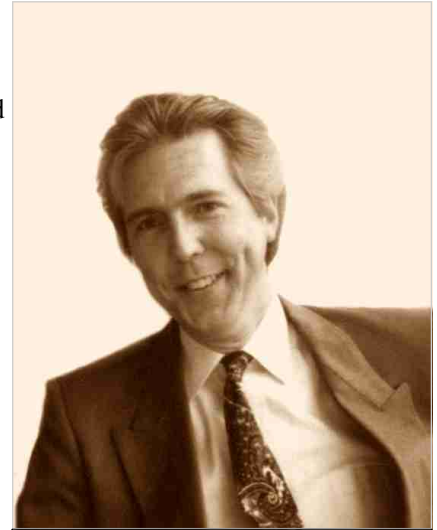


AMERICA HAS SPOKEN—On a leap of faith, voters chose Barack Obama to lead the nation in a new direction. Obama spoke eloquently in the days leading up to the election, of change and decisive action. But the time for rhetoric is over. Words alone will change nothing. Unlike his predecessor, who cared nothing of polls or for the advice of others, Obama must work as part of a team, as our government was intended to work. Only by working in concert with Congress, through discussion with his expert advisers, can he hope to implement his ideas and his plan to lead America in a new direction. In 2009 America will learn whether Obama's words will translate to action.



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