

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
ARAPAHOE COUNTY LINCOLN DAY DINNER
DENVER, COLORADO
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1971

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Doug Hamilton

⑥ Head Surgery -



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BOISE, IDAHO
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> Hansen - McClure - Sen.

1. Convention -- Omaha. Neb

2. One Year - Howard --

3. Election -- And signing

4. Fullerton -- Fanning & Bell

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SHERMAN LLOYD APPRECIATION DAY LUNCHEON
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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REPUBLICAN DINNER
AUSTIN, TEXAS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1971

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LINCOLN DAY LUNCHEON
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1971

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← Channing - Dunes, the
Agnew - Isley, farsome - Fullbright
Palmer - Hurlbry - Mr. Frank
Muller

*Mr. Armstrong -
founder of America*

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TAMPA, FLORIDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1971

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Duffe -
Sen. Dole
Name right
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*Russell, June - Convention Site
Sun City - Sunny
Jack & Mrs. Eckert
Foreign Policy - Butler Shugh
52 Sunny
- Cong Bill Young -
Lee Young
Hank Bonds*

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IN LINCOLN'S DAY, AMERICA WAS A NATION TORN APART WITH STRIFE. REGIONAL AND RACIAL DIFFERENCES THREATENED TO DESTROY THE CHERISHED AMERICAN DREAM OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS. THE UNITED STATES WAS FACED WITH THE GREATEST INTERNAL THREAT TO NATIONAL SURVIVAL IN ITS HISTORY.

IT TOOK THE COURAGE, STRENGTH AND WISDOM OF LINCOLN TO WEATHER THAT GREAT NATIONAL STORM AND "BRING US TOGETHER" AGAIN, AFTER THE TRAGIC CIVIL WAR.

TODAY, AMERICA AGAIN FACES SEVERE CHALLENGES -- BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. ONCE AGAIN, THERE ARE THOSE WHO QUESTION THE VERY ROOTS OF AMERICAN VALUES -- THOSE WHO WOULD SEE THE PRINCIPLES AND THE HERITAGE THAT MEN LIKE ABRAHAM LINCOLN DIED FOR TORN UP BY THE ROOTS AND DESTROYED.

FOR A DECADE -- A DECADE THAT HISTORY WILL REMEMBER AS THE TURBULENT SIXTIES -- MORAL TURMOIL, ECONOMIC EROSION AND POLITICAL CHAOS REIGNED IN THE STREETS. AND IN WASHINGTON, A BITTERLY DIVIDED PARTY -- THE DEMOCRAT PARTY -- RULED A BITTERLY DIVIDED NATION.

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A BLOATED, OVER-GROWN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, DEAF TO THE REALITIES OF THE DAY, POURED COUNTLESS BILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS INTO CORRUPT, DISCREDITED POLITICAL PROGRAMS AT HOME, AND A HOPELESS, NO-WIN WAR ABROAD.


CRISIS PILED UPON CRISIS WHILE A TIRED, INDECISIVE ADMINISTRATION SANK EVER LOWER IN PUBLIC ESTEEM AND FISCAL RUIN.

AMERICA WAS LIKE A GREAT SHIP, ADRIFT IN A STORM-TOSSED SEA WITHOUT A RUDDER.

EVEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN MIGHT HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT TAKING ON THE PRESIDENCY UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, IF HE HAD RETURNED TO EARTH IN THE SUMMER OF 1968.

BUT THE REAL PROBLEM WAS NOT THE RUDDER OR THE SHIP OF STATE -- IT WAS THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CREW!! AND WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WENT TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER OF 1968, THEY CHANGED ALL THAT.

ONCE AGAIN, A TROUBLED NATION TURNED TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR LEADERSHIP, AND ONCE AGAIN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ANSWERED THE CALL TO GREATNESS. A STRONG, UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW, IS REBUILDING A STRONG, UNITED AMERICA.



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I BEGAN THIS SPEECH BY REMARKING THAT LINCOLN DAY IS A TIME FOR BOTH REFLECTION AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. IN THAT SPIRIT, LET US LOOK AT SOME OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO DATE, AND THEN EXPLORE SOME OF THE GOALS THAT STILL LIE AHEAD.

XX AS WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY, ONE OF THE GREATEST CONCERNS IN EVERYONE'S MIND CAN BE SUMMED UP IN ONE OMINOUS WORD. THAT WORD IS "WAR". WAR, AND THE SPECTRE OF WAR HAS HAUNTED MANKIND SINCE THE BIRTH OF CIVILIZATION. DECADE UPON DECADE, CENTURY UPON CENTURY, IT HAS REAPED ITS BLOODY HARVEST.

TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN RICHARD NIXON TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE **TO** BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AMERICA WAS SINKING DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE MORASS OF A DIRTY, UNDECLARED WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. AMERICAN CASUALTIES WERE GOING UP -- AMERICAN CONFIDENCE WAS GOING DOWN.

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THE PARTY IN POWER WAS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE IN A BITTER POWER STRUGGLE THAT UNDERMINED THE WAR EFFORT AND DESTROYED ALL CHANCES FOR A CONCLUSIVE, HONORABLE PEACE.

TWO YEARS LATER, A WAR THAT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEGUN IS BEING ENDED. PRESIDENT NIXON'S VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR IS TAKING AMERICAN BOYS OFF THE FIRING LINE AND ENABLING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES WITH AIR AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

THE LIGHTNING STRIKE INTO CAMBODIA, AND THE PRESENT VIETNAMESE DRIVE INTO LAOS, HAVE REVERSED THE MOMENTUM AND STRENGTHENED AMERICA'S HAND AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THIS MEANS THAT MORE AND MORE AMERICAN BOYS ARE COMING HOME. A DECADE OF ESCALATION AND MOUNTING LOSS OF BLOOD AND TREASURE UNDER DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP HAS ENDED. A NIXON ERA OF PEACE WITH HONOR HAS BEGUN, DESPITE THE SNIPING AND UNDERCUTTING OF DEMOCRAT POLITICIANS WHO, HAVING DRAGGED US INTO THE LONGEST, MOST COSTLY WAR IN OUR HISTORY, NOW TRY TO UNDERCUT THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY FOR PEACE.

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AND HERE I WOULD LIKE TO INSERT A FEW WORDS ABOUT SOME OF THE STRIDENT VOICES OF CRITICISM WHO HAVE BEEN A STUMBLING BLOCK TO EVERY EFFECTIVE EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO END THIS WAR TO AMERICA'S CREDIT.

YOU KNOW THE PEOPLE I AM TALKING ABOUT. A FEW OF THE FACES CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THE REFRAIN IS ALWAYS THE SAME.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE POLITICIANS AND OTHERS WHO SHRIEKED BLOODY MURDER WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON ACTED DECISIVELY IN CAMBODIA AND COMPLAINED AGAIN WHEN RESCUE MISSIONS WERE MADE BEHIND ENEMY LINES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

NOW THE HOWLING HAS STARTED AGAIN, THIS TIME ABOUT LAOS.

I THINK THAT IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS TIME THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GET THE STRAIGHT FACTS -- OVER THE NOISE OF THE SO-CALLED DOVES AND PROFESSIONAL DEFEATISTS.

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FIRST OF ALL, A LITTLE BACKGROUND.

AT THE TIME PRESIDENT NIXON ORDERED THE OFFENSIVE INTO CAMBODIA, THE CRITICS IMMEDIATELY TOOK UP THE CHANT THAT HE WAS "BROADENING THE WAR". NOW THIS WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS CHARGE -- IF IT WERE TRUE.

IN SIMPLE FACT, IT WAS NOT TRUE.

TO BEGIN WITH, CAMBODIA, WITH THE INTRICATE NETWORK OF ENEMY SUPPLY AND AMMUNITION DUMPS IT SHELTERED, HAS BEEN A KEY ELEMENT IN ENEMY STRATEGY FOR YEARS.

AS AN "OFF LIMITS" AREA FOR ALLIED FORCES, CAMBODIA SERVED AS A CRUCIAL SUPPLY DEPOT FOR NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS AND VIET CONG TERRORISTS OPERATING IN VIETNAM.

CAMBODIA WAS THE LOGISTICAL LIFE-LINE THAT NOURISHED THE ENEMY'S EFFORTS TO KILL AMERICAN BOYS RIGHT ACROSS THE BORDER IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AND, UNTIL PRESIDENT NIXON ACTED DECISIVELY LAST SPRING, WE JUST SAT THERE AND LET THEM DO IT -- AT THE COST OF COUNTLESS AMERICAN LIVES.

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WELL, FOR THE ENEMY FORCES IN CAMBODIA, THAT LONG HOLIDAY IS OVER. THE SPRING SWEEP DESTROYED THEIR SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS, AND THE VALUABLE SUPPLIES THEY CONTAINED, AND BOUGHT PRICELESS TIME FOR THE FREE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN ITS OWN DEFENSES.

