

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
FUNDRAISING DINNER
SALT FORK PARK LODGE
CAMBRIDGE, OHIO
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1972

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN OHIO WHICH IS RAPIDLY BECOMING MY ADOPTED HOME STATE. I HAVE BEEN HERE MORE THAN A DOZEN TIMES IN THE LAST YEAR AND EVERY TIME -- JUST LIKE TONIGHT -- I HAVE MET WITH HUNDREDS OF ENTHUSIASTIC REPUBLICANS COMMITTED TO VICTORY FOR THE GOP AND A RESOUNDING RE-ELECTION WIN FOR THE NIXON-AGNEW TICKET IN NOVEMBER.

THIS YEAR, WITH THIS ELECTION, I BELIEVE WE CAN SEE THE BEGINNING -- AND THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT -- OF A TREND ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. A NATIONAL TREND IN THE REPUBLICAN DIRECTION AND AWAY FROM THE NOW BANKRUPT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF BIG GOVERNMENT AND BIG-SPENDING BY THE OPPOSITION PARTY.

FOR FORTY YEARS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS BEEN THE MINORITY PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY.

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BUT THIS YEAR, WITH THIS ELECTION, WE CAN PUT AN END
TO THAT.

WE CAN PUT A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE CONGRESS.

AND WE CAN PUT THE COUNTRY ON RECORD -- AND THE WORLD
ON NOTICE -- THAT THE DETERMINED POLICIES OF RICHARD NIXON
TO WIN THE PEACE IN VIETNAM AND TO KEEP THE PEACE AROUND THE
WORLD HAVE THE EQUALLY DETERMINED SUPPORT OF THE VAST MAJORITY
OF AMERICANS.

AND THAT GEORGE MC GOVERN'S POLICIES OF PLANNED WEAKNESS
FOR AMERICA HAVE BEEN RESOUNDINGLY REJECTED.

WE CAN PUT THE COUNTRY ON RECORD -- AND PUT THE COUNTRY'S
CRIMINALS ON NOTICE -- THAT RICHARD NIXON'S RESOLVE TO WIN THE FIGHT
AGAINST CRIME IN THIS COUNTRY HAS THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.

AND THAT THE PERMISSIVENESS OF GEORGE MC GOVERN -- WHOSE BEST
AND ONLY ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF CRIME IN AMERICA IS TO PUT
RAMSEY CLARK BACK IN THE CABINET -- HAS BEEN RESOUNDINGLY REJECTED.

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WE CAN PUT THE COUNTRY ON RECORD -- AND THE ADVOCATES OF BIGGER AND BIGGER GOVERNMENT ON NOTICE -- THAT RICHARD NIXON'S POLICIES TO RETURN POWER TO THE PEOPLE AND THEIR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS LIKE REVENUE SHARING, HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AND THAT GEORGE MC GOVERN'S PLANS TO GIVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF EVERYTHING FROM WHERE YOU BUY YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE TO WHERE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL, HAS BEEN RESOUNDINGLY REJECTED.

AMERICA'S CRITICS ON NOTICE

AND WE CAN PUT THE COUNTRY ON RECORD -- AND THE CRITICS OF AMERICA ON NOTICE -- THAT MOST AMERICANS AGREE WITH RICHARD NIXON'S CONVICTION THAT WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT AMERICA IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN ITS FAULTS. AND THAT ONLY IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT FUNDAMENTAL, CAN YOU REALISTICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY SET ABOUT TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE.

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AND THAT GEORGE MC GOVERN'S FALSE AND NARROW VIEW OF AMERICA -- THAT ITS SYSTEM HAS FAILED US AND MUST BE REPLACED -- HAS BEEN RESOUNDINGLY REJECTED.

IN SHORT, BY THE RE-ELECTION OF RICHARD NIXON AND THE ELECTION OF REPUBLICANS TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICE, WE WILL BE WINNING A VICTORY NOT JUST FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BUT FOR THIS COUNTRY.

AS THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS SAID, THIS COULD BE ONE OF THE CLEAREST CHOICES OFFERED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THIS CENTURY. IT COULD BE A CHOICE ON THE ISSUES, AND BETWEEN TWO CANDIDATES WHO PROPOSE TO THE ELECTORATE TWO WIDELY DIVERGENT ALTERNATIVES.

I SAY IT COULD BE. I KNOW IT OUGHT TO BE.

BUT APPARENTLY, IF GEORGE MC GOVERN HAS HIS WAY, IT ISN'T GOING TO BE.

