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REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

MIDWEST FEDERATION OF COLLEGE REPUBLICAN CLUBS  
18TH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
SHERATON-SCHROEDER HOTEL  
FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1969

ON JANUARY 20, 1969, JUST OVER TWO MONTHS AGO, AT SHORTLY AFTER NOON, RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON BECAME THE 37TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, PRESIDENT NIXON EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS NOT A TIME FOR A HUNDRED DAYS OR A THOUSAND DAYS. INSTEAD, HE PROPOSED A RE-EXAMINATION OF WHAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED, CONSOLIDATION OF PROGRAMS ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND REVIEW OF PROGRAMS FOR THE FUTURE. THE TIME FOR PHRASES AND SLOGANS WAS PAST.

HE ASKED THAT WE JOIN HIM IN THIS EFFORT IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER. THE SUCCESS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHICH HELPED ELECT IT WILL BE JUDGED NOT BY WHAT PRESIDENT NIXON SAYS, BUT BY WHAT HIS ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

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THUS, WE MUST BEGIN OUR TASK BY A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF WHAT LIES BEFORE US. THE LEGACY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT A BRIGHT ONE. NO DECADE IN AMERICAN HISTORY BEGAN WITH GREATER HOPE AND PROMISE THAN DID THE 1960's, AND FEW DECADES IN AMERICA HAVE SEEN THE FIRST EIGHT YEARS END IN SUCH DOUBT AND DESPAIR.

#### VIETNAM

IN VIETNAM, OVER 33,000 AMERICAN LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST TO GAIN PEACE, AND THERE IS NO PEACE. WHEN VICE PRESIDENT NIXON LEFT OFFICE IN 1960, THERE WERE 113 AMERICAN ADVISORS IN VIETNAM. THERE ARE NOW OVER 500,000 TROOPS AT A COST OF MORE THAN 30 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

THE PATH TO PEACE IN VIETNAM WILL BE NEITHER EASY NOR SHORT. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS INDICATED THAT SERIOUS PRIVATE VIETNAM NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY AND ASKED FOR PUBLIC PATIENCE IN SUPPORT OF HIS EFFORT TO KEEP THEM PRIVATE.

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IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, HE SAID, "IF WE ARE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN PRIVATE TALKS, THEY MUST BE PRIVATE." THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO BRING AMERICAN TROOPS HOME FROM VIETNAM AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, HE SAID THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH OF A TENDENCY TO SPEAK OF PEACE JUST AROUND THE CORNER. THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT THIEU DECLARED WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, THAT SOUTH VIETNAM WAS READY TO ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PEACE TALKS WITH HANOI AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT WITH NO PRECONDITIONS DEMONSTRATES AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO TAKE NEW INITIATIVES TO SETTLE THE WAR.

#### NIXON AND FOREIGN POLICY

FURTHER, I BELIEVE WE NOW HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS DRAMATICALLY SHIFTING THE EMPHASIS IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY FROM CRISIS MANAGEMENT TO CRISIS PREVENTION. WE HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT IS ASSESSING IN A MOST FUNDAMENTAL WAY, OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN



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THE WORLD, AS WELL AS THE RESOURCES WHICH WE AND OTHER NATIONS CAN BRING TO BEAR IN THE CAUSE OF MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE.

TOWARD THIS GOAL, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS REASON TO FEEL HE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH DURING HIS RECENT EIGHT-DAY TOUR OF THE KEY ALLIED CAPITALS IN EUROPE. THE PRESS REPORTS EMANATING FROM BRITISH, BELGIAN, WEST GERMAN, ITALIAN AND FRENCH CAPITALS AS WELL AS FROM THE AMERICAN NEWSMEN WHO TRAVELLED WITH NIXON, INDICATE STRONGLY THE U. S. AND OUR NATO ALLIES HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING TOWARD EACH OTHER AND TOWARD OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, HIS TRIP GENERATED A NEW DEGREE OF MUTUAL TRUST.

#### THE ECONOMY

LET US TURN FOR A MOMENT TO OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY. WHEN THE EISENHOWER-NIXON ADMINISTRATION LEFT OFFICE IN 1961, PRICES WERE STABLE, THE BUDGET WAS BALANCED, THE DOLLAR WAS STRONG, AND THERE EXISTED A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GROWTH. WHEN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION CAME TO POWER, IT FOUND AN ECONOMY IN CRISIS:

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- \* THE COST OF LIVING ADVANCING AT MORE THAN 4.7 PERCENT PER YEAR -- A PROHIBITIVE TAX ON THE EARNINGS AND SAVINGS OF THE AMERICAN WORKER,
- \* GOVERNMENTAL FINANCES OUT OF CONTROL. THE PLANNED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1970 MAY REALISTICALLY BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A DEFICIT OF OVER 10 BILLION DOLLARS RATHER THAN THE WIDELY ADVERTISED SURPLUS OF 3.2 BILLION DOLLARS WHICH WAS ONLY ACHIEVED BY JUGGLING OF REVENUE FIGURES FROM GOVERNMENT TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS. THIS DEFICIT MUST BE ADDED TO THE BUDGETARY DEFICITS OF NEARLY 70 BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.
- \* THE DOLLAR UNDER REPEATED ATTACK IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS AND OUR GOLD SUPPLY BACKING IT AT ITS LOWEST POINT IN OVER 30 YEARS.

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- \* THE U. S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT ONLY TEMPORARILY DIMINISHED BY THE FLIGHT FROM EUROPEAN CURRENCIES,
- \* INTEREST RATES AT THEIR HIGHEST POINT IN THIS CENTURY,
- \* GROWING CENTRALIZATION OF ECONOMIC POWER IN WASHINGTON SUBJECTING THE PEOPLE TO EVER INCREASING RESTRICTIONS AND CONTROLS.

