



REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE  
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VICTORY FOR AMERICA

TODAY IS AN HISTORIC DAY IN KANSAS AND I AM PROUD AND PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A PART ON THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE ALL ASSEMBLED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, ~~AND THAT IS~~ TO WORK FOR VICTORY FOR ALL KANSANS IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. KANSAS HAS A PROUD REPUBLICAN HERITAGE AND CERTAINLY WE <sup>ARE</sup> ~~HAVE BEEN~~ HONORED TODAY BY THE PRESENCE OF SUCH GREAT REPUBLICAN LEADERS AS FORMER GOVERNOR ALF LANDON; PERHAPS OUR GREAT-<sup>EVER</sup> EST UNITED STATES SENATOR, FRANK CARLSON; AND MY COLLEAGUES IN THE CONGRESS, GARNER SHRIVER, JOE SKUBITZ, CHET MIZE, AND LARRY WINN; AND WITHOUT QUESTION, MY SUCCESSOR IN CONGRESS, KEITH SEBELIUS. I LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING JIM PEARSON IN THE U. S. SENATE, ~~FOR~~ <sup>AS</sup> WE ALL KNOW THE GREAT RECORD HE IS MAKING.

LET ME ~~FIRST~~ <sup>+ hundreds of others</sup> THANK GEORGE NETTELS, HUCK BOYD, DOT STATES, AND BETH ROGERS, FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS -- PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. THEY HAVE KEPT OUR PARTY IN THE FOREFRONT DURING THIS BRIEF PERIOD OF OCCUPANCY OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE OPPOSITE PARTY.

IN JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS, OUR NEW STATE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER STATE PARTY LEADERS WILL BE WORKING WITH AN ALL-REPUBLICAN STATE HOUSE, AN ALL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND A GREAT MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND ON COUNTY LEVELS. I SAY THIS BECAUSE THIS IS A GREAT REPUBLICAN YEAR ---- I SAY THIS BECAUSE THE ISSUES ARE ON OUR SIDE ---- AND I SAY THIS FINALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ARTICULATE THE ISSUES AND TO INFORM ALL KANSANS AND ALL AMERICANS OF THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD. WE MUST WIN IN NOVEMBER, NOT JUST

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FOR THE SAKE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY; IN FACT, THIS MUST BE SECONDARY; BUT FOR THE SAKE OF AMERICAN AND THE FREE WORLD.

AS STATED IN THE PARTY PLATFORM ADOPTED IN MIAMI IN 1968, "TWICE BEFORE, OUR PARTY GAVE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA LEADERSHIP AT A TIME OF CRISIS -- LEADERSHIP WHICH WON US PEACE IN PLACE OF WAR, UNITY IN PLACE OF DISCORD, COMPASSION IN PLACE OF BITTERNESS.

"A CENTURY AGO, ABRAHAM LINCOLN GAVE THAT LEADERSHIP. FROM IT CAME ONE NATION, CONSECRATED TO LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

"FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER GAVE THAT LEADERSHIP. IT BROUGHT THE END OF A WAR, EIGHT YEARS OF PEACE, ENHANCED RESPECT IN THE WORLD, ORDERLY PROGRESS AT HOME, AND TRUST OF OUR PEOPLE IN THEIR LEADERS AND IN THEMSELVES.

"TODAY, WE ARE IN TURMOIL.

"TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN HAVE DIED OR BEEN WOUNDED IN VIETNAM.

"MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LOSING FAITH IN OUR SOCIETY.

"OUR INNER CITIES HAVE BECOME CENTERS OF DESPAIR.

"MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE CAUGHT IN THE CYCLE OF POVERTY -- POOR EDUCATION, UNEMPLOYMENT OR SERIOUS UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE INABILITY TO AFFORD DECENT HOUSING.

"INFLATION HAS ERODED CONFIDENCE IN THE DOLLAR AT HOME AND ABROAD. IT HAS SEVERELY CUT INTO THE INCOMES OF ALL FAMILIES, THE JOBLESS, THE FARMERS, THE RETIRED AND THOSE LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES AND PENSIONS.

"TODAY'S AMERICANS ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE, AND FRUSTRATED ABOUT THE RECENT PAST.

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"AMERICA URGENTLY NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP -- LEADERSHIP COURAGEOUS AND UNDERSTANDING -- LEADERSHIP THAT WILL RECAPTURE CONTROL OF EVENTS, MASTERING THEM RATHER THAN PERMITTING THEM TO MASTER US, THUS RESTORING OUR CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR FUTURE.

"OUR NEED IS NEW LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL DEVELOP IMAGINATIVE NEW APPROACHES ASSURING FULL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL OUR CITIZENS -- LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL FACE AND RESOLVE THE BASIC PROBLEMS OF OUR COUNTRY."

I AM PROUD OF THE PLATFORM ADOPTED BY THE REPUBLICANS IN MIAMI. IT IS A FORWARD LOOKING DOCUMENT AND ONE THAT ALL OF US CAN SUPPORT WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. LET ME REPEAT WHAT WE HAVE PLEDGED OURSELVES TO DO.

----"WE MUST URGENTLY DEDICATE OUR EFFORTS TOWARD RESTORATION OF PEACE BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

----"WE MUST BRING ABOUT A NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO REBUILD OUR URBAN AND RURAL SLUM AREAS.

----"WE MUST ENABLE FAMILY FARM ENTERPRISE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE NATION'S PROSPERITY.

----"WE MUST BRING ABOUT QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL.

