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NEW HAMPSHIRE CAMPAIGN

Q. This is your second trip to New Hampshire. How do you feel now about your campaign? Are you encouraged, and do you believe you will win?

A. I am impressed and enthusiastic, and confident.

I am impressed by my campaign workers and by the effort they are putting into my campaign.

I am enthusiastic about the reception I have been given by the people of New Hampshire. It is far different from the newspaper and television reports of doom and gloom I've been getting in Washington.

And I am confident that even though it is a close race. I am going to win next Tuesday, and that that victory will carry me to the nomination and to victory against the Democrats next November.

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CLOSING FT. DEVON

- Q. You have said you will not close Portsmouth Navy Yard. Do you have any plans to close Ft. Devon in Massachusetts, which employs many New Hampshire residents?
- A. The Defense Department is currently reviewing our entire military base structure to keep it in line with the fiscal constraint I have applied to all parts of the federal budget, including defense.

That review will weigh heavily in any ^{final} decision ~~I make~~. It would be premature to comment now on any specific base.

NOTE: Senator Edward Kennedy has said Ft. Devon is on the list of bases to be closed.

OMB SAYS THIS IS A SENSITIVE ISSUE.

A direct answer should be avoided.

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