

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LINCOLN DAY DINNER
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AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE THIS EVENING FOR WHAT IS PROBABLY THE LAST OF THE 1971 LINCOLN DINNERS. ONE OF MY JOBS AS CHAIRMAN IS TO ACT AS A SPOKESMAN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PARTY FAITHFUL. AND, FORTUNATELY FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THE RECORD OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST TWO YEARS IN OFFICE GIVES ME MUCH TO DISCUSS.

PROUD OF NIXON RECORD

I DEEPLY BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAVE BUILT A RECORD ALL OF US CAN TAKE PRIDE IN. AND ONE OF OUR JOBS IS TO GET THAT STORY ACROSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ALL THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE WORLD ARE NOT GOING TO REELECT A PRESIDENT UNLESS THE PEOPLE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THEM. SO, OUR JOB IS CUT OUT FOR US.

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THINKING OF THE CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, I AM REMINDED OF THAT EARLIER REPUBLICAN LEADER BEING COMMEMORATED HERE THIS EVENING.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS A MAN WHO LED AN INFANT REPUBLICAN PARTY TO NATIONAL GREATNESS -- AND HE DID SO IN THE FACE OF ONE OF THE GRAVEST CHALLENGES TO NATIONAL SURVIVAL THAT AMERICA HAS EVER FACED.

IN LINCOLN'S DAY, AMERICA WAS A NATION TORN APART WITH STRIFE. REGIONAL AND RACIAL ANIMOSITIES THREATENED TO DESTROY THE CHERISHED DREAM OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS -- AND HOSTILE FOREIGN POWERS WATCHED EAGERLY, HOPING THAT INTERNAL WEAKNESS WOULD DESTROY WHAT WAS EVEN THEN THE GREATEST BASTION OF DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD.

IT TOOK THE COURAGE, STRENGTH AND WISDOM OF LINCOLN TO WEATHER THAT LAST GREAT NATIONAL STORM AND BEGIN THE WORK OF "BRINGING US TOGETHER" AGAIN. AND EVEN THOUGH HIS LIFE'S WORK WAS CUT SHORT BY AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET, ABRAHAM LINCOLN SUCCEEDED.

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THAT IS WHY -- OVER A CENTURY AFTER HIS DEATH -- MEN AND WOMEN
GATHER ACROSS THE COUNTRY EACH YEAR IN HIS MEMORY.

GOP FACES CHALLENGE

TODAY, ANOTHER REPUBLICAN OF CHARACTER AND PURPOSE SITS
IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON. AND 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.

FOR THE PAST DECADE -- A DECADE THAT HISTORY WILL REMEM-
BER AS THE TURBULENT SIXTIES -- MORAL TURMOIL, ECONOMIC EROSION
AND POLITICAL CHAOS REIGNED AT HOME, AND A BLOODY, COSTLY WAR
DRAGGED ON -- ENDLESSLY AND AIMLESSLY -- IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

IN WASHINGTON, A BITTERLY DIVIDED PARTY -- THE DEMOCRAT
PARTY -- RULED A BITTERLY DIVIDED LAND.

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SLOGANS CAME AND WENT -- THE "NEW FRONTIER" WAS FOLLOWED BY THE "GREAT SOCIETY". BUT, UNDER THE FLASHY LABELS, A BLOATED, OVER-GROWN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, DEAF TO THE REALITIES OF THE DAY, CONTINUED POURING COUNTLESS BILLIONS INTO CORRUPT, DISCREDITED POLITICAL PROGRAMS, AND A HOPLESS, NO-WIN WAR.

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

THEN, IN NOVEMBER OF 1968, AMERICANS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR CHANGE -- AND THEY USED THAT OPPORTUNITY. THEY ELECTED A NEW LEADER WHO PROMISED TO RECLAIM THE AMERICAN DREAM AND RESTORE ORDER AND PURPOSE TO AMERICAN LIFE.

NIXON KEEPS PROMISES

AND TODAY, HALF-WAY THROUGH PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST TERM IN OFFICE, WE KNOW THAT HE IS KEEPING THAT PROMISE.

