

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF CAPITOL HILL  
CAPITOL HILL CLUB  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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LET ME EMPHASIZE AT THE OUTSET THAT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD IS TO WORK FOR THE ELECTION OF REPUBLICAN OFFICEHOLDERS EVERYWHERE -- AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON.

OURS IS A GREAT PARTY. AND OURS IS A GOOD PARTY. IT EMBODIES THE IDEALS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, IT EXPRESSES THE CHARACTER OF DWIGHT EISENHOWER, AND IT SEEKS TO REALIZE THE AMERICAN DREAM -- FOR ALL AMERICANS WHO DARE TO DREAM IT.

I REMEMBER THE WORDS PRESIDENT NIXON SPOKE AT THE DEDICATION OF THE EISENHOWER CENTER EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND I BELIEVE THOSE WORDS ELOQUENTLY EXPRESS THE CHAIRMAN'S GOAL AND THE HOPES OF THE ENTIRE PARTY AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE YEARS AHEAD.

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"ORGANIZE THIS REPUBLICAN PARTY WELL. BUR ORGANIZE IT IN A WAY THAT IT CAN GROW, THAT IT CAN ATTRACT INDEPENDENT VOTERS AND DEMOCRAT VOTERS, THAT IT CAN ATTRACT AMERICANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE SO THAT WE CAN BECOME AN ORGANIZATION THAT WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR DOING BETTER THINGS FOR AMERICA AND BETTER THINGS FOR THE WORLD."

I BELIEVE THE PARTY WILL BE THAT EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IF ALL OF US ARE DEDICATED TO ITS PRINCIPLES AND ARE WILLING TO DEVOTE OUR FULL ENERGIES TO THE JOB AT HAND.

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE TWO DEDICATED AND HARD-WORKING REPUBLICANS, TOM EVANS OF DELAWARE, AND ANNE ARMSTRONG OF TEXAS, AS MY CO-CHAIRMEN AT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. BUT IT IS ALSO GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- AT ALL LEVELS -- HAS THE GREATEST RESOURCES OF INDIVIDUAL TALENT, ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY, MOVEMENT OR ORGANIZATION IN THIS NATION. AND WITH THOSE RESOURCES TO DRAW ON AND WORK WITH, I LOOK FORWARD TO A VERY EXCITING AND SUCCESSFUL TERM AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

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MY ROLE

AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, I VIEW MY ROLE AS HAVING SEVERAL FACETS.

FIRST OF ALL, I INTEND TO BE AS EFFECTIVE A SPOKESMAN AS POSSIBLE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. I SHALL SPEAK OUT IN WASHINGTON AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, HIS POLICIES AND HIS PROGRAMS.

AND I INVITE ALL OF YOU HERE TO JOIN ME IN THE DETERMINATION THAT WE WILL SPEAK OUT IN THE PRESIDENT'S BEHALF AND IN SUPPORT OF THE GOALS TO WHICH HE IS DEDICATED.

SECONDLY, I HOPE TO HELP SERVE AS A UNIFIER OF OUR PARTY AND AS A MISSIONARY FOR IT.

WE CANNOT LET PETTY, INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES SPLIT US APART. WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES AND THE LEADERSHIP THAT UNITE US ARE FAR GREATER THAN THOSE THINGS WHICH WOULD SEPARATE US. DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WE CAN RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES. WE CAN REACH AGREEMENTS. WE WILL BE UNITED. AND THE PUBLIC WILL CLEARLY SEE WE ARE A PARTY JOINED FIRMLY, BONDED TOGETHER, AND IN STEP BEHIND A GREAT PRESIDENT AND A GREAT PROGRAM.

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AS A MISSIONARY, I INTEND TO CARRY THE STORY OF THE PRESIDENT, HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS PROPOSALS TO THE FAR CORNERS OF OUR NATION. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT TOLD THAT STORY AS WELL AS WE MIGHT HAVE. WE HEAR AND READ OF OUR NATION'S PROBLEMS AND OUR BLUNDERS AND OUR FAILURES, BUT WE DO NOT OFTEN ENOUGH READ THE STORY OF OUR SUCCESSES AND OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THIS IS A DYNAMIC NATION. THIS IS A COMPASSIONATE NATION. THIS IS A CONCERNED NATION. THIS IS A NATION WHICH KNOWS GOOD AND DOES GOOD.

