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#### REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

REPUBLICAN DINNER BIG SPRING, TEXAS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1970

IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS EVENING. I ALWAYS ENJOY COMING TO TEXAS, BUT I HAVE COME WITH SOME TREPIDATION THIS EVENING, BECAUSE THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS GOTTEN DOWN TO ISSUES, AND WITH THE SURE HAND AND THE GREAT VISION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THE DEMOCRAT PARTY ALL THE WAY BACK TO FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, THEY HAVE CONFRONTED US WITH MATTERS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE -- MATTERS WHICH WE CANNOT FAIL TO ADDRESS OURSELVES TO.

THE FIRST ISSUE -- IT IS AN ACCUSATION REALLY -- IT IS AN AC-CUSATION THAT WE MUST CONFESS IS TRUE -- AND THAT IS THAT GEORGE BUSH HAS ONLY LIVED IN TEXAS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND HE IS A CARPET-BAGGER THEY SAY.

WELL, IT IS A SAD FACT, BUT A TRUE ONE, THAT NOT ALL TEXANS HAVE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE BORN IN TEXAS. POOR OLD SAM HOUSTON,

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AS YOU KNOW, WAS BORN IN VIRGINIA, AND DIDN'T GET HERE UNTIL HE WAS 42 YEARS OLD. DAVY CROCKETT HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE FROM TENNESSEE TO DIE FOR TEXAS' INDEPENDENCE AND THE ALAMO. JIM BOWIE WAS ANOTHER TEXAN WHO CAME LATE. HE CAME FROM KENTUCKY. SO GEORGE BUSH IS IN GOOD COMPANY DESPITE EVERYTHING, BUT I DON'T MEAN TO AVOID THE CENTRAL ISSUE HERE.

AND THE CENTRAL ISSUE, IT SEEMS TO ME, WHEN YOU CLEAR AWAY ALL THE DEMOCRAT RHETORIC, THE WHOLE MATTER GETS DOWN TO THE FACT THAT GEORGE BUSH CAME INTO THE GREAT LONE STAR STATE BY CHOICE AND HAS PERFORMED OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR HIS ADOPTED STATE.

CARPETBAGGER. WHAT KIND OF AN ISSUE IS THAT? GEORGE BUSH IS A TEXAN BY CHOICE.

CARPETBAGGER. HOW'S THAT FOR POLITICAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL BANKRUPTCY? WE'VE GOT A WAR IN VIETNAM, AND JUST BECAUSE THE

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DEMOCRATS GOT IT GOING DOESN'T MEAN IT DOESN'T COUNT. WE'VE GOT PEOPLE DYING IN VIETNAM. WE'VE GOT CAMPUSES INFECTED WITH THE LIB-ERAL VIRUS AND THEY'RE BLOWING UP. WE'VE GOT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM, AND THE ECONOMY, AND EDUCATION AND HOUSING, AND TRANSPOR-TATION AND WE'VE GOT PORNOGRAPHY, AND LLOYD BENTSEN AND HIS CLAQUE ARE RECOMMENDED BUSH A CARPETBAGGER. FOR SOMEBODY WHO BRAGS ABOUT HAVING BEEN A TEXAN FOR SO LONG, HE SURE HASN'T MUCH RE-GARD FOR, OR UNDERSTANDING, I DON'T KNOW WHICH, OF TEXAN INTELLIGENCE.

BUT, OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT THE ONLY ISSUE THE DEMOCRATS HAVE GOT. THERE IS ANOTHER MATTER OF EQUALLY GRAVE CONCERN. IT IS ALLEGED THAT IN 1966, JOHN TOWER SAID THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE ONE REPUBLICAN SENATOR AND ONE DEMOCRAT SENATOR. AND THE PEOPLE AGREED, AND THEY SENT JOHN TO THE SENATE, AND THAT'S A GREAT BLESSING TO US ALL. BUT THE DEMOCRATS IN 1966 DIDN'T AGREE WITH JOHN TOWER THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE ONE REPUBLICAN SENATOR AND ONE DEMOCRAT SENATOR. FOUR YEARS LATER, THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS AND NOW THEY DO AGREE WITH HIM. AND THAT REALLY ISN'T TOO BAD; THEY'RE USUALLY A LOT FURTHER BEHIND THAN FOUR YEARS.

