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REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
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IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN THE HISTORIC SETTING OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL SOCIETY. AS YOU KNOW, IN THE EARLY DAYS OF AMERICAN HISTORY, THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE SERVED BRIEFLY AS THE YOUNG NATION'S CAPITAL CITY. EVEN THEN, DENTISTRY WAS A SUBJECT THAT DEMANDED THE ATTENTION OF OUR NATIONAL LEADERS.

HISTORIANS CLAIM THAT ONE REASON GEORGE WASHINGTON LOOKS SO GLUM ON THE DOLLAR BILL IS THAT HE HAD A BAD PAIR OF DENTURES THAT WERE CAUSING HIM CONSIDERABLE DISCOMFORT WHEN HE POSED FOR THE PORTRAIT.

THIS WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHY GILBERT STUART, THE ARTIST WHO PAINTED THE PORTRAIT, COMPLAINED THAT THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY WAS SILENT AND TIGHTLIPPED DURING MOST OF THE SITTING.

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AT ANY RATE, IT SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF SOME SATISFACTION TO MEMBERS OF THE DENTISTRY PROFESSION THAT EVEN AS FAR BACK AS THE 1780'S, THE FIRST EXECUTIVE WAS TAKING A PAINFUL PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF DENTAL CARE.

FORTUNATELY, DENTISTRY HAS MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS OVER THE LONG PULL, AND IF ANY OF THE MORE RECENT OCCUPANTS OF THE WHITE HOUSE WORE DENTURES, THEY WERE SO WELL FITTED THAT THE PUBLIC COULD GUESS -- BUT ONLY THEIR DENTISTS KNEW FOR SURE.

TODAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RECEIVE THE FINEST DENTAL CARE OF ANY MAJOR NATION AROUND THE WORLD. ONE OF THE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF AMERICAN DENTISTRY IS THAT, EVEN MORE THAN THE GENERAL MEDICAL PROFESSION, IT HAS NOT BEEN DRAWN INTO EVER-FURTHER DEPENDENCY ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIES.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE 100,000 PROFESSIONALLY ACTIVE DENTISTS TODAY IN THE UNITED STATES. OF THIS TOTAL, MORE THAN 96,000 ARE ENGAGED IN CHAIRSIDE PRACTICE, WITH THE REMAINDER ACTIVE IN RESEARCH, TEACHING OR ADMINISTRATION.

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WITH ANNUAL SPENDING FOR DENTAL CARE IN THE UNITED STATES RUNNING \$4.8 BILLION, ROUGHLY 90 PERCENT OF THAT MONEY IS DRAWN FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. ANY PROFESSION THAT CAN DO SUCH A GREAT JOB, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A FREE ECONOMY, MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. GOVERNMENT CAN HELP; GOVERNMENT CAN OFFER SOME SELECTIVE ASSISTANCE IN SENSITIVE TROUBLE SPOTS. BUT THE LAST THING THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO IS TO SWEEP IN AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DENTIST BILLS OF THE MILLIONS OF AMERICAN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO CAN AFFORD TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS, AND WHO ARE RECEIVING FIRST-RATE CARE FROM THEIR FAMILY DENTISTS.

ALL THIS, OF COURSE, IS PART OF THE LARGER HEALTH PICTURE. THAT PICTURE HAS COME SHARPLY INTO FOCUS OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THERE HAVE BEEN -- AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE -- A NUMBER OF VARIANT HEALTH PROGRAMS INTRODUCED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. BUT, SO FAR, TWO BASIC APPROACHES ARE EMERGING. IT IS AROUND THEM THAT THE LEGISLATIVE BATTLE LINES ARE FORMING.

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A QUACK REMEDY?

ONE OF THEM -- THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN -- HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF A QUACK REMEDY. IT MAKES MISLEADING CLAIMS; IT APPEALS TO THE EMOTIONS RATHER THAN THE INTELLECT; AND, IT COSTS MANY TIMES MORE THAN IT IS WORTH.

HOWEVER, POLITICS BEING POLITICS, THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN HAS ATTRACTED SOME BIG POLITICAL GUNS AND SHOWS SIGNS OF BECOMING THE MAJOR DEMOCRAT PARTY HEALTH PROPOSAL IN THIS CONGRESS.

