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We are, I suggest, required to offer to the people of this nation, Republican and Democrat alike, a philosophy and a program which will successfully correct the errors of the past and provide a valid basis for new hope and ultimately satisfy the aspirations of mankind to be free.

I am not so naive as to believe that any words of mine will be so compelling as to cause any of you to alter the particular viewpoint you may have. Yet I am bold enough to suggest that if the Republican Party is to serve the nation, if Constitutional government is to survive, if free enterprise is to continue to provide us with adequate goods and services, it is first required that this political instrument in whose service we have enlisted, accept and then articulate with boldness and vigor a political philosophy so easily understood, so crystal clear in all its manifestations as to permit the American people to recognize us for what we truly are.

Some do not like the term "Conservative" because it is said it carries with it the deliberately fostered connotation of pinch-fist, money-bags, fighting selfishly to maintain a position of privilege and power?

Some don't like the term "Liberal" because it suggests reckless experimentation and utter disregard of the lessons

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of the past.

It is not necessary for the Republican Party to qualify its basic political philosophy with either of these descriptive limiting terms. The Republican Party has always been and I pray always will be a group of men and women who are determined to preserve all that is good in the past, reject all that has been proven of little value, moving forward with strength and determination to create a better world tomorrow.

Republicans are opposed to Socialism and so, indeed, are the majority of the people of the United States.

Republicans have reverence for the Constitution and so, indeed, does the majority of the people of the United States.

Republicans recognize that as governments increase in size and cost the sovereignty of the individual is diminished and there develops a dangerous concentration of power in the hands of the government. And so, indeed, does the majority of the people of the United States.

Republicans believe the Federal Government was created to "form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility,