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THE WORK DONE BY THE MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS VITAL, NOT JUST TO OUR NATIONAL WELFARE, BUT TO THE WELL-BEING OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT WITHOUT PESTICIDES, FOOD PRODUCTION WOULD BE REDUCED TO 40 OR 50 PERCENT OF THE PRESENT LEVEL, AND THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTION ITSELF WOULD SUFFER. SO WHEN WE CONSIDER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PESTICIDE FIELD, WE ARE CONSIDERING ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS IN THE AMAZING ABILITY OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE TO PRODUCE.

SPECIAL INTEREST IN FIELD

AS A SENATOR FROM AN AGRICULTURAL STATE, I HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS FIELD, AND, BEFORE GOING ON TO A BROADER RANGE OF SUBJECTS, LET ME SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS WITH YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE OF PESTICIDES AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROSPECTS CONCERNING THEM.

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ALL THINKING AMERICANS ARE CONCERNED WITH PROTECTING THE AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS THAT HELP THE FARMER PRODUCE HIS CROPS. AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE, I KNOW THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE WE SHOULD NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF. HOWEVER, AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, I HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPOSED TO THE MANY PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION IN THE ENVIRONMENT -- SOME OF THEM RELATED TO THE USE OR ABUSE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS. THAT IS WHY I SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE EFFORTS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND INDIVIDUAL MANUFACTURERS AND FARMERS TO EXAMINE THEIR PRACTICES AND THEIR PRODUCTS -- TO DEMONSTRATE A RESPONSIBLE INTEREST IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WHICH ARE REAL TODAY AND, IF THEY GO UNCHECKED, COULD BECOME GREATER TOMORROW.

GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN

THE TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN PUBLIC CONCERN IN THIS FIELD HAS MADE LEGISLATION INEVITABLE. THE QUESTION IS WHAT KIND OF LEGISLATION WILL ULTIMATELY EMERGE. WILL IT BE SHODDY, FRANTIC LEGISLATION GROUND OUT AS A HASTY REACTION TO THE WARNINGS OF THE ECOLOGISTS? WILL IT BE SLIPSHOD, COSMETIC LEGISLATION WITHOUT THE TEETH AND THE STRENGTH TO MEET

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THE PROBLEM? OR, CAN THE CONGRESS SUCCESSFULLY STRIKE A STATESMANLIKE BALANCE THAT DOES JUSTICE BOTH TO THE NEEDS OF ECOLOGY AND THE DEMANDS FOR ABUNDANT FOOD PRODUCTION TO FEED A GROWING NATIONAL AND GLOBAL POPULATION?

A COMPROMISE MUST BE REACHED BETWEEN THE MORE EMOTIONAL DEMANDS OF SOME ECOLOGISTS AND THE SOMETIMES EXCESSIVE USE OF CHEMICALS TODAY. THERE IS ALSO A NEW AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN FARMERS OF THE RISKS INVOLVED, AND A NEW CAUTION ON THEIR PART IN THE USE OF CHEMICALS, FOR BOTH SAFETY AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS.

IN FACT, ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IS THAT AS PRESSURE IS APPLIED FOR THE PHASING OUT OF PERSISTENT CHEMICALS, LIKE DDT WITH CUMULATIVE BUILD-UPS, MANY FARMERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HAZARDS OF USING "HOT" CHEMICALS THAT ARE IMMEDIATE DANGERS DESPITE THEIR LACK OF RESIDUAL HARM. HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS IN THE ORGANO-PHOSPHATE FAMILY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEARLY ALL PESTICIDE DEATHS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND FARMERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS.

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PESTICIDES CONTROL ACT

THE OUTCOME OF ALL THESE VARYING AND SOMETIMES CONFLICTING CONCERNS IS THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT, WHICH WAS REPORTED OUT OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE LAST WEEK AND IS NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE.

