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Excerpts from the Signature Event featuring The 2012 Election Panel with Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, POLITICO; Charlie Cook, Editor and Publisher, The Cook Political Report; Chris Wallace, Anchor, “Fox News Sunday”; and Judy Woodruff, Senior Correspondent, “PBS Newshour”

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“ . . . do we want money to be that big a factor in American politics? . . . I think it’s a much bigger factor in the Senate and the congressional races, where money can completely tilt the outcome, because the folks running are just not as well-known. I think in the Presidential, there are just so many other factors at play. It’s not that money isn’t important at all; I just don’t think it’s the most important.” ~ Judy Woodruff, Senior Correspondent, “PBS News Hour”

“ . . . We think that whoever gets the White House will get the Senate. Today you would say the favorite is President Obama; today you would say Democrats are likely to keep the Senate. If Governor Romney, who has a very narrow path when you look state by state – if Governor Romney wins the Presidency, that will mean that there’s a wave behind him, that there’s some lift to him. And that will bring in a couple of these Senate candidates enough to put them one over.” ~ Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, Politico

“ . . . the White House is assuming that if the President’s re-elected, he’s dealing with a Republican House of Representatives.” ~ Judy Woodruff, Co-anchor and Managing Editor, “PBS News Hour”

President Rubenstein: "...if Romney is not elected, who will be the presumptive nominee for the Republicans in 2016? Is Paul Ryan the presumptive, then? Or it's too early to say?" Mr. Allen: "He's going to have to fight Senator Marco Rubio of Florida for it. . . . Marco Rubio had a fantastic convention. He's a great speaker. They seem to be the clear two front-runners. But there's a long bench. We think that Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey will also go for it. Governor Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, already fighting for it, already working for it." ~ Mike Allen, Chief White House Correspondent, Politico