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WELL, OF COURSE, JOHN TOWER HAS CHANGED HIS MIND, TOO, AND HE FEELS, AS WE ALL DO, THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE TWO REPUBLICAN SEN-ATORS FROM TEXAS. AND THE DEMOCRATS SAY HE'S CONTRADICTING HIMSELF.

I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY WITH SENATOR TOWER, AND THE SENATOR SEARCHED HIS HEART AND FINALLY ADMIT-TED THAT HE HAD, INDEED, CHANGED HIS POSITION. HE SAID HE WAS SIN-CERE IN 1966 WHEN HE TOLD YOU ALL THAT TEXAS OUGHT TO HAVE ONE SENATOR FROM EACH PARTY.

BUT THINGS GOT SO BAD IN WASHINGTON UNDER L.B.J. THAT HE CHANGED HIS MIND -- AS HE SHOULD HAVE.

IT WASN'T AN EASY DECISION FOR HIM TO MAKE, I'M SURE. IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION, BUT HE FELT HE HAD TO PUT HIS COUNTRY AHEAD OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY. NOW, IF THE DEMOCRATS FELT THAT WAY, WE WOULD ALL BE A WHOLE LOT BETTER OFF.

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# THE HIGH ROAD TO GREATNESS

THE TIME IS NOW. THIS NATION, UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION, IS EMBARKED ON THE HIGH ROAD BACK TO GREATNESS.

PRESIDENT NIXON CAME INTO OFFICE WITH THE COUNTRY ENGAGED IN A FULL-DRESS LAND WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WITH THE COUNTRY ON THE BRINK OF ECONOMIC DISASTER, WITH AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF AMERICAN YOUTH FED UP WITH THE ACTIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD -- THEY'D TURNED THEIR FACES AWAY; HE CAME INTO OFFICE WITH THE MOST HAIR-RAISING CRIME PROBLEM IMAGINABLE IN THIS COUNTRY FROM A FULL DECADE OF THE SORT OF NONSENSE YOU GET WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE LIKE HUBERT HUMPHREY RUNNING AROUND TELLING PEOPLE HE COULD LEAD A PRETTY GOOD RIOT HIMSEN AND BY THE WAY, HOW IS THAT FOR A CONTRAST IN VICE PRESIDENTS? PUT THE STRENGTH AND THE DIGNITY AND THE COURAGE OF AGNEW ALONGSIDE OF THE GASBAG ANTICS OF POOR HUBERT TRYING TO PLEASE LYNDON AND STILL LIVE WITH HIMSELF, AND YOU GET A PRETTY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WHY WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TURN THIS COUNTRY AROUND. WHEN RICHARD NIXON CAME INTO OFFICE, THE PRESTIGE OF THE PRES-IDENCY WAS AS LOW AS IT HAS BEEN IN THIS CENTURY PEOPLE JUST DIDN'T BELIEVE IN THE PRESIDENCY ANY MORE. THE MOST VITAL POSITION IN OUR WHOLE DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER ATTACK -- OF ALL REASONS, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THOUGHT THE MAN WHO HELD THE POSITION WASN'T TRUSTWORTHY.

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THAT IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON AMERICA IN THE DEMOCRAT ERA. AND THE MAN WHO BROUGHT US TO THAT PASS IS THE SAME MAN BEHIND LLOYD BENTSEN -- THE SAME MAN WHO WOULD BE PULLING HIS STRINGS IF BENTSEN FOUND A WAY TO GET TO WASHINGTON. FORTUNATELY, HE WILL NOT GET THERE.

BUT WHERE ARE WE TODAY, MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS?

THE ECONOMY IS COMING BACK UNDER CONTROL. BUSINESS AND CONSUMER ALIKE HAVE FAITH AGAIN IN A SURE, STEADY AND RESPONSIBLE HAND AT THE ECONOMIC HELM. THEY SEE THE BOAT HEAD AWAY FROM THE ROCKS OF RECES-SION, OR WORSE. THEIR FAITH IN THE PRESIDENT'S ABILITY AND HIS INTEN-TIONS, AND HIS INTEGRITY ARE WELL PLACED. BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW JUST EXACTLY WHAT THE PRESIDENT IS UP AGAINST.