THE LEGISLATION RECOGNIZES THAT CHEMICAL METHODS FOR CONTROLLING PESTS ARE EFFECTIVE AND THAT PESTICIDES ARE A NECESSARY PART OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. BUT, THE ACT FURTHER RECOGNIZES THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO PESTICIDES IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN MISUSE AND THERE HAS BEEN EXCESS USE OF THESE MATERIALS.

IN MY VIEW, THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTION OF THIS BILL GETS AT THE HEART OF THE PESTICIDES PROBLEM. IT SETS FORTH TWO CATEGORIES OF PESTICIDE USE, GENERAL AND RESTRICTED. THE RESTRICTED USE CATEGORY, DEALING WITH THOSE PESTICIDES WHICH MUST BE APPLIED BY CERTIFIED APPLICATORS OR ARE SUBJECT TO OTHER RESTRICTIONS, WILL MEAN FARMERS CAN CONTINUE TO USE THESE PESTICIDES TO INCREASE CROP YIELDS AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP INSURE THAT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

THE BILL FURTHER PROVIDES FOR FEDERAL REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDES ON AN INTRA-STATE BASIS, AS WELL AS INTER-STATE; FOR CIVIL PENALTIES AS WELL AS CRIMINAL PENALTIES WHEN VIOLATIONS OCCUR; FOR FASTER GOVERNMENT ACTION WHEN A PESTICIDE REGISTRATION IS DENIED, SUSPENDED, OR CANCELLED; AND FOR A STRONG PROGRAM OF FEDERAL-STATE COOPERATION.

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WHILE THIS MEASURE MAY NOT PLEASE ALL THE CONSTANT CRITICS OF CHEMICAL PEST CONTROL -- THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE US SIMPLY HALT THE USE OF PESTICIDES, REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES -- I BELIEVE IT WILL GIVE US THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THAT THE PUBLIC REQUIRES WHILE WE GET ON WITH THE NECESSARY JOB OF PEST CONTROL.



FORESIGHT -- THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE AND ACT ON A PROBLEM BEFORE IT IS OUT OF CONTROL -- AND OUT OF BALANCE; THE ABILITY TO DO IN A CALM, REASONED WAY THAT SKIRTS EXTREMISM AND IRRESPONSIBILITY -- THIS IS THE HALLMARK OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S LEADERSHIP IN THIS AND OTHER FIELDS.

I AM NOT HERE TODAY TO BE CRITICAL OF THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP BEING OFFERED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTY IN CONTRAST TO THAT OFFERED BY PRESIDENT NIXON, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU THAT TODAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GETTING MORE LEADERSHIP AND ~~LESS DEMOCRACY~~ FROM THEIR ELECTED PRESIDENT THAN THEY HAVE IN MANY YEARS.

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NIXON MAKES HARD DECISIONS

THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO FACE UP TO THE TOUGH, HARD DECISIONS, AND THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO STAND FAST OR TO ACT SWIFTLY AND DECISIVELY, AS THE NEED OF THE TIME REQUIRED.

THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO ~~PUSH BILL~~ *deal with*
~~AFTER BILL~~ THROUGH AN OPPOSITION CONGRESS; THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS NOT WAITED FOR THE CONGRESS TO ACT, BUT HAS ACTED IN SUCH AREAS AS DRAFT REFORM, EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION AND THE WHOLE SCOPE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS STOOD UNEQUIVOCALLY FOR THE RIGHT AGAINST INCITEMENTS OF STREET POLITICIANS, THE PRESSURES OF WOULD-BE NATIONAL LEADERS, AND THE SOMETIMES UNREASONED COMMENT OF SOME OF OUR LARGER AND MORE INFLUENTIAL NEWS MEDIA.