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A NEW OPTIMISM AND SENSE OF DIRECTION HAVE BEEN INFUSED INTO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE NIXON-AGNEW TEAM -- AND WE CAN THANK THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR GIVING US THE SECOND HALF OF THAT TEAM.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US BOLD NEW REFORMS ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT, AND A FIRM FOREIGN POLICY THAT IS EARNING THE RESPECT OF FRIENDS AND ENEMIES ALIKE AROUND THE WORLD.

THE MILITARY COMMITMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT HAD STEADILY ESCALATED UNDER THE DEMOCRATS IS NOW BEING SUCCESSFULLY PHASED OUT.

UNDER THE NIXON DOCTRINE, OUR ALLIES ARE ASKED TO TAKE ON THEIR FAIR SHARE OF DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES AND NOT TO RELY ON UNCLE SAM TO FOOT THE BILL AND PROVIDE THE MANPOWER WHENEVER A CRISIS ERUPTS SOMEWHERE ON THE GLOBE.

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REPUBLICANS ENFORCING LAW

A HARD-HITTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, JOHN MITCHELL, IS USING EVERY WEAPON IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ARSENAL TO BRING GANGSTERS TO JUSTICE AND DETER CRIME IN THE STREETS. INCIDENTALLY, JUST THE OTHER DAY, WE HAD ANOTHER FORCEFUL REMINDER OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE MAN HE SUCCEEDED IN OFFICE, RAMSEY CLARK, LBJ'S ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS TAKING ON ONE OF THE BERRIGAN BROTHERS AS A CLIENT!! NO WONDER THE EXTREMISTS HAD A HEYDAY UNDER THE DEMOCRATS, WHEN THEY KNEW THAT THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS A LEFT-LEANING MARSHMALLOW LIKE RAMSEY CLARK!!!!

TODAY WE ARE WITNESSING THE CURIOUS RESULTS. A RESPONSIBLE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS FIGHTING THE BOMBTHROWERS AND ADVOCATES OF LAWLESSNESS IN OUR MIDST, WHILE AN IRRESPONSIBLE FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEMOCRAT RAMSEY CLARK, IS ACTING AS LAWYER

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FOR AN ACCUSED CONSPIRATOR.

YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR A CLEARER EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY TODAY -- OR WHAT IS RIGHT WITH THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO FIGHT CRIME AND VIOLENCE.

BUT, AS WE ALL KNOW, LAWLESSNESS IS NOT THE ONLY DOMESTIC PROBLEM AMERICANS FACE. THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH THE WHOLE GAMUT OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, RANGING FROM POLLUTION AND DRUG ABUSE TO THE WELFARE AND REVENUE NEEDS OF OUR STATES AND CITIES.

DEMOCRATS OBSTRUCT

AS YOU ALSO KNOW, PROGRESS HAS OFTEN BEEN MADE IN THESE AREAS IN SPITE OF THE OBSTRUCTIONIST TACTICS OF SOME DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS WHO PUT PARTY BEFORE COUNTRY, AND PERSONAL AMBITION BEFORE EVERYTHING.

THEY HAVE TRIED JUST ABOUT EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK TO STALL, SIDETRACK OR DESTROY MOST OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM FOR PROGRESS.

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THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM, WHICH IS UPPERMOST IN MOST MINDS TODAY IS TYPICAL. FOR EACH COURAGEOUS STEP RICHARD NIXON HAS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, HE HAS BEEN ATTACKED AND DEFAMED AS HAVE FEW PRESIDENT IN OUR HISTORY.

CRITICS HIT NEW LOW

IN RECENT DAYS, THESE TACTICS REACHED A NEW LOW, WHEN SEVERAL DEMOCRAT SENATORS WHO OPPOSE HIS SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO VIETNAMIZE THE WAR ACTUALLY TRIED TO PURGE THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ADVISORS.

IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET AT DR. HENRY KISSINGER, THE HIGHLY-RESPECTED HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, THEY HAVE ALSO SLURRED THE REPUTATION OF SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS -- AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE CABINET, AND A TRUSTED PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF PRESIDENT NIXON FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS.

AS PRESIDENT NIXON MADE CLEAR IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK, THESE PETTY TACTICS OF DIVISIVENESS HAVE FAILED -- BUT THEY DEMONSTRATE THE KIND OF IRRESPONSIBLE PARTISAN SNIPING THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD TO FACE AT EVERY TURN.

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PROGRESS IN VIETNAM

THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO GAVE AMERICANS NEW REASON TO TAKE HEART AT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. AND IT BROUGHT OUT A FACT THAT WE, AS REPUBLICANS, MUST GET ACROSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- WHO ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO THE CONSTANT NEGATIVE ATTACKS OF WOULD-BE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND LIBERAL PUNDITS.

THE FACT IS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS KEEPING FAITH WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WHEN HE CAME INTO OFFICE TWO YEARS AGO, RICHARD NIXON INHERITED A MAJOR LAND WAR IN ASIA FROM HIS PREDECESSOR. MORE THAN HALF-A-MILLION AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN WERE BOGGED DOWN IN VIETNAM AND THERE WAS NO END IN SIGHT. YEARS OF ESCALATION UNDER DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP BASED ON LONG-DISCREDITED MILITARY TACTICS HAD BROUGHT US NO CLOSER TO PEACE, BUT HAD COST THE COUNTRY DEVASTATING LOSSES IN MEN, MONEY AND MORALE.

STRAIGHTENING OUT THAT MESS WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE ANY INCOMING PRESIDENT HAS FACED SINCE DWIGHT EISENHOWER INHERITED THE KOREAN WAR FROM ANOTHER DEMOCRAT A GENERATION AGO!!

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YET, TO HIS ETERNAL CREDIT, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MET THIS GREAT CHALLENGE. HE HAS REVERSED THE WHOLE MOMENTUM OF THE WAR -- DESPITE THE ATTACKS OF CRITICS AND THE HARASSMENT OF LEADING DEMOCRAT POLITICIANS.

HE HAS PUT A PLAN INTO OPERATION THAT IS TURNING THE FIGHTING OVER TO THE VIETNAMESE AND BRINGING THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS HOME.

IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS, THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE COURAGEOUS DECISIONS THAT ARE NOW BEING VINDICATED BY THE HARD, COLD FACTS.

CASUALTIES CUT

THE RECORD IS CLEAR FOR ALL TO SEE. EVERY PROMISE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MADE ABOUT THE WAR HAS BEEN KEPT. AMERICAN CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN SHARPLY REDUCED SINCE THE CAMBODIAN OPERATION, WHICH SOME MISGUIDED CRITICS AND PROFESSIONAL PESSIMISTS CLAIMED WOULD "WIDEN" THE WAR.

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ALL AMERICAN TROOP WITHDRAWALS HAVE CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE. EVERY DEADLINE HAS BEEN MET -- AND SOME HAVE EVEN BEEN MOVED UP.

AND NOW, IN LAOS, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARE FIGHTING THE ENEMY ON THE GROUND SINGLE-HANDED -- SOMETHING THAT MANY PEOPLE ONCE CLAIMED WAS IMPOSSIBLE. THEY ARE PROVING THAT VIETNAMIZATION IS WORKING, AND THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE RIGHT WHEN THEY PUT THEIR TRUST IN RICHARD NIXON AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

ARMS, AMMUNITION AND SUPPLIES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN USED TO KILL AMERICAN MEN HAVE BEEN CAPTURED OR DESTROYED BY OUR SOUTH VIETNAMESE ALLIES. THE FLOOD OF COMMUNIST WAR MATERIEL AND REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE NORTH HAS BEEN SLOWED TO A TRICKLE. OVER HALF THE ENEMY TRUCKING OF ARMS AND MEN FROM NORTH VIETNAM HAS NOW BEEN CUT OFF. THE ENEMY IS SO DISCOURAGED THAT A FEW DAYS AGO, CHOU EN LAI AND A DELEGATION OF OTHER RED CHINESE BIGWIGS HAD TO FLY TO HANOI AND GIVE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE A PEP TALK. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE RED CHINESE MADE NO MENTION WHATSOEVER OF SENDING IN CHINESE TROOPS -- THE

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FAVORITE THREAT OF AMERICAN LEFTISTS WHENEVER THE WAR STARTS
GOING WELL FOR THE FREE WORLD.

AMERICAN LIVES SAVED

WHAT IS THE UPSHOT OF ALL THIS? LAST THURSDAY, THE
PRESIDENT WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT BY MAY OF THIS YEAR, 265,000
AMERICANS WILL HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM VIETNAM -- WITH A
CHANCE THAT THIS FIGURE MAY EVEN BE INCREASED.

THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY
IS WORKING, AND IT IS PAYING OFF IN AMERICAN LIVES SAVED.

RICHARD NIXON DID NOT MAKE THE DECISION TO SEND AMERICAN
COMBAT TROOPS INTO VIETNAM. BUT HIS STRONG, DECISIVE LEADER-
SHIP IS BRINGING THEM HOME.

IT IS IRONIC THAT, AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY
HAS PASSED THIS ACID TEST, SOME POLITICIANS SHOULD BE RAISING
THE CRY FOR A PUBLICLY DECLARED WITHDRAWAL DATE. TO DECLARE AN
END TO AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ADVANCE -- TO PROMISE TO FOLD
OUR TENTS AND VANISH IN THE NIGHT ON A SET DATE, REGARDLESS OF
EXISTING CONDITIONS -- IS TOTALLY IRRATIONAL.

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THE ONE MAN WHO HAS THE INFORMATION AND THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THAT KIND OF DECISION IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. WARS ARE NOT ENDED BY TYING THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S HANDS AND LIMITING HIS OPTIONS IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE ENEMY. AS FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT ONCE SAID, "HISTORY CANNOT BE REWRITTEN BY WISHFUL THINKING".

IMPOSING SUCH A DEADLINE ON THE PRESIDENT COULD ALSO HAVE A TRAGIC SIDE EFFECT. IT COULD ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN NORTH VIETNAM.

SOME OF THE POLITICIANS CLAMORING FOR A DEADLINE WITHDRAWAL FROM INDOCHINA CLAIM THAT WE CAN OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN POW'S SIMPLY BY ANNOUNCING OUR INTENTION TO RETREAT. BUT PAST EXPERIENCE RAISES SOME VERY SERIOUS DOUBTS.

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TO BEGIN WITH, HANOI HAS NOT ACTUALLY AGREED TO RELEASE OUR PRISONERS IF WE SET A DEFINITE WITHDRAWAL DATE. MADAME BINH, THE CHIEF VIET CONG DELEGATE AT THE PARIS TALKS, INDICATED IN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER OF 1970 THAT THE POW ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED IF THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED THAT ALL OF ITS TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN BY JUNE 30, 1971.

HANOI EVASIVE

NOW IT DOESN'T MATTER WHOSE DICTIONARY YOU USE -- DISCUSSED DOES NOT MEAN RELEASED. IN FACT, TO NORTH VIETNAM, DISCUSS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN ANY KIND OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATION. AS WE CAN SEE FROM THE PARIS TALKS, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE YET TO HONOR THEIR PLEDGES TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS AFTER OVER TWO YEARS AT THE TABLE!! THINK HOW THEY WOULD HANDLE THE PRISONER ISSUE, ONCE ALL THE CARDS WERE IN THEIR HANDS!!

THOSE WHO VOICE THEIR CONCERN FOR OUR POW'S AND AT THE SAME TIME CALL FOR A DEFINITE WITHDRAWAL DATE, ARE SADLY MISLED.

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IF WE SET A DEFINITE DATE TO WITHDRAW, HANOI WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD THE POW'S LONGER TO SQUEEZE OUT FURTHER CONCESSIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES -- THE KIND OF LOW, INHUMANE TACTIC THEY HAVE RESORTED TO SO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST.

POW'S MUST BE SAVED

THE ONLY SURE WAY TO SAVE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IS TO GET THEM BACK BEFORE WE GET OUT, AND TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESCUE THEM IN THE MEANTIME.

WE OWE NOTHING LESS TO THEM, AND TO THEIR WIVES, CHILDREN AND PARENTS, WHO HAVE ALREADY SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

MANY OF THE SAME POLITICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDERCUTTING THE PRESIDENT ON VIETNAM, ARE USING THE SAME TACTICS TO WEAKEN OUR COUNTRY'S OVER-ALL DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS.

