golden eggs (belief in political freedom & equality is the spirit of democracy)

i don't do it for the money *infect one another* i've got enough much more than i'll ever need *infections injuries conditions worsened* i do it to do it *infect one another* deals are my art form *infections injuries conditions worsened* other people paint beautifully on canvas or write wonderful poetry *infect one another* i like making deals preferably big deals *infections injuries conditions worsened* that's how i get my kicks

golden apples (democracy is the uttermost expression of an individual's desires)

most people are surprised by the way i work *infection is deep inside* i play it very loose *re-infecting me* i don't carry a briefcase *infection is deep inside* i try not to schedule too many meetings *re-infecting me* i leave my door open *infection is deep inside* you can't be imaginative or entrepreneurial if you've got too much structure *re-infecting me* i prefer to come to work each day and just see what develops

golden sound (cohesion among people leading to understanding & hence bringing peace)

there is no typical week in my life *infection comes* i wake up most mornings very early around six and spend the first hour or so of each day reading the morning newspapers *infection like no other* i usually arrive at my office by nine and i get on the phone *infection comes* there's rarely a day with fewer than fifty calls and often it runs to over a hundred *infection like no other* in between i have at least a dozen meetings

golden light (democracy does not guarantee equal conditions only equal opportunity)

the majority occur on the spur of the moment and few of them last longer than fifteen minutes infection that reminds me i rarely stop for lunch infection and home i leave my office at six-thirty but i frequently make calls from home until midnight and all weekend long infection that reminds me it never stops and i wouldn't have it any other way infection and home i try to learn from the past

golden gift (elections should be free & fair with transparency to each citizen)

but i plan for the future by focusing exclusively on the present *infection is the omnipresent* sentient condition that's where the fun is *infection is the omnipresent sentient condition* and if it can't be fun what's the point *infection is the omnipresent sentient condition* and if it can't be fun what's the point *infection is the omnipresent sentient condition* and if it can't be fun what's the point

golden eye (democracy fosters unity it is togetherness)

fortunately i don't know the answer because if i did that would take half the fun out of it *infection i think* this much i know it won't be the same *infection i think* i've spent the first twenty years of my working life building accumulating and accomplishing things that many said could not be done *infection i think* the biggest challenge i see over the next twenty years is to figure out

golden list (choosing good leaders who will take care)

some creative ways to give back some of what i've gotten *infections after staying in* i don't just mean money although that's part of it *infection have its good days* it's easy to be generous when you've got a lot and anyone who does should be *infections after staying in* but what i admire most are people who put themselves directly on the line *infection have its good days* i've never been terribly interested in why people give

golden page (democracy matters if you believe in it)

because their motivation is rarely what it seems to be and it's almost never pure altruism *infected* with a person to me what matters is the doing and giving time is far more valuable than just giving money *infection my students* are told in my life there are two things i've found i'm very good at *infected with a person* overcoming obstacles and motivating good people to do their best work

golden halo (the views of the people & what they need)

one of the challenges ahead is how to use those skills successfully in the service of others infections strike you will need us as i've done up to now on my own behalf infections strike you will need us don't get me wrong infections strike you will need us deals infections strike you will need us big deals infections strike you will need us and right around the clock

-Democracy Lessons notes:

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