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## THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS

HE IS UP AGAINST A DEMOCRAT CONGRESS AND THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IS FRIGHTENED TO DEATH THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR MAJORITY. I THINK THEY SHOW RARE PERCEPTION. THEY HAVE KEPT THEIR MAJORITIES BY SPENDING THE PEOPLE'S MONEY, AND THEN POINTING WITH PRIDE TO ALL THEY HAVE DONE FOR THE PEOPLE. WELL THE PEOPLE ARE NOT BUYING THAT NOW, AND THE DEMOCRATS KNOW IT, AND THEY KNOW THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY OUT, BUT THEY CANNOT CHANGE THEIR WAYS, NO MATTER WHAT. JUST LIKE PAVLOV'S DOG, THEY RESPOND -- ELECTION TIME COMES, AND THEY START SHOVELING THE MONEY AROUND. OF COURSE, IT DOESN'T REALLY GO ANYWHERE. IT NEVER LEAVES THE BUREAUCRACY -- BUT THE BUREAUCRACY GETS BIGGER, AND THEY GO OUT AND EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE THAT THIS NEW PROGRAM OR THAT NEW AGENCY OR SOME OTHER NEW BOONDOGGLE IS GOING TO CURE THEIR KIDS' RICKETS, OR STOP THEM FROM EATING PLASTER OFF THE WALL, OR TEACH THEM SOMETHING, OR IT'S GOING TO PROVIDE THEIR FATHER WITH A JOB --WELL, YOU KNOW ALL THE PROMISES. THEY WANT TO DO THAT NOW. THEY KNOW

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THEY'RE IN TROUBLE, SO THEY WANT TO DO IT IN A BIG WAY. AND THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE EVERYTHING HE CAN DO TO HOLD THEM BACK. WE IN THE CONGRESS HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP HIM HOLD THEM BACK. DESPITE EVERYONE'S EFFORTS, WE HAVE HAD TO WATCH, ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, PRESIDENT NIXON'S VETOES ON INFLATIONARY SPEND-ING PROGRAMS OVERRIDDEN.

AND PUT IT BACK ON THE ROAD TO REAL, PRODUCTIVE GROWTH IS FAR FROM OVER -- FAR FROM BEING WON. WE MUST HAVE MEN IN THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE WHO WILL SUSTAIN AND SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT IN THAT BATTLE. WE NEED MEN LIKE GEORGE BUSH, WHOSE FISCAL RECORD IS OUT FRONT FOR ALL TO SEE, AND TO KNOW THAT HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SPENDING MONEY THAT THE NATION DOESN'T HAVE ON PROGRAMS ALL TOO FREQUENTLY DESIGNED TO BUY THE VOTES OF PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTE EXACTLY NOTHING TO THE ECON-OMY, AND WON'T EVER CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY THINK THE COUN-TRY OWES THEM A LIVING. ECONOMIC HEALTH HAS BEGUN TO REASSERT ITSELF,

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BECAUSE PRESIDENT NIXON HAS FOUGHT WITH EVERY GUN HE HAD TO PULL IT BACK FROM THE BRINK. BUT KEEPING IT BACK --KEEPING IT MOVING FORWARD IS SOMETHING HE WON'T DO BY HIMSELF, AND I MUST TELL YOU FRANKLY THAT THERE ARE SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH OF US TO HELP HIM. YOU SEND GEORGE BUSH UP THERE. HE IS VALUABLE IN THE HOUSE. HE WILL BE MORE VALUABLE IN THE SENATE IN THE FIGHT FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

#### - YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE SYSTEM -

THE YOUNG WHO HAD TURNED SO COMPLETELY AGAINST THE COUNTRY AND THE AMERICAN SYSTEM HAVE TURNED AGAIN. AND, BELIEVE ME, THEY HAVE. DON'T BE MISLED BY THE PRESS. YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE HAVE TURNED AGAIN TO WORKING WITHIN THE SYSTEM. THIS HAS SERVED TO ISOLATE THE RADICALS, THE BOMBERS AND THE BURNERS, AND NOW THEY ARE DESPERATE --DOING ALL THEY CAN IN THE FACE OF ABSOLUTE AND CERTAIN FRUSTRATION AND FAILURE. THESE ARE THE YOUNG -- AND MANY AREN'T SO YOUNG AT ALL --THESE ARE THE ONES THE PRESS WANTS US TO BELIEVE REPRESENT AMERICAN YOUTH. THAT IS NONSENSE. THEY REPRESENT THE SADNESS OF THEIR ALIEN IDEOLOGY, BUT THEY DON'T SPEAK FOR ANY PART OF AMERICA. THE CRIME PROBLEM REMAINS A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM. THE LIBERALS THREW EVERYTHING THEY COULD AT THE PRESENT WHEN HE TRIED TO APPOINT MEN TO THE CONRT WHO WOULD REFLECT THE DESIRE OF AMERICANS FOR LAW AND ORDER IN AMERICA. AS YOU KNOW, HE WENT TO THE SENATE THREE TIMES BEFORE THEY CONSENTED TO SEAT HIS LATEST APPOINTEE. I THINK THAT PRETTY WELL STATES THE NEED FOR A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE SENATE. WE'VE GOT TO HAVE IT.

