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LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION
NOON LUNCHEON
INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS
Saturday, February 11, 1967
Remarks of Congressman Bob Dole

IT IS CERTAINLY AN HONOR TO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO DO THIS FOR MY GOOD FRIEND, JOE SKUBITZ, AND CERTAINLY AGREE WITH JOE THAT WE MUST ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN OUR PARTY. KANSAS IS NO LONGER AN ALL-REPUBLICAN STATE, AND WHILE THERE ARE PROBABLY A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR THIS, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS WE HAVE ALL FAILED TO ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE REPUBLICAN CAUSE. THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL BE BOTH INTERESTING AND EXCITING, AND MANY, MANY REPUBLICANS AROUND THE COUNTRY CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL 1968. IN KANSAS THERE ARE ALREADY RUMBLINGS AND RUMORS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS. HOWEVER, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE RETAIN A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE, AT LEAST UNTIL WE KNOW WHO WILL BE SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. I FIND IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO BE LINING UP WITH ANY REPUBLICAN AT THIS POINT SINCE I KNOW OF NO REPUBLICAN WHO AS YET HAS STATED THAT HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. REPUBLICANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE HUNGRY FOR VICTORY, AND I BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY IN 1968 IF, AND ONLY IF, WE REMAIN UNITED AND AGREE TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE -- WHOEVER THAT MAY BE.

THERE IS A NEW ATMOSPHERE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER OF YEARS WE HAVE SOME SEMBLANCE OF A TWO-PARTY CONGRESS. REPUBLICANS HAVE MADE GAINS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE, A NET GAIN OF 47 HOUSE MEMBERS AND 3 SENATORS. THE OTHER PARTY CERTAINLY RECOGNIZES NOW THAT SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES RAMMED THROUGH THE "RUBBERSTAMP" 89TH CONGRESS WERE HIGHLY UNPOPULAR WITH PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS, AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, RECOGNIZE THAT REPUBLICAN VICTORIES IN 1966 PRESENT ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE MUST MAKE THE MOST OF IF WE EXPECT FURTHER GAINS IN 1968 AND THEREAFTER.

THE 90TH CONGRESS

THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE QUESTION IN THE WORLD TODAY IS WHOM WILL THE 90TH CONGRESS REPRESENT. WILL IT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, THE NATION AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST, OR WILL IT FOLLOW IN THE DEEP RUTS OF THE 89TH CONGRESS AND SO MANY CONGRESSES BEFORE?

THE 90TH CONGRESS HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE WORLD IF IT ACTS WISELY AND RESPONDS TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THE ELECTIONS LAST NOVEMBER REPRESENTED A RESOUNDING REPUDIATION OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. THE RESULTS WERE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT.

IN THIS, THE 90TH CONGRESS, YOU WILL FIND TIME AFTER TIME THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VOTING FOR THE PEOPLE -- THE INDIVIDUAL -- AND DEMOCRAT MEMBERS, TIME AFTER TIME, VOTING FOR L.B.J. AND HIS PROGRAMS. EVEN SOME WHO PROFESS TO BE CONVINCED THAT JOHNSON PROGRAMS ARE ILL-FOUNDED WILL VOTE THE JOHNSON LINE. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY TRUE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE GREATLY REDUCED NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP WILL INSIST UPON PARTY LOYALTY -- AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THEY WILL GET IT -- AS DEMONSTRATED ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK WHEN THE HOUSE DEMOCRATS VOTED TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL DEBT CEILING BY \$6 BILLION, TO \$336 BILLION.

WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME, CONGRESS AND THE CONGRESS ONLY, MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE. IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT NEITHER JOHNSON, NOR THE SUPREME COURT, WILL STOP THE DRIVE TO DISMANTLE THE CONSTITUTION. THEY INHERITED THE ROOSEVELT PHILOSOPHY -- HAVE CARRIED IT FURTHER AND ARE STUCK WITH IT.

