

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

GOP HERITAGE GROUPS
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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH SO MANY ACTIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC REPUBLICAN LEADERS WHO REPRESENT SO MANY DIVERSE AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT WORKERS FOR OUR PARTY AND OUR COUNTRY.

AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, IT IS ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGING FOR ME TO SEE THE ENERGY AND DEDICATION DISPLAYED BY OUR HERITAGE GROUP LEADERS, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THE PARTY'S SUCCESS THAT WE CONTINUE TO GROW AND BUILD AND STRENGTHEN THE BASE OF SUPPORTERS WHO WILL INSURE VICTORY FOR OUR CANDIDATES IN 1972 AND THE YEARS AHEAD.

SINCE BECOMING CHAIRMAN NEARLY TEN MONTHS AGO, I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE WORK DONE BY OUR PERMANENT NATIONALITIES GROUP AT HEADQUARTERS HERE IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND SEE THE WORK DONE BY OUR MANY STATE NATIONALITIES COUNCILS.

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AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE WAS THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN NATIONALITIES COUNCIL'S SALUTE TO CONGRESSMAN ED DERWINSKI LAST MONTH IN CHICAGO. MORE THAN ~~10,000~~ PEOPLE PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THAT EVENT WHICH HONORED ED, WHO, AS ONE OF AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING POLISH AMERICANS AND REPUBLICANS, HAS LONG BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF ETHNIC AMERICANS. ED, AS I AM SURE MANY OF YOU KNOW, HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO BE THE UNITED STATES' ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE 26th UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WITH HIS EXPERIENCE ON THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HIS GREAT INTEREST IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, I AM SURE HE WILL BE A VALUABLE AND INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF OUR DELEGATION.

GOP OPEN TO ETHNICS

GATHERINGS LIKE THE ONE IN CHICAGO AND THIS ONE TODAY ARE PROOF THAT LONG LABORS OF REPUBLICAN LEADERS FOR MANY YEARS HAVE SUCCEEDED FAR MORE THAN SOME SKEPTICS WOULD HAVE PREDICTED.

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AS CHAIRMAN, I SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE WHEN I SAY THAT TODAY IT IS OUR PARTY, NOT THE DEMOCRAT, THAT IS THE REAL PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR. AND PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD TO MAKE IT TRUE.

THE ENTIRE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EFFORTS. AND WE KNOW THAT YOUR CONCERN AND ACTIVISM SPRING FROM YOUR RECOGNITION OF THE CHALLENGES WHICH FACE OUR NATION AT HOME AND ABROAD. WE ARE GRATEFUL, NOT ONLY FOR THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AND TIRELESS ORGANIZATIONAL CAMPAIGNS YOU HAVE LED, BUT ALSO FOR THE DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE WHICH YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE EXEMPLIFY AND CHERISH.

NIXON RECOGNIZES ETHNICS

AND WHEN I SAY WE ARE GRATEFUL, I MEAN IT -- NOT JUST IN THE LOWER ECHELONS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, BUT ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP. WE HAVE A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO APPRECIATES WHAT ETHNIC AMERICANS MEAN TO OUR PARTY AND TO OUR NATION, AND HE, TOO, IS ACTING ON

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HIS BELIEFS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ALONE, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN TWENTY PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS GOING TO ETHNIC AMERICANS, INCLUDING AMERICANS OF POLISH, CUBAN, MEXICAN, HUNGARIAN, LATVIAN, FILIPINO, CHINESE, ITALIAN, PUERTO RICAN, AND GREEK ANCESTRY. AND IF THAT ISN'T A POLITICAL MELTING POT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN MAJOR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE AND EXPAND EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ETHNIC AMERICANS. HE HAS APPOINTED A SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY JOHN VOLPE, TO REVIEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, POLICIES AND STRUCTURES IN ORDER TO OPEN NEW DOORS TO THEIR PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

DEMOCRATS ALIENATE ETHNICS

ALL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS COME AT A TIME WHEN THE OTHER MAJOR PARTY SEEMS TO BE WAGING A CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE OUT ITS ETHNIC AMERICANS. THERE WAS A TIME, SOME YEARS AGO, WHEN THE SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT;

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WHEN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY COULD HONESTLY LAY CLAIM TO BEING A
MELTING POT PARTY. ~~NOW SOME OF THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF ITS~~
~~YOUTH WING SEEM MORE INTERESTED IN "POT" THAN IN MELTING POTS,~~
AND THE SOLID MASS OF RELIGIOUS, PATRIOTIC, HARD-WORKING ETHNIC
AMERICANS WHO ONCE IDENTIFIED WITH THE DEMOCRAT PARTY FIND
THEMSELVES IN SEARCH OF A NEW POLITICAL BASE.

