REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

"SALUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN" DINNER JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1971

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN JOHNSON COUNTY THIS EVENING.

I AM HERE NOT JUST AS A FELLOW KANSAS REPUBLICAN, BUT AS A PROUD SPOKES-

GAN THE CHALLENGING TASK OF BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS ON THE NATIONAL

AND INTERNATIONAL SCENES. AT THIS MID-POINT IN HIS FIRST TERM IN OFFICE,

I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SOME OF HIS MAJOR GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. I

FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE THE COMMON GOALS AND SHARED ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND THAT IN PURSUING THEM, RICHARD NIXON HAS BUILT A

RECORD THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF.

GOP MEETS CHALLENGE

THEY GAVE OUR PARTY WHAT MAY BE ITS LAST, BEST OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE

ITS ABILITY TO GOVERN ---- A CHANCE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES THAT FACE

AMERICA IN THE LAST THIRD OF THE 20TH CENTURY. AFTER NEARLY A DECADE

SPENT AS THE PARTY OUT OF POWER, THE MANTLE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ONCE

AGAIN FELL ON OUR SHOULDERS.

THIS IS A GREAT CHALLENGE ---- PERHAPS THE GREATEST OUR PARTY HAS FACED IN THE PAST 100 YEARS ---- AND IT IS NOT WITHOUT PERIL.

BUT WE HAVE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY AND WE HAVE MET THE CHALLENGE.

THOSE LONG HOURS SO MANY OF US -- YOU AND I -- SPENT ON THE 1968 AND 1970

CAMPAIGNS ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW IMPRESSIVE RESULTS. PRESIDENT NIXON IS

OF DIRECTION HAVE BEEN INFUSED INTO THE COUNTRY BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

SWEEPING RE-EXAMINATION

ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT, WE HAVE SEEN THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH
TO GOVERNMENT REFORM AND INNOVATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE POST WORLD
WAR II ERA. THE VAST AND OFTEN WASTEFUL FEDERAL COLOSSUS HAS UNDERGONE
ITS FIRST REALLY CRITICAL EXAMINATION IN GENERATIONS, AND, UNLESS DEMOCRAT
LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS PLAYS A SPOILER'S ROLE, WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE
MANY OF THE PRESIDENT'S REFORMS PASSED INTO LAW DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ACTED WITH BOTH FIRMNESS

AND RESTRAINT IN COPING WITH THE INHERITED PROBLEM OF INFLATION, WHILE

GEARING THE ECONOMY TO A TRANSITION FROM WAR-TIME TO PEACE-TIME FOOTING.

MEETING A CHALLENGE OF THESE PROPORTIONS IS NEVER EASY, ESPECIALLY WHEN

IT MUST BE DONE IN THE FACE OF NEGATIVE OPPOSITION BY SOME MEMBERS OF

CONGRESS WHO PLACE POLITICS BEFORE THE NATIONAL GOOD. BUT TODAY IT IS

BEING DONE.

CRIME FIGHT UPGRADED

CRIME, A GROWING SOURCE OF CONCERN TO THE AVERAGE AMERICAN, IS ALSO
BEING DEALT WITH DECISIVELY BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. A VIGOROUS, DEDICATED ATTORNEY-GENERAL, JOHN MITCHELL, NOW HAS STRIKE FORCES AT WORK ATTACKING ORGANIZED CRIME IN 17 AMERICAN CITIES AND METROPOLITAN AREAS.

FEDERAL EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE NOW HELPING

LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS BUILD MORE MODERN, EFFECTIVE CRIME FIGHTING UNITS

ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION WILL

HAVE EXPENDED \$800 MILLION ON THIS WORTHWHILE GOAL BY JUNE OF THIS YEAR,

AND MORE THAN HALF OF THAT MONEY HAS BEEN USED BY STATES TO IMPROVE THEIR

POLICE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH NEW EQUIPMENT, BETTER TRAINING, AND STEPPED-UP

RECRUITING.

A DECADE OF DEMOCRAT LIP SERVICE AND HANDWRINGING OVER CRIME HAS
BEEN REPLACED BY REPUBLICAN ACTION, AND WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO FEEL
THE RESULTS.