----"WE MUST ASSURE EVERY INDIVIDUAL AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SATISFYING AND REWARDING EMPLOYMENT.

----"WE MUST ATTACK THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY AND ERADICATE RACISM, HATRED AND VIOLENCE.

----"WE MUST GIVE ALL CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE AND SHAPE THE EVENTS OF OUR TIME.

----"WE MUST GIVE INCREASING ATTENTION TO THE VIEWS OF THE YOUNG AND RECOGNIZE THEIR KEY ROLE IN OUR PRESENT AS WELL AS THE FUTURE.

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-----"WE MUST MOBILIZE THE RESOURCES, TALENTS AND ENERGY OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO REACH THESE GOALS, UTILIZING THE UNIQUE STRENGTH AND INITIATIVE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

-----"WE MUST RE-ESTABLISH FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PUT AN END TO INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING."

WE ARE THE PARTY OF RESPONSIBILITY, THE PARTY OF PEACE, AND THE PARTY OF PERFORMANCE. WE CAN PROVIDE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM, AND I AM PERSONALLY CONVINCED THAT RICHARD NIXON AND SPIRO AGNEW WILL WIN IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS HAVE HAD ENOUGH AND BECAUSE THESE SAME PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT RICHARD NIXON, MORE THAN ANY OTHER LIVING AMERICAN, CAN PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP WE SO DESPERATELY NEED AT HOME AND ABROAD. IF WE WOULD PLEDGE TODAY TO WORK FOR THE PARTY AS LONG AND AS HARD AS RICHARD NIXON HAS IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, WE WOULD NOT ONLY WIN IN NOVEMBER, BUT IT WOULD BE A VICTORY OF LANDSLIDE PROPORTIONS.

LET ME SAY HERE, AS I SHALL SAY HUNDREDS OF TIMES BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER, THAT WE ARE A UNITED PARTY, THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD, AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO WIN BECAUSE WE MUST.

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE SINGLE RESULT OF THE MIAMI CONVENTION WAS THE GREAT DISPLAY OF PARTY UNITY. THERE WERE REAGAN, ROCKEFELLER, PERCY, LINDSAY, GOLDWATER, BROOKE, ROMNEY, HATFIELD, THURMOND, TALKING NOT ABOUT PARTY DIFFERENCES, BUT ABOUT PARTY UNITY AND PARTY PROSPECTS AND THE NEED FOR REPUBLICAN VICTORY. TO ME THIS WAS A SHARP AND HAPPY CONTRAST TO 1964. TO ME IT MEANT THAT OUR PARTY WAS NOT ONLY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY, BUT ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY.

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TODAY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, *and*  
AT THE MOMENT THE DEMOCRATS MEET IN THE ARMED CITY OF CHICAGO,  
CHARGES THE DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION WITH FAILURE.

THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS GIVEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AN ADMINI-  
STRATION MARKED BY STRIFE AT HOME, RISING CRIME RATES, FALLING FARM  
INCOME, RISING TOLLS OF DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE BECAUSE OF CIVIL  
DISORDER, RISING COSTS OF LIVING AND RISING STRIFE BETWEEN LABOR  
AND MANAGEMENT. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, ABROAD, IT HAS BEEN MARKED  
BY BLOODSHED, STALEMATE, DISBELIEF AND DISCORD.

NOT A SINGLE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE SEEKS TO LEAD HIS PARTY IN  
A TRULY NEW DIRECTION, NOR CAN ANY PRESENT ASPIRANT FOR DEMOCRAT  
LEADERSHIP DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM THE DISMAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS  
OF THE PAST 8 YEARS. EACH HAS PARTICIPATED IN AND APPROVED THE  
FORMULATION OF THOSE POLICIES AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE FRONT RUNNER,  
AT THIS MOMENT, VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY, HAS BEEN THE NUMBER ONE  
SPOKESMAN FOR THE POLICIES OF FRUSTRATION AND FAILURE EMPLOYED IN  
VIETNAM. WE CANNOT AND MUST NOT PERMIT "MORE OF THE SAME". WE  
CANNOT AND MUST NOT LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DOWN. WE CANNOT AND  
MUST NOT FORGET THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS FIRST, LAST, AND ALWAYS  
TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RATHER THAN TO OUR GREAT POLITICAL PARTY.

YES, WE NEED NEW, FRESH, VIGOROUS, IMAGINATIVE LEADERSHIP  
TO HONORABLY END THE WAR IN VIETNAM, TO STOP CRIME AND VIOLENCE,  
TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS IN OUR GHETTOS, TO STOP THE MARCH OF BIG  
GOVERNMENT AND MORE SPENDING AND MORE TAXES, AND AS ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
SAID 106 YEARS AGO, "TO THINK ANEW AND ACT ANEW", TO PROVIDE A  
PEACEFUL, REUNIFIED AMERICA WITH OPPORTUNITY AND ORDERLY PROGRESS  
FOR ALL.

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I JOIN YOU TODAY IN LAUNCHING THIS EFFORT WHICH WILL MEAN THERE WILL BE A REPUBLICAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THAT SENATOR CARLSON'S SEAT WILL REMAIN REPUBLICAN, THE KANSAS DELEGATION IN THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE SOLIDLY REPUBLICAN, THERE WILL BE A REPUBLICAN IN THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR NEXT JANUARY, AND TOTAL REPUBLICAN VICTORIES IN STATEWIDE OFFICES, PLUS SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN OUR LEGISLATURE AND THE COURT HOUSES.

WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES THEN TO THIS REPUBLIC, THIS ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR **ALL**.