later from Philadelphia, but for now let's go back to the CNN Center in Atlanta and my colleague Kyra Phillips. Good morning, Kyra.

PHILLIPS: All right, Leon. Thank you.

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Scouts, the Marines, or any other group discipline, science is a fraternity with its own rules of admission, and severe penalties for indulging taboos. Carl Sagan, denied tenure at Harvard before moving on to Cornell, was a student of form and structure.

IN ARKANSAS GOVERNOR BUSH MAKES UFO PROMISE

SPRINGDALE -- MUFON's Charles Huffer writes that, " I am the unidentified citizen on the CNN transcript and the 5th man on the Nightline transcript." The Washington Post article has my name as it appears on my card, which I gave to the reporter who interviewed me immediately after I had my first exchange with Governor Bush on July 28, 2000. On the CNN transcript is the following:

JONATHAN KARL, CNN Correspondent: "Along the way, someone thought Cheney's impressive resume would help Bush tell the truth about UFOs."

UNIDENTIFIED CITIZEN: (That is me, Charles A. Huffer, MUFON State Section Director) "Half the public believes that they are real. Would you finally tell us what the hell is going on?" (The full exchange of words with Gov. Bush was evidently not recorded. I had a recorder on but it was too far away for clarity. I did get Bush's reply, however.)

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GOV. BUSH: "Yes Sir."

I have this exchange on audio tape. As far as I am aware, no news organization recorded it. So Bush DID promise to tell us what the hell is going on, if he gets to be president.

The websites are still up and running as I write this. They are:

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A196-2000Jul28.html>

http://abcnews.go.com/onair/nightline/transcripts/nl000728_trans.html

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BUSH SAYS HE WILL TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT UFOs IF ELECTED

By Peter Robbins
For Campaign Watch 2000

A breakthrough has occurred in the presidential front-runner's silence on the UFOs. In an online news conference transcript posted by CNN correspondent Jonathan Karl, Bush replied, "Sure I will," when a citizen questioner asked if he would tell the public "what the hell is going on" with UFOs. Bush indicated that vice-presidential candidate Dick Cheney would use his experience as Secretary of Defense to address the issue. One of the Internet links to this story as already been broken, but as of this writing, a remaining link is still online.

Campaign Watch 2000 has written repeatedly to all declared presidential candidates to learn how they would deal with the official, excessive secrecy, which has surrounded the subject of UFOs for more than fifty years now.

So far, only two have detailed their position on the issue. Early on, a spokesman for Libertarian Party candidate Harry Browne let us know in no uncertain terms that if elected, Mr. Browne would release whatever information the government has on this enigma. Dark horse Democratic Party candidate Dr. Heather Anne Harder told us by phone that she would do the same and had already included a plank in her platform to that effect. Bill Bradley's Issues Director thanked us for our survey and (or) questionnaire (we sent neither), but regretted that they were too busy to complete the one we'd sent them.

As for the two front runners, Mr. Gore has been the only one to respond to any of our half a dozen letters, though given the non-content of his brief email, he needn't have bothered. The note read, "Thanks for taking the time to e-mail a question to my Interactive Town Hall. Your participation means a great deal to me, and I will be personally responding to questions like yours on a regular basis. Please visit the site again soon. Best, Al Gore"

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Gore"

The Bush camp have met all of our queries with silence, but as of yesterday that silence was broken during an exchange with CNN correspondent Jonathan Karl and an unidentified individual attending the press briefing. We are indebted to Randy Kitchur for his notes on this breaking story which we reproduce here:

Subject: G.W.Bush's UFO Statement on CNN
(Confirmation)
Date: Mon, 31 Jul 2000 22:05:30 GMT

Gentlemen,

For what its worth, confirmation of George W. Bush's UFO statement can be taken directly from the CNN Transcripts page for July 29, 2000. The direct link is <http://www.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0007/29/smn.01.html> and the news item is entitled ""Bush-Cheney Take Campaign on the Road; Gore Takes a Vacation."

Oddly, or perhaps not, none of the news item links under "Morning News" for this date return anything other than "The page cannot be found" at the moment. Fortunately, there is an earlier working link (perhaps forgotten about) under the "Saturday Morning News." In the event that this link later turns out to not be "found" as well, the pertinent section of the transcript reads as follows:

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LEON HARRIS, CNN CORRESPONDENT: Cheney's no dummy. He was smooth enough to stay away from the UFO question, obviously. Jonathan Karl is on the road with the candidates. He joins us now by telephone from Joplin, Missouri . . .

Aside from the asinine editorializing by Leon Harris, and the apparently on-camera purposeful avoidance of the question by VP candidate Cheney, we should all acknowledge the integrity displayed by CNN Correspondent Jonathan Karl, and the unidentified questioner, for at least TRYING to get the message out directly to the people.