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MC GOVERN CAMPAIGN TACTICS BLUR ISSUES

GEORGE MC GOVERN WON'T HESITATE TO SLANDER THE PRESIDENT -- AS HE HAS DONE THE SAME WAY NOW AT LEAST THREE TIMES, BY COMPARING HIM TO HITLER -- BUT TRY TO PIN HIM DOWN ON TAX REFORM, WHERE HE HAS TAKEN A DIFFERENT POSITION AT LEAST THREE TIMES.

HE DOESN'T SHRINK FROM CHARACTERIZING THE PRESIDENT AS A BARBARIAN, BUT HE WON'T TAKE THE TIME TO TELL US HOW HE REALLY EXPECTS TO GUARANTEE THE RELEASE OF THE POW'S IN VIETNAM IN ONLY NINETY DAYS.

MC GOVERN'S RUNNING-MATE DOESN'T HESITATE TO CALL THE PRESIDENT THE "GREATEST WARMAKER" IN HISTORY, BUT MC GOVERN HIMSELF CAN'T EXPLAIN HOW HE WOULD PREVENT WAR BY CUTTING OUR DEFENSE BUDGET ALMOST IN HALF.

AND GEORGE MC GOVERN DOESN'T SEEM RELUCTANT TO INSULT AMERICA'S LABORING MEN AND WOMEN WHO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT -- HE SAYS THEY SHOULD "HAVE THEIR HEAD(S) EXAMINED" -- BUT HE CAN'T SPELL OUT JUST HOW IT IS THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD LIVE UP TO HIS PROMISE OF A JOB FOR EVERY AMERICAN WHO WANTS ONE. OR WHY IT IS HIS INEFFECTUAL AND OFTEN-REVISED WELFARE PLAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY WORK REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE WHO DON'T WANT A JOB.

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MC GOVERN SHOULD DEBATE SELF

THIS ELECTION COULD OFFER AMERICA THE CLEAREST CHOICE IN THIS CENTURY, IF ONLY GEORGE MC GOVERN WOULD DO HIS PART, BY CLEARING UP HIS OWN POSITION.

BUT IT APPEARS HE CAN'T. IT APPEARS, IN FACT, THAT HE IS AT LEAST AS CONFUSED ABOUT WHERE HE STANDS ON THE ISSUES AS ARE THE REST OF US.

WHAT THE SENATOR DOES NOT YET APPARENTLY FULLY APPRECIATE, IS THAT AMERICANS DON'T JUST MISUNDERSTAND HIS POSITIONS. THEY JUST FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THEM.

THEY DON'T BELIEVE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT -- AT A TIME WHEN AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR ARE STILL LOCKED IN COMMUNIST CELLS HALF A WORLD AWAY -- THAT A MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD ACTUALLY FAVOR A POLICY OF GENERAL AMNESTY FOR DRAFT DODGERS.

AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AS GEORGE MC GOVERN FOUND OUT TO HIS DISMAY -- ARE FINDING IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD ACTUALLY PROPOSE THAT EVERY AMERICAN BE GIVEN A THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN RETURN FOR DOING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

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ROOT OF MC GOVERN DILEMMA LIES IN EARLY RADICALISM

THE SOURCE OF GEORGE MC GOVERN'S PRESENT PROBLEM LIES IN THIS -- AND IT IS A PROBLEM SHARED BY MANY OF HIS PARTNERS IN PERMISSIVENESS BOTH IN AND OUT OF POLITICS -- THAT EARLIER IN HIS CAREER HE WAS FREE TO BE FRANK AND OPEN ABOUT HIS BELIEFS. WHEN HE RAISED THE IDEA OF LEGALIZING THE USE OF MAJIJUANA, FOR EXAMPLE, AS HE DID ON REPEATED OCCASIONS IN 1971 AND EARLY 1972, HE WASN'T SPEAKING THEN TO ALL AMERICANS. HE WASN'T TRYING THEN TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY. HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO KEEP THE SUPPORT OF A SMALL AND ZEALOUS BAND OF RADICALS WHO COULD HELP IN THE PRIMARY CONTESTS LIKE THE ONE IN NEW YORK, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH HE WON WITH THE VOTES OF ONLY ABOUT SIX PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS IN THAT STATE.

