REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LINCOLN COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON
D. C. LEAGUE OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN,
YOUNG REPUBLICANS AND D. C. REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
MAYFLOWER HOTEL
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I ALWAYS APPRECIATE HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH WOMEN'S GROUPS, YOUNG REPUBLICANS, AND LOCAL COMMITTIES, BECAUSE YOU ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE PARTY AND YOU HAVE THE MOST CONTACT WITH OTHER REPUBLICANS, INDEPENDENTS AND DISILLUSIONED DEMOCRATS. YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BROADCAST THE REPUBLICAN MESSAGE -- AS YOU ARE DOING TODAY -- ON A NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR BASIS AND TO STIMULATE THE GRASSROOTS INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM WHICH IS SO VITAL TO OUR PARTY.

OURS IS A GREAT PARTY. OURS IS A GOOD APARTY. IT EMBODIES
THE IDEALS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, IT EXPRESSES THE CHARACTER OF
DWIGHT EISENHOWER, AND IT SEEKS TO REALIZE THE AMERICAN DREAM -- FOR
ALL AMERICANS WHO DARE TO DREAM IT.

PRESIDENT NIXON SPOKE AT THE DEDICATION OF THE EISENHOWER
REPUBLICAN CENTER HERE IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS MONTH. HIS WORDS
ELOQUENTLY EXPRESS MY GOAL AS CHAIRMAN, AND THE HOPES OF THE ENTIRE
PARTY IN THE YEARS AHEAD. THE PRESIDENT CHARGED US TO DIRECT AND
GUIDE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SO "THAT IT CAN GROW, THAT IT CAN ATTRACT
INDEPENDENT VOTERS AND DEMOCRAT VOTERS, THAT IT CAN ATTRACT AMERICANS
IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE SO THAT WE CAN BECOME AN ORGANIZATION THAT WILL
BE AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR DOING BETTER THINGS FOR AMERICA AND
BETTER THINGS FOR THE WORLD."

I BELIEVE THE PARTY WILL BE THAT EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IF MEN

DEDICATED TO ITS PRINCIPLES DEVOTE THEIR FULL ENERGIES TO THE JOB AT

HAND. WE WILL SUCCEED, BECAUSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- AT ALL LEVELS

AND IN EVERY STATE -- HAS GREAT RESOURCES OF INDIVIDUAL TALENT,

ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT -- AND BECAUSE WE HAVE A DYNAMIC, ACTIVIST

PRESIDENT WHO HAS A POSITIVE, CHALLENGING AND PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM FOR THIS

COUNTRY.

COLORADO

IT'S GOOD TO BE IN COLORADO HERE TODAY. THE HOME OF LOVE AND TWO REPUBLICAN SENATORS, BOTH OF WHOM CAN DO ALLOTT FOR YOU -- AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, FOR PETE'S SAKE.

YOU PEOPLE HAVE A WONDERFUL SUN HERE IN THE HEART OF
THE ROCKIES, BUT IF YOU THINK IT'S ROCKY HERE, YOU SHOULD BE
IN WASHINGTON, WHERE THE ROCKS ARE REALLY MILLSTONES
THAT MASQUERADE AS DEMOCRATS, AND ATTACH THEMSELVES TO
ANY REPUBLICAN'S NECK.

TEXAS

I CANNOT GET OVER HOW BIG THINGS ARE IN TEXAS -- DOWN HERE EVEN THE AUSTINS ARE BIG.

IT WAS TOO BAD THAT WE LOST THAT SENATE ELECTION DOWN
HERE LAST YEAR, BUT I'M NOT DISCOURAGED. YOU STILL HAVE
A LOT OF FINE REPUBLICANS, LIKE JOHN TOWER, BILL ARCHER, JIM
COLLINS, BOB PRICE, JOHN CONNALLY --

I UNDERSTAND JOHN ALMOST DIDN'T TAKE THAT U. S.

TREASURY JOB -- HE THINGS THERE'S MORE MONEY IN TEXAS.

ACTUALLY, CONNALLY'S COME A LONG WAY IN A SHORT TIME -
FROM TEXAS TO TAXES, IN FACT.