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IN ESSENCE, THEN, IT IS UP TO THE CONGRESS SIMPLY TO DO ITS JOB OF REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE. TO POINT OUT THE NECESSITY OF THIS, LET US TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE REASONS:

SPENDING POLICIES

THE SPENDING POLICIES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT SUCH POLICIES, HAVE MADE A MOCKERY OF THE DEBT CEILING LIMITATION. WITH THIS IN MIND, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1968.

ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 1968 CASH BUDGET:

SINCE 1961, DEFENSE SPENDING HAS RISEN \$29.1 BILLION. NON-DEFENSE SPENDING HAS RISEN \$43.8 BILLION.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT HAS RISEN 474,000.

THIS YEAR, THE PRESIDENT IS ASKING FOR A \$5.5 BILLION INCREASE IN DEFENSE SPENDING, AND A \$6.1 BILLION INCREASE IN NON-DEFENSE SPENDING.

FINALLY, SINCE 1964, WE HAVE CHALKED UP MORE DEBT THAN IN THE ENTIRE 10-YEAR DEPRESSION PERIOD OF 1931 TO 1941.

MR. JOHNSON SAID HE'D SPEND \$99.7 BILLION IN FISCAL 1966. HE SPENT \$107 BILLION.

MR. JOHNSON SAID HE'D SPEND \$112.9 BILLION IN FISCAL 1967. HE SPENT \$126.8 BILLION.

IN HIS RECENT BUDGET MESSAGE, MR. JOHNSON SAYS HE WILL SPEND \$135 BILLION NEXT YEAR. JUDGING BY PAST PERFORMANCE, HE'LL ACTUALLY SPEND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$150 BILLION AND \$160 BILLION.

HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON, D. C., AN OLDTIMER CAN BE FOUND WHO REMEMBERS THE DAY, OR THE YEAR, OR THE ADMINISTRATION, WHEN BUDGETS MEANT SOMETHING. THEY WERE MORE OR LESS ADHERED TO -- USED AS GUIDELINES -- TREATED AS SOMETHING LESS THAN A TIGHT CONTRACT, YET SOMETHING MORE THAN MERELY A DRY RUN.

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HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT TRYING TO EXPLAIN JUST HOW MUCH MONEY IS INVOLVED IN THE \$135 BILLION SPENDING BUDGET THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON ASKED THE CONGRESS TO APPROVE? THIS IS A SUM WHICH THE AVERAGE PERSON OR TAX-PAYER SIMPLY CANNOT UNDERSTAND BECAUSE IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE MIND TO VISUALIZE JUST HOW MUCH MONEY \$135 BILLION ACTUALLY IS. SIMPLE ARITHMETIC SHOWS THAT THE SUM OF \$135 BILLION BREAKS DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY \$375,000,000 FOR EACH OF THE 365 DAYS OF THE YEAR. BROKEN DOWN FURTHER, IT MEANS OUR GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SPEND SOME \$ 15,400,000 PER HOUR, OR, IN A FINAL ANALYSIS, APPROXIMATELY \$4,281 A SECOND.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION ABOUT THE BUDGET AND IT IS PROPER, BUT IN RECENT YEARS, THE WHOLE SUBJECT HAS BECOME AS INCOMPREHENSIBLE AS A CHINESE CROSSWORD PUZZLE. THE CURRENT JOHNSON DOCUMENT VIVIDLY POINTS UP THREE BASIC TRENDS:

1. THE UPSURGE IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING IS GETTING PROGRESSIVELY UNCONTROLLABLE.
2. DEFICIT FINANCING IS A PERMANENT FEATURE OF FEDERAL SPENDING.
3. THE BUDGET ITSELF HAS BECOME ALMOST MEANINGLESS AS A FISCAL GUIDE.

