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I SUBMIT THAT WE MUST NO LONGER ALLOW THIS PROPAGANDA VICTORY IN SEMANTICS TO CONTINUE. THE PROPAGANDA VICTORY WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE OUR NATION LOST SOME OF ITS SELF-CONFIDENCE.

PERHAPS IT HAPPENED IN THE EARLY 1900's WHEN WE BELIEVED WE COULD MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY AND THAT WE COULD EXPORT OUR GREAT IDEAS. WE BELIEVED WE COULD -- AND WOULD -- INSURE PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL MEN. BUT WE RAN INTO WORLD WAR I, AND WE BECAME INVOLVED IN A GREAT DISILLUSIONMENT THAT SEEMED TO BE NOTHING BUT A POLITICAL SHELL GAME.

THEN -- AND I FEEL SURE THIS WAS THE GREATEST SHOCK -- WE RAN INTO THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE THIRTIES. IT WAS A DEPRESSION BEYOND UNDERSTANDING. TWENTY AND THIRTY PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE SIMPLY COULD NOT FIND WORK. WE WERE PRESENTED WITH THE TRAGIC PARADOX OF THE GREATEST POTENTIAL AND PRODUCTIVE MACHINE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH EXISTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH SUFFERING AND PRIVATION, WANT AND BREADLINES.

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IN DESPAIR AND CONFUSION, WE TURNED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IN EFFECT, WE SAID, "DO SOMETHING." WE GAVE A BLANK POLITICAL CHECK. WE TRADED PRINCIPLE FOR RESPONSIBILITY. WE LOST SOME OF OUR EARLY CONFIDENCE -- AND WE HAVE BEEN GROWING MORE DEPENDENT DAY BY DAY -- DEPENDENT ON SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE CARE OF GRANDMOTHER OR THE POOR FAMILY NEXT DOOR -- DEPENDENT ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE A GREAT LIST OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS. WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE GIGANTIC FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY NOW SEES ALL OF THESE AREAS AS BELONGING WITHIN ITS OWN PRIVATE DOMAIN.

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WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHEREIN EITHER THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OR THE DISMAL FAILURE OF A PROGRAM IS COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE ENLARGED.

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NOW DON'T MISUNDERSTAND. I BELIEVE, AND NEARLY ALL OF US BELIEVE, THAT GOVERNMENT AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS HAS A PROPER PLACE AND PROPER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ALLEVIATION OF SUFFERING AND WANT. BUT I THINK IT IS TIME TO STAND UP AND SAY THIS IS NOT THE SOLE AND PRIMARY PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS TIME WE RECOGNIZE THERE IS SOMETHING BASICALLY WRONG WITH A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HAS MORE PILLS THAN WE HAVE ILLS. IT IS TIME WE STAND UP AND SAY THAT ALL THE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE WORLD WILL NOT FEED A HUNGRY CHILD UNLESS THERE IS SOMEONE PRODUCING FOOD.

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IT IS TIME TO REASSERT OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE AND TO STATE THE TRUTH, THAT TURNED FREE, THIS ECONOMY, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WORKING IN THIS ECONOMY, CAN DO MORE IN ONE YEAR TO ELIMINATE POVERTY THAN ALL THE PROGRAMS DEvised BY THIS GOVERNMENT IN THE LAST THIRTY YEARS.

AND THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT MANY OF OUR DEMOCRAT FRIENDS HAVE FORGOTTEN. THEY HAVE THINGS BACKWARDS.

I REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO WAS RIDING A MOTORCYCLE. IT WAS A COLD, WINDY DAY AND THE WIND BLEW THROUGH THE FRONT OF HIS JACKET. SO, BEING AN ENTERPRISING YOUNG MAN, HE STOPPED AND TURNED HIS JACKET AROUND SO THE OPENING CAME DOWN HIS BACK.

SOON HE WAS BACK ON HIS MOTORCYCLE, SPEEDING DOWN THE ROAD. BUT HE HIT AN ICY PATCH AND THE CYCLE SOMMERSAULTED THROUGH THE AIR, SPINNING OVER AND OVER SEVERAL TIMES. IT WAS A TERRIBLE CRASH, AND PEOPLE SOON GATHERED AROUND THE ACCIDENT AND THE VICTIM. SHORTLY THE AMBULANCE CAME AND ONE OF THE ATTENDANTS ASKED WHAT HAPPENED.

ONE OF THE CROWD MADE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. "WHEN I GOT THERE THE MAN SEEMED TO BE ALL RIGHT," HE SAID, "BUT BY THE TIME I GOT HIS HEAD TURNED AROUND RIGHT, HE WAS DEAD."