MAJOR PUBLIC CONCERNS

CONSIDER SOME OF THE MAJOR PUBLIC CONCERNS AS WE APPROACH THE END OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST TERM IN OFFICE. PROBLEMS THAT GREW AND FESTERED DURING MOST OF THE DECADE OF THE SIXTIES ARE NOW BEING CALMLY, EFFECTIVELY RESOLVED:

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RACE RELATIONS; CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING PENAL REFORM; REFORM IN GOVERNMENT; NATIONAL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS; PRESERVING AND RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT; CREDIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT; AND WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE TWO PARAMOUNT ISSUES IN THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF ALL AMERICANS -- PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

LET ME BRIEFLY COVER THESE ISSUES -- ISSUES I BELIEVE WILL VINDICATE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IN NOVEMBER OF 1972 AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

MINORITY OPPORTUNITY UP

FIRST, LET'S EXAMINE RACE RELATIONS AS THEY STAND TODAY -- AS OPPOSED TO 1968, WHEN RICHARD NIXON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. WHILE WE STILL HEAR A LOT OF HOT RHETORIC, AND MUCH PROGRESS OBVIOUSLY REMAINS TO BE MADE, THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS EVEN-HANDEDNESS AND ITS DEDICATION TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLEARLY AND UNMISTAKABLY. MORE MINORITY AMERICANS ARE WORKING AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE,

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AND MORE MINORITY AMERICANS HOLD HIGH-RANKING APPOINTIVE POSTS IN GOVERNMENT TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE -- NOT JUST THE LOW-LEVEL CLERICAL POSTS AND ~~POLITICAL TABLE SCRAP~~ TO WHICH SOME PAST ADMINISTRATIONS LIMITED THEM.

MORE AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE PEACEFULLY ATTENDING INTEGRATED SCHOOLS THAN EVER BEFORE, AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRY AND THE TRADES AND PROFESSIONS ARE NOW OPEN TO MINORITY AMERICANS WHO WOULD HAVE FOUND THE DOORS CLOSED TO THEM JUST A FEW YEARS AGO.

NOW THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT RACIAL EXTREMISTS ON BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN PACIFIED, AND IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT A MIRACLE HAS BEEN WORKED OVERNIGHT. BUT IT DOES MEAN THAT THE AVERAGE, WORKING AMERICAN -- WHITE, BLACK OR BROWN -- LIVES IN A BETTER, FREER SOCIETY TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE.

STRONG ANTI-CRIME RECORD

THE SECOND CATEGORY I MENTIONED WAS CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. HERE, AS THE EVENTS OF EVEN THE PAST FEW DAYS ILLUSTRATE, IS A SOURCE OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO MANY AMERICANS. THE FORCES OF LAWLESSNESS POSE A CONSTANT THREAT TO THE RIGHTS OF INNOCENT CITIZENS. WHETHER THEY TAKE THE

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FORM OF ORGANIZED CRIME, UNORGANIZED BUT DEADLY STREET CRIME, OR REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE WITHIN PRISON WALLS, THE RESULT IS ALWAYS THE SAME. WHEN LAWLESSNESS IS NOT CONTAINED, THE INNOCENT SUFFER, OFTEN PAYING WITH THEIR LIVES. THE SO-CALLED "LAW AND ORDER" ISSUE IS A REAL ONE. IT WAS IN 1968, IT WAS IN 1970, AND IT WILL BE IN 1972. BUT SENSATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE HAS OFTEN DISTORTED AND EXAGGERATED IT AND ITS POLITICAL IMPORTANCE. THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS A STRONG RECORD IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELD.

A MORE BALANCED COURT

AS PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON HAS APPOINTED RESPONSIBLE, QUALIFIED JURISTS TO THE SUPREME COURT TO RESTORE A MEASURE OF BALANCE TO OUR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS. HE HAS BACKED FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT HAVE CHANNLED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO THE IMPORTANT FIELDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PRISON REFORM, AND HE HAS REPEATEDLY PROVEN, BY WORD AND DEED, THAT AS LONG AS HE IS PRESIDENT, AMERICA WILL BE GOVERNED BY REASON AND THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY -- NOT BY VIOLENCE AND MOB TACTICS.