SALT LAKE CITY

SALT LAKE CITY IS A WONDERFUL PLACE, FILLED WITH WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

I LIKE IT BECAUSE IT'S THE ONE PLACE I KNOW WHERE THEY
PUT BRINES AHEAD OF BRAWN, AND YOU HAVE SENT SOME OF YOUR
BRAINIEST TO THE CONGRESS, LIKE SHERM LLOYD HERE AND, OF
COURSE, MY COLLEAGUE IN THE SENATE, WALLACE BENNETT. BOTH
ARE INVALUABLE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. BELIEVE ME, THERE'S
NO MOSS ON EITHER OF THEM.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S DOMESTIC PROPOSALS HAVE CAUGHT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS COMPLETELY OFF BALANCE.

FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION, THEY HAVE FOOLED THE PEOPLE INTO BELIEVING THAT THEY ARE THE PARTY OF PROGRESS AND THAT WE ARE THE PARTY OF THE STATUS QUO.

BUT NOW THEY MUST FACE UP TO A PROGRESSIVE AND REFORM

ADMINISTRATION ADVANCING IMAGINATIVE NEW PROGRAMS AIMED AT COPING WITH OUR RAPIDLY CHANGING TIMES. AND THEY DON'T QUITE KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING USED TO BEING THE "NO" PARTY,
SOME HAVE IMMEDIATELY JUMPED IN WITH CRITICISM, BUT THEY ARE
CRITICISMS THEY CANNOT SUSTAIN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT JUSTIFIED.

THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY "NO" TO REVENUE SHARING. BUT
THEY OFFER NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT BIGGER, MORE CUMBERSOME, MORE
EXPENSIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

LAST SUNDAY, SOUTH VIETNAMESE GROUND FORCES SUPPORTED BY
THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE AND AMERICAN ARTILLERY, FIRING FROM THE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE SIDE OF THE BORDER, BEGAN AN ATTACK AIMED AT
BLOCKING THE HO CHI MINH SUPPLY TRAIL INSIDE LAOS.

AS USUAL, AN ANGUISHED CRY WENT UP FROM THE PROFESSIONAL DOVES IN CONGRESS AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

BUT THIS TIME THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE NOT FOOLED AND WERE NOT STAMPEDED BY THE PHONY CHARGES THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS WIDENING THE WAR OR THAT HE IS NOT CONSULTING THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT BEFORE APPROVING TACTICAL MOVES -- BECAUSE THEY CAN SEE THAT THE PRESIDENT KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING, THAT HE IS NOT WIDENING THE WAR, THAT HE IS CONTINUING TO WIND IT DOWN AND BRING OUR BOYS HOME.

WE HAVE ALMOST NO INFORMATION YET ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LAOS, EXCEPT THAT WE KNOW IT APPEARS TO BE GOING WELL. WE HAVE HAD VERY FEW AMERICAN CASUALTIES, AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES ARE LIGHT.

TODAY, IT LOOKS AS IF THE OPERATION WILL BE A SUCCESS

AND THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO BLOCK THE SUPPLIES COMING DOWN THE

HO CHI MINH TRAIL, WHICH IS THE ONLY WAY THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE

CAN GET SUPPLIES INTO SOUTH VIETNAM NOW THAT WE HAVE SHUT OFF THE

PORT OF SIHANOUKVILLE IN CAMBODIA TO THEM.

IF THIS OPERATION IS SUCCESSFUL -- IF IT IS ANYWHERE

NEAR AS SUCCESSFUL AS CAMBODIA HAS BEEN -- IT CAN QUICKEN THE END

OF THE WAR, IT CAN REDUCE AND EVENTUALLY END AMERICAN CASUALTIES,

IT CAN BRING OUR FIGHTING MEN HOME FASTER.

LET ME TELL YOU FOR A MINUTE WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESULT IN CAMBODIA, AND YOU CAN SEE WHAT I MEAN.

IN APRIL OF 1970, BEFORE THE CAMBODIAN OPERATION, AMERICAN CASUALTIES WERE AVERAGING 120 A WEEK. TODAY THEY ARE AVERAGING ABOUT 40 AND ARE STILL GOING DOWN.