THE DEMOCRATS APPARENTLY HAVE NEVER LEARNED THAT NECESSITIES SHOULD COME BEFORE LUXURIES, FOR AGAIN, THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROPOSES THAT THE PEOPLE SACRIFICE EVEN SOME OF THEIR NECESSITIES TO PERMIT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN ITS PEACETIME LUXURY SPENDING PROGRAM.S

THE \$4,281 PER SECOND FIGURE MENTIONED EARLIER HAPPENS TO APPROXIMATE THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX THAT A MARRIED MAN, FILING A JOINT RETURN, WITH A TAXABLE INCOME OF ABOUT \$20,000 DURING 1966 WOULD BE FORCED TO PAY. THE POINT IS THAT THE 90TH CONGRESS MUST BECOME THE "RESPONSIBLE CONGRESS", AND THE 187 REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE MUST BECOME AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN EVERY

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PIECE OF LEGISLATION CONSIDERED THE NEXT TWO YEARS. WE CAN BECOME A POSITIVE FORCE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY UNDOING SOME OF THE "RUBBERSTAMP" LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THE 89TH CONGRESS AND BY SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT OFFER, AS REPUBLICAN HOUSE LEADER, JERRY FORD, STATED IN THE REPUBLICAN STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, "SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE 70's".

JOHNSON HIGH INTEREST RATES HIT JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY

IN HIS ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT, PRESIDENT JOHNSON ~~THIS WEEK~~ TOOK NOTICE OF PEOPLE SUFFERING UNDER THE JOHNSON HIGH INTEREST POLICY. JUST ABOUT EVERYONE WAS HIT -- AND HIT HARD.

HOME BUYERS -- THE MONEY MARKET SHRIVELED UP IN 1966, ACCORDING TO FIGURES SUPPLIED BY THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS. MONEY AVAILABLE FOR MORTGAGES DROPPED BY OVER \$4 BILLION FROM THE FIRST HALF OF 1966 TO THE SECOND HALF, FROM \$14.4 BILLION UP TO JUNE 30 TO \$10.2 BILLION AFTER JULY 1. RESULT: FEWER HOMES BOUGHT, SHARP DECLINE IN BUILDING INDUSTRY, FEWER JOBS.

CONSUMERS -- CONSUMER CREDIT SHRANK BY OVER A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1966, FROM \$7.8 BILLION TO \$6.2 BILLION AFTER JULY 1.

BANK LOANS -- HERE'S WHERE IT REALLY HIT. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1966, BANK LOANS TOTALED \$11.4 BILLION. DURING THE SECOND HALF, THE STREAM TURNED INTO A DRIBBLE, DOWN TO \$3.7 BILLION.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS -- SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SLUMPED, HIGHWAY AND STREET BUILDING SLOWED, OTHER IMPROVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FELL OFF DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1966. REASON? BORROWING BY THESE AGENCIES DROPPED OVER A BILLION FROM THE FIRST TO SECOND HALF, FROM \$6.4 BILLION TO \$5.1 BILLION. THIS AT A TIME WHEN NEW SCHOOLS, NEW HOSPITALS, IMPROVED HIGHWAYS AND STREETS ARE LONG OVERDUE.

CORPORATE SECURITIES -- A \$5 BILLION DROP. CORPORATE BORROWING DROPPED

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FROM \$13.6 BILLION DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR TO \$8.2 BILLION DURING THE LAST HALF.

TOTAL PRIVATE BORROWING --- LIFEBLOOD OF
AN EXPANDING, DYNAMIC ECONOMY --- DROPPED
OVER \$22 BILLION DURING THE LAST HALF OF
1966, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIC ADVISERS.
THE DROP WAS FROM \$70 BILLION IN THE FIRST
HALF OF THE YEAR TO \$47.8 BILLION AFTER
JULY 1. THE FULL EFFECTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN
FELT.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

BESIDES THE VIETNAM WAR, AND IN A VERY REAL SENSE ENCOMPASSING IT,
THE OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM WHICH WILL IMMEDIATELY AFFECT OUR
FISCAL POSITION IS THE U. S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT.

MR. JOHNSON'S BUDGET MESSAGE SPEAKS GLOWINGLY OF THE U. S. ROLE IN
WORLD DEVELOPMENT. YET, NOWHERE IN HIS MESSAGE DOES HE MENTION THIS YEAR'S
WORSENING BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS POSITION. ROBERT V. ROOSA, FORMER UNDER
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, WARNED ONLY A WEEK BEFORE
RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET MESSAGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S STATISTICS
ON THE DEFICIT IN PAYMENTS DO NOT TELL THE REAL STORY.

