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TEXT:

The following are points which came up in my recent conversations with Tim Russert which may inform his questioning of Mr. Bowles:

\* Dick Morris' behavior is reprehensible in so many respects. Why would the President allow such an individual into his inner circle? What does this say about the President's character?

\* Dick Morris' account of the extensive use of polling in the White House is disturbing. This kind of practice reflects a rudderless White House and President for which every last issue is coarsely political.

\* Entitlement reform and most especially the push for a CPI adjustment are crucial to the future of the nation . What will the President do to make progress on these issues?

\* The back-biting and bickering related to ethics inquiries may stymie all cooperation in the coming year. What can the President and Congress do to rise above these problems and get something done for the nation.

\* The "Clinton legacy" must be forged in the coming year, before mid-term and presidential politics grip the nation. Can the President accomplish enough in the coming year to ensure a place for his administration in the annals of great Presidencies?

\* The Clinton cabinet is once again the result of racial and ethnic bean counting. The choice of Pena was particularly appalling to Russert.