

REMARKS OF
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EVEN THE MOST CASUAL OBSERVERS SEE DICK NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY RIDING A WINNING TREND THIS YEAR. YOU'VE ALL BEEN FOLLOWING THE CAMPAIGN, AND YOU KNOW WHAT A JOB DICK NIXON IS DOING PULLING OUR PARTY TOGETHER -- AND PULLING OUR COUNTRY TOGETHER -- AND MAKING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE, NOT AN ECHO OF THE PAST.

THE REPUBLICAN TIDE DIDN'T START IN MIAMI BEACH AT OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION OR EVEN IN THE PRIMARIES.

IT STARTED IN 1964, WHEN LYNDON JOHNSON AND HIS ADMINISTRATION BIT OFF MORE THAN THEY COULD CHEW.

NOW, FOUR YEARS LATER, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH A PRESIDENT WHO CAMPAIGNED AS A DOVE AND THEN COMMITTED US TO THE LONGEST WAR IN HISTORY...A WAR AGAINST A 15TH RATE POWER AND A WAR WHOSE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE ARE AT BEST, DIM.

THE PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION'S OTHER WAR TOO -- THE WAR ON POVERTY. IT HAS NO AIM -- NO DIRECTION AND CERTAINLY NO SUCCESS. IT HAS BUILT BUREAUCRACY RATHER THAN PROSPERITY, AND RAISED THE LEGITIMATE HOPES OF THE POOR ONLY TO FAIL MISERABLY IN DELIVERING THE GOODS TO THEM.

- THE REPUBLICAN TREND -

THE REPUBLICAN TREND WHICH STARTED IN 1964 BECAME MORE VISIBLE IN 1966. THAT YEAR, ACROSS THE NATION, WE GAINED 8 GOVERNORSHIPS, 47 HOUSE SEATS AND ELECTED CHUCK PERCY, CLIFF HANSON, ED BROOKE, BOB GRIFFIN, HOWARD BAKER AND MARK HATFIELD TO THE U.S. SENATE.

AND TODAY, JUST 31 DAYS FROM ELECTION DAY ITSELF, THE REPUBLICAN TREND IS STILL RUNNING STRONG.

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THE DEMOCRATS ARE IN SHAMBLES. PRESIDENT JOHNSON IS SO UNPOPULAR THAT HE COULDN'T EVEN ATTEND HIS OWN PARTY'S CONVENTION. VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY, IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY, IS SO UNPOPULAR THAT HE IS DRAWING MEAGER AUDIENCES WHEREVER HE GOES -- AUDIENCES WHO COME MORE TO PROTEST 8 YEARS OF DEMOCRAT CONTROL, THEN TO OFFER HIM THEIR SUPPORT.

-KEEP THE SPIRIT-

ALTHOUGH THE TREND IS GALLOPING IN OUR REPUBLICAN DIRECTION, ALL OF US MUST REMEMBER THAT TRENDS JUST DON'T HAPPEN. LIKE OCEAN TIDES, POLITICAL TRENDS EBB AND FLOW. EACH ONE OF US MUST DO HIS UTMOST TO MAKE SURE THE REPUBLICAN TIDE DOESN'T EBB.

YOUR PRESENCE TONIGHT SHOWS YOU'RE COMMITTED TO KEEP THE NIXON TIDE -- AND THE REPUBLICAN TIDE -- FLOWING. AND THAT TAKES CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS OF TIME, MONEY AND DEDICATION. WE NOT ONLY HAVE TO ELECT DICK NIXON, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS AND MORE REPUBLICANS IN THE U.S. SENATE SO WE CAN GET THIS COUNTRY MOVING FORWARD AGAIN.

- 1948 AND 1968 -

I FEEL CERTAIN YOU, AS I, HAVE HEARD DEATH RATTLES OF THE DEMOCRATS REGARDING THE SIMILARITY OF THE 1968 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THE 1948 ELECTION, WHEN DEWEY CHALLENGED TRUMAN. THE DIFFERENCES COULD HARDLY BE MORE APPARENT: RICHARD NIXON HAS BROADLY-BASED SUPPORT FROM EVERY SEGMENT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND FROM ACROSS THE NATION, A REAL CREDIT TO NIXON'S RECORD AND HIS TALENT AS A DIPLOMAT.