AND, AS FAR AS "BROADENING THE WAR" IS CONCERNED, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT EVERY SINGLE AMERICAN FOOT SOLDIER PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMBODIAN SWEEP WAS WITHDRAWN ON, OR BEFORE, SCHEDULE. AMERICAN BOYS ARE NOT FIGHTING ON CAMBODIAN SOIL TODAY, DESPITE THE HYSTERICAL PROPHECIES OF THE CRITICS LAST SPRING, AND AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN VIETNAM ITSELF HAVE BEEN DRAMATICALLY REDUCED ---- NEARLY 70 PERCENT.

YET AGAIN TODAY, THE SAME CHORUS HAS STARTED AGAIN ABOUT LAOS. LAST SPRING THEY COMPLAINED THAT AMERICAN BOYS WERE BEING ORDERED TO FIGHT SOUTH VIETNAM'S BATTLES FOR HER. NOW WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS DOING THE FIGHTING IN LAOS, THEY STILL AREN'T SATISFIED.

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THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT SEEMS AS IF THIS MOTLEY CREW OF NEW LEFT RADICALS AND OLD LEFT POLITICIANS WILL SETTLE FOR NOTHING SHORT OF A COMMUNIST VICTORY IN VIETNAM. SOME HAVE PREDICTED IT; SOME HAVE THEIR HEARTS SET ON IT; AND ANY EFFECTIVE STEPS TO PREVENT IT THROW SOME OF THEM INTO A FRENZY OF PUBLIC HYSTERICS. THEIR PERSONAL PRIDE AND THEIR REPUTATIONS AS POLITICAL PUNDITS ARE AT STAKE.

WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE, FAR MORE IMPORTANT, AT STAKE -- THE LIVES AND THE FUTURES OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. AND TO PRESIDENT NIXON, AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THOSE LIVES WILL ALWAYS COME FIRST. 

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 50,000 ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS WOULD MOVE DOWN THE TRAILS IN LAOS THIS YEAR, UNHINDERED, IF WE WERE TO FOLLOW THE COUNSEL OF THE CRITICS ---- OVER 600,000 HAVE DONE SO SINCE 1965. IN JANUARY ALONE, HANOI MOVED 8,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES THROUGH LAOS -- 8,000 TONS OF DEATH, DESTRUCTION AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO BE USED AGAINST OUR BOYS IN VIETNAM.

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THE FOOD, THE BULLETS AND THE WEAPONS USED BY THE ENEMY IN VIETNAM ARE CHanneled THROUGH THIS VITAL LAOTIAN ARTERY. AND TODAY, OUR SOUTH VIETNAMESE ALLIES ARE MOVING TO SEVER THAT ARTERY. AS THE RESPECTED SYNDICATED COLUMNIST JOSEPH ALSOP OBSERVED RECENTLY, "IF ALL GOES WELL, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARE GOING TO DO WHAT THE AMERICANS AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE FOUR YEARS AND MORE AGO".

AND MR. ALSOP SAYS THAT THIS BOLD, DECISIVE STROKE "SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT THE COOL COURAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON".

FOR, AS ALSOP FORESAW, THE LYNCH MOB ON THE LEFT HAS ALREADY FORMED UP AND IS CALLING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BLOOD.

MAYBE I'M AN OPTIMIST, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET THEIR WAY THIS TIME. I THINK THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH THE LEFT'S BRAND OF NEGATIVE POLITICS -- THE POLITICS OF DESPAIR AND DEFEAT.

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AND I THINK THAT THE MORE THEY UNDERSTAND THE TACTICS AND THE GOALS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE MORE SOLIDLY THEY WILL SUPPORT HIS PROGRAM FOR A GENERATION OF PEACE BASED ON HONOR AND STRENGTH.

BUT, IT WOULD DO US LITTLE GOOD TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD IF WE IGNORED THE PROBLEMS RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACK YARD. THE CRISIS IN OUR CITIES; THE OMINOUS THREAT OF INFLATION; THE CHALLENGE OF RESTORING A CLEAN, HEALTHFUL NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT STUNTING ECONOMIC GROWTH; THE ~~MENACE~~ MENACE OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE IN OUR STREETS; THE NEED FOR EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS ----- THESE ARE PROBLEMS THAT FESTERED AND SPREAD DURING THE TURBULENT SIXTIES AND TODAY CRY OUT FOR STRONG, DEDICATED LEADERSHIP.