"BEFORE THE EUPHORIA SETS IN, LET ME BE SO RUDE AS

TO SUGGEST THAT THE REAL NEWS IS NOT AS REASSURING."

MR. ROOSA SAID HIGH INTEREST RATES IN THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR
PULLED IN VAST AMOUNTS OF VOLATILE SHORT-TERM CAPITAL, POSSIBLY RUNNING
AS HIGH AS \$3 BILLION. HE SAID THIS "COVERED OVER" A "SERIOUS DETERIORATION"
IN MANY OF THE BASIC COMPONENTS OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, MOST NOTABLY
THE UNITED STATES TRADE SURPLUS; THAT IS, THE EXCESS OF AMERICAN EXPORTS
OF GOODS AND SERVICES OVER IMPORTS.

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MR. JOHNSON IGNORED THE PROBLEM IN THIS BUDGET MESSAGE.

TAX HIKE OR BUDGET CUTS?

REPUBLICANS ARE TAKING THE POSITION THAT THERE BE NO CONSIDERATION OF AN INCREASE IN INCOME TAXES UNTIL WE -- AS AN EFFECTIVE MINORITY -- ARE SURE THE BUDGET CAN BE CUT NO FURTHER, AND UNTIL OUR FISCAL POSITION IS MORE CLEAR.

COMMON SENSE DICTATES WE MUST CUT SPENDING WHILE FIGHTING A WAR. COMMON SENSE DICTATES WE SHOULD DETERMINE WHERE AND HOW MUCH WE CAN REDUCE SPENDING BEFORE WE EVEN THINK OF MORE TAXES.

WHEN WE KNOW HOW MUCH IS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL SECURITY, THE CONGRESS CAN THEN MAKE CERTAIN THAT ESSENTIAL DOMESTIC PROGRAMS ARE ADEQUATELY FUNDED. LOW-PRIORITY PROGRAMS, DESIRABLE AS THEY MAY BE, MUST BE POSTPONED. REPUBLICANS WILL MOVE TO CUT NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING ----- EVEN IF THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T.

IN ADDITION, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS APPROVED BY CONGRESS IN THE PAST REMAIN UNSPENT. THIS CONGRESS MUST TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THOSE FUNDS. REPUBLICANS PROPOSE A RESCISSION BILL, WITHDRAWING THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE AND SPEND SUCH FUNDS THAT CANNOT MEET THE TEST OF PRUDENCE OF THE NEW CONGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT BELATEDLY PROMISED TO CUT \$3 BILLION FROM EXPENDITURES BY THE END OF JUNE. HE SHOULD SPELL OUT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHERE THESE REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE -- IF THEY HAVE BEEN MADE.

WITH SUCH UNCERTAINTIES, THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT MADE A CONVINCING CASE FOR HIS TAX INCREASE.

BIG GOVERNMENT

CONGRESS MUST MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN HALTING THE GROWTH OF BIG GOVERNMENT. BIGNESS IN ITSELF IS NOT BAD. THIS IS BIG COUNTRY AND CANNOT