IN ESSENCE, NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (NHI), IS A COMPULSORY NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM THAT WOULD COVER EVERY PERSON IN THE COUNTRY. IT WOULD COMPLETELY SUPPLANT MEDICARE AND MEDICAID. INSTEAD, EVERYONE RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR NEED, THEIR FINANCIAL FOOTING, AND THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

IN MOST CASES, THESE BENEFITS WOULD INCLUDE PAYMENT -- WITHOUT ANY DEDUCTIBLE FEATURE -- OF ALL DOCTOR AND HOSPITAL COSTS; BILLS FOR

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VISITS TO DOCTORS' OFFICES; DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN; MANY DRUGS; UP TO 45 DAYS OF ACTIVE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION TREATMENT; AND UP TO 120 DAYS OF SKILLED NURSING HOME CARE DURING A BENEFIT PERIOD.

THE NEXT QUESTION IS OBVIOUS. WHERE WOULD THE MONEY COME FROM TO PAY FOR ALL OF THIS?

HALF OF NHI WOULD BE FINANCED FROM FEDERAL REVENUES; 36 PERCENT FROM EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES; 12 PERCENT FROM EMPLOYEE PAYROLL TAXES; AND, 12 PERCENT FROM A SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX. THE TOTAL COST? ESTIMATES RUN FROM \$50 TO \$74 BILLION PER YEAR BEGINNING IN 1974!!!

AT A MINIMUM, THAT COMES TO FIVE TIMES MORE MONEY THAN THE PRESENT \$10 BILLION-A-YEAR PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD, INCIDENTALLY, BE VIRTUALLY WIPED OUT IF NHI WERE ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS.

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A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH

FORTUNATELY, THERE IS ANOTHER WAY OUT -- ANOTHER APPROACH WHICH CAN BRING GOOD HEALTH CARE TO ALL AMERICANS WITHOUT PLACING AN INTOLERABLE STRAIN ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR DOING VIOLENCE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THIS CONCEPT IS BEING FORWARDED BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. AS THE PRESIDENT SAID IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, "AMERICA HAS LONG BEEN THE WEALTHIEST NATION IN THE WORLD. NOW IT IS TIME THAT WE BECOME THE HEALTHIEST NATION IN THE WORLD."

BUT THE PRESIDENT ALSO REALIZES THAT, IN ANY MATTER WHERE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, THE ENDS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE MEANS. INSTEAD OF IMPOSING AN OVERWHELMINGLY COSTLY PROGRAM OF COMPULSORY GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE, THE ADMINISTRATION PLAN WILL EMPHASIZE EXPANDED MEDICAL FACILITIES AND MANPOWER, AND GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROVIDE CHEAPER AND BETTER HEALTH CARE.

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HERE ARE THREE KEY POINTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH PLAN:
FIRST, IT WOULD INDUCE EMPLOYERS TO BUY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR
ALL EMPLOYEES, WITH SPECIFIED MINIMUM BENEFITS.

SECOND, IT WOULD RETAIN THE EXISTING MEDICARE PROGRAM FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS, RATHER THAN SCRAPPING IT AND STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN
FROM SCRATCH.

THIRD, IT WOULD REPLACE MEDICAID WITH A NEW, MORE UNIFORM PRO-
GRAM FOR THE NEEDY. UNDER THE NEW PLAN, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD
PAY FROM \$500 TO \$800 IN ANNUAL PREMIUMS PER NEEDY FAMILY FOR PRIVATE
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

THIS IS AN INTELLIGENT, WELL-THOUGHT-OUT APPROACH -- NOT JUST
ANOTHER SCATTER-GUN GOVERNMENT GIVEAWAY. THERE WOULD BE A UNIFORM
"FLOOR" ON HEALTH BENEFITS IN ALL FIFTY STATES. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE
WOULD BE BASED ON THE GENUINE NEED OF THE RECIPIENT, WITH THE MOST
DIRECT HELP GOING TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. AND, INCENTIVES WOULD
BE INCLUDED FOR WAGE EARNERS TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES, AND TO ENCOURAGE
THOSE ON WELFARE TO GO TO WORK.