IN APRIL OF 1970, THE COMMUNISTS WERE ABLE TO LAUNCH 472 ATTACKS. IN JANUARY OF 1971, BECAUSE WE HAVE CAPTURED AND CUT OFF THEIR SUPPLIES AND DISRUPTED THEIR SUPPLY LINES, AND MAULED THEIR TROOPS, THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LAUNCH ONLY 166 ATTACKS.

THEY SAY "NO" TO WELFARE REFORM, BUT THEY OFFER NO ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT PUTTING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ON WELFARE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN HOLD JOBS OR WHETHER OR NOT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE.

PRESIDENT NIXON WANTS TO HELP THOSE WHO WANT TO WORK; HE DOESN'T WANT TO HELP THOSE WHO WON'T WORK. THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS DON'T CARE, SO LONG AS THEY CAN TAX YOU TO BUY WELFARE VOTES IN THEIR STATES AND DISTRICTS.

THEY SAY "NO" TO GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION BECAUSE THEY
PUT THEIR OWN LITTLE CIRCLES OF POWER AHEAD OF THE GREATER GOOD.
THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY DON'T BELIEVE THE PEOPLE ARE
FIT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES, THAT ONLY THEY AND THE BUREAUCRACY
THEY HAVE INTRENCHED IN WASHINGTON IN THE LAST 40 YEARS KNOW
WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE.

PRESIDENT NIXON WANTS TO CHANGE ALL THIS, AND WITH YOUR
HELP HE IS GOING TO. HE BELIEVES IN PEOPLE. THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY BELIEVES IN THE PEOPLE. WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE, WE CAN
RETURN GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE. THAT IS THE PRESIDENT'S AIM.

THAT IS THE PRESIDENT'S AIM. I ASK YOU TO MAKE IT YOUR AIM ALSO.

IN APRIL OF 1970, THERE WERE 428,000 AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

TODAY THERE ARE 335,000, AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE STEADILY DECLINING.

THOSE WHO WANT TO END THE WAR -- AS YOU AND I WANT TO END IT -- SHOULD WELCOME THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS, NOT SEEK TO HAMPER THEM AND DESTROY HIM.

I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE PRES-IDENT TODAY. IF WE CARRY THE TRUTH TO THEM, THEY WILL BE EVEN MORE STRONGLY ON HIS SIDE IN 1972.

WE HAVE A GREAT PRESIDENT WHO IS WINDING DOWN THE WAR THAT
THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS OF THIS COUNTRY GOT US INTO. WE MUST NOT
LET THE NATION FORGET THIS. WE MUST NOT LET THOSE WHO GOT US INTO
THAT MORASS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR HYPOCRITICAL
AND COWARDLY ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT WHO IS GETTING US OUT.

THOSE WHO MANT THE PRESENCE THE

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THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAM

THAT PROGRAM WAS SET OUT IN CLEAR TERMS BY THE PRESIDENT IN
HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST MOVING
STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL PURPOSE AND DIRECTION EVER PROCLAIMED BY A
PRESIDENT. IN ESTABLISHING HIS SIX GOALS, PRESIDENT NIXON GAVE
UNMISTAKABLE PROOF THAT HIS SENSE OF LEADERSHIP AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF
OUR DESIRES AND HOPES IS BOTH KEEN AND COMPASSIONATE. IN SETTING
FORTH THESE GOALS, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS RESPONDED -- AS HE HAS DONE
THROUGHOUT HIS ADMINISTRATION -- TO THE REAL NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE. HE KNOWS AMERICANS WANT RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT.
HE KNOWS CHANGES ARE CALLED FOR AT ALL LEVELS, AND UNDERSTANDS THESE
CHANGES MUST BE FUNDAMENTAL; THEY MUST PENETRATE BEYOND THE MERE
SURFACE OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND SHORTCOMINGS TO THE ROOT STRUCTURE
OF PROBLEMS IN FEDERAL, STATE, CITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

REVENUE SHARING AND FEDERAL RESTRUCTURING

A LARGE AND ALL-POWERFUL FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY IS NO LONGER THE ANSWER TO MEETING EITHER LOCAL NEEDS OR NATIONAL NEEDS. THAT IS WHY THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS FOR REVENUE SHARING AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION GO HAND-IN-HAND.

