

LYNN DEBATE – OPENING REMARKS – AS OF 10/22/12 @ 11:10AM

**GOOD EVENING FROM THE CAMPUS OF
LYNN UNIVERSITY HERE IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA.**

**THIS IS THE THIRD AND LAST DEBATE OF 2012 BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE COMMISSION ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES.**

**THIS ONE IS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND I'M BOB SCHIEFFER OF CBS
NEWS.**

**THE QUESTIONS ARE MINE AND I HAVE NOT SHARED THEM WITH THE
CANDIDATES OR THEIR AIDES.**

**THE AUDIENCE HAS TAKEN A VOW OF SILENCE,
NO APPLAUSE,
NO REACTION OF ANY KIND EXCEPT RIGHT NOW WHEN WE WELCOME
PRESIDENT
BARACK OBAMA AND GOVERNOR
MITT ROMNEY.**

**GENTLEMEN, YOUR CAMPAIGNS AGREED TO CERTAIN RULES AND
THEY'RE SIMPLE.**

THEY'VE ASKED ME TO DIVIDE THE EVENING INTO SEGMENTS.

**I WILL POSE A QUESTION AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEGMENT, YOU
WILL EACH HAVE
TWO MINUTES TO RESPOND AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A GENERAL
DISCUSSION UNTIL WE MOVE TO THE NEXT SEGMENT.**

TONIGHT'S DEBATE COMES ON THE

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NIGHT THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOLD THE WORLD THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD INSTALLED NUCLEAR MISSILES IN CUBA, PERHAPS THE CLOSEST WE HAVE EVER COME TO NUCLEAR WAR, AND PERHAPS A SOBERING REMINDER THAT EVERY PRESIDENT FACES AT SOME POINT, AN UNEXPECTED THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY FROM ABROAD.

SO LET US BEGIN...

(GOVERNOR ROMNEY WON THE COIN TOSS AND WILL HAVE THE FIRST RESPONSE)