

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION
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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.

PRESIDENT NIXON SPOKE AT THE DECICATION OF THE EISENHOWER
REPUBLICAN CENTER IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND I BELIEVE HIS
WORDS ELOQUENTLY EXPRESS THE CHAIRMAN'S GOAL AND THE HOPES OF THE
ENTIRE PARTY AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE YEARS AHEAD. HE CHARGED US TO
DIRECT AND GUIDE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SO " 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."

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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 AND IN EVERY STATE -- 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.

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.

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AND I INVITE ALL OF YOUR 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 THAT WE ARE A PARTY JOINED FIRMLY, BONDED TOGETHER, AND IN STEP BEHIND A GREAT PRESIDENT AND A GREAT PROGRAM.

THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAM

THAT PROGRAM WAS SET OUT IN CLEAR AND RINGING TERMS BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE. PERSONALLY, I BELIEVE THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST MOVING AND ENTHUSIASTIC STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL PURPOSE AND

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DIRECTION EVER PROCLAIMED BY A PRESIDENT. IN ESTABLISHING HIS SIX GREAT GOALS, PRESIDENT NIXON GAVE UNMISTAKABLE PROOF THAT HIS SENSE OF LEADERSHIP AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF OUR DESIRES AND HOPES IS BOTH KEEN AND COMPASSIONATE. IN SETTING FORTH THESE GOALS, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS RESPONDED -- AS HE HAS DONE THROUGHOUT HIS ADMINISTRATION -- TO THE REAL NEEDS, THE REAL WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE KNOWS THE PEOPLE WANT RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT. HE KNOWS THAT CHANGES ARE CALLED FOR AT ALL LEVELS, AND HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THESE CHANGES MUST BE FUNDAMENTAL; THEY MUST PENETRATE BEYOND THE MERER SURFACE OF THE DIFFICULTIES AND SHORTCOMINGS TO THE ROOT STRUCTURE OF PROBLEMS IN FEDERAL, STATE, CITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THE MAIN POINTS

TWO OF THE SIX GOALS ARE THE KEYSTONES TO ACHIEVING THE PROGRESS SOUGHT BY THE PRESIDENT: REVENUE SHARING AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH. BOTH ARE REMARKABLE AND UNPRECEDENTED PROPOSALS. THEY ARE UNLIKE ANYTHING A PRESIDENT HAS EVER PRESENTED BEFORE. OF COURSE, WE HAVE HAD SOME PRETTY HIGH-SOUNDING SLOGANS AND PROMISES FROM DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS -- NEW DEAL, FAIR DEAL, NEW FRONTIER AND GREAT SOCIETY. THEY GAVE US WARS ON THIS

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AND CRUSADES AGAINST THAT, GUNS AND BUTTER, AND CREDIBILITY GAPS. BUT THEY NEVER GAVE US SOLUTIONS TO THE BASIC PROBLEM OF PROVIDING GOOD, WELL-FINANCED, AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT FROM WASHINGTON, TO THE STATE CAPITAL, TO THE COUNTY SEAT, TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE WATER DISTRICT. BUT REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE PLANS, PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WERE AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT AS THOSE COMING FROM WASHINGTON.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE COULD SEE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND COULD -- WITH PROPER RESOURCES -- DEAL WITH THEM EFFECTIVELY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN BE MADE TO DO ITS JOBS BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENTLY. SO, NOW, A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED THE FIRST REALLY NEW APPROACHES TO THE RELATED AND INTERTWINED PROBLEMS OF ALL GOVERNMENTS. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE ALWAYS CREATED A BIGGER AND MORE POWERFUL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- IGNORING THE OTHERS. REPUBLICANS AND THE OTHER HAND HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN BETTER AND MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENTS -- NOT JUST IN WASHINGTON, BUT AT ALL LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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WE HAVE AT LAST BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS. AND WE HAVE RESPONDED FIRMLY WITH POSITIVE APPROACHES AND AFFIRMATIVE PROGRAMS.