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I AM PROUD THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS GIVING US THAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP. IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, A COURAGEOUS, INNOVATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE WAS SET OUT IN CLEAR, RINGING TERMS. PERSONALLY, I BELIEVE THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST MOVING AND ENTHUSIASTIC STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL PURPOSE AND DIRECTION EVER PROCLAIMED BY A PRESIDENT.

THE DRAMATIC CONCEPT OF REVENUE SHARING WITH THE STATES WOULD DO MORE IN ONE STEP TO RESTORE THE BALANCE OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL POWER THAN DECADES OF BIG GOVERNMENT GIVEAWAYS HAVE. AT LONG LAST, A PRESIDENT HAS COME FORTH WITH A CLEAR, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PUTTING POWER, AND THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES IT DEPENDS UPON, BACK INTO THE HANDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- OUT OF REACH OF FEDERAL BUREAUCRATS IN WASHINGTON. THIS IN ITSELF IS A MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT.

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SO, ALSO, IS THE HISTORIC BLUEPRINT FOR MODERNIZING AND REORGANIZING THE SPRAWLING COMPLEX OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES THAT HAVE SPRUNG UP LIKE WEEDS IN THE SWAMPY WASHINGTON SOIL. FOR ONCE, WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO BELIEVES MORE IN CUTTING DOWN GOVERNMENT WASTE AND DUPLICATION THAN IN BUILDING UP A BUREAUCRATIC EMPIRE.

JUST THIS PAST WEEK, IN ANOTHER CRUCIAL FIELD, THE PRESIDENT COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE CONGRESS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO COMBAT POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT EVER TO BE DEVELOPED IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY. AGAIN, IT WAS A TRIUMPH OF HARD WORK AND CLEAR THINKING OVER LIP SERVICE.

WHILE THE DEMOCRATS TALKED ABOUT ECOLOGY, PRESIDENT NIXON DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT. AND, IF THE CONGRESS COOPERATES, WE WILL ALL BENEFIT FROM HIS EFFORTS IN THE FORM OF CLEANER AIR, PURER WATER AND A MORE BEAUTIFUL SCENIC ENVIRONMENT.

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AGAIN, IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE, PRESIDENT NIXON IS THE FIRST NATIONAL LEADER IN OUR TIME TO TAKE ON THE BURDEN OF REFORM. HIS AVOWED GOAL OF CHANGING WELFARE FROM A FREE MEAL TICKET FOR THE IDLE INTO A SERIES OF INCENTIVES FOR THE WORKING, PRODUCTIVE POOR IS ONE THAT DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF US ALL.

LAW ENFORCEMENT -- THE PROTECTION OF THE AVERAGE, LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN FROM THE RAVAGES OF CRIME -- HAS ALSO RECEIVED ITS SHARE OF PRESIDENTIAL ATTENTION. FOR ONE THING, WE HAVE AN ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO IS COMMITTED TO FIGHTING CRIMINALS -- NOT MAKING EXCUSES FOR THEM, AS SOME OF HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE. THE USE OF WIRETAPS AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME HAS EARNED THE WRATH OF THE FAR LEFT, BUT IT HAS ALSO RESULTED IN WAGING A TOUGHER WAR ON THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN AMERICA. AND THAT IS WHAT REALLY COUNTS WHEN THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CITIZENS ARE AT STAKE. IN WASHINGTON, D. C., THE NATION'S CAPITAL, WHERE CRIME SOARED FOR A DECADE OF DEMOCRAT RULE, THE CRIME RATE IS ACTUALLY GOING DOWN, THANKS TO A CONCERTED ADMINISTRATION EFFORT. THIS IS A NATIONAL EXAMPLE THAT LOCAL LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY MIGHT WELL FOLLOW.

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AND, FINALLY, AFTER SOME UNCERTAIN MOMENTS THAT WERE THE AFTERMATH OF TEN YEARS OF GOVERNMENT MISMANAGEMENT, THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS PICKING UP. LOOK AT THE FACTS:

-- INTEREST RATES HAVE COME DOWN. THE PRIME RATE HAS DROPPED 2 1/4 POINTS FROM 8 1/2 PERCENT TO 6 1/4 PERCENT.

-- OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD HAS LOWERED THE DISCOUNT RATE FROM 6 PERCENT TO 5 1/4 PERCENT.