THE CYNICS ASK US, "WHAT ARE YOU FOR?"

I THINK IT IS TIME WE TOLD THEM. IT'S TIME TO STAND UP WHEN WE ARE ASKED WHAT WE ARE FOR AND ANSWER, "WE ARE FOR THE SAME THING THAT AMERICANS HAVE BEEN FOR SINCE THE BEGINNING -- WE ARE FOR FREEDOM UNDER THE LAW, FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE." THIS IS WHAT WE ARE FOR -- AND WE ARE FOR IT WITH PRIDE.

LOOK TO YOUR OWN NEIGHBORS. LOOK TO YOUR OWN TOWNS AND FARMS. I CHARGE THAT EVEN WITH THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAX MONEY THAT HAVE BEEN

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THE SAME SCRIPT IS WRITTEN IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE. THE WELFARE LOAD CONTINUES, THE COSTS CLIMB AND WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

WITHOUT ATTRIBUTING IT SOLELY TO THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, I RELATE WITH SOME DISMAY AND SORROW THAT CRIME IS ON THE INCREASE, AND WE MAY BEAR WITNESS TO THE UNDENIABLE BREAKDOWN OF MORALS AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY.

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WE'VE ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BE MOUSE-TRAPPED INTO A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE SIMPLY NEGATIVE IF WE EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE SIZE AND INCREASING CENTRALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT. WE'VE ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BE MANEUVERED INTO A POSITION WHERE OPPOSITION TO THE WELFARE STATE IS EQUATED TO A LACK OF CONCERN OR COMPASSION FOR THE PEOPLE OR THE COMMON MAN OR THE LITTLE GUY -- OR WHATEVER PROPAGANDA PHRASE IS CURRENT AT THE TIME.

I SUBMIT THAT WE MUST NO LONGER ALLOW THIS PROPAGANDA VICTORY IN SEMANTICS TO CONTINUE. THE PROPAGANDA VICTORY WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE OUR NATION LOST SOME OF ITS SELF-CONFIDENCE.

PERHAPS IT HAPPENED IN THE EARLY 1900's WHEN WE BELIEVED WE COULD MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY AND THAT WE COULD EXPORT OUR GREAT IDEAS. WE BELIEVED WE COULD -- AND WOULD -- INSURE PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL MEN. BUT WE RAN INTO WORLD WAR I, AND WE BECAME INVOLVED IN A GREAT DISILLUSIONMENT THAT SEEMED TO BE NOTHING BUT A POLITICAL SHELL GAME.

THEN -- AND I FEEL SURE THIS WAS THE GREATEST SHOCK -- WE RAN INTO THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE THIRTIES. IT WAS A DEPRESSION BEYOND UNDERSTANDING. TWENTY AND THIRTY PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE SIMPLY COULD NOT FIND WORK. WE WERE PRESENTED WITH THE TRAGIC PARADOX OF THE GREATEST POTENTIAL AND PRODUCTIVE MACHINE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH EXISTING SIDE BY SIDE WITH SUFFERING AND PRIVATION, WANT AND BREADLINES.

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IN DESPAIR AND CONFUSION, WE TURNED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IN EFFECT, WE SAID, "DO SOMETHING." WE GAVE A BLANK POLITICAL CHECK. WE TRADED PRINCIPLE FOR RESPONSIBILITY. WE LOST SOME OF OUR EARLY CONFIDENCE -- AND WE HAVE BEEN GROWING MORE DEPENDENT DAY BY DAY -- DEPENDENT ON SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE CARE OF GRANDMOTHER OR THE POOR FAMILY NEXT DOOR -- DEPENDENT ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE A GREAT LIST OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS. WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE GIGANTIC FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY NOW SEES ALL OF THESE AREAS AS BELONGING WITHIN ITS OWN PRIVATE DOMAIN.

WE HAVE NOW REACHED A POINT WHERE WE ARE FACED WITH AN INCREDIBLE MAZE OF FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS -- 170 DIFFERENT PROGRAMS, RUN BY 21 FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS, 150 WASHINGTON BUREAUS AND 400 REGIONAL OFFICES.

WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHEREIN EITHER THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OR THE DISMAL FAILURE OF A PROGRAM IS COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT THE PROGRAM SHOULD BE ENLARGED.

WE HAVE REACHED A POINT WHEREIN AN AGGRESSIVE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS A PROGRAM THAT IT CALLS THE POVERTY PROGRAM -- AND WHEN MOST OF THE PROGRAM IS A COSTLY FLOP, THE BEWILDERED ADMINISTRATION HAS NO BETTER RESPONSE TO THE MESS THAN A PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE THE PROGRAM.