THE PRESIDENT, AGAIN, IS MAKING A VALIANT FIGHT IN THIS AREA. BUT HE CAN'T DO IT ALONE. HE NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESS. AND HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT SUPPORT RIGHT NOW. AS YOU KNOW, THE DEMOCRATS ARE ALL TALKING LAW AND ORDER RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP.

#### - THE PRESIDENT'S CREDIBILITY -

AS FOR THE CREDIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENCY, I HAVE TO ADMIT, RICHARD NIXON DOESN'T NEED ANY HELP AT ALL THERE. THAT IS A ONE-MAN JOB. THERE IS NOTHING THE PEOPLE, NOTHING THE CONGRESS OR THE COURTS CAN DO. THAT IS ONE ROAD ONE MAN HAS TO WALK DOWN ALONE. PRESIDENT NIXON IS WALKING THAT ROAD, AND I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THE PRESTIGE, THE STATURE, THE HONOR AND THE CREDIBILITY OF THAT OFFICE HAVE NOT BEEN SO GREAT SINCE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER REMINDED AMERICANS THAT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS NOT SIMPLY A POSITION OF POWER --BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THAT IT WAS A POSITION OF HONOR. UNDER RICHARD NIXON, IT IS AGAIN. AND NOW, LET ME TURN TO THE VICIOUS LEGACY OF THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE.

I HAPPENED TO GLANCE AT ONE OF THOSE INSTANT ANALYSES THAT THE EASTERN PRESS IS **S**O FOND OF -- I ONLY READ THE HEADLINE ACTUALLY. AND THE HEADLINE SAID "NIXON REVIVES PEACE AS POLITICAL ISSUE".

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NOW THAT'S SICK.

THAT IS SICK.

I'M AFRAID I'LL NEVER IN MY LIFE UNDERSTAND WHY THE VICIOUS ALWAYS ASSUME EVERYBODY ELSE IS VICIOUS, AND WHY THE CYNICAL ASSUME THAT EVERYBODY ELSE IS A CYNIC. THIS IS JOURNALISM, EASTERN STYLE. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT CRY FOUL EVERYTIME THE VICE PRESIDENT STARTS REMINDING THEM JUST HOW FOUL THEY REALLY ARE. This document is from the collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas http://dolearchives.ku.edu

NIXON ISN'T REVIVING PEACE AS A POLITICAL ISSUE.

PEACE IS, AND HAS BEEN SINCE JANUARY 20, 1969, THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. ALL THE OTHER THINGS THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO A HAVE HAD TO TAKE A BACK SEAT -- THE QUALITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, THE QUALITY OF OUR GOODS -- CONSUMERISM -- THE QUALITY OF OUR EDUCATION, THE VERY QUALITY OF LIFE, IN EVERY ASPECT, THAT AMERICANS LEAD. HERE IS A MAN OF VISION, A MAN OF EXPERIENCE WHO HAS FAILED AND FOUGHT AND WON -- HE KNOWS WHAT THE WORLD IS AND WHAT LIFE CAN BE AND HE HAS SCARS TO PROVE IT. HERE IS A MAN OF SCOPE, A MAN OF BRILLIANCE WHO WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO USE HIS CONSIDERABLE ENERGY AND HIS CONSIDERABLE ABILITY TO IMPROVE AMERICA, TO IMPROVE LIFE. INSTEAD, EVERYDAY, HE IS TRYING TO REDUCE DEATH. THOMAS HOBBES, THE ENGLISH PHILOSOPHER, SAID THE LIFE OF THE COMMON MAN WAS NASTY, BRUTISH, AND SHORT. TODAY, WITH MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, IT IS ALL TOO FREQUENTLY NASTY, BRUTISH, AND LONG. WE HAVE A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO COULD CHANGE THAT -- WHO COULD LEAD THIS NATION TO A NEW RENNAISSANCE. AND HE IS TIED BACK AND FRONT BY A WAR. THE ENERGY THAT HE CAN STEAL FROM THAT GOES INTO CRUSHING THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR -- ON CRIME WHICH SO OFTEN FEEDS ON THE VIOLENCE TO WHICH WAR HAS MADE SO MANY PEOPLE INDIFFERENT, AND ON THE ECONOMY, WHICH THE WAR AND EXCESSIVE DOMESTIC SPENDING HAD HEATED TO THE BOILING POINT.