IT'S ALSO A TRIBUTE TO MEN LIKE NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND RONALD REAGAN, WHO BOTH SUPPORT DICK NIXON WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

BECAUSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ALLOWS FOR EXPRESSION OF DIFFERENCES, OF COURSE THERE'LL ALWAYS BE DIFFERENCES AMONG US. BUT THIS YEAR, OUR METHODS AND GOALS ARE SO SIMILAR, SO MUTUAL THAT THE DIFFERENCES SEEM INSIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON.

-THE G.O.P. STAND-

IN THE PAST, REPUBLICAN POSITIONS PERHAPS WEREN'T AS CLEAR AS THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN. THERE WERE CHARGES THAT WE WERE A "ME TOO" PARTY -- SUPPORTING THE SAME THINGS AS THE DEMOCRATS, ONLY PROMISING TO DO THEM BETTER.

THIS YEAR, THERE'S NO QUESTION WHERE OUR PARTY -- AND FOR THAT MATTER, THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS -- STAND.

WE'RE FOR A RETURN TO LAW AND ORDER.

WE'RE FOR INVOLVING PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN SOLVING OUR GREAT SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF JOBS, HOUSING AND EDUCATION.

WE STAND FOR A DECISIVE POLICY IN VIETNAM.

WE'RE FOR RESURRECTING A DOLLAR THAT MEANS SOMETHING FOR EVERY WAGE EARNER, AND WE'RE FOR CURBING PROLIFERATING GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

-TO WIN, WORK-

1968 WON'T BE 1948.

BUT SUCH CONFIDENCE IS NO EXCUSE FOR HARD WORK. WHEN YOU'RE IN COMPETITION -- WHETHER IT'S POLITICS OR SPORTS -- YOU DON'T JUST PLAY TO HAVE FUN. YOU PLAN TO WIN, AND TO WIN BIG. THAT WAY WHETHER YOU WIN, LOSE OR DRAW WHEN IT'S ALL OVER, YOU CAN HONESTLY SAY YOU GAVE IT ALL YOU HAD.

WELL, THIS YEAR, REPUBLICANS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE OUT TO WIN, AND TO WIN BIG, AND ALL OF US -- PARTY WORKERS AND CANDIDATES ALIKE -- ARE GOING TO GIVE IT EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT RIGHT TO THE NOVEMBER 5 FINISHING LINE.

-IN HOUSE AND IN SENATE-

ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS YEAR IS GIVE DICK NIXON A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS. I'M PROUD OF THE RECORD WE REPUBLICANS, INCLUDING MY GOOD FRIEND JOE SKUBITZ, ACHIEVED IN THE 90TH CONGRESS,

-90TH CONGRESS & ECONOMY-

AS THE MINORITY PARTY, WE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS HAVE WORKED FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, SENSIBLE SPENDING AND AGAINST THE INFLATION WHICH REACHES DEEP INTO THE POCKETS OF ALL OF US. ON 23 ECONOMY ISSUES IN 1967, HOUSE REPUBLICANS AVERAGED 85% FOR RESTRAINT; THE DEMOCRATS, ONLY 17%. AND WE REPUBLICANS WON 11 OF THOSE 23 SHOWDOWNS.

LAST YEAR, OUR REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE ISSUED 30 FORMAL POSITION PAPERS ON PENDING MATTERS, WITH 24 OF THOSE ISSUES COMING TO A VOTE. AN AVERAGE OF 96 PERCENT OF THE REPUBLICANS ON THE HOUSE FLOOR SUPPORTED THE PARTY POSITIONS.

-90TH CONGRESS & GOP LAWS-

AND WITH THE HELP OF A FEW DISCERNING DEMOCRATS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SOME EFFECTIVE REPUBLICAN LEGISLATION.

-TAX INCREASE, SPENDING CUT-

AS THE MINORITY, WE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
HAVE TAKEN THE HARD POSITION, BUT THE WISE, RESPONSIBLE POSITION
OF FORCING THE ADMINISTRATION TO FOLLOW SOUND ECONOMIC POLICIES.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN JOHNSON AND HUMPHREY WANTED TO ESTABLISH
THE 6 PERCENT INCOME TAX SURCHARGE, WE FORCED THEM TO ACCEPT A
MANDATORY \$6 BILLION CUT IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING. THEY BALKED,
WANTING YOU AND ME TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS, BUT NOT WANTING TO DO
LIKEWISE.