NOW DON'T MISUNDERSTAND. I BELIEVE, AND NEARLY ALL OF US BELIEVE, THAT GOVERNMENT AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS HAS A PROPER PLACE AND PROPER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ALLEVIATION OF SUFFERING AND WANT. BUT I THINK IT IS TIME TO STAND UP AND SAY THIS IS NOT THE SOLE AND PRIMARY PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS TIME WE RECOGNIZE THERE IS SOMETHING BASICALLY WRONG WITH A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HAS MORE PILLS THAN WE HAVE ILLS. IT IS TIME WE STAND UP AND SAY THAT ALL THE SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE WORLD WILL NOT FEED A HUNGRY CHILD UNLESS THERE IS SOMEONE PRODUCING FOOD.

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IT IS TIME TO REASSERT OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE AND TO STATE THE TRUTH, THAT TURNED FREE, THIS ECONOMY, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WORKING IN THIS ECONOMY, CAN DO MORE IN ONE YEAR TO ELIMINATE POVERTY THAN ALL THE PROGRAMS DEvised BY THIS GOVERNMENT IN THE LAST THIRTY YEARS.

AND THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT MANY OF OUR DEMOCRAT FRIENDS HAVE FORGOTTEN. THEY HAVE THINGS BACKWARDS.

I REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE MAN WHO WAS RIDING A MOTORCYCLE. IT WAS A COLD, WINDY DAY AND THE WIND BLEW THROUGH THE FRONT OF HIS JACKET. SO, BEING AN ENTERPRISING YOUNG MAN, HE STOPPED AND TURNED HIS JACKET AROUND SO THE OPENING CAME DOWN HIS BACK.

SOON HE WAS BACK ON HIS MOTORCYCLE, SPEEDING DOWN THE ROAD. BUT HE HIT AN ICY PATCH AND THE CYCLE SOMMERSAULTED THROUGH THE AIR, SPINNING OVER AND OVER SEVERAL TIMES. IT WAS A TERRIBLE CRASH, AND PEOPLE SOON GATHERED AROUND THE ACCIDENT AND THE VICTIM. SHORTLY THE AMBULANCE CAME AND ONE OF THE ATTENDANTS ASKED WHAT HAPPENED.

ONE OF THE CROWD MADE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. "WHEN I GOT THERE THE MAN SEEMED TO BE ALL RIGHT," HE SAID, "BUT BY THE TIME I GOT HIS HEAD TURNED AROUND RIGHT, HE WAS DEAD."

THE CYNICS ASK US, "WHAT ARE YOU FOR?"

I THINK IT IS TIME WE TOLD THEM. IT'S TIME TO STAND UP WHEN WE ARE ASKED WHAT WE ARE FOR AND ANSWER, "WE ARE FOR THE SAME THING THAT AMERICANS HAVE BEEN FOR SINCE THE BEGINNING -- WE ARE FOR FREEDOM UNDER THE LAW, FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE." THIS IS WHAT WE ARE FOR -- AND WE ARE FOR IT WITH PRIDE.

LOOK TO YOUR OWN NEIGHBORS. LOOK TO YOUR OWN TOWNS AND FARMS. I CHARGE THAT EVEN WITH THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAX MONEY THAT HAVE BEEN

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PUMPED INTO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS, THE HARD FACT IS THIS: THE FARMER IS IN WORSE CONDITION TODAY COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE ECONOMY THAN HE HAS BEEN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE BEGINNING DAYS OF THE DEPRESSION.

THE SAME SCRIPT IS WRITTEN IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE. THE WELFARE LOAD CONTINUES, THE COSTS CLIMB AND WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

WITHOUT ATTRIBUTING IT SOLELY TO THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, I RELATE WITH SOME DISMAY AND SORROW THAT CRIME IS ON THE INCREASE, AND WE MAY BEAR WITNESS TO THE UNDENIABLE BREAKDOWN OF MORALS AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE SLIPPAGE BETWEEN THE GOALS AND THE PERFORMANCES OF THE PRESENT NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION. THEY ARE ABUNDANTLY AWARE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FUMBLER AWAY ITS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF HISTORY. VIEWED PURELY POLITICALLY, WE HAVE AN OPENING WIDE ENOUGH TO DRIVE A COMBINE THROUGH IF WE ONLY WILL. AND HAVING THAT KIND OF OPPORTUNITY, WE HAVE A PARALLEL RESPONSIBILITY. WE, AS ONE OF THE MAJOR PARTIES, HOLD IN OUR HANDS A LARGE PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. OUR ACTIONS NOW AND IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS TO COME WILL DETERMINE IN LARGE PART WHETHER THIS DREAM SHALL CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLOURISH.

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