DOES ANYBODY HERE SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO KNOW AND DEAL WITH LOCAL AND STATE PROBLEMS THAN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS -- IF THEY HAVE THE REVENUE? I DOUBT IT. CERTAINLY, THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT.

WHAT PRESIDENT NIXON PROPOSED IS SIMPLE -- THAT THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT PROVIDE THE NEEDED EXTRA REVENUES AND LEAVE THE DECISION
MAKING TO THOSE WHO KNOW THE PROBLEMS BEST -- YOU AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

IT IS A STRANGE THING -- AND YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED IT -- IT IS

THE DEMOCRATS TODAY, THOSE GREAT LEADERS FORTHE PEOPLES' WELFARE -
WHO ALL OF A SUDDEN MISTRUST THE PEOPLE, WHO TALK ABOUT STUPIDITY, AND

CUPIDITY AND GRAFT AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS, WHO NOW HAVE REVEALED

THEIR TRUE PHILOSOPHY -- THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT ONLY THEY AND A SELECT

ELITE IN WASHINGTON ARE FIT TO SPEND THE PEOPLES' MONEY OR DETERMINE

THE PEOPLES' INTERESTS.

YOU AND I KNOW THAT IS NOT SO. THE PRESIDENT KNOWS THAT IS NOT SO. AND THAT IS WHY HE HAS PROPOSED A \$16 BILLION REVENUE SHARING PLAN, AND THAT IS WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT IT.

WE HAVE THE SAME SITUATION IN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION. LIKE TOPSY, GOVERNMENT HAS GROWN -- WITHOUT PARTICULAR PLAN OR DIRECTION.

IT HAS CENTERED ALMOST ENTIRELY AROUND THE NARROW INTERESTS OF SPECIAL GROUPS WHO LOBBY TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

THE PRESIDENT SEEKS TO CHANGE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMON GOOD, RECOGNIZING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, DEFENSE, JUSTICE AND TREASURY PERFORM SPECIAL FUNCTIONS THAT CROSS THE ENTIRE NATIONAL SPECTRUM, HE PROPOSES TO LEAVE THEM ALONE.

BUT HE INTENDS TO COMBINE THE OTHER SEVEN DEPARTMENTS INTO FOUR NEW ONES THAT ARE ORIENTED TOWARD PEOPLE, TOWARD THE COMMUNITY, TOWARD THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOWARD THE ECONOMY.

WHAT COULD BE MORE LOGICAL?

GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED MANY TIMES BEFORE,
BUT SPECIAL INTERESTS AND POWER BLOCKS HAVE ALWAYS PREVENTED IT.

BUT NOW REORGANIZATION IS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME, IF GOVERNMENT IS TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY FOUR DEPARTMENTS ARE BIGGER AND MORE UNWIELDY THAN SEVEN. THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY SO. PROPERLY ORGANIZED AND WITH MUCH OF THE DECISION-MAKING AND THE SPENDING AUTHORITY RETURNED TO THE STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH REVENUE SHARING, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ACTUALLY BE SMALLER AND MORE MANAGEABLE.

WE CAN HAVE THAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION IF WE MAKE KNOWN THAT THE PEOPLE SUPPORT IT. IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME TO BRING IT ABOUT.

THE ISSUE IS REALLY NOT A POLITICAL ONE; IT IS BIPARTISAN, IT IS WHAT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA. BUT IT IS WE REPUBLICANS WHO CAN MAKE SURE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE THINGS THAT ARE GOOD FOR AMERICA.

I URGE YOU TO JOIN ME IN THAT EFFORT. FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PARTY AND OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FUTURE, LET'S GIVE HIM A HAND.