CITY CRIME DOWN

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST STATISTICS, THERE ARE 23 AMERICAN CITIES OF

OVER 100,000 POPULATION WHERE CRIME HAS ACTUALLY DECREASED IN THE LAST YEAR.

ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING EXAMPLES OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S

COMMITMENT TO PROTECT LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS CAN BE SEEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

ALL THROUGH THE YEARS OF THE NEW FRONTIER AND THE GREAT SOCIETY, WASHINGTON

WAS ONE OF THE CRIME CAPITALS OF THE WORLD, WITH A MUSHROOMING CRIME RATE.

TO THE MOON AND BACK THAN THE AVERAGE CITIZEN TRYING TO WALK A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE U. S. CAPITOL BUILDING AFTER SUNSET.

WELL, TODAY, CRIME IS GOING DOWN IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 14 YEARS, FEWER CRIMES ARE BEING COMMITTED IN WASHINGTON

THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THANKS TO AN ALL-OUT EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO STAMP OUT LAWLESSNESS IN THE FEDERAL CITY.

MODERNIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT

BUT WASHINGTON, D. C., IMPORTANT AS IT IS TO ALL OF US AS OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL, IS STILL ONLY ONE CITY. THE PROBLEM OF CRIME IS FAR GREATER, AFFECTING EVERY STATE IN THE UNION.

AND WHEN RICHARD NIXON TOOK OFFICE, THIS SPRAWLING, 20TH CENTURY CRIME PROBLEM WAS BEING FOUGHT BY OUTMODED, UNDER-FINANCED MEANS.

TWO YEARS LATER, WE HAVE PLANNING AGENCIES IN EACH OF THE 50 STATES

AND 4 TERRITORIES AT WORK DEVELOPING NEW TECHNIQUES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST

CRIME. MANY OF THE BENEFITS OF THIS ENLIGHTENED PROGRAM WILL NOT BE FELT

IMMEDIATELY, BUT THEY WILL HELP GUARANTEE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF

AMERICANS WILL LIVE FREE FROM THE CONSTANT MENACE OF ATTACKS BY ROBBERS,

RAPISTS AND CHILD MOLESTERS.

JUDICIAL REFORM PUSHED

JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE POLICE IN ANY LEGAL SYSTEM ARE THE COURTS,

AND HERE TOO, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN EFFORTS TO

MODERNIZE OUR COURTS TO BRING SWIFTER, MORE EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE TO ALL OF

OUR CITIZENS.

ONE OF THE GREAT JURISTS OF OUR TIME, CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER,
IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THIS FIGHT. JUST AS HE HAS LED THE SUPREME COURT
TO A MORE REASONED, BALANCED STAND ON THE GREAT LEGAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME,
HE IS ALSO PROVING A POWERFUL ALLY OF REFORM IN OUR LOWER COURTS.

THE VERY PRESENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER ON THE HIGH COURT IS EVI-

IN 1968, RICHARD NIXON TOLD US THAT HE WOULD RESTORE BALANCE TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HE HAS DONE.

DEMOS FOUGHT HIGH COURT BALANCE

DEMOCRATS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE PULLED EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK

TO STOP HIM, AND TO PERPETUATE THE LOP-SIDED LIBERAL MAJORITY ON THE COURT,

BUT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT BE SWAYED. BECAUSE OF THIS COURAGEOUS STAND ON

PRINCIPLE, CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER AND JUSTICE BLACKMUN SIT ON THE SUPREME

COURT TODAY. KEEPING THIS PLEDGE DID NOT WIN RICHARD NIXON THE LOUD ACCLAIM

OF THE MASS MEDIA, OR THE RINGING ENDORSEMENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE

WASHINGTON POST, BUT I BELIEVE IT HAS WON HIM THE TRUST AND GRATITUDE OF

AVERAGE AMERICANS IN THE MILLIONS.

OUR ENVIRONMENT FROM EXPLOITATION AND POLLUTION ---- GREATER ECONOMY IN

GOVERNMENT ---- AND REVENUE SHARING WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ----
ALL OF THESE GOALS ARE HIGH ON THE LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES. EACH

OF THEM HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DETAILED PLANNING AND VIGOROUS ACTION,

JUST AS THE PRESIDENT'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH HAS SET US ON A WISER,

MORE STABLE COURSE INTERNATIONALLY.