-- HOUSING STARTS HAVE SURGED FROM AN ANNUAL RATE OF 1.2 MILLION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1970 TO 1.7 MILLION IN NOVEMBER.

-- IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, FHA MORTGAGE RATES HAVE DROPPED FROM 8 1/2 PERCENT TO 7 1/2 PERCENT. CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE RATES CONTINUE TO DROP AS WELL.

-- THE RISE IN WHOLESALE PRICES HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF; FROM 4.8 PERCENT IN 1969 TO 2.3 PERCENT IN 1970.

-- THE RUNAWAY TREND IN INFLATION HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND. THE GATHERING MOMENTUM OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SENT IT FROM A 4.7 PERCENT RISE IN 1968 TO 6.1 PERCENT IN 1969. BUT IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1970, IT WAS TURNED TO ABOUT A 4.5 PERCENT INCREASE -- THE DIRECTION IS DOWNWARD.


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-- IN 1969, FOOD PRICES WERE RISING AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 8.2 PERCENT; IN THE LAST HALF OF 1970, FOOD PRICES WERE RISING LESS THAN 1 PERCENT A YEAR.

-- INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ADVANCED 1.4 PERCENT IN DECEMBER, THE GREATEST RISE IN THREE YEARS.

-- EXCLUDING AUTOMOBILES, RETAIL SALES AS ESTIMATED IN DECEMBER OF 1970 WERE 8 PERCENT UP FROM DECEMBER OF 1969, AND 0.8 PERCENT (10 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE) UP FROM NOVEMBER.

-- THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1970 SAW AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL RATE OF PRODUCTIVITY IN THE PRIVATE, NON-FARM ECONOMY ---- UP FROM 3.9 IN THE 2ND QUARTER OF 1970 TO 4.8 IN THE 3RD QUARTER.

THIS IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. DESPITE THE DISTORTED AND SELF-SERVING PRONOUNCEMENTS OF MR. O'BRIEN AND OTHER DESPERATE DEMOCRATS, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS SUCCEEDING IN DOING WHAT THE DEMOCRATS SAID -- AND HOPED -- COULD NOT BE DONE. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS CURBING RUNAWAY INFLATION -- CAUSED BY IRRESPONSIBLE DEMOCRAT ECONOMIC POLICY -- AND IT IS ALSO MOVING TO END UNEMPLOYMENT. 

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ALL THIS IS QUITE A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER IN A SINGLE LINCOLN DAY SPEECH -- BUT THAT IS BECAUSE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS COVERED A LOT OF GROUND IN ITS TWO SHORT YEARS IN OFFICE. IT HAS BUILT UP A RECORD WHICH WE CAN ALL TAKE PRIDE IN, AND HAS LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A FUTURE WE CAN ALL LOOK TO WITH CONFIDENCE -- IF EACH OF US DOES OUR PART.

IF WE DO, WE WILL BE FULFILLING OUR RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY TO THE AMERICA OF TODAY AND TOMORROW, BUT TO THE MEMORY OF THE GREAT LEADER WHOSE BIRTH WE COMMEMORATE TODAY.

"IF DESTRUCTION IS TO BE OUR LOT," ABRAHAM LINCOLN WARNED OVER A CENTURY AGO, "WE MUST OURSELVES BE ITS AUTHOR AND FINISHER. AS A NATION OF FREEMEN, WE MUST LIVE THROUGH ALL TIME, OR DIE BY SUICIDE."

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AND SO IT IS TODAY, AS WE FACE A NEW AND EQUALLY CHALLENG-
ING ERA.

BY WORKING TIRELESSLY WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND FOR OUR
PARTY, WE WORK FOR A STRONGER, HEALTHIER AMERICA. AND WE PRESERVE
THAT SACRED HERITAGE OF FREEMEN THAT LINCOLN SPOKE OF AND DIED TO
UPHOLD.

IF WE SUCCEED -- AND, UNLESS WE FLAG IN OUR EFFORTS, WE
SHALL SUCCEED -- THEN WE CAN HONESTLY CLAIM TO HAVE PLAYED A PART
IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S -- AND AMERICA'S -- FINEST HOUR.

and gave in the rest of my youth
when I landed on the land.

At the first I must have
lost my power of mind --- because
I let go of the line, the
handed then came down my me
a heavy blow on the head --- I

was in the hospital --- the
Congress you help me get my
Congress