WELFARE AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

BUT THE PRESIDENT'S HOPES AND PLANS ARE NOT LIMITED TO JUST
THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF GOVERNMENT. ALSO INCLUDED IN HIS SIX
GREAT GOALS ARE REFORM OF THE NATION'S STAGNATED AND STIFLING WELFARE
SYSTEM AND THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW APPROACH TO HEALTH CARE.

THE IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING A THROOUGH, MEANINGFUL REFORM OF
THE NATION'S WELFARE SYSTEM -- TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR EVERY AMERICAN
FAMILY AND A CHANCE FOR DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS TO BREAK OUT OF THE
SELF-PERPETUATING CYCLE OF LOW INCOME, MARGINAL SKILLS AND UNFULFILLED
EXPECTATIONS. WELFARE REFORM IS, OF COURSE, UNFINISHED BUSINESS. THE
91st CONGRESS WAS PRESENTED A PLAN TO REPLACE THE PRESENT PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE SYSTEM BUT DID NOT ACT ON IT. THE PRESIDENT
HAS NOW SUBMITTED WELFARE REFORM TO THE NEW CONGRESS. THE PRESIDENT HAS
ASSIGNED TOPPPRIORITY TO ITS PASSAGE, AND HE HAS SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY OF THE
NEED TO PLACE A FLOOR UNDER EVERY FAMILY'S INCOME, TO PROVIDE MEANS AND
INCENTIVES FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO HELP THEMSELVES, AND TO END THE
DEGRADATION AND HUMILIATION INFLICTED BY THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

BUT LET ME STRESS, VERY STRONGLY, THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE

SENATE I WANT REFORM OF WELFARE, AND WILL SUPPORT REFORM. BUT IT MUST BE

REAL REFORM -- TO CURE CURRENT ABUSES, AS WELL AS TO REMEDY SHORTCOMINGS

AND INADEQUACIES. I WILL NOT SUPPORT A COSMETIC RESHUFFLING OF THE

PRESENT SYSTEM OR A MERE INCREASE OF FUNDING FOR THE DISPROVEN AND

DISASTEROUS PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED ALL THESE YEARS. THE

PRESIDENT HASTSHOWN THAT HE WANTS FUNDAMENTAL REFORM AND IT IS NOW

UP TO THE CONGRESS TO COOPERATE IN PROVIDING IT.

PRESIDENT NIXON IS ALSO VITALLY CONCERNED THAT EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD HAVE ADEQUATE CARE FOR THE PREVENTION, AS WELL AS THE TREATMENT, OF DISEASE AND INJURY. IMPROVING THE NATION'S HEALTH CARE RESOURCES AND INCREASING THEIR AVAILABILITY TO ALL AMERICANS IS A CHIEF PRIORITY THE PRESIDENT HAS SET. HIS NEW PROGRAMS WILL FOCUS AT AREAS OF HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH PROTECTION WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBJECT TO DISORGANIZED PLANNING, INADEQUATE UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL AND SKILLS, AND INAPPROPRIATE DIRECTION OF SUPPORT.

HIS OBJECTIVES INCLUDE: ASSURING BASIC MEDICAL CARE TO EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY, REGARDLESS OF ITS FINANCIAL LIMITS; INCREASING THE NUMBERS OF DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH PERSONNEL; IMPROVING DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES; EMPHASIZING PROMOTING THE BEST AND LEAST COSTLY TYPE OF HEALTH CARE, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE; AND CURING CANCER.

THE GOAL ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT IS TO MAKE AMERICA, THE WORLD'S RICHEST NATION, INTO THE WORLD'S HEALTHIEST.

POSITIVE PROGRAMS

PRESIDENT NIXON'S POSITIVE PROGRAMS HAVE GIVEN THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLVE THE GREAT PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES FACING

OUR COUNTRY.

THE SIX GOALS, AS WELL AS OTHER PROGRAMS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ARE NOT JUST SOLUTIONS FOR THESE PROBLEMS ALONE -- BUTTHEY ARE ALSO THE FOUNDATIONS FOR BUILDING A REPUBLICAN ERA IN AMERICAN POLITICS -- STARTED IN 1968 -- CONTINUING IN 1972 -- AND STRETCHING ON INTO THE NATION'S THIRD CENTURY.