NIXON DOCTRINE WORKING

THE NIXON DOCTRINE HAS ENCOURAGED OUR ALLIES TO TAKE ON THEIR FAIR

SHARE OF DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES, AND NOT TO RELY ON UNCLE SAM TO FOOT

THE BILL AND PROVIDE THE MANPOWER WHENEVER A DISTANT CRISIS ERUPTS.

THE NIXON DOCTRINE HAS FACED AND PASSED ITS ACID TEST IN VIETNAM.

FROM THE DAY HE ANNOUNCED THE FIRST TROOP PULL-OUTS, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS

MET OR BEATEN EVERY DEADLINE HE HAS SET FOR AMERICAN TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

WHEN RICHARD NIXON TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE TWO YEARS AGO, THERE

WERE 535,000 AMERICAN TROOPS COMMITTED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND NO PLAN TO

BRING THEM HOME. THIS PRESIDENT HAS BROUGHT A QUARTER OF A MILLION OF

THEM BACK TO THE UNITED STATES -- AND THE AMERICAN PROGRAM OF WITHDRAWAL

CONTINUES.

ATTACKS GROW SHRILLER

AT A TIME WHEN SOME VOICES IN THE NATIONAL MEDIA AND THE OPPOSITION

PARTY ARE GROWING SHRILLER AND SHRILLER IN THEIR ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S

POLICY FOR PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT LOSE SIGHT

OF THE TREMENDOUS JOB HE HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO.

NEWS COVERAGE SOMETIMES MAY SLANT OR OBSCURE. SELF-SEEKING POLITICAL
OPPONENTS MAY SOMETIMES TWIST AND DISTORT. BUT THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

TWO YEARS AGO, RICHARD NIXON INHERITED A STEADILY ESCALATING WAR IN WHICH AMERICA WAS LOSING VAST AMOUNTS OF MEN, MONEY AND MORALE. THEN, AMERICANS BORE AN ENORMOUS SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF COMBAT; NOW THAT BURDEN IS ALMOST FULLY BORNE BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE.

THEN, AMERICAN FORCES WERE SUFFERING 300 CASUALTIES A WEEK; NOW THAT FIGURE HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 75 PERCENT.

TIDE TURNS IN VIETNAM

THEN, TIME SEEMED ON THE SIDE OF THE ENEMY; TODAY, TIME HAS BE-

AND, AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN LAIRD WAS ABLE TO ANNOUNCE RE-

THINK OF IT. THAT WILL BE LESS THAN ONE-TENTH OF THE NUMBER THAT PRESIDENT NIXON INHERITED FROM THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION IN 1969.

AND YET, TO JUDGE BY WHAT WE SEE ON TELEVISION AND READ IN SOME OF THE PAPERS, YOU WOULD THINK THAT NONE OF THESE THINGS WERE HAPPENING. THE DOOM MERCHANTS OF THE MASS MEDIA ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO DISCOURAGE A WAR-WEARY AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OBSCURE THE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS THAT PRESIDENT

NIXON HAS MADE TOWARD AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

SUCCEEDS WHERE PREDECESSORS FAILED

DESPITE THE BARBS OF SOME PUNDITS AND POLITICIANS, RICHARD NIXON

IS SUCCEEDING WHERE HIS TWO PREDECESSORS IN OFFICE FAILED. HE IS WINDING

DOWN THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

BUT, ALL TOO OFTEN, THE SUCCESS STORY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION GOES UNTOLD.

ENEMY HURT IN LAOS

ONE RECENT EXAMPLE HAS BEEN THE FLOOD OF PESSIMISTIC COVERAGE OF
THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE INCURSION INTO LAOS. THE IMPRESSION MOST PEOPLE GOT
FROM WATCHING TELEVISION WAS THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY HAD BEEN
IGNOMINIOUSLY ROUTED ON ALL FRONTS AND THAT WE HAD A MAJOR ALLIED DEFEAT
ON OUR HANDS.