GOP OFFERS NEW BASE

WE CAN OFFER THEM THAT BASE, AND WE DO. IT IS PART OF A
REMARKABLE POLITICAL PHENOMENON THAT IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
AS THE DEMOCRAT PARTY SHRINKS INWARD -- AS THE RADICAL LIBERALS,
LABOR BOSSES AND IRRESPONSIBLE POLITICIANS WHO CONTROL THAT PARTY
DRIVE AWAY MORE AND MORE TRADITIONAL RANK-AND-FILE DEMOCRATS --
WHILE THIS PROCESS CONTINUES, THE EXACT OPPOSITE HAS BEEN OCCURRING
IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN SHRINKING, WE HAVE
BEEN GROWING -- NOT JUST IN NUMBERS, BUT IN A BROADER OUTLOOK AND
PHILOSOPHY.

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GOP REFLECTS MAJORITY OUTLOOK

ON THE GREAT ISSUES OF THE DAY -- ON THE ISSUES OF WAR AND PEACE, PROSPERITY, STABILITY AND MORALITY, IT IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THAT REFLECTS THE VALUES AND IDEALS OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF DECENT CITIZENS.-- WHATEVER THEIR RACIAL, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC HERITAGE.

WHAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION REALIZE -- AND WHAT MANY DEMOCRAT POLITICIANS SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN -- IS THAT MILLIONS OF ETHNIC AMERICANS AND THE MAJORITY OF ALL AMERICANS WANT THE SAME THINGS FOR OUR COUNTRY.

THEY WANT AN AMERICA THAT IS STRONG AND AT PEACE AND PEACEFUL; AN AMERICA THAT ABOUNDS IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BUT IS NOT PLAGUED BY ENDLESS INFLATION. THEY WANT AN AMERICA WHERE HARD WORK AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP ARE ENCOURAGED, NOT PENALIZED; AN AMERICA WHERE EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO GO AS FAR AS HIS ABILITY WILL TAKE HIM.

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NIXON PROGRAM RESHAPES AMERICA

AND THAT IS WHAT RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WANT TOO. WE HAVE SOUGHT IT THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC ACTION PROGRAM THAT HAS REVITALIZED AND RESHAPED ALMOST EVERY FACET OF THE GOVERNMENT. BUT IT IS A PROGRAM AIMED AT RESULTS -- NOT PUBLICITY -- AND, AS A RESULT, THE PUBLIC IS NOT ALWAYS AS AWARE OF IT AS WE MIGHT LIKE. SO TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU AND EVERY OTHER REPUBLICAN TO GET OUT AND TELL THE STORY OF OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT. IT IS A GREAT STORY. IT IS A STORY OF SUCCESS AND PROGRESS AND LEADERSHIP FOR AMERICA. AND IF WE ALL DO OUR JOB AND TELL OUR STORY, 1972 WILL BE A YEAR OF VICTORY FOR RICHARD NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- AND THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL BE YEARS OF CONTINUED GREATNESS FOR OUR NATION.

UNLIKE THE VISIONARIES AND SUPER SALESMEN OF PAST DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY UNDER RICHARD NIXON HAS NOT MADE PROMISES THAT COULD NOT BE KEPT. WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED IS SOMETHING LESS FLASHY, BUT MORE SUBSTANTIAL -- REAL PROGRESS. AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN DONE AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF FLOUNDERING AND FAILURE AT THE TOP MAKES IT ALL THE MORE REMARKABLE.