COOPERATION AND HARD WORK

YES, REVENUE SHARING, EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION, AND REFORM OF WELFARE AND HEALTH CARE ARE WHOLLY NEW DEPARTURES. AND BECAUSE THEY ARE NEW, THEY WILL REQUIRE COOPERATION AND LOTS OF HARD WORK TO BRING THEM INTO BEING.

THIS COOPERATION AND HARD WORK WILL HAVE TO COME AT SEVERAL LEVELS.

FIRST, IT WILL HAVE TO COME FROM CONGRESS. WE ARE A MINORITY
PARTY IN BOTH HOUSES, SO WE WILL NEED THE HELP OF THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS
TO GET THIS PROGRAM THROUGH -- AND THE FIRST STEP IS A FULL AND FAIR
HEARING ON THE MERITS OF THE SPECIFIC PLANS THE PRESIDENT PRESENTS.
THE LAST THING THESE PROGRAMS -- OR THE COUNTRY -- NEED RIGHT NOW IS TO
HAVE THEM PRE-JUDGED ARE REJECTED OUT-OF-HAND BY THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. PERHAPS THESE PLANS WILL HAVE FAULTS; PERHAPS
THEY WILL NEED IMPROVEMENTS. BUT FIRST, LET THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BE
MADE. ALL WE ASK IS A FULL, OPEN-MINDED AND FAIR HEARING. THE PRESIDENT
HAS EXTENDED AN OPEN HADN TO THE CONGRESS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THE

WORK AND THE REWARDS WHICH WILL COME FROM IT. AS HE PUT IT,
THE 92nd CONGRESS, BY COOPERATING IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES BEFORE IT,
CAN BE THE GREATEST IN OUR HISTORY.

SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE WILL FIND AN EAGER AND FAIR RESPONSE ON CAPITOL HILL.

REPUBLICAN ACTIVISTS NEEDED

ANOTHER AREA WHICH WILL REQUIRE COOPERATION AND HARD WORK IS WITHIN OUR OWN PARTY. OUR STRONG AND IMAGINATIVE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN US A POSITIVE AND AFFIRMATIVE PROGRAM.

IN MY CAPACITY AS A MISSIONARY FOR OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT,
I INTEND TO CARRY THE STORY OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS PROPOSALS
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

BUT OUR PARTY MUST HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOICE RAISED TO TELL ITS

STORY AND TO TAKE ITS RECORD TO THE PEOPLE. WE -- ALL OF US -- MUST

JOIN THE PRESIDENT IN CARRYING THE GOOD WORD TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS

NATION. WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL -- A STORY OF UNWINDING A WAR, A STORY

OF REBUILDING DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, AND A STORY OF PROGRESS AND REFORM.

AND WE WILL TELL IT TO THE PEOPLE. AND WE WILL REPEAT IT

OVER AND OVER, BECAUSE A GOOD STORY BEARS REPEATING. AND THIS ONE WILL

GET BETTER WITH EACH TELLING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

MUST COOPERATE, MUST WORK TOGETHER. WE MUST START NOW, AND WORK EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEK, EVERY MONTH. BECAUSE ONLY BY TAKING OUR STORY TO THE PEOPLE CAN WE ASSURE RICHARD NIXON'S SECOND TERM IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE ELECTION OF REPUBLICANS ACROSS THE NATION TO SUPPORT HIM.

CONCLUSION

AT THE EISENHOWER CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY, PRESIDENT NIXON MENTIONED THAT HE FELT IKE WOULD HAVE WANTED HIM TO STRESS HIS ADVICE FOR OURS TO BE THE PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR, OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE, ALL PARTIES, ALL FAITHS, ALL RACES.

AND THIS IS INDEED THE KIND OF PARTY WE WANT, THE KIND OF
PARTY WE ARE, AND THE KIND OF PARTY WE SHALL BE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN GIVING NEW MEANING AND NEW
VITALITY TO OUR PARTY AND IN EXPRESSING THE IDEALS WE ALL SHARE.

OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT ARE DEPENDING ON US."