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CRIME RATE SLOWS

THE RESULT IS REFLECTED IN FACTS. A CRIME RATE THAT WAS SKY-ROCKETING UNDER HIS PREDECESSORS, IS SLOWING DOWN UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON. THE RATE OF INCREASE IN CRIME NATIONWIDE HAS DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE RICHARD NIXON TOOK OFFICE, AND IN WASHINGTON, D. C., WHERE THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IS STRONGEST, THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF OFFENSES HAS BEEN REDUCED. RICHARD NIXON HAS MADE TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN THE WAR ON CRIME THROUGH AN ENLIGHTENED POLICY AND FIRM ENFORCEMENT.

NIXON REFORMS GOVERNMENT

THE THIRD CATEGORY I MENTIONED IS REFORM IN GOVERNMENT, AND HERE, THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE MORE TO OVERHAUL AND MODERNIZE THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN LEADER IN THE POST-WAR ERA. FOR SOME TIME NOW, THERE HAS BEEN A MOUNTING AWARENESS AMONG AVERAGE PEOPLE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS GETTING OUT OF HAND; THAT IT IS BECOMING TOO BIG AND OBSOLETE TO COPE WITH MODERN PROBLEMS; AND THAT ITS FAILURES ARE NOT ONLY INCREASING, BUT ALSO ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE EXPENSIVE.

PEOPLE SENSED IT. RICHARD NIXON ACTED ON IT. TODAY, THE U. S.

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POSTAL SERVICE HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY OVERHAULED AND REORGANIZED. A WASTEFUL, INEFFICIENT SYSTEM BASED ON POLITICAL CRONYISM HAS BEEN SWEEPED OUT, AND A MODERN, SERVICE-ORIENTED POSTAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN CREATED. IN LARGER FIELDS, LIKE WELFARE REFORM AND REVENUE SHARING WITH THE STATES, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SET FORTH BOLD NEW APPROACHES CAPABLE OF MEETING CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS. WHILE CONGRESSIONAL RESISTANCE TO CHANGE AND THE NEED FOR SOME SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC BELT-TIGHTENING, HAVE SLOWED THE REALIZATION OF THESE MEASURES, THE PRESIDENT HAS SHOWN THE WAY. AND THE PEOPLE, IN POLL AFTER POLL, HAVE REGISTERED THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIS PROPOSALS.

WHERE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND PARTY LEADERS HAVE PLAYED A NEGATIVE, SPOILER'S ROLE IN GOVERNMENT REFORM AND REORGANIZATION, THE PRESIDENT'S ROLE HAS BEEN POSITIVE AND IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

NEED FOR DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS

THE FOURTH CATEGORY ON MY LIST IS NATIONAL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS -- A FIELD THAT IS VITAL TO US ALL SINCE IT INVOLVES NOT JUST OUR COMFORT OR OUR TEMPORARY WELFARE, BUT SURVIVAL ITSELF. NATIONAL DEFENSE IS A VITAL ISSUE IN THE STRONGEST SENSE; IT IS A LIFE AND DEATH ISSUE. AT THE MOMENT,

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HOWEVER, IT IS FASHIONABLE IN CERTAIN LIBERAL CIRCLES TO BELITTLE THE MILITARY. ~~THE MUSKIES, BAYHS, KENNEDYS AND MC GOVERNS~~ COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER IN THEIR ATTACKS ON THE MILITARY AND THEIR EFFORTS TO CRIPPLE OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM. ONLY THE FIRM STAND OF PRESIDENT NIXON, AND HIS REPEATED EFFORTS TO RALLY THE CONGRESS, RESCUED THE ABM ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM FROM EXTINCTION AT THE HANDS OF A GROUP THAT SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICA NEEDS NO DEFENSE AS LONG AS THEIR HEARTS ARE PURE.