Despite the UFO-stonewalling which Campaign Watch 2000 has been subjected to by the Bush people, the cat is now out of the bag. What can you, or any of us do to strengthen the chances of this campaign promise becoming a reality if he is elected? The answer to that is simple: **CONTACT HIM AND LET HIM KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT.** As the Republican Party's Nominating Convention moves into its second day in Philadelphia, write, call or email Governor Bush and tell him that this issue is important to you and that you expect this promise to be fulfilled if he becomes President. Much to our surprise, he has taken the first step, and it's now up to us to take the second step.

Political moments like this are few and far between, and for those of us who take the subject at hand seriously, such an opportunity may not come again during this campaign. We at Campaign Watch 2000 will of course follow up on this break with revised letters to the candidates, making note in our letter to Vice President Gore that Governor Bush has now made a verbal commitment to getting to the truth about UFOs and ask Mr. Gore (and the others) to do the same. We cannot however do this alone. Let's make sure that Governor Bush has plenty of mail supporting his statement waiting for him when he gets home, as well as during the convention. Let us make sure that both of our leading presidential candidates know that more voters than they ever imagined are paying attention to this issue and will hold Governor Bush to his word if elected.

Remember, bad things happen when good people do nothing. Join us today and ask your friends to do the same. Together, we CAN make a difference, but only if you are willing to make a call, write a letter or send an email. Here's how to contact the candidates:

George W. Bush - email: contact@georgewbush.com
Mailing address: Governor George W. Bush PO Box
1902, Austin TX 78767 Phone: 512-637-2000

Al Gore - email: townhall@algore2000.com Mailing
address: Vice President Al Gore, 601 Mainstream Drive,
Nashville TN 37228 Phone: 615-340-2000

Website with contact information for the other
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Campaign Watch 2000 Update

Campaign Watch 2000 Update For August 11, 2000
By Peter Robbins

We have a number of updates for you today. To set the tone, last week Reuters news Service reported that Vice President Gore made fun of the Republican candidates for referring to the last eight years as a period of lost opportunity, saying, "What planet have they been on?" What planet indeed..

We heard from one journalist this past week, but only in a manner of speaking the political editor for the Chicago Near North News moved, so our letter to her was returned. As of today, Campaign Watch 2000 has written to a total of 255 political editors, reporters, columnists and staff writers. All particulars may be found at

<http://www.UFOcity.com/campaign2000/contacts.cfm>

On Tuesday we heard from Charles A. Huffner. Unfamiliar with the name? Well, Charles is the "unidentified citizen" who asked George W. Bush the UFO question at last week's CNN press conference. He is also the MUFO State Section Director for Washington, Benton, Madison and Carroll Counties in northeast Arkansas. As the original reports stated that it was CNN correspondent Jonathan Karl who put the question to Bush, here is the actual CNN transcript text, with commentary and corrections from Huffner, who made an actual recording of the live portion. We appreciate his providing us with this content:

KARL (voice over): ...Along the way, someone thought Cheney's impressive resume would help Bush tell the truth about UFOs. (This was pure speculation on Karl's part and was wrong. CAH)

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Update: Our colleague John Miranda wrote to the Detroit Free Press after reading last week's column by Desiree Cooper, "UFO Question Pulls Politics Back to Earth". This is the text of his letter:

Dear Ms. Cooper,

I've known Peter Robbins for many years and am aware of his "Campaign 2000" efforts. I applaud you in your willingness to even mention the subject of UFOs in the Detroit Free Press.

However, I believe there's an aspect to this that has not been addressed, i.e., national security. Over the past 25+ years (starting in the Carter era - Jimmy Carter filed a UFO sighting report when then Governor Carter and several other witness saw a UFO after a Georgia state government event) the U.S.

Government has reluctantly released literally thousands of declassified documents after repeatedly being challenged under the Freedom of Information Act. One of these was a CIA document from the early 1950's that says things such as "UFOs are real". Another much more recent one was a letter from a high government official in the U.S. Intelligence community to a U.S. Air Force General saying that he hoped "you can prevent a reopening of UFO investigations". The subject of UFO's has been kept secret and classified under the guise of "national security".

Normally, the citizenry and elected officials at all levels of government in this country take issues of national security with the greatest degree of seriousness and importance.

Today, in August of 2000, four of the current 184 nations and principalities of Earth have (publicly) official government agencies (most attached to their Air Forces) whose written commission is to collect information about all UFO incidents occurring over their sovereign air space. Those four nations are: Chile, France, Italy, and Spain. While it may be insulting to ask the question if you have ever heard of these nations, isn't it equally ludicrous to ask if these four nations are all crazy? Why would the Air Forces of four nations today, in this year 2000, collect information on UFO's? Why did the U.S. government officially do so with several studies during the '50's and '60's? The answer is because it is a matter of national security.

Isn't that reason enough to take the UFO question seriously? And therefore, isn't that reason enough to expect an answer from the candidates for the office of Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces?"

A fine letter John; we hope others will write to the newspaper as well. Tampa-based television producer, director (and UFO researcher) Joe Murgia did. This is from his letter to the Detroit Free Press:

"I just wanted to let you know that Robbins is by far not alone in wanting the presidential candidates to answer questions about UFOs. And, most of the people wanting answers, like myself, are not crazy. We're just tired of being kept in the dark. There ARE documents that detail military encounters with

unknown craft. Are they aliens? I don't know but they are a threat to our military because they are flying in our air space and not identifying themselves. They have also been documented flying over nuclear missile bases. This is a national security threat in my book - whatever they turn out to be.

