

REMARKS OF
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THIS YEAR, 1968, BRINGS TO MY MIND THE CHINESE WORD
FOR CRISIS.

IT IS SAID TO BE A PICTOGRAPH IN TWO PARTS: ONE SIGNIFIES
GREAT DANGER; THE OTHER, GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

I AM SURE FEW OF US HERE TONIGHT COULD DISAGREE: AMERICA
IN 1968 IS IN A CRISIS. AND INDEED, IT IS A DOUBLE-SIDED COIN,
A PARADOX...WHICH CAN LEAD TO GREAT DANGER OR GREAT OPPORTUNITY,
DEPENDING UPON WHAT ~~200~~ MILLION AMERICANS DO NOVEMBER 5.

CONSIDER THESE:

- * AMERICANS, THE FREEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, NO
LONGER FEEL SAFE WALKING THEIR OWN STREETS,
- * AMIDST UNPRECEDENTED PLENTY, AMERICA HAS DEEP
POCKETS OF POVERTY

- * WE HAVE MATERIAL PROGRESS AND A BUSINESS AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, THE ENVY OF THE WORLD. YET OUR DOLLAR IS IN JEOPARDY, AND WE HAVE CRIPPLING INFLATION AND FEDERAL DEFICIT SPENDING,
- * OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PERHAPS MORE POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY AWARE AND INVOLVED THAN EVER BEFORE. YET "YOUTH POWER" THROBS ON AMERICA'S COLLEGE CAMPUSES, WITH SOME STUDENTS "OCCUPYING" UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AND EVEN, IN ONE CASE, DEMANDING RESIGNATION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BECAUSE HE WAS FORCED TO CALL POLICE TO EVICT YOUTHS WHO TOTALLY THWARTED CONTINUATION OF CLASSES,
- * AMERICAN FARMERS, THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IN THE WORLD, SUFFERED AN INCOME LOSS OF 1.9 BILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR.
- * ABROAD, THOUSANDS OF OUR YOUNG MEN ARE SUFFERING AND DYING WHILE SOME OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN, SAFE AT HOME, BURN THE FLAG AND MARCH UNDER THE BANNER OF THE VIET CONG.

-THE DEMOCRATS FAILED-

THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS FAILED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS FAILED THE YOUNG MEN WHO WERE PROMISED THEY WOULD NEVER BE SENT TO THE JOB ASIAN BOYS SHOULD BE DOING.

THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS FAILED THE FARMER WHO WAS PROMISED HIS FAIR SHARE OF THE FRUITS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS FAILED THE CONSUMER WHO WAS PROMISED PRICE STABILITY.

THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS FAILED THE WORKER WHO WAS PROMISED INCREASED PURCHASING POWER.

-LOOK AT THE RECORD-

LOOK AT THE RECORD OF THE LAST 8 YEARS...LET'S TELL IT LIKE IT IS, NOT AS THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE.

THIS IS THE RECORD. THIS IS "HOW IT IS".

THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION HAS BROUGHT:

- * LEGITIMATE DOUBT AMONG THE PEOPLE TOWARD THEIR GOVERNMENT AND ITS LEADERS;
- * SOME OF THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATES IN 100 YEARS;
- * A SPIRALING CRIME RATE CREATING STREETS OF FEAR OUT OF OUR CITY PAVEMENTS;
- * A BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER, WHICH HAS MADE NEARLY EVERY MAJOR CITY A SEEDBED FOR DISILLUSIONMENT, RIFTS AND RIOTS;
- * PRICE INFLATION AND COST INFLATION WHICH WRECK EVERY WORKER'S WAGE GAINS AND WHICH MAKE SPECIAL VICTIMS OUT OF THE PENSIONER AND THE FARMER;
- * PROLONGED STRIKES THREATENING THE ENTIRE NATION'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE;
- * A STALEMATE IN VIETNAM...HUMILIATION AT THE HANDS OF NORTH KOREA AND DISTRUST OF BOTH THE ISRAELIS AND THE ARABS BECAUSE OF OUR "NON-POLICY" IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THAT IS A LONG LIST...AND THERE'S MORE. KIND OF LEAVES
YOU BREATHLESS, DOESN'T IT? IT SHOULD LEAVE THE DEMOCRATS SPEECHLESS.

IS IT ANY WONDER THEN THAT MANY GOOD AMERICANS HAVE FOUND
THEMSELVES BEWILDERED AND DISCOURAGED? IS IT ANY WONDER THAT
TO MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS ABROAD, AMERICA'S IDEALS NO LONGER COM-
MUNICATE THE PASSION, THE PROMISE AND THE STRENGTH OF EVEN A FEW
YEARS AGO.

-THE NIXON TIDE-

FOR MANY MONTHS NOW, WE HAVE HEARD THAT THIS IS A
REPUBLICAN YEAR.

I THINK IT WILL BE.

ALL OF US HERE WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE CAMPAIGN
CLOSELY CAN SEE THE TREMENDOUS JOB DICK NIXON HAS DONE IN UNIFYING
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT IS A TRIBUTE
TO DICK NIXON'S LEADERSHIP ABILITIES, HIS RECORD, AND HIS TALENTS
AS A DIPLOMAT.

INDEED GREAT VICTORIES WILL BE OURS NOVEMBER 5 IF WE
DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CAPITALIZE ON OUR OPPORTUNITIES
--THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE THE WHITE HOUSE, CAPTURE CONTROL
OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND MOVE UP SHARPLY IN
THE U.S. SENATE.

OUR PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT BECAUSE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
KNOW NOW THAT DICK NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ARE BEST
EQUIPPED TO END THE WAR AND WIN THE PEACE BOTH AT HOME AND
ABROAD AND TO RESTORE GENUINE PROSPERITY TO THIS NATION.

-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 WILL TAKE CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS OF TIME, MONEY AND MANPOWER. WE NOT ONLY HAVE TO ELECT DICK NIXON, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS AND MORE REPUBLICANS IN THE US SENATE SO WE CAN GET THIS COUNTRY MOVING FORWARD ONCE AGAIN.

-90TH CONGRESS-

AS THE MINORITY PARTY, WE REPUBLICANS IN THIS 90TH CONGRESS HAVE WORKED FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, SENSIBLE SPENDING AND AGAINST THE INFLATION WHICH ROBS US ALL.

ON 23 ECONOMY ISSUES IN 1967, HOUSE REPUBLICANS
AVERAGED 85 PERCENT FOR RESTRAINT; THE DEMOCRATS, ONLY 17 PERCENT.
AND WE REPUBLICANS WON 11 OF THOSE 23 SHOWDOWNS.

-90TH CONGRESS & LAWS-

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

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 DOLLAR SPENDING CUT . THEY BALKED,
WANTING YOU AND ME TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS, BUT NOT WANTING TO
DO THE SAME WITH GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

THE BILL WAS ENACTED, AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL BRING
GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND SPENDING INTO A BETTER BALANCE.

-G.O.P. STOPS PROGRESS???

NOT FOR ONE MINUTE 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 OUR ONLY ALTERNATIVE 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 RECEIVED 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 AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE FOR 8 YEARS, I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS ANY WORTH-WHILE 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 THAT AMERICA NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP -- NEW, STRONG, PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP. 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 BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS.

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 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, AND
- WHO WILL OFFER TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO TRAIN AND EMPLOY THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE 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.