ONLY STRONG ARE FREE

RICHARD NIXON ~~IS NOT ONE OF THAT BUNCH~~ HE KNOWS THAT ONLY A PREPARED AMERICA CAN BE A SAFE AMERICA. HE KNOWS THAT IN A DANGEROUS WORLD, ONLY THE STRONG ARE FREE. AND HE IS COMMITTED TO KEEPING AMERICA STRONG AND FREE. AT THE SAME TIME, BY TRIMMING THE FAT FROM OUR DEFENSE SPENDING, HE HAS MANAGED TO DO SOMETHING THAT NO OTHER AMERICAN LEADER IN THIS GENERATION HAS. HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY MOVED US FROM A NATIONAL BUDGET WITH MOST OF ITS MONEY SPENT ON MILITARY AND DEFENSE-CONNECTED ITEMS TO A NATIONAL BUDGET WITH A MAJORITY OF THE DOLLARS GOING TO MEET THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND OTHER HUMAN NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU HEAR A LOT OF

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CHEAP TALK ABOUT REORDERING OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES FROM THE MEN ON THE LEFT. BUT IT WAS RICHARD NIXON WHO SUCCESSFULLY DID IT -- AND DID IT IN A WAY THAT HAS NOT ENDANGERED OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

THAT IS WHY, WHEN PEOPLE THINK ABOUT ADEQUATE MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSIBLE ECONOMY IN DEFENSE SPENDING, IT IS RICHARD NIXON, AND NOT HIS OPPONENTS, THEY LOOK TO FOR LEADERSHIP.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

THE FIFTH CATEGORY ON MY LIST IS PRESERVING AND RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT. HERE, AGAIN, THE STORY IS ONE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND CONCRETE PROGRESS. NO GENERATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN MORE AWARE OF ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS THAN THIS ONE. NO ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN MORE ACTIVE IN PRESERVING AND RESTORING THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE THAN THIS ONE. PURE AIR LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ENACTED. RIGHT NOW, THE CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING COMPREHENSIVE WATER POLLUTION LEGISLATION AS A RESULT OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S CONCERN FOR OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT. BY VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS ALREADY ON THE BOOKS, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS

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ALREADY HIT POLLUTERS, AND HIT THEM HARD. AND A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE FIRST LADY COMPLETED A FIVE-DAY, FIVE-STATE TOUR DURING WHICH 4,249 ACRES (\$11 MILLION WORTH) OF FEDERAL LANDS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE STATES, AND OPENED UP TO THE PEOPLE FOR USE AS PARKS. HERE WAS A REAL EXAMPLE OF THE GREENING OF AMERICA. HERE WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION CARES ABOUT THE NATURAL RICHES THAT WE HAVE INHERITED AS A NATION, BUT HAVE TOO OFTEN WASTED OR ABUSED IN THE PAST.

NIXON BOLSTERS CREDIBILITY

THE SIXTH ISSUE ON MY LIST IS CREDIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT. CREDIBILITY BUILDS TRUST. IT MAKES CANDID DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION POSSIBLE. IT STRENGTHENS PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND PUBLIC SUPPORT. WHEN CREDIBILITY IS LOW, SO IS PUBLIC MORALE. WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT TRUST THEIR GOVERNMENT, THEY LOSE SOME OF THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SOME OF THEIR PRIDE IN COUNTRY. THE NATIONAL MORALE SUFFERS.

DURING THE PRECEDING TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, CREDIBILITY TOOK A TRAGIC, SUSTAINED NOSE DIVE. IN THE DECLINING MONTHS OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION, IT HIT BOTTOM. PART OF THIS DISTRUST AND LACK OF CONFIDENCE WAS SEWN BY DISSIDENTS WITHIN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY ITSELF -- MEN WHO RODE ON LYNDON JOHNSON'S COATTAILS IN 1964, BUT WHO TURNED AGAINST HIM WHEN HIS POPULARITY BEGAN TO WANE. SOME OF THESE SAME MEN ARE CASTING HUNGRY

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EYES ON THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY AND ARE TRYING TO BURY THEIR PASTS -- TRYING TO MAKE THE PUBLIC FORGET THAT THEY, ~~THE MC GOVERNS AND KENNEDYS~~ ~~THE MUSKIES AND THE BAYLIS~~, VOTED FOR THE GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION, SUPPORTED THE NO-WIN, NO-END WAR POLICY OF THE PAST ADMINISTRATION, AND THEN ABANDONED SHIP WHEN IT BECAME POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO DO SO.