Obviously there are more pressing needs in the every day world - environment, hunger, living conditions, etc. When I talked to Ralph Nader recently, I asked him all of those tough questions. But I also asked him about UFOs.

I'm going to send you an article about UFOs that ran in the Boston Globe. It only touches the tip of the iceberg but will give you an idea of what kind of evidence exists currently.

If UFOs are real, and I believe that the evidence proves this, then we need to figure out how they fly. It may solve our energy or pollution problems.

And, if it turns out that they are occupied by non-humans, then it will be the biggest story in the history of mankind and it will change how we look at ourselves. No more will we be think of ourselves as Americans. We will become Earthlings. How will that change the world? It would be interesting to see."

If you'd like to write Desiree Cooper at the Detroit Free Press, her email address is cooper@freepress.com

Update, also from Joe Murgia: Green Party candidate Ralph Nader was in Tampa recently to testify in a civil trial and Joe took the opportunity to ask him about UFOs. Feeling that Nader might ignore his other questions if he asked about UFO's first, Joe save the question for last. As he spoke the three-letter word, the other reporters looked at him in horror. This is the text of that exchange:

Joe Murgia: Can I ask you a totally non-related, off topic question?

Nader: Um huh.

Joe Murgia: A lot of my readers have interest in UFOs and paranormal stuff. And recently the Boston Globe was one of the few newspapers that ran an article on the French COMETA Report. And it was a report by a

four star General currently, a current Air Force pilot, and from the former head of French's version of NASA.

Nader: Right

Joe Murgia: And they did a three year study on UFOs and they said their most likely explanation was extraterrestrial. And these are also former government workers.

Nader: Right

Joe Murgia: There's actually a regulation in the United States Air Force that prohibits the government from releasing anything to the public or media on any data about objects that are unexplainable. Which is in the public interest in my view since a lot of these objects are sighted over nuclear installations.

Nader: Um huh.

Joe Murgia: So, the French government got on our case and said that our government is repressing these stories.

Nader: Right

Joe Murgia: If you got to be president, what would you as far as opening up any files related to that. Because right now it's classified.

Nader: Oh, I don't know. I'm a big supporter of freedom of information.

Joe Murgia: That all?

(Nader then ignored Joe and looked to the other reporters to ask him another question.)

Joe Murgia: Thanks. Good luck in the election.

Nader: Thank you.

Joe notes: "All of the local reporters smirked and smiled at me because they thought my question was a joke. It was tough to ask Nader the UFO question because I knew he would not like it but I had to do it. The other reporters are just ignorant about the facts regarding UFOs."

Also from Joe Murgia, given that the Reform Party's Nominating Convention began yesterday, a reminder of what Natural Law Party nominee and Reform Party candidate Dr. John Hagelin
<http://www.hagelin.org/news/2000_07_31.html> had to say about UFOs at a recent appearance in Sarasota, Florida. If Hagelin wins the Reform Party nomination, he will receive over 12 million dollars in matching federal funds. Recently, USA Today reported that the race between Hagelin and Pat Buchanan is too close to call." (Buchanan has been voted off of the ballot, but that can be overturned at the Reform Party National Convention with a two thirds vote of the delegates.)

Here is a paraphrased summary of Joe Murgia's questions and John Hagelin's responses.

Joe Murgia: What is your opinion on UFOs?

John Hagelin: I have to approach the question from the standpoint of a physicist. The universe is so vast that intelligent life may very well be out there. But whether or not "they" have visited or are visiting our planet is another story. They would have to travel faster than the speed of light because of the vast distances involved. As a physicist, faster than light travel is hard for me to buy into. Most physicists don't think it is possible. I'm not so sure. The door is open. If they are not coming here in physical form, there is still the possibility of life in other realms.

Joe Murgia: Does quantum physics open the door further?

John Hagelin: Yes, quantum physics opens the door a tiny bit.

Joe Murgia: I don't want to keep harping about UFOs but if you get to the White House, will you promise to try and open any classified UFO documents if they exist?

John Hagelin: Yes.

Visit Dr. Hagelin's website at: <http://www.hagelin.org>. Ralph Nader's website is <http://www.volenader.org>. Our August 11th letter to Dr. Hagelin can be found at <http://www.ufocty.com/campaign2000/hagelin.cfm>

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citizenry accepts the UFO phenomenon as being just as legitimate a topic as politics, sports and the weather, the more the media will feel comfortable bringing up the subject as something other than an end-of-the-broadcast entertainment piece and without the proverbial smirk and grin." We couldn't agree more and encourage you to read Gary Val Tenuta columns. They are posted at <http://www.themestream.com>. Just type his name into their search engine. He also publishes the subscription News journal, UFO News 1; website at <http://members.aol.com/ufonews1/ufo.html>.

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