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FOR THE MOST PART, THEY ARE DEMOCRATS -- MOST OF THEM MEN WHO ARE COMPETING FOR THE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. THEY SUFFER FROM THAT UNIQUE WASHINGTON DISEASE KNOWN AS "WHITE HOUSE FEVER". THE MAIN SYMPTOMS OF THIS SICKNESS ARE EXCITABILITY, TALKATIVENESS, AND A TENDENCY TO OVERLOOK THE NATIONAL INTEREST IN PURSUIT OF PUBLICITY.

TODAY THESE DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS -- WITH ONLY ONE OR TWO HONORABLE EXCEPTIONS -- ARE ENGAGED IN A HEAD-LONG RACE TO THE LEFT ON THE DEFENSE ISSUE.

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MC GOVERN LEADS PACK

THEY COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER TO SEE WHO CAN SLASH THE BIGGEST HOLES IN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSES. LEADING THE PACK IS GEORGE MC GOVERN. THE OTHER DAY HE MANAGED TO OUTDO EVEN HIMSELF, WHEN HE EQUATED THE BOMBING OF THE U. S. CAPITOL BUILDING WITH THE "MASSIVE BOMBARDMENT WE ARE CONTINUING YEAR AFTER YEAR

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AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA". INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING ON DENOUNCING THE EXTREMISTS WHO DESTROYED PART OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING, THIS MAN WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IT WAS THE PRICE WE HAD TO PAY FOR THE WAR IN VIETNAM!!! 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 ROUND THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO "SAVE" MONEY BY CUTTING BACK ON DEFENSE AND POURING FRESH BILLIONS INTO DOMESTIC GIVEAWAYS.

BUT GEORGE MC GOVERN IS NOT ALONE IN HIS QUEST TO DISARM AMERICA. *X* OTHER, MORE FORMIDABLE VOICES HAVE JOINED IN.

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HUMPHREY ATTACKS PRESIDENT

X A FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HUBERT HUMPHREY, HAS ATTACKED THE PRESIDENT FOR SUPPORTING AN ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM. BESIDES CALLING FOR A HALT TO WORK ON THE ABM, HUMPHREY HAS PRAISED WHAT HE CALLS "SOVIET RESTRAINT" AND CALLED FOR A DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT THAT "WOULD MAKE ANY DEMAND FOR ON SITE INSPECTION UNNECESSARY."

* ODD, ISN'T IT, HOW LITTLE THESE MEN TRUST THEIR OWN PRESIDENT, YET HOW WILLING THEY ARE TO TRUST THE RUSSIANS, CARTE BLANCHE, ON A MATTER AS VITAL TO OUR SECURITY AS NATIONAL DEFENSE?

* THIS CURIOUS INCONSISTENCY WAS BROUGHT HOME EVEN MORE STRONGLY WHEN THE CURRENT DEMOCRAT FRONT-RUNNER, EDWARD MUSKIE, RECENTLY PAID A VISIT TO MOSCOW AND CONFERRED WITH THE KREMLIN BOSSES. IT'S A STRANGE WORLD WHEN AN UNOFFICIAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY IS KICKED OFF IN MOSCOW, BUT THAT IS WHERE THIS

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PARTICULAR WANDERING MINSTREL OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY DECIDED
TO JOIN THE CHORUS OF THE DISARMERS.

MUSKIE CONFIDES IN RUSSIANS

X IN A MEETING WITH THE PREMIER OF THE SOVIET UNION, HE
INFORMED THAT NOT-SO-FRIENDLY COMMUNIST LEADER THAT A MAJORITY
OF AMERICANS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT REDUCING MILITARY SPENDING AND
WAS WORRIED ABOUT "OUR RESOURCES BEING DIVERTED TO ARMAMENTS".
IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH KOSYGIN, THIS SUPPOSEDLY MODERATE DEMO-
CRAT ATTEMPTED -- KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY -- TO UNDERCUT THE
PRESIDENT'S POSITION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BY HIS OWN ACCOUNT,
HE TOLD PREMIER KOSYGIN THAT THERE WAS AN ANTI-ADMINISTRATION
POINT OF VIEW IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT HE "WANTED HIM
TO KNOW FIRST HAND.....THAT THERE WAS SUCH A BODY OF
OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE HOPE THAT WE'D INFLUENCE HIM."

