

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN PHOENIX WITH YOU TODAY. IT'S ALWAYS REFRESHING TO GET OUT OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL AND SEE WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE THINKING IN ARIZONA, KANSAS, AND ALL ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION. BUT, WASHINGTON IS, CURRENTLY, AN EXCITING PLACE AND IS FILLED WITH A SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR MANY YEARS.

AND WITHOUT BEING UNDULY PARTISAN, I THINK I CAN SAY THE REASON FOR THIS NEW ATTITUDE IS THE STRONG, SURE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON.

DOMESTIC LEADERSHIP

ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT, HE HAS PROVIDED THE LEADERSHIP TO BRING GOVERNMENT CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE AND MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS.

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HE HAS PROPOSED AND FOUGHT FOR A WELFARE REFORM PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES REALISTIC MEANS TO HELP THE HELPLESS, TO LIFT UP THE WEAK, AND TO REPLACE GIVEAWAYS AND HANDOUTS WITH WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

HE HAS PRESENTED PROPOSALS TO RESTRUCTURE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND RE-ROUTE THE FLOW OF FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

HE HAS INSTITUTED, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, THE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TO COMBAT A PROBLEM THAT THREATENS THE VERY ROOTS OF OUR SOCIAL FABRIC.

HE HAS PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STRATEGY TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY TO ALL WHO NEED IT, REGARDLESS OF INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS. IT WOULD IMPROVE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND ACCELERATE RESEARCH EFFORTS -- AND DO ALL THESE THINGS WITHOUT NATIONALIZATION OR TAKING A GOOD, BUT IMPROVABLE, SYSTEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO SHOULD GOVERN IT, THE DOCTOR AND THE PATIENT.

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CHANGING THE COURT

HE HAS ALSO MADE GOOD ON HIS CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO RE-ORIENT THE PREVAILING JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

OF COURSE, NO ONE COULD HAVE FORESEEN IN 1969 THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NAME FOUR JUSTICES WITHIN THREE YEARS. WITH CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER, HIS VERY FIRST NOMINEE, PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNALLED HIS FULL DEVOTION TO NAMING MEN OF HIGH COMPETENCE AND A RESTRAINED JUDICIAL OUTLOOK.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HARRY BLACKMUN HAVE BORNE OUT THE PRESIDENT'S JUDGMENT OF THEIR HIGH QUALIFICATIONS, AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITIES, AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED THE COURT WITH A STRONG, NEW SENSE OF DIRECTION AWAY FROM THE SO-CALLED WARREN COURT'S ACTIVIST INNOVATION AND EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL INCLINATIONS AND TOWARD A CONSERVATIVE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR LAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

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NOW, WITH THE RETIREMENT OF JUSTICES BLACK AND HARLAN, A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN OPENED TO CONTINUE THE JOB OF REORDERING THE PRIORITIES OF OUR HIGHEST COURT. AND THE PRESIDENT HAS RESPONDED WITH TWO SUPERLATIVE NOMINATIONS.

BLUE-CHIP CANDIDATE

LEWIS POWELL IS A BLUE-CHIP CANDIDATE IF THERE EVER WAS ONE. FEW MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION HAVE RECEIVED MORE HONORS OR WIDER RECOGNITION FROM THEIR COLLEAGUES. AND FEW CAN EQUAL HIS RECORD OF DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION. MEMBER OF A LEADING VIRGINIA LAW FIRM -- A DYNAMIC PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION -- AND A FREQUENT PARTICIPANT IN NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE -- LEWIS POWELL IS BOTH AN OBVIOUS AND AN OUTSTANDING CHOICE FOR THE COURT.

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BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN

WILLIAM REHNQUIST IS ALSO AN EXCEPTIONAL NOMINEE. HE IS YOUNG. BUT AS A STUDENT, A CLERK FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ROBERT JACKSON, AS AN ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, AND AS ONE OF THE BRIGHT YOUNG MEN OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, HE HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED A CONSIDERABLE REPUTATION. TOUGH, ARTICULATE, BRILLIANT ---- THESE ARE THE WORDS MOST FREQUENTLY USED TO DESCRIBE HIM. IN HIS POSITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS, HE HAS REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED QUALITIES THAT HAVE MARKED HIM AS A MAN WHO WAS BOUND FOR GREAT THINGS.

THE PRESIDENT HAS CHOSEN WISELY. BOTH OF THESE MEN HAVE THE INTELLECTUAL, ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ARE JUSTIFIABLY REQUIRED OF THOSE WHO WOULD FILL THE SEATS OF BLACK AND HARLAN. BOTH WILL HAVE AN IMMEDIATE INFLUENCE ON THE PHILOSOPHICAL BALANCE OF THE COURT. AND EACH WILL BRING UNIQUE ASSETS AND TALENTS TO THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND MOST INFLUENTIAL COURT OF ANY JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD.

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POTENTIAL FOR LEADERSHIP

AS I SAID, BOTH MEN ARE OUTSTANDING CHOICES, BUT OF THE TWO, I FEEL BILL REHNQUIST WILL PROVE TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, AND HIS MAY WELL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT NOMINATION SINCE MR. JUSTICE BLACK'S IN 1937. HE HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED A FORCEFUL PERSONALITY AND A LIVELY INTELLECT. AND ONCE ON THE COURT, HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS A GREAT LEADER AND PACE-SETTER FOR HIS COLLEAGUES. OF COURSE, THIS WILL BE A GRADUAL PROCESS, BUT HE HAS MANY YEARS TO HONE HIS PHILOSOPHY, EXERT HIS INFLUENCE, AND PERHAPS BECOME THE HUGO BLACK -- IN TERMS OF INFLUENCE AND LEADERSHIP -- OF THE NIXON-ERA SUPREME COURT. AS SOMEONE HAS POINTED OUT, BILL REHNQUIST COULD EASILY BE SITTING ON THE COURT IN THE YEAR 2000 -- A GREAT PROSPECT, AS I SEE IT, FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COURT AND FOR ITS CAUSE OF EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW IN AMERICA.

ARIZONA IS THE STATE IN WHOSE COURTS THE FAMOUS MIRANDA CASE AROSE. THIS DECISION IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE HIGH WATER MARK IN

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THE COURT'S RECENT ACTIVIST -- INTERVENTIONIST PHASE, WHICH HAS HAMSTRUNG AND FRUSTRATED THE WORK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE NATION. WOULDN'T IT BE ONE OF THE GREAT COINCIDENCES OF AMERICAN HISTORY IF THE SAME STATE WHICH GAVE US THIS CASE WAS THE ONE TO GIVE US THE MAN FOR THE COURT TO LEAD IT AND OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM BACK TOWARD THE PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTS OF THE LAW-ABIDING MAJORITY OF OUR CITIZENS AND THE CRIMINAL MINORITY?

AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, HIS SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS ARE PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST WIDELY-INFLUENTIAL ANY CHIEF EXECUTIVE CAN MAKE. SURELY, THE CAREERS OF CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER AND JUSTICES BLACKMUN, POWELL AND REHNQUIST WILL REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S JUDGMENT AND HIS DETERMINATION TO SEE THEM ON THE COURT.

IN ALL THESE AREAS OF OUR DOMESTIC LIFE WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED -- AND MANY MORE -- THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN THE LEAD AND BY FORCEFUL, FAR-SIGHTED ACTION HAS RESTORED THE NATION'S SENSE OF DIRECTION. BUT HE HAS ALSO MOVED TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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Mr. Dole:

Pages 8(ENDING A WAR) through 15 of your
speech to the Security Benefit Life group
should be added to the first 9 pages of
this speech to the SAMA group.

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