

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LINCOLN DAY DINNER
LAWRENCE, KANSAS
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OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO IN THE MIDST OF THE CIVIL WAR, A DELEGATION CALLED ON PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND FEARS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLIC. LINCOLN TOLD THEM OF AN EXPERIENCE IN HIS YOUTH. "ONE NIGHT IN NOVEMBER, I WAS CAMPING OUT WITH A YOUNGER BOY AND ALL OF A SUDDEN OUT OF THE CLEAR NIGHT SKY CAME A SHOWER OF METEORS. MY YOUNG FRIEND STANDING BY WAS FRIGHTENED. BUT I LOOKED UP AND BETWEEN THE FALLING STARS I SAW THE FIXED STARS BEYOND SHINING IN THE FIRMAMENT AND I SAID TO MY COMPANION, 'LET US NOT MIND THE METEORS, LET US KEEP OUR EYES ON THE FIXED STARS.'"

SO LINCOLN'S MESSAGE TO THAT DELEGATION WAS THAT THEY SHOULD IN THAT TIME OF NATIONAL STRESS LOOK TO THEIR IDEALS. AND SO TONIGHT IN A TIME WHEN MANY OF US ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT SEEM

SEE SPEECH GIVEN AT ~~SAN~~ PEDRO, CALIF.