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BE RUN ON A SHOESTRING. BUT THAT FORM OF BIG GOVERNMENT IS BAD WHICH IS SO PATERNALISTIC THAT IT MAKES MORAL CRIPPLES OF ITS CITIZENS -- GIVES THEM CRUTCHES WHICH MAKE THEM DEPENDENT UPON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR EVERYTHING. AND THAT KIND OF BIG GOVERNMENT IS BAD WHICH CREATES LAYER UPON LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY SO THAT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS MUFFLED OR EVEN STILLED. LINCOLN'S FAMOUS STATEMENT, "IN ALL THAT THE PEOPLE CAN INDIVIDUALLY DO AS WELL FOR THEMSELVES, THE GOVERNMENT OUGHT NOT TO INTERFERE", IS AS TRUE TODAY AS IT WAS IN THE 1860's. WE SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT GETS INTO MANY VAST PROGRAMS PARTLY AT LEAST, BY DEFAULT. ALL TOO OFTEN, WE WHO SHOULD BE TACKLING THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED ARE NOT DOING THE JOB. THE GOVERNMENT STEPS IN AND WE SOON HAVE A NICE, SEETHING, FULMINATING CHAOS COSTING MILLIONS AND WITH EAGER PROMOTERS URGING THAT ONLY A REALLY BIG ASSAULT COSTING BILLIONS, WILL DO THE JOB. ONCE WE ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL PROBLEMS, THE STRATOSPHERE IS THE LIMIT AS FAR AS COSTS ARE CONCERNED. IT REMINDS ME OF THE STORY TOLD BY JACK LEONARD OF THE MAN WHO WENT INTO THE PET STORE:

"I THINK I'LL BUY THAT MONKEY OVER THERE," HE SAID.

"THAT WILL COST YOU \$100," THE PROPRIETOR REPLIED.

"WHAT? \$100 FOR A MONKEY?"

"THAT'S NOT A MONKEY," THE OWNER SAID. "THAT'S A BABY GORILLA, AND WHEN HE GROWS UP, HE'LL WEIGH 700 OR 800 POUNDS, AND STAND 7 FEET 2 INCHES HIGH."

"MY GOD," SAID THE PROSPECT. "WHERE WOULD HE SLEEP?"

"HE WILL SLEEP," SAID THE OWNER, "JUST ANYWHERE HE LIKES."

THAT IS THE WAY, WHEN YOU GET IN BED WITH BIG GOVERNMENT. IT TAKES UP AS MUCH OF THE BED AS IT LIKES, AND YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN JUST YOUR SHARE OF THE COVERS.

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I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICANS WHO LOOK TO WASHINGTON TO SOLVE ALL OF THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS ARE WRONG. THEY ARE LOSING SIGHT OF A GREAT TRUTH -- THAT A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH TAKES ON TO ITSELF THE BURDEN OF SOLVING ALL OF THE PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS WILL INEVITABLY DESTROY INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, INVADE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE AND RESTRICT THEIR PERSONAL FREEDOM. THE AMERICAN DREAM, THE AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY BECAME A REALITY BECAUSE THE WISE MEN WHO WROTE THE THEME FOR IT WERE OPPOSED TO THE CONCEPT OF MASSIVE POWER IN THE HANDS OF CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT. IT IS A MASTER FORMULA THAT HAS CONTAINED OUR CONSTITUTION, IF WE WILL ONLY FOLLOW IT. TODAY, THE FORMULA IS TWISTED AND DISTORTED. UNDER ONE OF OUR MAJOR PARTIES, THE POWER IS SHIFTED STEADILY TO WASHINGTON. THIS HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE POWER FLOWS WHERE THE MONEY IS. IT HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE ONE OF OUR MAJOR PARTIES PREACHES A PHILOSOPHY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE -- BIG AND SMALL. THE POWER IS CONCENTRATED IN WASHINGTON BECAUSE TOO MANY AMERICANS MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT ONLY WASHINGTON CAN SOLVE, OR WILL SOLVE, THEIR PROBLEMS. THE MEN WHO FOUNDED OUR REPUBLIC DID NOT INTEND THAT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD SHRIVEL AND DIE. THEY WERE SELF-RELIANT INDIVIDUALS AND SAW IN AMERICA A LAND IN WHICH EACH MAN WAS GUARANTEED EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW BUT OWED HIS LIVING TO NO ONE. I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LAST NOVEMBER SHOUTED "LOUDLY AND CLEARLY" THAT THEY WISH TO TURN AWAY FROM CENTRALISM, STATEISM AND THE DICTATED FEDERAL SOLUTION FILTERED DOWN THROUGH GOVERNMENT BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES. IF THIS, THE 90TH CONGRESS, BECOMES A "RESPONSIBLE CONGRESS", THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