HE IS DOING ALL HE CAN TO END THIS WAR. IT IS A THANKLESS AND BACKBREAKING TASK, BUT HE HAS NEVER FLINCHED. AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT HE IS SUCCESSFUL SO HE CAN TURN HIS ATTENTION TO THE DOMESTIC NEEDS OF THIS COUNTRY. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT RICHARD NIXON DOESN'T TREAT PEACE AS A POLITICAL ISSUE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME VILE THINGS SAID ABOUT THIS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND PRETTY SOON YOU IGNORE THEM, PARTLY BECAUSE THAT'S POLITICS, BUT LET IT BE CLEAR THAT RICHARD NIXON DOESN'T PLAY POLITICS WITH THE LIVES OF THIS NATION'S FATHERS AND BROTHERS AND SONS; HE DOESN'T PLAY GAMES WITH THE BLOOD OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

## - VIETNAM -

WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON CAME INTO OFFICE, THERE WERE NEARLY 550,000 TROOPS IN VIETNAM. THAT HAS BEEN REDUCED BY ALMOST 160,000 MEN. IN A LITTLE MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, ANOTHER 100,000 WILL BE OUT.

LAST WEEK WE LOST THIRTY-EIGHT LIVES IN VIETNAM. THAT IS THE LOWEST CASUALTY FIGURE IN ALMOST FIVE YEARS. THAT IS THE RESULT OF THE COURAGE AND THE COMPASSION OF RICHARD NIXON. BUT I DON'T HOLD THE LOSS OF THIRTY-EIGHT LIVES UP AS A TRIUMPH. FOR, IN TRUTH, THE LOSS OF A SINGLE LIFE IN VIETNAM IS A TRAGEDY. AND THE PRESIDENT IS TRYING DESPERATELY TO WRITE AN END TO THAT TRAGEDY. AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT, HE REACHED OUT TO HANOI WITH A HUMANE AND REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THE BLOODSHED. NOW WE SHALL KNOW WHETHER HANOI WANTS AN END TO BLOODSHED. I HOPE THEY DO. I KNOW THE PRESIDENT HOPES THEY DO. I AM SURE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HOPE THEY DO, AND I HOPE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT IN EVERY WAY THEY CAN IN HIS EFFORT TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN A GENERATION OF PEACE.

BUT HOWEVER HANOI RESPONDS, THE DAYS AHEAD WILL BE DAYS OF DIFFICULTY, OF TESTING, OF TENSION. THE PRESIDENT NEEDS STRONG SUPPORT IN THIS TIME. HE NEEDS THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE, AND HE NEEDS THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESS. HE NEEDS MEN LIKE GEORGE BUSH.

# - CONCLUSION -

MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS, THE ROAD AHEAD IS STILL A HARD ROAD. WE HAVE SEEN CHANGE; POLITICAL DEALS HAVE GIVEN WAY TO POSITIVE DEEDS; REHTORIC HAS GIVEN WAY TO REALITY; PERSISTENT DISCORD HAS GIVEN WAY TO THE POSITIVE DIRECTION AND THE DECISIVE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT NIXON. I BELIEVE AMERICA HAS HERSELF IN HAND AGAIN. WE ARE GOING FORWARD.

BUT THE ROAD AHEAD IS DIFFICULT. THE TIMES CALL FOR MEN WITH THE COURAGE TO GO ALL THE WAY, AND WITH THE WISDOM TO GO ALL THE WAY WITH JUSTICE AND COMPASSION AND HONOR. THE TIMES DEMAND MEN LIKE GEORGE BUSH.

YOU SEND GEORGE BUSH TO THE SENATE. YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID. AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE GLAD YOU DID, TOO.

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