YET, AS PRESIDENT NIXON HAS POINTED OUT, THE MAJOR IMPACT OF THE

LAOTIAN INCURSION HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. IT HAS INFLICTED HEAVY SUPPLY

AN

LOSSES ON THE ENEMY, IMPAIRED HIS ABILITY TO WAGE WAR, AND COST HIM OVER-

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE LOST A MINIMUM OF 10,000 MEN AS A RESULT OF THE LAOTIAN OPERATION, AND VAST AMOUNTS OF RICE MEANT TO FEED ENEMY SOLDIERS.

ALSO CAPTURED WERE ENOUGH INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS TO EQUIP EIGHT BATTALIONS

OF ENEMY SOLDIERS. EIGHT ENEMY BATTALIONS AREN'T GOING TO BE ARMED WITH

THOSE WEAPONS NOW. THEY WILL NEVER BE USED TO KILL AMERICANS. AND, IF

THE ENEMY IS STILL BENT ON FIGHTING A STUBBORN, LOSING BATTLE, HIS TIMING

HAS NOW BEEN THROWN OFF AND HIS LOGISTICS DISRUPTED.

VINDICATION OF NIXON POLICY

ALL THIS ADDS UP TO A VINDICATION OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY, AND A
REASSURANCE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS DELIVERING ON HIS PROMISE TO VIETNAMIZE

THE WAR AND BRING HOME AMERICANS. BUT THE WAY SOME NETWORKS HANDLED IT,

YOU WONDER WHETHER THEY'RE CAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING GOOD NEWS WHEN THEY SEE IT.

STILL, THE GOOD NEWS IS THERE. IT IS MAKING ITSELF FELT IN FEWER AMERICAN CASUALTIES, AND MORE AND MORE AMERICAN TROOPS RETURNING HOME.

THE CHALLENGE NOW IS GETTING THAT STORY ACROSS TO A WAR-WEARY NATION,
THROUGH A POLITICAL BARRIER OF NEGATIVISM AND DEFEATISM.

OF US HERE THIS EVENING, AND THAT OF MILLIONS OF OTHER REPUBLICANS AND

CONCERNED CITIZENS ACROSS THE NATION. THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY WON'T

DO IT FOR US, AND THE BEST PRODUCT IN THE WORLD CAN'T SELL ITSELF SIGHT UNSEEN.

AS THE COUNTDOWN TO AN ELECTION YEAR BEGINS, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT ALL OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE WORLD WON'T WIN ELECTIONS UNLESS THE VOTERS KNOW ABOUT THEM.

NATIONAL SECURITY AT ISSUE

OF NO ISSUE IS THIS TRUER THAN THAT OF OUR LONG-RANGE NATIONAL

SECURITY. FOR, WHILE VIETNAM IS THE PROBLEM UPPERMOST IN MANY MINDS

TODAY, IT IS BASICALLY A PASSING PHENOMENON. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PROBLEM

OF NATIONAL SECURITY WILL BE WITH US AS LONG AS WE SURVIVE A FREE, INDEPENDENT NATION.

AMERICA SPENDS LESS OF HER GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT ON DEFENSE TODAY

THAN SHE HAS IN 20 YEARS, AND YET TODAY OUR DEFENSE PROGRAMS ARE UNDER

ATTACK AS NEVER BEFORE.

DEMOS DOWNGRADE DEFENSE

WITH ONE HONORABLE EXCEPTION, THE MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR THE DEMOCRATS' PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION HAVE JOINED THE CHORUS OF ATTACKERS, URGING
THAT MONEY VITALLY NEEDED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE BE POURED INSTEAD INTO THEIR
FAVORITE WELFARE SCHEMES.

THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF HYPOCRISY IN THIS DEMAGOGUERY, FOR MANY OF

THESE MEN URGE OUR GOVERNMENT TO STAND UP TO THE RUSSIANS AT SUEZ IN THE

SAME BREATH THAT THEY URGE HIM TO "BUG OUT" OF VIETNAM AND DROP OUT AS A

MILITARY POWER, ALLOWING THE RUSSIANS TO WIDEN THEIR LEAD IN THE ARMS RACE.