NOW THE ABOVE REASONS ARE CERTAINLY NOT ALL INCLUSIVE -- THERE ARE OTHERS, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THESE ARE RATHER IMPORTANT ONES. IF OUR TIME PERMITTED, I WOULD DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CLAIMS OF

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GOVERNMENT PRESS AGENCY AND ITS PERFORMANCE, FOR IT HAS GROWN TOO GREAT TO BE IGNORED. WHAT I CALL THE REVERSE NEWTONIAN LAW IS INVOLVED. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER -- I DIDN'T -- FROM YOUR PHYSICS COURSE, ISAAC NEWTON WORKED OUT THE LAWS OF GRAVITATION SOME 250 YEARS AGO. NEWTON SHOWED THAT THE ATTRACTION BETWEEN TWO BODIES DECREASES WITH THE SQUARE OF THE DISTANCE. AS A REMOTE SCIENTIST, HE WAS REFERRING, OF COURSE, ONLY TO HEAVENLY BODIES. THE MODERN REVERSE NEWTONIAN LAW IS THAT THE ATTRACTION OF FOREIGN PROBLEMS INCREASES, RATHER THAN DIMINISHES, WITH THE SQUARE OF THE DISTANCE --- AS FAR AS THE U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, AT ANY RATE. THUS, VIETNAM IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN CUBA; AND RHODESIA'S PEACEFUL GOVERNMENT APPEARS FAR MORE MENACING THAN CASTRO'S GUERRILLA TERRORISTS PROWLING OUR HEMISPHERE.

PERHAPS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF BUREAUCRATIC PRESS AGENCY HAPPENED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. IN THE FIRST HOT FLASH OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, A GOVERNMENT ZEALOT IN THE MIDWEST REPORTED THERE WERE 123,000 IMPOVERISHED PEOPLE IN HIS AREA. THIS CAME AS A SHOCK TO THE CONGRESSMAN FROM THAT DISTRICT FOR TWO REASONS. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE CENSUS BUREAU SAID ONLY 110,000 PEOPLE LIVED THERE ALTOGETHER. IN THE SECOND PLACE, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRONOUNCED IT THE 6TH RICHEST FARMING AREA IN THE UNITED STATES.

UNDER PRESSURE, THE GOVERNMENT AGENT CUT HIS ESTIMATE BACK SUCCESSIVELY UNTIL HE GOT DOWN TO 4,000 BEDROCK POOR. THE CONGRESSMAN DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT EITHER, BUT HE LET IT GO. HE DIDN'T WANT TO "IMPEDE PROGRESS". CERTAINLY THE GOVERNMENT'S "CREDIBILITY GAP" DOES NOT APPLY ALONE TO VIETNAM, BUT EXTENDS RIGHT ACROSS THE BOARD TO ALL OF ITS VARIOUS WARS AND ALL ITS VARIOUS PROGRAMS. BIDDING FAREWELL TO ARTHUR SYLVESTER, WHO SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS A RIGHT TO LIE ABOUT THAT WAR, DOES NOT WHITEN THE LIES

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ELSEWHERE. RECENTLY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN BRANDED AS FALSE NEWS STORIES THAT BOMBING HAD BEEN STEPPED UP IN EXPLAINING THAT WHAT LOOKED LIKE AN INCREASE WAS NOT. IT WAS REALLY ONLY "AN INCREMENTAL ADJUSTMENT TO MEET A NEW STIMULUS LEVEL". IT TAKES A GENIUS TO THINK UP THINGS LIKE THAT.

