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NINTH DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1967

- Remarks of Congressman Bob Dole South to 1st District - Kansas

I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO BE IN VIRGINIA'S NINTH DISTRICT WITH MY GOOD FRIEND, BILL WAMPLER, AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF CONGRESS, RESPECT-ED BY EVERYONE.

THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL BE BOTH INTERESTING AND EXCITING. AND MANY, MANY REPUBLICANS AROUND THE COUNTRY CAN HARDLY WAIT TILL 1968. IN ar non you KANSAS, AS INVIRGINIA, THERE ARE RUMBLINGS AND RUMORS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS. I WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT WE RETAIN A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE, AT LEAST UNTIL IT IS KNOWN WHO WILL BE SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. I FIND IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO BE LINING UP WITH ANYONE AT THIS POINT SINCE NO REPUBLICAN AS YET HAS STATED HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. REPUBLICANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE HUNGRY FOR VICTORY. AND WE WILL HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN 1968 IF WE REMAIN UNITED AND SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE -- WHOEVER THAT MAY BE. LET ME TELL YOU WHY ---- THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS SPLIT INTO AT LEAST THREE FACTIONS --JOHNSON DEMOCRATS, WALLACE DEMOCRATS, AND FAR-LEFT DEMOCRATS, AND THE SO-CALLED "JOHNSON CONSENSUS" OF 1964 IS SHATTERED BEYOND REPAIR. THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION CAN BE TRACED TO ITS IN-ABILITY TO PROVIDE PERFORMANCE EQUAL TO THE PROMISES IT MADE DURING THE 1964 CAMPAIGN, BOTH IN THE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FIELDS. THE RESULT IS THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON IS FACING A SEVERE WAR IN HIS OWN PARTY, AND BE-CAUSE OF THIS GAP BETWEEN PAST PROMISE AND CURRENT PERFORMANCE, IT IS BEYOND HIS POWER TO HEAL THE BREACH.

WE HAVE HAD UNPOPULAR NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION IN PAST YEARS,

BUT SELDOM IN AMERICAN HISTORY HAS ANY PRESIDENT SUFFERED AS RAPID A

DECLINE IN OFFICE AS HAS LYNDON JOHNSON. THE HIGH TIDE OF 1964 HAS

PROVEN TO BE THE DRY GULCH OF 1967.

HARDITION -- ON THE POSITIVE SIDE -- 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 "RUBBER-STAMP" 89TH CONGRESS WERE HIGHLY UNPOPULAR WITH PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. 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

# THE 90TH CONGRESS

MAKE THE MOST OF IF WE EXPECT FURTHER GAINS IN 1968 AND THEREAFTER.

THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE QUESTION HERE AND 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 PRO-

GRAMS. 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 FEBRUARY 8 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. 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, <u>DEFENSE SPENDING HAS RISEN \$29.1 BILLION</u>.

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.

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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 THIS YEAR'S BUDGET MESSAGE, JOHNSON SAYS HE WILL SPEND \$135

BILLION NEXT YEAR. JUDGING BY PAST PERFORMANCE, HE'LL ACTUALLY SPEND

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$150 BILLION AND \$160 BILLION.

HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT TRYING TO EXPLAIN JUST HOW MUCH MONEY IS INVOLVED IN THE \$135 BILLION SPENDING BUDGET THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON MAS ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROVE? THIS IS A SUM WHICH THE AVERAGE PERSON OR TAXPAYER 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 PROGRAMS.

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 PIECE OF LEGISLATION CONSIDERED THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

THERE IS EVIDENCE NOW THAT THE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP IS "BOGGED DOWN".

SENATORS MANSFIELD AND LONG ARE AT ODDS IN THE SENATE OVER THE "CAMPAIGN GIMMICKS" AMENDMENT. THIS SPECTACLE IN THE SENATE HAS SERIOUSLY THREATENED REINSTATEMENT OF THE 7% INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT -- WHICH SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

IN THE HOUSE WE HAVE DONE VERY LITTLE -- WHICH, IN A WAY, IS

GOOD NEWS...... HERE AGAIN THE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP IS FINDING IT

DIFFICULT HAVING LOST SO MANY "RUBBER STAMPS". THE REPUBLICANS, ON

THE OTHER HAND, ARE ON THE MOVE. REPUBLICAN PRODDING PROMPTED ACTION

ON REINSTATING THE "INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT" --- REPUBLICAN INSISTENCE

IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATION OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE --- REPUBLICAN

IMAGINATION COULD BRING AN END TO JOHNSON'S BUREAUCRATICALLY CONTROLLED

AND CONFUSING AID TO EDUCATION PROGRAM. REPUBLICANS WOULD PROVIDE

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS TO THE STATES AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESENT MAZE

OF SEPARATELY FUNDED SCHOOL AID PROGRAMS. THE REPUBLICANS\* PROPOSAL

WOULD FREE STATE AND LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS FROM FEDERAL RED TAPE AND

CONTROLS.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW EXAMPLES OF REPUBLICAN ACTION IN THE 90TH

CONGRESS -- BUT ENOUGH TO INDICATE TO ALL AMERICANS THAT THEY NEED NOT

FEAR DOMINATION BY ONE-MAN RULE OF A ONE-PARTY CONGRESS.

#### JOHNSON HIGH INTEREST RATES HIT JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY

LET'S LOOK AT SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS -- NOT BEING CALLED TO YOUR ATTENTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION. IN HIS ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT, PRESIDENT JOHNSON 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 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 EFFECT 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.

MR. JOHNSON IGNORED THE PROBLEM IN THIS BUDGET MESSAGE.

# TAX HIKE OR BUDGET CUTS?

REPUBLICANS HAVE TAKEN 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 POST-PONED. REPUBLICANS WILL MOVE TO CUT NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING --- EVEN IF THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT.

IN ADDITION, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS APPROVED BY CONGRESS IN THE PAST REMAIN UNSPENT. THIS CONGRESS MUST TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THOSE FUNDS. RE-PUBLICANS 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 CASE AT ALL 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 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 A LAYER UPON LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY SO THAT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS MUFFLED OR EVEN STILLED. WE SHOULD 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.

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.

I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LAST NOVEMBER SHOUTED "LOUDLY AND CLEARLY" THAT THEY WISH TO TURN AWAY FROM CENTRALISM, STATISM, 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

AND REASON ENOUGH TO WORK TIRELESSLY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

I WOULD ONLY SUGGEST THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRONOUNCE-

MENT AND PERFORMANCE. IT SEEMS, FAR TOO OFTEN, THAT FEDERAL PROGRAMS

ARE DESIGNED TO PUNISH INITIATIVE AND REWARD THE LAZY, AS ILLUSTRATED IN 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 OVERPRODUCTION AND GAVE IT TO THE GRASSHOPPER IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS FOOD STAMPS.

NOW, HAVING SAID THIS, I HAVE PERHAPS SAID TOO MUCH; BUT I DO NOT 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 WILL BE WIDELY DISCUSSED AND, I TRUST, IMPLEMENTED, IN SOME FORM, BETWEEN NOW AND 1968. A FEW OF THESE ARE:

- (1) A SYSTEM OF 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.

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- (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, 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 OUR GOALS, WE
LOOK TO ALL AMERICANS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARTY, FOR HELP AND INSPIRATION.

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

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