

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

REPUBLICAN FUND RAISING DINNER  
SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1971

*Handwritten:*  
Good  
Lunch

I SPEAK HERE TONIGHT, NOT AS A MEMBER OF ANY FACTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND NOT AS ONE WHO WISHES TO EXCLUDE ANYONE FROM OUR PARTY.

WE ARE A MINORITY PARTY AND EXCLUSIONARY OR DIVISIVE TACTICS CAN ONLY HURT US AND CAN ONLY HELP THOSE IN THE OTHER PARTY WHO STAND AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND SEEK HIS DEFEAT.

INSTEAD, I SPEAK HERE AS CHAIRMAN OF, AND ON BEHALF OF, THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, YOUR OWN MRS. ELEANOR RING, TOM REED, AND PUT LIVERMORE.

AND, WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION, I CAN SAY THAT I ALSO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AND IN DEFENSE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, RICHARD NIXON.

I DO THIS, NOT ALONE BECAUSE OF MY POSITION IN THE PARTY, BUT BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN HIM AND HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN HONORABLE PEACE, A RESPONSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, AND A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE FOR OURSELVES AND FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW US.

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EASY CRITICISM

INDEED, IF I DID NOT BELIEVE IN THESE GOALS, I WOULD NOT BE SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT, AND I WOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED THE NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP OF OUR PARTY.

IT IS EASY TO BE CRITICAL OF THE PRESIDENT; IT IS EASY TO SECOND GUESS HIM; AND IT IS EASY TO OFFER ALTERNATIVES TO WHAT HE IS DOING, WHETHER IT BE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE, OR WHETHER IT BE RIGHT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS EASY BECAUSE MOST OF US ARE NOT PRIVY TO ALL OF THE FACTS AND NONE OF US BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH HAS BEEN LAID ON HIM BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES -- THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE OR WAR, FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, FOR CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, AND FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE.

X IT IS EASY FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND FOR OTHERS TO SEEK AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT OR TO POINT OUT ALLEGED ERROR; BUT WHEN YOU COME RIGHT DOWN TO THE NUB OF THINGS, THE BUCK STOPS -- AND MUST STOP -- ON THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT, NOT ON THE BACKS OF HIS OPPONENTS. NOR IS THAT BAD. INDEED, THAT IS THE WAY IT IS INTENDED TO BE IN OUR COUNTRY AND UNDER OUR SYSTEM.



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AND, IN FAIRNESS, NEITHER IS THE CRITICISM BAD, SO LONG AS IT IS MEANT TO SERVE OUR NATION FIRST AND ONLY INCIDENTALLY SERVES THE AMBITIONS AND THE POLITICS OF THE CRITIC.

PRESIDENT IS TARGET

UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE. TODAY WE SEE A GAGGLE OF DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MOVING ABOUT THE COUNTRY AND FIRING OFF SALVOS IN EVERY DIRECTION WITH THE EXPECTATION NOT OF SHEDDING LIGHT OR ADDING SUBSTANCE, BUT INSTEAD, WITH THE SURE KNOWLEDGE THAT IF THEY SHOOT OFTEN ENOUGH, THEY MAY NICK THE PRESIDENT.

IF THEY DO HARM TO THE NATION IN THE PROCESS, IF THEY POLARIZE THE PEOPLE, INDEED, IF THEY INCITE SOME OF THE PEOPLE TO TAKE TO THE STREETS IN RIOTOUS PROTEST, WELL, THAT IS JUST A PART OF THE DANGEROUS GAME THEY ARE PLAYING.

NOW IT IS FINE FOR ME TO STAND HERE AND CRITICIZE THE CRITICS OF THE PRESIDENT, WARN AGAINST THEIR TACTICS AND EXPOSE THEIR EVENTUAL GOALS, WHICH RANGE FROM PERSONAL AMBITION TO BE PRESIDENT ALL THE WAY TO THE DE-

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STRUCTION OF OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.

STORY OF ACHIEVEMENT

WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL, A POSITIVE STORY OF ACHIEVEMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL SOME OF IT HERE TONIGHT.

OUR STORY OF ACCOMPLISHMENT HERE AT HOME IS ONE THAT WOULD BE MAGNIFIED TEN TIMES IF SOME DEMOCRAT LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS WERE NOT BENT ON OBSTRUCTING PROGRESS AND REFORM FOR THE SAKE OF POLITICS.