DEMO CREDIBILITY GAP

THERE, I SUBMIT, IS WHERE THE CREDIBILITY GAP LIES TODAY -- DOWN THE CENTER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MOST OF THE MEN ASPIRING TO THE DEMOCRAT NOMINATION TODAY.

IN CONTRAST, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS RESTORED CREDIBILITY TO THE WHITE HOUSE. EVERY PLEDGE HE HAS MADE ABOUT THE WAR HAS BEEN SCRUPULOUSLY KEPT. HE SAID HE HAD A PLAN TO END AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT, AND HE DID. WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, HE TRUSTED THE PEOPLE -- HE WENT TO THEM, EXPLAINING THE CONCEPT OF VIETNAMIZATION. THEY HAVE REWARDED THAT TRUST WITH THEIR SUPPORT, IN SPITE OF ALL THE POLITICKING FROM THE LEFT AND ALL OF THE MOB PRESSURE OF THE DEMONSTRATORS.

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RICHARD NIXON HAS BROUGHT RESPECT BACK TO THE PRESIDENCY, AND TRUST AND INTEGRITY. HE HAS CLOSED THE CREDIBILITY GAP.

RAISING QUALITY OF LIFE

THAT COVERS THE FIRST SIX ISSUES I MENTIONED. EACH OF THEM IS IMPORTANT TO OUR LONG-TERM NATIONAL WELL-BEING. EACH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA, OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THIS GENERATION AND THE NEXT.

BUT, IN THE PUBLIC MIND, AND IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, EACH OF THESE TAKES A BACK SEAT TO THE TWO BURNING ISSUES OF TODAY: PEACE AND PROSPERITY. IT IS THESE TWO GOALS -- THE GOALS THAT, SINGLY OR TOGETHER, HAVE ELUDED MOST PAST GENERATIONS -- THAT AMERICANS ARE SEEKING TODAY.

FIRST FULL GENERATION OF PEACE

THINK BACK. EXCEPT FOR A FEW OF US WHOSE MEMORIES GO BACK BEFORE WORLD WAR I AND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, WE HAVE NOT KNOWN A TIME WHEN AMERICA HAS ENJOYED A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY. THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN WE HAVE HAD PEACE; THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN

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WE HAVE HAD PROSPERITY; THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW SHORT, HAPPY PERIODS WHEN WE HAVE HAD BOTH. BUT NO GROUP OF AMERICANS IN THE 20TH CENTURY HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH A FULL GENERATION OF BOTH.

RICHARD NIXON SEEKS NO LESS THAN THIS FOR HIS COUNTRY. HE HAS BROUGHT HOME THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS THAT PAST DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP SENT TO FIGHT AND DIE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE HAS OPENED UP NEW DIPLOMATIC AVENUES FOR WORLD UNDERSTANDING, MOST RECENTLY WITH HIS HISTORIC CHINA INITIATIVE. THE HOT WAR RICHARD NIXON INHERITED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL SOON BE OVER FOR AMERICANS. ALREADY, OUR CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY AS MUCH AS NEARLY 90 PERCENT, AND, MONTH AFTER MONTH, MORE AND MORE OF OUR MEN ARE COMING HOME. ALREADY, THE STATIC COLD WAR MONOLITH OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD HAS BEGUN TO FRAGMENT, TO WEAKEN, AS AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TAKES OUR MESSAGE OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AND MUTUAL TRUST TO THE PEOPLES OF COUNTRIES LIKE RUMANIA AND CHINA.