WE HAVE ALL READ ABOUT THE CLAIMS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS WHETHER IT BE FOREIGN AID, URBAN RENEWAL, COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT, OR LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF OTHERS, AND FOR FAR TOO LONG, MANY HAVE BEEN PROGRESSIVELY ~~BRANDS~~ *Dianna Ashel* ~~WAS~~ WITH THE THOUGHT THAT ONLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS BIG ENOUGH TO COPE WITH THE TRULY VAST PROBLEMS OF TODAY. I WOULD AGAIN SUGGEST THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRONOUNCEMENT AND PERFORMANCE. IT ALMOST SEEMS THAT FEDERAL PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO PUNISH INITIATIVE AND REWARD THE LAZY, WHICH REMINDS ME OF THE MODERNIZED PARABLE OF THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER. THE HARD-WORKING ANT BUSILY CUT AND CURED A BALE OF GRASS DURING THE LONG SUMMER, WHILE THE GRASSHOPPER PLAYED HIS BANJO AND SANG IN THE SHADE. COME LATE FALL, WITH ITS FIRST WINDS OF APPROACHING WINTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEIZED THE ANT'S BALE OF GRASS FOR OVER-PRODUCTION AND GAVE IT TO THE GRASSHOPPER IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS FOOD STAMPS.

DESPITE THE OVER ABUNDANCE OF PATERNALISM, IN THE GOVERNMENT TODAY, I STILL BELIEVE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY ONLY WANT A CHANCE TO EARN A LIVING. I TRUST THE NOTION THAT WE NEED ONLY STAND BY WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PELTS PROBLEMS WITH OUR MONEY WAS BLOWN UP WITH A BANG LAST NOVEMBER, AS WELL AS THE NOTION THAT ONLY BIG GOVERNMENT CAN SOLVE BIG PROBLEMS.

NOW, HAVING SAID THIS, I HAVE PERHAPS SAID TOO MUCH. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANY IMPRESSION THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS EITHER NEGATIVE OR UNREALISTIC. REPUBLICANS HAVE MANY IMAGINATIVE PROPOSALS, AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD BE WIDELY DISCUSSED AND I TRUST IMPLEMENTED, IN SOME FORM, BETWEEN NOW AND 1968. A FEW OF THESE ARE: (1) A SYSTEM OF

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TAX SHARING TO RETURN TO THE STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF PERSONAL INCOME TAXES WITHOUT FEDERAL CONTROL, (2) TAX CREDIT FOR THOSE WHO BEAR THE RISING COSTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, (3) INCREASE IN PERMITTED EARNINGS BY SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS. PRESENT EARNING LIMITATIONS REFLECT A DEPRESSION MENTALITY OF THE 30's AND MAKE LITTLE SENSE FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT. (4) TAKING THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OUT OF POLITICS FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND SELECTING POSTMASTERS ON MERIT ALONE, (5) REINSTATEMENT OF THE CONCEPT OF FAIR FARM PRICES IN THE MARKET PLACE WITHOUT PRICE DEPRESSING MANIPULATION BY BUREAUCRATS, (6) A NEW HOOVER-TYPE COMMISSION WITH THE AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND CHANGES FOR STREAMLINING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, (7) ENACTMENT OF A "CITIZENS RIGHTS ACT OF 1967". THIS ACT WOULD MAKE IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO TRAVEL FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER WITH AN INTENT TO INCITE RIOTS. (8) PROPOSALS FOR A CONGRESSIONAL REORGANIZATION, ~~IN THE~~ CREATION OF A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMMITTEE, AND A CLEAN ELECTIONS LAW.

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE POSITIVE PROPOSALS BEING URGED BY REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS. IF THE DEMOCRATS, AS IN THE PAST, TURN THEIR BACKS ON REPUBLICAN PROPOSALS, THEY WILL BECOME EVEN BIGGER ISSUES IN THE 1968 CAMPAIGN. LET ME ADD THAT NOTHING HAS HIGHER PRIORITY, IN MY JUDGMENT, THAN THE SAFETY, STRENGTH AND SURVIVAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR PEOPLE AND OUR POSTERITY. IN ACHIEVING THESE GOALS, WE LOOK TO ALL AMERICANS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARTY, FOR HELP AND INSPIRATION. ON THIS, THE 158TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF LINCOLN, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE HERITAGE OF THE PARTY OF LINCOLN AND RENEW OUR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF ALL MEN.

YES --- I CAN HARDLY WAIT --- TILL 1968!