WE -- ALL OF YOU AND I -- CAN JOIN THE PRESIDENT IN CARRYING THE GOOD WORD TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION AND ALL THE WORLD. WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL -- A STORY OF UNWINDING A WAR, A STORY OF REBUILDING DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, AND A STORY OF PROGRESS AND REFORM.

AND IN THIS REGARD, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED BY RECENT STATEMENTS ON THE ECONOMY BY LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY. A STRONG, HEALTHY ECONOMY SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY AMERICAN; YET THE DEMOCRATS SEEM TO BE FORMULATING A POLITICAL STRATEGY OF DIVISIVENESS WHICH PITS THE BUSINESSMAN AGAINST THE WORKING MAN AND PLAYS ON THE WORST FEARS OF EACH.

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PRATICULARLY DISTRUBING WAS A STATEMENT LAST WEEK BY LAWRENCE O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WHO ACCUSED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OF IGNORING UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE GIVING BIG BUSINESS A \$2 BILLION TAX BREAK. THIS IS NONSENSE.

IT IS BASIC LOGIC THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT IS TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN WHICH INDUSTRY HAS MORE JOBS TO OFFER. JOBS ARE NOT CREATED OUT OF BUSINESS SHRINKAGE AND CONTRACTION. BUT NEW JOBS AND MORE JOBS ARE CREATED WHEN OUR NATION'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL MUSCLES ARE FLEXING AND GROWING. SO, WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE IN MIND, THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO LIBERALIZE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES IS DESIGNED TO STIMULATE BUSINESS EXPANSION AND HIGHER PRODUCTION. THE RESULT WILL BE MORE JOBS -- AND WITH THEM INCREASED PROSPERITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

THESE ARE THE FACTS, BUT THE DEMOCRATS SEEM DETERMINED TO TWIST THEM THROUGH INNUENDO AND HALF-TRUTHS TO THEIR OWN PURPOSE. THIS IS NOT A RESPONSIBLE STRATEGY.

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MR. O'BRIEN AND THE REST OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE -- THEY SHOULD ADMIT THAT THE WAR PRESIDENT NIXON INHERITED AND THE DEFICITS OF THE 60'S ARE THE ROOTS OF TODAY'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND EMPLOYMENT TROUBLES. THIS WOULD MAKE PRESIDENT NIXON'S EFFORTS TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS EASIER AND MORE EFFECTIVE. BUT IN SPITE OF THIS UNFAIR DEMOCRAT CRITICISM, PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICIES ARE SUCCEEDING, AND WE ARE MOVING TOWARD HIS GOALS OF FULL EMPLOYMENT AND STABLE PRICES.

SO AGAIN I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT WE REPUBLICANS DO HAVE A STORY TO TELL -- AND A GREAT ONE. AND WE WILL TELL IT TO THE PEOPLE -- NOT ONCE, NOT TWICE -- BUT AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE A GOOD STORY BEARS REPEATING. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THIS STORY WILL GET BETTER WITH EACH TELLING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

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WE REPUBLICANS MUST NEVER FORGET OUR OBLIGATION -- OUR RESPONSIBILITY -- TO SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT FOR OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT. AS ACTIVE MEMBERS AND PARTY LEADERS, WE CAN DO NO LESS, AND INDEED WE MUST CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO DO MORE.

AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY, PRESIDENT NIXON MENTIONED THAT HE FELT GENERAL EISENHOWER WOULD HAVE WANTED HIM TO STRESS HIS ADVICE THAT OURS SHOULD BE THE PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR, OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE, ALL PARTIES, ALL FAITHS, ALL RACES.

AND THIS IS INDEED THE KIND OF PARTY WE WANT, THE KIND OF PARTY WE ARE, AND THE KIND OF PARTY WE SHALL BE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN GIVING NEW MEANING AND NEW VITALITY TO OUR PARTY AND TO THE IDEALS WE ALL SHARE.