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They got their wish, but not the outcome they expected.

In 1992, many leading Republicans thought that little-known and inexperienced Bill Clinton would be easy to beat since, being from Arkansas, he had never really participated in big-time politics.

I am happy to tell you that Mitt Romney will be the strongest Republican candidate.

But history has shown that I am not in the best position to tell you which Democrat would be strongest or weakest.

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