

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

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IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU HERE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY THIS EVENING. WITH THE 1972 ELECTIONS APPROACHING, A LARGE PART OF THE JOB OF THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN IS GETTING THE WORD OUT TO PARTY STALWARTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BUT IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, IT IS THE WORK AND SACRIFICE OF YOU, AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU, IN EVERY STATE OF THE UNION THAT WILL DETERMINE HOW THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FARES IN NOVEMBER OF '72.

GOP HOPES HIGH

FORTUNATELY, I CAN REPORT TO YOU THAT EVERYWHERE I HAVE BEEN, I HAVE FOUND REPUBLICAN SPIRITS HIGH -- AND WITH GOOD REASON. WE HAVE A MAN, A PROGRAM, AND A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT THAT HAVE CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. OUR JOB -- YOURS AND MINE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD -- IS TO KEEP THAT RECORD BEFORE THE PUBLIC, AND TO DEFEND IT FROM THOSE WHO WOULD DISTORT IT OR DISCREDIT IT FOR THEIR OWN GAIN.

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THE FACTORS THAT DECIDE AN ELECTION ARE LIKE A MOSAIC -- HUNDREDS OF PIECES GO INTO COMPLETING THE FULL PICTURE. HOWEVER, SOME PIECES ARE BIGGER THAN OTHERS. I EXPECT THIS TO BE ESPECIALLY TRUE OF 1972.

MANY FACTORS WILL BE A PART OF THE OUTCOME, BUT THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO MAJOR ISSUES THAT, IN MY OPINION, WILL DOMINATE.

BEFORE I GET INTO THESE ISSUES, HOWEVER, LET ME SAY THAT ISSUES ALONE DO NOT WIN OR LOSE ELECTIONS, NOR DO THEY NECESSARILY SHAPE THE FATE OF A NATION.

RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP

JUST AS IMPORTANT -- PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT -- IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP OFFERED TO THE PEOPLE OF A REPRESENTATIVE REPUBLIC. IS IT RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE? OR DOES IT MERELY SEEK TO INFLAME THE PEOPLE'S FEELINGS AND PLAY ON THEIR WEAKNESSES AND DESIRES? DOES IT REALLY LEAD OR DOES IT MERELY FOLLOW?

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 THAT TODAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GETTING

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MORE LEADERSHIP AND LESS DEMOGOGUERY FROM THEIR ELECTED PRESIDENT THAN THEY HAVE IN MANY YEARS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO FACE UP TO THE TOUGH, HARD DECISIONS -- 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 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 COMMENTS 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, AND MORE MINORITY AMERICANS HOLD HIGH-RANKING APPOINTIVE POSTS IN GOVERNMENT

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TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE -- NOT JUST THE LOW-LEVEL CLERICAL POSTS AND POLITICAL TABLE SCRAPS 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.

NIXON SUPPORTS NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

AND PRESIDENT NIXON KNOWS THAT THE ROAD TO BETTER RACE RELATIONS IS ONE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, QUALITY EDUCATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT -- NOT THE MASSIVE, MANDATORY BUSING PUSHED BY SOME LIBERALS THAT IS AIMED AT DESTROYING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS. RICHARD NIXON'S STAND ON PRESERVING

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS IS STRONG AND EXPLICIT:

"I HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE BUSING OF CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE RACIAL BALANCE, AND I AM OPPOSED TO BUSING OF CHILDREN SIMPLY FOR THE SAKE OF BUSING.....WHILE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS OF THE COURT, INCLUDING COURT-ORDERED BUSING, I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE SECRETARY OF HEW THAT THEY ARE TO WORK WITH IN-SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOLD BUSING TO THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY LAW."