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BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM ILLNESS WOULD BE INSURED, AND THE PRIVATE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WOULD BE RE-VITALIZED -- INSTEAD OF BEING WIPED OUT.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, DR. WALTER BORNEMEIER, HAS CALLED THIS APPROACH TO THE HEALTH PROBLEM "STATESMAN-LIKE". I AGREE WITH HIS STATEMENT THAT, "IT PRESERVES THE MANY THINGS THAT ARE GOOD ABOUT OUR PRESENT HEALTH SYSTEM," WHILE MAKING IMPORTANT INNOVATIONS TO MEET THE HEALTH NEEDS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE.

ROOM FOR ADJUSTMENT

IT IS MY SINCERE BELIEF THAT THIS IS ALSO A PROGRAM THAT MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL SOCIETY CAN GENERALLY SUPPORT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY FAVOR SPECIFIC ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS. THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ADJUSTMENT IN THE PROPOSAL, AND I AM SURE THAT WE WILL SEE A LOT OF "FINE TUNING" OF IT IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

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THAT, AFTER ALL, IS HOW OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WORKS. THE IMPORTANT FACT -- OF INTEREST TO ALL AMERICANS, NOT JUST MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND INDUSTRIES -- IS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS COME UP WITH A JUST, WORKABLE HEALTH PLAN THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH BOTH OUR FREE TRADITIONS AND OUR PRESENT-DAY HEALTH NEEDS.

THIS MARKS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE BOTH IN THE HISTORY OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND IN THE ADVANCE OF MODERN HEALTH CARE. IT DESERVES UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT, AND I AM CONFIDENT IT WILL RECEIVE THEM -- FROM YOU, AND FROM THE AVERAGE CITIZENS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE FOREMOST NATIONAL PRIORITY

BUT, DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL HEALTH POLICIES -- IMPORTANT AS IT IS -- REALLY HINGES ON AN EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE. FOR WE CAN ONLY HAVE A HEALTHIER FUTURE IF AMERICA SURVIVES AS A FREE NATION.

FOR THIS REASON, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THE BALANCE OF OUR TIME TOGETHER DISCUSSING A SUBJECT THAT IS A LITTLE REMOVED FROM YOUR DAY-TO-DAY CONCERNS AS DENTISTS. I REFER TO OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS.

NOTHING IN LIFE IS MORE FUNDAMENTAL THAN SURVIVAL ITSELF, AND YET, IN THE OVERHEATED NATIONAL DIALOGUE ABOUT "RE-ORDERED PRIORITIES" AND

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"HUMAN NEEDS", THE BASIC ISSUE OF NATIONAL SURVIVAL HAS BEEN DOWN-
GRADED AND RIDICULED IN FAVOR OF SHORT-TERM ISSUES WITH POLITICAL
SEX APPEAL.

HARDLY A DAY GOES BY THAT SOME DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT
DOESN'T JOIN THE MOB ON THE LEFT, DENOUNCING AMERICA'S DEFENSE PROGRAM
AND THAT GREAT HOBGOBLIN OF THE LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT, THE SO-CALLED
MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

YET, THE FACTS OF LIFE IN AN ATOMIC AGE ARE UNDENIABLE. THE
GRAVEST THREAT TO AMERICAN SECURITY -- MORE LONG-LASTING AND MORE
PERILOUS THAN VIETNAM -- IS RUSSIA'S GROWING NUCLEAR-ROCKET ARSENAL.
AS PRESIDENT NIXON HAS POINTED OUT, BY THE MID-1970'S, THE SOVIETS
ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE FORCE EQUAL IN
SIZE TO OUR OWN.

BY THE END OF 1970, RUSSIA HAD ALREADY SURPASSED US IN THE
NUMBER OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES -- FAR BEYOND THE
LEVEL NEEDED FOR SO-CALLED "DETERRENCE".

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WHILE THE RUSSIANS HAVE APPARENTLY SLOWED DOWN THEIR DEPLOYMENT OF ICBM'S, THERE IS NO CLEAR GUARANTEE THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE. AND, IN THE MEANTIME, THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN, TO QUOTE THE PRESIDENT, "PURSUING QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH COULD THREATEN OUR RETALIATORY FORCES."

OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ANNATION IS CLEAR. WE MUST CONTINUE WITH OUR SAFEGUARD ANTI-BALLISTIC-MISSILE PROGRAM IN THE INTERESTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

IN VIEW OF RUSSIA'S UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE A CONCRETE AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC WEAPONS, NO RESPONSIBLE HEAD OF STATE COULD REACH ANY OTHER CONCLUSION. TOO MANY LIVES ARE AT STAKE FOR US TO RISK NATIONAL SURVIVAL BY UNILATERALLY DROPPING OUT AS A MILITARY POWER. WE WOULD BE OPENING OURSELVES TO BLACKMAIL AS A NATION -- TO TOTAL INTIMIDATION BY ANY POWER THAT COULD BUILD UP ENOUGH OF A NUCLEAR ARSENAL TO THREATEN AN OUTMODED, NEGLECTED SYSTEM OF DEFENSE.

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YOU WOULD THINK THAT THIS ISSUE, IF NO OTHER, WOULD BE ABOVE POLITICS. YET THE WOULD-BE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES -- WITH ONE OR TWO HONORABLE EXCEPTIONS -- CONTINUE TO MAKE A WHIPPING BOY OF AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES AT A TIME WHEN OUR SURVIVAL IS MORE DEPENDENT THAN EVER ON A STRONG DETERRENT TO ENEMY AGGRESSION.

A STRANGE IRONY

THERE IS A STRANGE IRONY IN THE WAY THESE SELF-PROCLAIMED DEMOCRAT EXPERTS CLAIM TO BE SPEAKING FOR PROGRESS AND THE FUTURE IN THEIR ATTACKS ON OUR MILITARY PREPAREDNESS.

IT IS IRONIC BECAUSE THEIR EFFORTS TO DISMANTLE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM ARE A THROW-BACK TO SOME OF THE MOST REACTIONARY, OUTDATED POSITIONS IN AMERICAN HISTORY. IN THEIR SIREN CALL TO ALL BUT ABANDON OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE EFFORTS, THEY ARE ECHOING THE VOICES OF AMERICA'S NARROW, ISOLATIONIST PAST -- NOT USHERING IN A NEW AGE OF IDEALISM.

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THEY ARE THE NEW CHAMBERLAINS IN WHAT THEY HOPE WILL BE ANOTHER ERA OF PEACE THROUGH APPEASEMENT. YET HISTORY SHOWS US WHAT AN EMPTY DREAM "PEACE IN OUR TIME" IS WHEN IT IS BACKED UP BY NOTHING BUT WISHFUL THINKING AND A LACK OF NATIONAL SPINE.

PERHAPS GEORGE WASHINGTON SENSED THAT SUCH A DAY WOULD EVENTUALLY COME FOR AMERICA WHEN HE WROTE THAT, "TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTUAL MEANS OF PRESERVING THE PEACE." BUT, FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO KOREA, AMERICANS HAVE SELDOM BEEN READY FOR WAR WHEN IT CAME. AS WILL ROGERS ONCE REMARKED, "WE ARE THE ONLY NATION IN THE WORLD THAT WAITS UNTIL WE GET INTO A WAR BEFORE WE START GETTING READY FOR IT."

IN TODAY'S ATOMIC AGE, THIS KIND OF NATIONAL CARELESSNESS IS NOTHING SHORT OF SUICIDAL. FOR AN UNPREPARED NATION THREATENED BY NUCLEAR OBLIVION, THERE CAN BE NO NINTH ROUND COMEBACK. EITHER YOU ARE READY, OR YOU ARE DONE FOR.

WHAT TEDDY ROOSEVELT WROTE AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY IS DOUBLY TRUE TODAY. "PREPARATION FOR WAR," HE SAID, "IS THE SUREST GUARANTY FOR PEACE.....AGAIN AND AGAIN, WE HAVE OWED PEACE TO THE FACT THAT WE WERE PREPARED FOR WAR."

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YET TODAY, WHEN THIS LESSON IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER, WE ARE WITNESSING A CONCERTED ATTACK ON OUR NATIONAL SECURITY BY HYS-TERIA MONGERS WHO RESIDE LARGELY IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY.