THE SPENDING CUT-TEMPORARY TAX INCREASE WAS ENACTED, AND
HOPEFULLY IT WILL BRING GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND SPENDING INTO A
BETTER BALANCE. I AGREE THAT IT HURTS TO PAY HIGHER TAXES, BUT
THE COST TO EACH OF US AND OUR NATION AS A WHOLE OF A \$25
BILLION DEFICIT WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE HURT EVEN MORE.

-GOP STOPS PROGRESS???

NOT FOR ONE MINURE HAVE WE REPUBLICANS BEEN AGAINST PROGRESS
OR AGAINST SOLVING SOCIAL ISSUES, AS SOME DEMOCRATS WOULD HAVE
YOU BELIEVE.

BUT FOR EACH AND EVERY MINUTE, WE REPUBLICANS KNOW THIS COUNTRY CANNOT, AS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES CANNOT, LIVE BEYOND OUR MEANS.

WE KNOW THERE ARE SEVERAL LESS URGENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL WE HAVE SOME OF THE MORE COMPELLING DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CRISES SOLVED. CUTTING THE BUDGET ALWAYS HURTS SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, BUT IT IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WE HAVE IF WE ARE TO GET THIS COUNTRY MOVING FORWARD AGAIN RESPONSIBLY AND RESPONSIVELY.

-LET'S BACK DICK-

BEGINNING IN JANUARY, WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE IF WE'RE GOING TO GIVE DICK NIXON THE KIND OF BACKING HE DESERVES.

THE PRESIDENT MUST COME TO CONGRESS FOR THE LEGISLATION TO PUT HIS PROGRAM IN ACTION.

WHEN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION COMES TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO OFFER NEW LEADERSHIP IN VIETNAM, LET'S GIVE HIM NEW REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES.

WHEN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION COMES TO CONGRESS WITH
A PROGRAM TO RESTORE LAW AND ORDER, LET'S HAVE THE PROGRAM RE-
CEIVED BY A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS.

WHEN HE OFFERS THE NEW FARM PROGRAM, LET'S HAVE A REPUBLICAN
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDER IT. AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE
AG COMMITTEE FOR 8 YEARS, I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS ANY
WORTHWHILE LEGISLATION WHEN A DEMOCRAT MAJORITY OF 20 TO 15
EXISTS.

IT'S BEEN 14 LONG YEARS SINCE A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT HAS HAD
A CHANCE TO WORK WITH REPUBLICAN MAJORITY LEADERSHIP IN EITHER
THE HOUSE OR THE SENATE. I SAY IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

- NIXON'S THE ONE -

THE IMPORTANT THING IS NEW LEADERSHIP IN AMERICA IN 1969,
AND, IN MY OPINION, MOST AMERICANS RECOGNIZE THAT THE REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATE, RICHARD NIXON, IS THE ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
WHO CAN PROVIDE SUCH LEADERSHIP.

NIXON'S THE ONE:

- WHO BEST CAN BRING ABOUT WORLD PEACE AND RESTORE
OUR PRESTIGE AS A LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD;
- WHO CAN END THE NATIONAL CRIME CRISIS, RESTORE
MORAL LEADERSHIP AND PROMOTE JUSTICE IN AMERICA;
- WHO CAN CLOSE THE CREDIBILITY GAP WHICH THIS
ADMINISTRATION HAS USED TO MISLEAD AND MISGUIDE
THE PEOPLE ON OUR COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY, DOMESTIC
EFFORTS AND EVEN PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND
PLANS.

NIXON'S THE ONE:

- WHO CAN RESTORE PROSPERITY, HALT INFLATION
AND RETURN US TO THE SOUND FISCAL POLICIES OF
THE EISENHOWER YEARS;
- WHO WILL CURB THE GROWTH OF BIG GOVERNMENT AND
AND EASE THE EVER-GROWING DEPENDENCE ON BIG
GOVERNMENT;

- WHO OFFERS HOPE FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER WITH PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT WILL CAUSE PRICES TO RISE, NOT FALL;
- WHO WILL OFFER TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED.

IN SHORT, NIXON'S THE ONE, AND THE ONLY ONE, WHO CAN LEAD ALL AMERICANS WITH A NEW GOVERNMENT AND A NEW PHILOSOPHY -- THAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT KIND OF PHILOSOPHY WHICH CAN BRING AMERICA AND THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD TO A BRIGHTER, MORE HOPEFUL FUTURE, CLOSING THE DOOR FOREVER ON THE PAST CHAPTER IN WHICH OUR TREMENDOUS POWER WAS USED TO SHATTER, MISLEAD AND DESTROY.