MUSKIE STRADDLES ISSUE

COMPARE THE PRESIDENT'S CONSISTENT STAND ON BEHALF OF BETTER EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS TO THE POLITICAL GYRATIONS OF SENATOR MUSKIE, THE CURRENT DEMOCRATIC FRONT-RUNNER. SPEAKING RECENTLY IN CALIFORNIA, AND AGAIN THIS WEEK IN TENNESSEE, SENATOR MUSKIE ENDORSED THE FORCED BUSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OUTSIDE THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS -- BUT HE TRIED TO HAVE HIS CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO. AFTER SAYING HE SUPPORTED BUSING, HE SAID HE DIDN'T "LIKE" IT. THEN, IN A FINAL FLIP-FLOP, HE ATTACKED PRESIDENT NIXON FOR TRYING TO HOLD BUSING DOWN TO A LEGAL MINIMUM. THIS IS POLITICS AT THEIR WORST, AND ANOTHER REMINDER THAT THE MAN WHO SERVES

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IN THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY STANDS HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE AMBITIOUS AND SOMETIMES OPPORTUNISTIC MEN WHO SEEK TO REPLACE HIM.

AND LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE INSTANCE WHERE THESE MEN HAVE PUT EXPEDIENCY AHEAD OF PRINCIPLE. EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS CHANGED HIS POSITION ON VIETNAM; ON WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY; ON EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND A VAST ARRAY OF NATIONAL ISSUES. TODAY THEY ARE TAKING POLITICAL STANDS INSTEAD OF STANDS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY, EVEN IF THEY HELD SUCH STANDS BEFORE. THEY ARE POLITICAL "QUICK CHANGE ARTISTS".

STRONG ANTI-CRIME RECORD

THE SECOND CATEGORY I MENTIONED WAS CRIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. HERE, AS THE EVENTS OF EVEN THE RECENT WEEKS 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 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;

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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 CHANNELED 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.

CRIME RATE SLOWS

THE RESULT IS REFLECTED IN FACTS. A CRIME RATE THAT WAS SKYROCKETING 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

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PRESENCE IS STRONGEST, THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF OFFENSES HAS BEEN REDUCED. RICHARD NIXON HAS MADE TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN 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. 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.

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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, 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.

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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 CHEAP TALK ABOUT RE-ORDERING 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.

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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 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 LAND 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.

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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 ON HIM WHEN HIS POPULARITY BEGAN TO WANE. SOME OF THESE SAME MEN ARE CASTING HUNGRY 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 BAYHS, 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.

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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.

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.

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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 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 DEMOCRATIC 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

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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 STRENGTHENS 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. IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC ON 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 --

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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 SOME 12,000 COMPLAINTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE -- AN INFINITESIMAL NUMBER CONSIDERING THE MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTERPRISES INVOLVED. THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY ABOUT 1,500 REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTIONS, 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.

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TOTAL BENEFITS TO CORPORATIONS ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$1 BILLION, ALTHOUGH THIS AMOUNT MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN THE CONGRESS. AT MOST, THEY WILL REPRESENT ABOUT ONE-SEVENTH THE AMOUNT GOING TO INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS. AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT, DESPITE THE ROBBER BARON IMAGERY OF THE DEMAGOGUES, THESE BENEFITS ARE NOT THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF A SMALL GROUP OF WEALTHY MEN AND BIG CORPORATIONS, BUT A RELIEF TO 2 1/2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN SMALL BUSINESS, A STIMULUS TO THE JOB MARKET AND MILLIONS OF SMALL INVESTORS AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND AN INDIRECT BENEFIT TO THE AMERICAN CONSUMER.

CONGRESS MUST BACK PRESIDENT

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 THE CONGRESS WILL SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT. I AM SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WILL. AND THAT MEANS THAT WHEN THE PUBLIC VOTES IN NOVEMBER OF '72, THE CANDIDATE WHO STANDS FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THEIR

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MAJORITY VIEW WILL NOT BE ONE OF THE POLITICAL DOUBTERS OR DELAYERS WHO
SEEK TO DE-RAIL OR OBSTRUCT THE NEW PROSPERITY TODAY. IT WILL BE THE
MAN WHO CREATED THE NEW PROSPERITY; THE MAN WHO PUT THE STOPPER ON INFLA-
TION AND GOT THE ECONOMY GOING AND GROWING ALONG HEALTHY LINES; THE MAN
WHO TODAY LEADS US TOWARD A GENERATION OF PEACE.

AND THAT MAN IS RICHARD NIXON.

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Rocky - Long - and - the
good intentions

John Glenn - Down the line for

Rush - fast,

Landry,

Agnew - May 1971

Can you hear me in the back?