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EXTENSIVE DEMO FAILURES

I COULD CATALOGUE THE FAILURES AND DISASTERS THAT RICHARD NIXON INHERITED FROM HIS PREDECESSORS FOR THE REST OF THIS SPEECH AND STILL ONLY SCRATCH THE SURFACE. I COULD SPEAK OF THE SENSELESS, NO-WIN ESCALATION OF THE WAR THAT COST THOUSANDS OF YOUNG AMERICAN LIVES BUT RENOUNCED ALL CHANCE OF VICTORY. I COULD SPEAK OF THE ANARCHY AND LAWLESSNESS THAT SWEEPED AMERICAN CITIES AND LEFT SOME OF THEM IN ASHES. I COULD SPEAK OF THE DIVISIVE DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS WHO TURNED ON THEIR OWN ELECTED LEADERSHIP AND PROLONGED THE WAR BY SOWING DISCONTENT AT HOME AND -- WHETHER THEY WISHED IT OR NOT -- BOOSTING ENEMY MORALE AND DEMORALIZING OUR OWN FIGHTING MEN.

I COULD TALK OF THE DEMOCRAT POLITICIANS WHO, AGAIN AND AGAIN, HAVE APOLOGIZED AND MADE EXCUSES FOR VIOLENCE. AND I COULD TALK OF THE HEAVY, DEBILITATING DOUBT -- THE FEELING OF DISCOURAGEMENT AND EVEN DESPAIR -- THAT CAME OVER AMERICA DURING THESE EIGHT DOWNWARD, DISASTROUS YEARS.

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BETTER LEADERSHIP TODAY

BUT I AM NOT HERE TODAY TO BE CRITICAL OF THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP BEING OFFERED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTY. I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE CHANGE THAT HAS COME OVER THIS NATION UNDER RICHARD NIXON. I AM HERE TO SAY THAT TODAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GETTING MORE LEADERSHIP AND LESS DEMAGOGUERY FROM THEIR ELECTED PRESIDENT THAN THEY HAVE IN MANY YEARS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ABLE TO COPE WITH AN OPPOSITION CONGRESS; THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT HAS NOT WAITED FOR THE CONGRESS TO ACT IN SUCH AREAS AS DRAFT REFORM, EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION AND THE WHOLE SCOPE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE AMERICA OF TODAY IS NOT THE AMERICA OF 1968 -- AND WE CAN ALL BE THANKFUL FOR IT. THE AMERICA OF TODAY IS A BETTER, FREER SOCIETY THAN EVER BEFORE; A SOCIETY IN WHICH MORE PEOPLE OF ALL RACES ARE ENJOYING MORE ABUNDANCE IN ALL THINGS THAN EVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPROVES

THE AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM IS NOT THE SAME DECREPIT, SHACKLED SYSTEM IT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO. TODAY, THANKS TO STRONG ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND FAIR, ENERGETIC ENFORCEMENT, THE RATE OF INCREASE IN CRIME IS BEING PROGRESSIVELY CUT BACK, AS WAS REVEALED IN THE LATEST F.B.I. CRIME FIGURES RELEASED JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO.

THE SUPREME COURT OF TODAY IS NOT -- AND WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR THIS -- THE SAME COURT AS IN 1968. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ALREADY APPOINTED TWO OUTSTANDING JURISTS, CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HARRY BLACKMUN, TO GIVE A NEW BALANCE AND SOUNDNESS TO THE HIGH COURT'S COMPOSITION. AND HE HAS NOMINATED TWO MORE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-QUALIFIED MEN, LEWIS POWELL AND WILLIAM REHNQUIST.

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GOVERNMENT REFORMED

THE GOVERNMENT OF TODAY IS NOT THE GOVERNMENT OF 1968. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DONE MORE TO OVERHAUL AND MODERNIZE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT THAN ANY LEADER IN THE POST-WAR ERA. POSTAL REFORM, EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION AND BOLD NEW PLANS TO RE-VITALIZE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH REVENUE SHARING -- ALL ARE NEWER, BETTER APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENT THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS SET FORTH WITH CLARITY AND FORCE.

NOR HAVE OTHER AREAS BEEN NEGLECTED. WHILE THE MUSKIES, BAYHS, KENNEDYS AND McGOVERNS HAVE COMPETED WITH EACH OTHER TO TEAR DOWN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSES, RICHARD NIXON HAS STOOD FIRM FOR A STRONG AMERICA. HIS LEADERSHIP, HIS REPEATED EFFORTS TO RALLY THE CONGRESS, RESCUED THE ABM ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM FROM EXTENCTION AT THE HANDS OF A GROUP OF POLITICIANS WHO THINK IT IS WORTH LEAVING AMERICA DEFENSELESS JUST TO GAIN A LITTLE PUBLICITY AND SOME SHORT-TERM POPULARITY. RICHARD NIXON KNOWS THAT ONLY A STRONG AMERICA IS A SAFE AMERICA, AND HE IS PLEDGED TO THAT PRECEPT. AS LONG AS HE SERVES IN THE WHITE HOUSE, AMERICA IS GOING TO STAY STRONG -- AND FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN LOOK BACK IN GRATITUDE FOR IT.