THESE PROBLEMS WERE NOT CREATED IN A DAY, NOT IN A DAY WILL THEY BE SOLVED. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS BROUGHT A NEW ECONOMIC TEAM TO WASHINGTON WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS GIVE ME GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT THAT A RAPID START WILL BE MADE.

THE PRESIDENT HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO AN EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET WHICH WILL SET PRIORITIES AMONG FEDERAL PROGRAMS, SEPARATING THE NECESSARY FROM THE MERELY DESIRABLE, AND RUTHLESSLY ELIMINATING THE INEFFICIENT AND SUPERFLUOUS. THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN THAT THE ONLY WAY TO STOP INFLATION IS TO REVERSE THE IRRESPONSIBLE FISCAL POLICIES THAT PRODUCED IT.



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SOCIAL GOOD AND THE DOLLAR

OUR NEW PRESIDENT ALSO HAS THE IMAGINATION TO UNDERSTAND, AS SOME OF HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE NOT, THAT ALL SOCIAL GOOD IN THIS COUNTRY IS NOT ACHIEVED THROUGH FEDERAL EXPENDITURES. HE HAS NOTED THAT FEDERAL PROGRAM AFTER PROGRAM AIMED AT "ESTABLISHING DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY AND SECURING THE GENERAL WELFARE" HAS HAD ALMOST THE OPPOSITE EFFECT -- LESS TRANQUILITY AND MORE VIOLENCE, MORE PUBLIC "WELFARE" AND LESS PERSONAL WELL BEING. AS THE GOVERNMENT HAS STRAINED TO DO MORE, OUR PEOPLE HAVE FELT IT NECESSARY TO DO LESS.

THUS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS PLEDGED NOW ONLY TO REASSESS THE QUANTITY, BUT ALSO THE QUALITY OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES. IN DOING SO, PRESIDENT NIXON ESTABLISHED THE URBAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. HE PLEDGED DURING THE CAMPAIGN THAT MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS WOULD BE GIVEN GREATER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROMISE, HE CREATED THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER ON MARCH 5, 1969.

THE PROGRAM WORKS PRIMARILY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND A NEW INFORMATION CENTER ESTABLISHED WITHIN IT -- COORDINATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTIVITY, COLLECTING INFORMATION, GATHERING OPINION, IMPLEMENTING DECISIONS, AND RECOMMENDING FURTHER ACTION. IT WILL DRAW PARTICULARLY ON THE SUGGESTIONS OF A NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR MINORITY ENTERPRISE WHICH WAS ALSO ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER.

FURTHER, ACTION TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE ENHANCED BY THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION -- ANNOUNCED MARCH 13 BY THE PRESIDENT. HERE'S A DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT WHICH SPENDS \$2 BILLION PER YEAR -- AND YET ONE WHICH WAS BADLY IN NEED OF A MAJOR OVERHAUL.



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THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO CORRECT THE MALNUTRITION PROBLEMS THAT PREVIOUSLY WERE IGNORED OR HANDLED ONLY HAPHAZARDLY. BESIDES A NATIONWIDE GOVERNMENT NUTRITION SURVEY TO DISCOVER THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM, THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED AN INCREASE IN FOOD STAMP OUTLAYS, AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO BROADEN THEIR USE.

HEW OFFICIALS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING WAYS TO MORE ADEQUATELY DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

#### NIXON AND THE PRESS

THROUGHOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE FIRST MONTHS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, MR. NIXON HAS RESTORED THE PEOPLE'S RESPECT OF THE PRESIDENCY.

AS DAVID BRODER, NOTED POLITICAL COLUMNIST FOR THE WASHINGTON POST, SAID IN A RECENT COLUMN: "IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS, (NIXON) HAS BROKEN THE OLD PATTERN OF SECRETIVENESS IN THE TOP RANKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND (HAS) GONE FAR TOWARD DISPERSING THE FOG OF SUSPICION THAT CLOUDED THE CLOSING YEARS OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION."

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EVIDENCE OF NIXON'S PLEDGE TO HAVE "AN OPEN ADMINISTRATION" IS EVERYWHERE -- FREQUENT TELEVISED NEWS CONFERENCES TO KEEP NOT JUST THE MEDIA, BUT ALL THE PEOPLE POSTED ON THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE NATION. THE PRESIDENT HAS SET UP DAILY CONFERENCES FOR TOP CABINET OFFICERS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.

NIXON AND HIS TOP ADVISORS ARE NOT ONLY AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO BE QUESTIONED ON CURRENT ISSUES, BUT HAVE BEEN APPLAUDED BY THE PRESS CORPS FOR THEIR CANDOR AND THOROUGHNESS IN TRANSMITTING INFORMATION TO THE PRESS.

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CONCLUSION

HOWEVER, TO ENSURE VIGOROUS SUPPORT IN CONGRESS, PRESIDENT NIXON NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CONGRESS. THAT IS WHERE YOU, AS DEDICATED ACTIVISTS, CAN ASSIST THE ADMINISTRATION. I ASK YOU TO GO BACK TO YOUR COLLEGES AND WORK IN THE PRECINCTS AS IN THE WORDS OF AN OLD POLITICAL ADAGE, "THAT'S WHERE THE VOTES ARE".

WE NEED MORE REPUBLICAN SENATORS AND WITH 25 OF THE 36 DEMOCRATS UP FOR RE-ELECTION IN 1970, THE REPUBLICANS HAVE A VERY REAL OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SENATE.

AS YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MUST BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY CREATED BY STUDENT ~~DEMONSTRATIONS~~ DEMONSTRATORS SEEKING TO CREATE CHAOS AND DISORDER ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS, YOU CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION. INSTEAD OF ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY OUR INSTITUTIONS, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVIGORATE THEM FROM WITHIN.

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