A SHORT HISTORY LESSON MIGHT HELP TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THEIR THINKING.
WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN 1962, DURING THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS, IF

JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO RELY ON THE MILITARY STRENGTH HE INHERITED FROM PRESIDENT EISENHOWER? WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED, IF INSTEAD

OF AN 8-TO-I SUPERIORITY IN STRATEGIC WEAPONS, AMERICA HAD BEEN THE UNDERDOG, WHEN RUSSIA MOVED NUCLEAR MISSILES INTO CUBA?

RUSSIA SEEKS SUPERIORITY

ANSWERED. AMERICA WAS PREPARED, AND AMERICA PREVAILED. TODAY, THE SOVIET UNION IS ENGAGED IN A RELENTLESS DRIVE TO SURPASS AMERICA MILITARILY.

RUSSIA ALREADY HAS ESTABLISHED A GROWING SUPERIORITY IN ICBM MISSILES, AND IS EXPANDING AN ABM SYSTEM ALREADY DEPLOYED AROUND MOSCOW. THE LAST DECADE SAW THE SOVIET UNION MAKE ENORMOUS STRIDES IN NUCLEAR SUBMARINES,

THREATENING TO EQUAL AND PERHAPS SURPASS OUR OWN FORCES IN A MATTER OF
YEARS. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DAYS OF PETER THE GREAT, RUSSIA IS
EMERGING AS A GREAT NAVAL POWER.

YET, IN THE FACE OF ALL THIS, THE VOICES OF COMPLACENCY AND NEGLECT,

THE MEN I CHARACTERIZED SOME WEEKS AGO AS MODERN-DAY CHAMBERLAINS, CONTINUE

TO PREACH WHAT AMOUNTS TO UNILATERAL DISARMAMENT -- THE KIND OF WEAKNESS

THAT THE ORIGINAL CHAMBERLAIN WAS GUILTY OF IN THE FACE OF A GROWING

NAZI MENACE.

FORTUNATELY, NOISY AS THESE MEN ARE, AND CODDLED AS THEY ARE BY

SOME IN THE MASS MEDIA, THEY ARE NOT THE VOICE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OR

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

RICHARD NIXON HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DRAWS THE LINE AT NATIONAL SECURITY. WHEN THE ISSUE IS AS VITAL AS OUR FUTURE SURVIVAL AS A NATION, HE WILL NOT YIELD.

WASHINGTON WARNED

GEORGE WASHINGTON ONCE WROTE THAT TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR IS THE

BEST MEANS OF PRESERVING THE PEACE. IN OUR DAY AND AGE, WHEN GEORGE III

HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY STALINS AND KHRUSCHEVS AND BREZHNEVS, AND WHEN

MUSKETS AND WOODEN SHIPS HAVE BEEN SUCCEEDED BY CITY-SHATTERING NUCLEAR

BOMBS AND MISSILES, THAT WARNING TAKES ON A FRESH URGENCY.

TO MY MIND, IT IS THE FINAL, IRREFUTABLE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

CONTINUED LEADERSHIP BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AT A TIME WHEN THE OP
POSITION PARTY IS DOMINATED BY MEN BLIND TO THE MENACES FACING OUR NATION.

NATIONAL SURVIVAL, AND A SAFE, PROMISING FUTURE DEPEND ON MANY
THINGS. ABOVE ALL, THEY REQUIRE BROAD VISION AND INNER STRENGTH IN A

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HIS GRASP OF ISSUES AND PROGRAMS FROM MILITARY PREPAREDNESS TO FEDERAL

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OF US HERE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO LINE UP BEHIND HIM AS WE APPROACH THE

1972 ELECTIONS. THE PRESIDENT IS DOING HIS JOB -- WORKING AT IT HARDER

THAN PERHAPS ANY OTHER PRESIDENT IN OUR HISTORY. AND, JUST AS IMPORTANT,

HE IS GETTING RESULTS.

THE FACTS ARE ON OUR SIDE, AND SO ARE A POTENTIAL MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT IS UP TO US TO TURN THAT POTENTIAL INTO A REALITY.

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