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EACH OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IS IMPORTANT TO OUR LONG-TERM NATIONAL WELLBEING. EACH OF THEM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA, OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THIS GENERATION AND THE NEXT.

PEACE, PROSPERITY, BIG ISSUES

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. 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

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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 FROM A FAR-OFF WAR THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS THAT PAST DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP SENT AWAY TO FIGHT AND DIE. 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 PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

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NIXON ECONOMIC MEASURES SUCCESSFUL

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

IN OCTOBER, THE PRESIDENT AGAIN SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE OVER NATION-WIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION, AND, AGAIN, GAVE THEM A CLEAR ANALYSIS OF THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY, AND A CLEAR SET OF ACTIONS AND SOLUTIONS. HE WAS ABLE TO REPORT THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF HIS PLAN FOR A NEW PROSPERITY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN CREATING MONETARY STABILITY AROUND THE WORLD AND IN CREATING FAIRER WORLD TRADE CONDITIONS.

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NOW THE PRESIDENT HAS OUTLINED A NEW SERIES OF STEPS --
STEPS DESIGNED TO KEEP US ON THE WINNING SIDE IN THE WAR AGAINST
INFLATION AND ECONOMIC STAGNATION.

IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS ON HIS POST-FREEZE POLICY, THE
PRESIDENT ISSUED A CALL TO ALL AMERICANS -- WHATEVER THEIR PARTY
AFFILIATION:

"WE OFTEN HEAR PEOPLE SAY, 'THESE ARE TROUBLED TIMES.'
I SAY THESE ARE GREAT AND EXCITING TIMES. WE ARE
AT THE THRESHOLD OF A GREAT NEW ERA -- AN AGE OF
MOVEMENT AND CHALLENGE AND CHANGE. WE HAVE AN
UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD
FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN. LET US DEDICATE
OURSELVES TONIGHT TO MAKE THE MOST OF THAT OPPORTUNITY --
TO JOIN IN A GREAT COMMON EFFORT TO STOP INFLATION --
AND TO CREATE A NEW PROSPERITY IN A WORLD OF PEACE."

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AMERICANS SUPPORT GOAL

I BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AND ESPECIALLY ETHNIC AMERICANS -- AGREE WITH AND SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT AND THIS GOAL. THE MAJOR TEST THAT LIES AHEAD IS WHETHER THE CONGRESS, IN CONSIDERING THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM, WILL HEED THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, ALREADY EXPRESSED OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF THE NEW PROSPERITY, OR WHETHER A FEW DISSIDENT BUT POWERFUL LABOR AND POLITICAL BOSSES WILL BE ABLE TO PLACE THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS BEFORE THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

I BELIEVE THAT IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU STAND BEHIND THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS WILL FOLLOW SUIT. AND I AM EVEN MORE CONFIDENT THAT IF EACH OF US ORGANIZES, WORKS AND TELLS THE SUCCESS STORY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER OF 1972, THAT WE CAN GIVE RICHARD NIXON A SECOND TERM IN OFFICE TO COMPLETE HIS GREAT WORK FOR AMERICA.

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ETHNIC ROLE IMPORTANT

AS ETHNIC LEADERS, YOU HAVE AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. EACH OF YOU CAN CONVERT THE GROWING DISENCHANTMENT OF ETHNIC AMERICANS WITH THE DEMOCRAT PARTY INTO A POSITIVE NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. YOU CAN DO THIS, AND I BELIEVE YOU WILL.

AND, BY SUCCEEDING IN YOUR EFFORTS, YOU WILL PLAY AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE, NOT ONLY IN GIVING ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING NATIONAL LEADERSHIP, BUT IN RESHAPING THE ENTIRE POLITICAL DESTINY OF AMERICA -- AND RESHAPING IT FOR THE BETTER.