I SOMETIMES GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CONTENDERS FOR THE DEMOCRAT NOMINATION ARE CONDUCTING PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AGAINST THE ADEQUATE DEFENSE WE NEED TO INSURE PEACE. OF COURSE, THESE DAYS IT IS HARD TO TELL WHO IS AN ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE AND WHO ISN'T. THEY ARE ALL TRYING TO GET INTO THE ACT, AND SOMETIMES THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS TO TOP EACH OTHER'S OUTLANDISH STATEMENTS.

AN ALL-TIME LOW POINT

PERHAPS AN ALL-TIME LOW WAS REACHED WHEN ONE OF THESE EARLY RUNNERS, GEORGE MC GOVERN, EQUATED THE BOMBING OF THE U. S. CAPITOL BUILDING WITH "THE MASSIVE BOMBARDMENT WE ARE CONTINUING YEAR AFTER YEAR AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA."

INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING ON DENOUNCING THE EXTREMISTS WHO DESTROYED PART OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING, THIS POTENTIAL DEMOCRAT NOMINEE SAID THAT IT WAS THE PRICE WE HAD TO PAY FOR THE WAR IN VIETNAM!!!!

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THE WEEK BEFORE, HE TOLD THE NATION THAT HE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER ~~SOUTH~~ VIETNAM. THIS IS AS CLOSE AS ANYONE HAS YET COME TO URGING OUTRIGHT SURRENDER. NOT TOO SURPRISINGLY, THE SAME GEORGE MC GOVERN HAS ADVOCATED CUTTING \$50 BILLION OUT OF OUR DEFENSE BUDGET TO SPEND ON VARIOUS NEW WELFARE SCHEMES.

THIS LAST PROPOSAL REFLECTS THE SILLY, BUT DANGEROUS, NOTION GOING AROUND THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO "SAVE" OUR MONEY BY CUTTING BACK ON DEFENSE AND POURING FRESH BILLIONS INTO DOMESTIC GIVEAWAYS.

THE PRESIDENT'S BALANCED APPROACH

NOW, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS NO INTENTION OF NEGLECTING OUR NATION'S SOCIAL NEEDS; BUT OUR DEFENSE NEEDS MUST ALSO BE MET.

AFTER ALL, NONE OF US WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY BETTER HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE UNLESS AMERICA SURVIVES AS A NATION AND AS A WAY OF LIFE -- A FACT THAT MOST OF THESE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES SEEM TO HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN.

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I DOUBT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- OR EVEN A MAJORITY OF THE RANK-AND-FILE IN THEIR OWN PARTY -- ARE TAKING THIS OVERBLOWN RHETORIC SERIOUSLY. BUT ON AN ISSUE THIS IMPORTANT, IT SHOULD NOT GO UNCHALLENGED.

THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS LONG SINCE SLICED THE FAT OUT OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S DEFENSE BUDGET, WITHOUT WEAKENING THE MUSCLE.

BETWEEN 1952 AND 1969, DEFENSE SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES ROSE 74 PERCENT. IN CONTRAST, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS CUT \$8 BILLION IN DEFENSE SPENDING IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. WHEREAS 66 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET WAS SPENT ON DEFENSE IN 1952, THE FIGURE HAS BEEN CUT TO 34.6 PERCENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1971. SINCE 1952, DEFENSE SPENDING HAS FALLEN FROM 13.6 TO 7.2 PERCENT OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.

AND, FINALLY, WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON SENT HIS BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1971 TO THE CONGRESS, SPENDING ON HUMAN RESOURCES SUCH AS HEALTH AND EDUCATION OUTPACED DEFENSE SPENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO DECADES!!!!!!

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SECURITY FOR SURVIVAL

IN VIEW OF THE HARD, COLD FACTS, ISN'T IT TIME THAT ALL
PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS -- NO MATTER HOW DESPERATE THEY ARE FOR PUB-
LICITY AND ISSUES -- DECLARED A CEASEFIRE IN THE VITAL AREA OF
NATIONAL DEFENSE?

PRESIDENT NIXON IS DEDICATED TO SOCIAL PROGRESS, BUT HE
KNOWS THAT AMERICA CAN ONLY PROGRESS IF AMERICA REMAINS STRONG
AND FREE.

THE FIRST REQUIREMENT OF ANY SOCIETY IS SURVIVAL. AND WHEN
WE TALK ABOUT NATIONAL DEFENSE, WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT NOTHING
LESS THAN NATIONAL SURVIVAL.