AND IT IS MUCH THE SAME ON THE ISSUES OF ABORTION AND CRIME CONTROL AND WELFARE REFORM AND THE REST. GEORGE MC GOVERN'S POSITIONS ARE WELL-SUITED TO WINNING HIM THE PRESIDENCY OF A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE SDS. BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO TRUST HIM IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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MOST AMERICANS KNOW, EVEN IF GEORGE MC GOVERN DOES NOT -- THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS NEVER ACCEPTED "DO YOUR OWN THING" AS THE NATIONAL MOTTO OR THE SUM TOTAL OF WISDOM.

THEY WANT A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT AMERICA MEANS AND HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR -- NOT A MAN WHO WANTS TO RESHAPE IT IN HIS OWN RADICAL IMAGE.

THEY WANT A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE -- NOT JUST A MAN THEY CAN TRUST -- BUT A MAN WHO THEY KNOW TRUSTS THEM, TOO. THEY DON'T WANT A PRESIDENT WHO THINKS AND BELIEVES THAT HE CAN RUN THE COUNTRY FROM WASHINGTON AND ALL HE NEEDS TO HELP HIM IS A FEW OF HIS FELLOW-ENLIGHTENED WHO ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY KNOW BETTER THAN WE DO OURSELVES, WHAT IS BEST FOR US AND OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS.

ACCORDING TO SENATOR KENNEDY, GEORGE MC GOVERN'S GREATEST QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP IS THAT HE CARES ABOUT PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS. HE DOESN'T CARE ENOUGH ABOUT THE FISCAL PROBLEMS OF AMERICA'S STATES AND LOCALITIES TO COME HOME TO THE SENATE TO VOTE FOR REVENUE SHARING, BUT HE CARES, NONETHELESS, OR SO SAYS SENATOR KENNEDY.

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MC GOVERN CARES ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IN AMERICA -- OR SO SAYS GEORGE MC GOVERN -- BUT NOT ENOUGH TO COME HOME TO THE SENATE TO VOTE ON LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

AND HE CARE ABOUT FARMERS -- AND ABOUT FEEDING THE WORLD'S HUNGRY PEOPLE -- OR SO SAYS GEORGE MC GOVERN -- BUT NOT ENOUGH TO CAUSE HIM TO CEASE HIS CYNICAL AND BASELESS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF THE HISTORIC WHEAT TRADE DEAL WITH THE SOVIET UNION, ACCUSATIONS THAT, AS HE MUST KNOW, CAN ONLY JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESS OF THE TRADE PLANS.

HE ALSO CARES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS -- OR SO SAYS GEORGE MC GOVERN. BUT HE DOESN'T CARE ENOUGH TO COME HOME TO THE SENATE TO VOTE ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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GEORGE MC GOVERN CARES -- OR SO SAYS GEORGE MC GOVERN --
AND SENATOR KENNEDY CARES, TOO, ABOUT VICTORY FOR GEORGE MC GOVERN
IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION -- OR SO WE ARE TOLD BY KENNEDY
HIMSELF.

RECENTLY, SENATOR KENNEDY SENT A LETTER TO HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS, ASKING THEM TO SUPPORT MC GOVERN'S
CANDIDACY "WHETHER YOU CAN ONLY GIVE \$5 OR CAN AFFORD \$1,000."

WHAT HE DIDN'T ADMIT, OF COURSE, IS THAT HE HASN'T YET
MADE A CONTRIBUTION HIMSELF.

KENNEDY HAS ASKED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS --
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WHAT GEORGE MC GOVERN MIGHT CALL THE
LITTLE PEOPLE -- TO CONTRIBUTE \$5 OR MORE TO THE MC GOVERN CAMPAIGN,
BUT HE HASN'T YET CONTRIBUTED EVEN 5 CENTS OF HIS OWN.

WHO IS KENNEDY ASKING THEM TO JOIN WHEN HE ASKS THEM TO
"JOIN US IN THIS GREAT ENDEAVOR?" FOR THEY CAN'T JOIN TED KENNEDY.

PERHAPS KENNEDY HAS PLANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MC GOVERN
CAMPAIGN -- OR PERHAPS HE HAS PLANS NOT TO CONTRIBUTE AT ALL.

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WHAT IS YOUR GUESS? DOES KENNEDY SUPPORT THE MC GOVERN-SHRIVER TICKET AS HE SAYS HE DOES -- OR WOULD HE PREFER TO SAVE HIS MONEY FOR 1976?

DOES HE BELIEVE THAT A CONTRIBUTION TO THE MC GOVERN CAMPAIGN WOULD BE WASTED.


WE CAN'T KNOW -- BUT WE CAN GUESS. AND CERTAINLY IT SEEMS ODD THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM A CAMPAIGN TICKET THAT INCLUDES ONE OF THE FAMILY.