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MISGUIDED INTENTIONS

INFLUENCE HIM TO DO WHAT, I WONDER? TO MAKE HARDER,
MORE INFLEXIBLE DEMANDS TO AN AMERICA HE BELIEVED IS DIVIDED?
WHATEVER SENATOR MUSKIE'S REAL INTENTIONS -- AND I AM SURE
THAT THEY WERE HONORABLE, THOUGH MISGUIDED -- THAT CAN BE
THE ONLY REAL RESULT OF HIS ACTIONS.

PUT YOURSELF IN KOSYGIN'S PLACE, AND IN THAT OF THE
OTHER KREMLIN BOSSES. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE CONVINCED
YOU WERE DEALING WITH A PUSHOVER? YOU'D PROBABLY START PUSH-
ING HARDER!!

THAT IS WHY THIS KIND OF LOOSE TALK SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE
IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL DIALOGUE. IT INVITES CONFRONTATION.
IT SUGGESTS THAT WE HAVE A WEAKNESS -- ONE THAT REALLY ISN'T
THERE. IT TEMPTS COUNTRIES LIKE RUSSIA TO TAKE RISKS AND
MAKE PROVOCATIONS.

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AT A TIME WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON IS WORKING SUCCESSFULLY TO COOL DOWN WORLD TENSIONS, THIS IRRESPONSIBLE TALK INFLAMES AND ESCALATES GLOBAL STRAINS. IT LEADS US DOWN THE ROAD TO CHAOS -- NOT GREATER UNDERSTANDING.

THE IDEA OF AMERICA UNILATERALLY DROPPING OUT AS A MILITARY POWER IS WORSE THAN ABSURD. IT IS DANGEROUS; IT COULD OPEN UP OUR NATION TO NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL AND PLACE THE WORLD ON THE BRINK OF AN ATOMIC CONFRONTATION.

TO SPEAK GLIBLY OF A "PEACE DIVIDEND", AND TO TALK UP A "RE-ORDERING OF OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES" SOUNDS GOOD ENOUGH; BUT IF SUCH SLOGANS ARE MERELY CAMOUFLAGE FOR WRECKING AMERICA'S MILITARY DEFENSES, THEY ARE GROSSLY MISUSED.

NIXON FIRM ON DEFENSE

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS NO INTENTION OF NEGLECTING OUR NATION'S SOCIAL NEEDS. BUT OUR DEFENSE NEEDS -- OUR SOLE GUARANTEE FOR NATIONAL SURVIVAL IN AN UNCERTAIN, ATOMIC AGE -- MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

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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 MANY OF THESE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES SEEM TO HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN.

AND THIS ALL ADDS UP TO ANOTHER BIG REASON WE CAN BE THANKFUL THAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS OCCUPIED TODAY BY A MAN WHO PUTS NATIONAL SECURITY BEFORE POLITICS!!

IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME AND ALL AMERICANS OF BOTH PARTIES TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT ON THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE.

POLITICIANS WHO SEEK APPEASEMENT, LEADERS WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN THOSE WE CANNOT TRUST, SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THIS.

THE NATION AND THE FREE WORLD CAN BE THANKFUL THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS NOT FORGOTTEN. IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME AND ALL THINKING AMERICANS OF BOTH PARTIES TO HELP HIM IN HIS EFFORTS TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG. FOR HE CANNOT SUCCEED ALONE, AND WE CANNOT AFFORD ANYTHING LESS THAN SUCCESS.

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URGE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT

SO I URGE EACH OF YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN CARRYING THE
WORD THAT NATIONAL STRENGTH MEANS NATIONAL FREEDOM, AND THE
ONLY CERTAIN WAY TO REMAIN BOTH STRONG AND FREE IS TO SUPPORT
THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS.

IF WE ALL DO THIS, THEN I KNOW WE AND OUR CHILDREN WILL
LIVE TO ENJOY THE FRUITS OF LIBERTY AND THE BENEFITS THAT HAVE
RESULTED FROM OUR SOCIETY OF FREE MEN AND WOMEN.

IF WE DO NOT, WE WILL HAVE FAILED NOT ONLY OUR PARTY,
BUT OUR COUNTRY AS WELL.

Bear Run - Kitting - Sandy - Dick

1. Zuercher - Guyer -

2. Head Surgery

3. Bad Typhoid -

"Just Chutes"

Lewis St -- Warland Mills - Puerto Rico

Morton - Mathias -

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