THESE ARE NOT JUST SOLUTIONS ~~FOR~~ THESE PROBLEMS -- BUT THEY ARE ALSO THE FOUNDATIONS FOR BUILDING A REPUBLICAN ERA IN AMERICAN POLITICS -- STARTING IN 1968 -- CONTINUING IN 1972 -- AND STRETCHING IN UNLIMITED DURATION INTO THE NATION'S THIRD CENTURY.

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- COOPERATION AND HARD WORK -

AS I SAID, REVENUE SHARING AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH REORGANIZATION ARE WHOLLY NEW DEPARTURES FROM THE OLD WAYS OF DOING THINGS. AND BECAUSE THEY ARE NEW, THEY WILL REQUIRE COOPERATION AND LOTS OF HARD WORK TO BRING THEM INTO BEING.

THIS COOPERATION AND HARD WORK WILL HAVE TO COME AT SEVERAL LEVELS.

FIRST, IT WILL HAVE TO COME FROM CONGRESS. WE ARE A MINORITY PARTY IN BOTH HOUSES, SO WE WILL NEED THE HELP OF THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS TO GET THIS PROGRAM THROUGH -- AND THE FIRST STEP IS A FULL AND FAIR HEARING ON THE MERITS OF THE SPECIFIC PLANS THE PRESIDENT PRESENTS . THE LAST THING THESE PROGRAMS -- OR THE COUNTRY -- NEED RIGHT NOW IS TO HAVE THEM PRE-JUDGED AND REJECTED OUT OF HAND BY THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. PERHAPS THESE PLANS WILL HAVE FAULTS; PERHAPS THEY WILL NEED IMPROVEMENTS. BUT LET US SEE FIRST. LET THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BE MADE, AND THEN LET THEM BE CRITICIZED. ALL WE ASK IS A FULL, OPEN-MINDED AND FAIR HEARING. THE PRESIDENT HAS EXTENDED AN OPEN HAND TO THE CONGRESS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THE WORK AND THE REWARDS WHICH WILL COME FROM IT.

SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE WILL FIND AN EAGER AND FAIR RESPONSE ON CAPITOL HILL.

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- REPUBLICAN ACTIVISTS NEEDED -

ANOTHER AREA WHICH WILL REQUIRE COOPERATION AND HARD WORK IS WITHIN OUR PARTY. OUR STRONG AND IMAGINATIVE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN US A POSITIVE AND AFFIRMATIVE PROGRAM. AFTER ALL OUR YEARS OF HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST THE DEMOCRATS, WE NOW HAVE A MAN AND A PROGRAM TO WORK FOR.

IN MY CAPACITY AS A MISSIONARY FOR OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT, I INTEND TO CARRY THE STORY OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS PROPOSALS TO THE FAR CORNERS OF OUR COUNTRY.

BUT OUR PARTY MUST HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOICE RAISED TO TELL ITS STORY AND TO TAKE ITS RECORD TO THE PEOPLE. WE -- ALL OF US -- MUST JOIN THE PRESIDENT IN CARRYING THE GOOD WORD TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION. 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.

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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.

SO THIS IS WHERE REPUBLICAN ACTIVISTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY MUST COOPERATE, MUST WORK TOGETHER, AND ABOVE ALL MUST WORK HARD. 1972 IS CLOSER THAN WE THINK; AND OUR WORK CANNOT JUST BE DONE BETWEEN THE CONVENTION AND NOVEMBER 7. IT MUST START NOW, AND CONTINUE EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEK, EVERY MONTH. BECAUSE ONLY BY TAKING OUR STORY TO THE PEOPLE CAN WE ASSURE RICHARD NIXON'S SECOND TERM IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE ELECTION OF REPUBLICANS ACROSS THE NATION TO SUPPORT HIM.

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- CONCLUSION -

AT THE EISENHOWER CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY, PRESIDENT NIXON MENTIONED THAT HE FELT IKE 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.

THE PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT ARE DEPENDING ON US.