WHETHER HE WILL, OR NOT, IS ANYBODY'S GUESS.

SO IT MIGHT AS WELL BE YOUR GUESS.

AND I INVITE YOU ALL TO JOIN A NATIONWIDE CONTEST TO GUESS THE DATE AND THE AMOUNT OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S CONTRIBUTION TO GEORGE MC GOVERN'S CAMPAIGN.

THERE IS NO PRIZE FOR COMING IN FIRST -- WHICH COME TO THINK OF IT -- SEEMS TO BE PART OF THE MC GOVERN PLATFORM. BUT THE WINNER WILL HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT HE FIGURED OUT HOW MUCH SENATOR KENNEDY REALLY CARES ABOUT THE CANDIDATE HE HAS BEEN WRITING ALL OF THOSE LETTERS FOR.



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THE QUESTION THE CONTEST RAISES -- SIMPLY STATED --
IS HOW MUCH WILL SENATOR KENNEDY GIVE TO ATTEMPT TO PUT
GEORGE MC GOVERN IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

BUT, OF COURSE, THE BIGGER QUESTION, BY FAR IN THIS
CAMPAIGN IS HOW MUCH ARE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILLING TO SACRIFICE
TO PUT A MAN LIKE GEORGE MC GOVERN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. AND THE
ANSWER, IF THE POLLS ARE TO BE BELIEVED, IS NOT VERY MUCH --
NOTHING AT ALL, IN FACT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WON'T WANT GEORGE MC GOVERN IN THE
WHITE HOUSE.

PEOPLE DON'T WANT NINETY DAY WONDER

RICHARD NIXON HASN'T SOLVED ALL THE PROBLEMS THIS COUNTRY
FACED IN 1969 IN THE SHORT SPACE OF FOUR YEARS -- BUT HE NEVER
PROMISED TO. GEORGE MC GOVERN NOT ONLY PROMISES A SOLUTION FOR
ALMOST OUR EVERY PROBLEM, BUT HE NAIVELY PROMISES -- AND AS
NAIVELY EXPECTS US TO BELIEVE THAT HE CAN -- HAVE PRACTICALLY ALL
OF THEM SOLVED IN JUST NINETY DAYS.

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WHAT RICHARD NIXON HAS DONE, HOWEVER, IS TO START US ALONG THE ROAD OF PROGRESS AGAIN. THE COUNTRY IS BACK ON COURSE, NOW, -- A COURSE IT WAVERED FROM DURING THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON SIXTIES.

OUR CITIES AND CAMPUSES ARE QUIET.

HALF A MILLION OF OUR SERVICEMEN HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HOME FROM WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA -- AND LAST WEEK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SOME SEVEN YEARS, AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN VIETNAM WERE REDUCED TO ZERO.

AND THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE COURAGEOUS, AND HOPEFUL, FIRST STEPS -- AND THEY ARE, FOR ALL THEIR INITIAL SUCCESS -- ONLY FIRST STEPS TOWARD A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST POWERS IN MOSCOW AND PEKING.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO CAN REALISTICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY BUILD ON THOSE BEGINNINGS -- NOT ONE WHO WILL TREAT THEM AS ENDS IN THEMSELVES, AS EXCUSES FOR SLASHING OUR DEFENSE STRENGTH IN THE NAIVE EXPECTATION THAT ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN SOLVED BY TWO SUMMIT MEETINGS.

Richard Nixon
March 1971
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RICHARD NIXON KNOWS WHAT THIS COUNTRY CAN ACCOMPLISH. AND HE KNOWS WHAT THE RISKS ARE. HE KNOWS OUR STRENGTHS -- AND INTENDS TO PROTECT THEM -- AND HE KNOWS OUR WEAKNESSES -- AND INTENDS TO CORRECT THEM.

NOW MORE THAN EVER

BUT MOST OF ALL, HE KNOWS THAT TO DO EITHER, HE NEEDS OUR HELP AND THE HELP OF ALL THE CITIZENS WHO SHARE HIS GOALS OF A BETTER AMERICA IN A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. HE KNOWS, AS HE SAID HIMSELF, THAT "WITHOUT THE PEOPLE, WE CAN DO NOTHING."

WE NEED HIM IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR FOUR MORE YEARS.

AND NOW, MORE THAN EVER, HE NEEDS US.

Martha Moore
Tom Johnson
Ray Aliso

Bill Sobhe
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