NIXON BOLSTERS ECONOMY

AT HOME, THE PRESIDENT HAS ACTED BOLDLY AND WISELY TO ENSURE THAT WE WILL HAVE A PROSPERITY TO MATCH THE PEACE IN THE GENERATION AHEAD.

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IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC OF AUGUST 15, AND AGAIN IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS, RICHARD NIXON SPELLED OUT A COURSE THAT CAN PRESERVE AMERICA'S STRENGTH AS THE NUMBER ONE ECONOMIC POWER IN THE WORLD AND CREATE A CLIMATE OF SECURITY AND ABUNDANCE FOR AVERAGE WORKING AMERICANS.

EVERY POLL THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN SINCE RICHARD NIXON'S FIRST MESSAGE ON AUGUST 15 SHOWS THAT THE PEOPLE ARE SOLIDLY BEHIND THEIR PRESIDENT -- THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THE HARD, BUT NECESSARY, DECISIONS HE HAS HAD TO MAKE. THE MILLIONS OF AMERICAN WORKERS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESSMEN, ARE UNITED IN THIS. ONLY THE VOICES OF WOULD-BE CANDIDATES AND OLD-LINE LABOR POWER BROKERS HAVE STRUCK A FEW DISCORDANT NOTES.

PRICE-WAGE FREEZE EFFECTIVE

SO FAR, THE PRESIDENT'S PRICE-WAGE FREEZE HAS BEEN WORKING EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN MOST PEOPLE HAD EXPECTED. THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY 8,661 WRITTEN COMPLAINTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE -- AN INFINITESIMAL NUMBER, CONSIDERING THE MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTERPRISES INVOLVED.

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CONGRESS MUST BACK PEOPLE

THE MAJOR TEST THAT LIES AHEAD IS WHETHER THE CONGRESS, IN CONSIDERING THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM, WILL LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OR TO A FEW DISSIDENT BUT POWERFUL MEN WHO WOULD BLOCK THE WAY FOR REASONS OF THEIR OWN.

I BELIEVE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL LINE UP BEHIND THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE. AND I BELIEVE THAT TOGETHER, THEY CAN LEAD US TO THE GENERATION OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY THAT THE PRESIDENT SEEKS.

AS RESPECTED VOICES IN YOUR STATES AND YOUR COMMUNITIES, YOU CAN HELP KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING IN THIS DIRECTION. I URGE YOU TO DO SO. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL. EACH OF US HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION -- AND THAT IS WHAT IS AT STAKE.

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THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY 1,439 REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION, AND SO FAR NONE HAVE BEEN GRANTED. THE FREEZE IS BEING ENFORCED STRONGLY AND FAIRLY.

TO GIVE AN IDEA OF THE BENEFITS OF THE PRESIDENT'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY TO THE AVERAGE AMERICAN, THE EXCISE TAX REPEAL WILL PASS ON ABOUT \$2 BILLION TO CONSUMERS. THE PROPOSED TAX REDUCTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS WILL AMOUNT TO \$4.9 BILLION -- A TOTAL OF NEARLY \$7 BILLION IN REDUCTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS, NOT COUNTING OTHER DIRECT AND INDIRECT RELIEF RESULTING FROM PRIOR ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS.

TOTAL BENEFITS TO CORPORATIONS ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$1 BILLION, OR ABOUT ONE-SEVENTH THE AMOUNT GOING TO INDIVIDUALS. AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT, DESPITE THE ROBBER BARON IMAGERY OF THE DEMOGOGUES, THESE BENEFITS ARE NOT THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF A SMALL GROUP OF WEALTHY MEN, BUT AN INDIRECT BENEFIT TO THE CONSUMER, A RELIEF TO 2 1/2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN SMALL BUSINESS, AND A STIMULUS TO THE JOB MARKET AND MILLIONS OF SMALL INVESTORS AROUND THE COUNTRY.