BUT, NEVERTHELESS, EVEN A BRIEF LOOK AT THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AND PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT NIXON SHOULD BE INSPIRING TO REPUBLICANS AND TO THOSE WHO WANT TO BUILD AN EVER GREATER AMERICA.

DRAFT REFORMED

I THINK PERHAPS ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS, AND ONE REPUBLICANS SHOULD RECOUNT TO EVERY PERSON THEY KNOW WHO IS OVER 16 AND UNDER 25, IS THE STORY OF THE DRAFT.

WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE, THE DRAFT SYSTEM IMPOSED SEVEN YEARS OF UNCERTAINTY ON YOUNG MEN. FROM THE AGES OF 19 TO 26, THEY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAFT AND THEY HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING WHEN OR IF THEY WOULD BE SELECTED.



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I AM CONVINCED THAT THESE LONG YEARS OF UNCERTAINTY WERE ONE REASON FOR THE RESTLESSNESS AND REBELLION ON OUR CAMPUSES AND ELSEWHERE. FEW YOUNG MEN COULD PREPARE FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE UNTIL THEY WERE CLOSER TO 30 THAN TO 20. THIS SITUATION HAD NEVER BEFORE EXISTED IN OUR HISTORY AND THE RESULTS, TO ME, ARE EVIDENT.

SO ARE THE RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DRAFT REFORM. BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, HE DID TWO THINGS. HE LIMITED DRAFT ELIGIBILITY TO ONE YEAR -- THE 19TH YEAR -- OF A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE. AND HE INSTALLED A FAIR AND EQUITABLE LOTTERY SYSTEM THAT TELLS A YOUTH WITH SOME ACCURACY IF AND WHEN HE WILL BE DRAFTED.

TODAY THE CAMPUSES ARE RELATIVELY QUIET. TODAY YOUNG MEN ARE LOOKING TO THEIR FUTURES WITH CONFIDENCE AND CERTAINTY. IN OUR HISTORY, IT IS SELDOM THAT ONE PRESIDENT HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR SO MANY -- WITH SO LITTLE PUBLIC AWARENESS OR APPRECIATION.

18-YEAR-OLD VOTE APPROVED

LET ME TELL YOU ONE OTHER THING THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE HEAR MUCH TALK ABOUT THE 18-YEAR-OLD VOTE TODAY, BUT ONE MAN MAINLY MADE THAT POSSIBLE ---- PRESIDENT NIXON. HE SIGNED THE BILL.

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YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 21 INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE AND THE DIRECTION OF THEIR COUNTRY NOW CAN WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM FOR THE CHANGES AND THE APPROACHES TO NATIONAL AFFAIRS THAT THEY DEEM DESIRABLE.

I SHOULD POINT OUT, TOO, THAT THE AMENDMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW 18-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN ALL ELECTIONS HAS ALSO BEEN SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND IS WINNING RAPID APPROVAL FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURES.

STORY MUST BE TOLD

IT BOILS DOWN TO THIS: WE REPUBLICANS HAVE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NEW VOTER, A STORY NO OTHER ADMINISTRATION COULD TELL BEFORE AND NO OTHER PARTY CAN LAY CLAIM TO TODAY. IT IS UP TO US TO TELL IT.

BUT THOUGH WE APPEAR TO HAVE BECOME A YOUTH-ORIENTED NATION, WE MUST NOT FORGET OUR OLDER CITIZENS. THERE ARE 20 MILLION VOTERS IN OUR COUNTRY UNDER 25. THERE ARE ABOUT 30 MILLION OVER 60. WE MUST LOOK FOR SUPPORT TO THE OLDER VOTERS AS WELL AS THE YOUNGER ONES, AND WE HAVE A STORY OF PROGRESS TO TELL TO THEM ALSO.

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SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVED

IT IS A STORY OF CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THOSE WHO NO LONGER WORK. IT IS A STORY OF NOT ONLY INCREASED SOCIAL SECURITY, BUT ALSO OF SOCIAL SECURITY TIED TO THE COST OF LIVING.

THIS SEEMS SO LOGICAL THAT MANY REPUBLICANS HAVE URGED IT FOR YEARS. IT TOOK A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT -- PRESIDENT NIXON -- TO MAKE IT A NEAR REALITY TONIGHT.

NOR IS THE PRESIDENT RESTING IN HIS EFFORTS TO ADD DIGNITY AND COMFORT TO LIVES OF OUR OLDER CITIZENS. THIS FALL THERE WILL BE A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING IN ORDER TO TAKE A FULL AND DETAILED LOOK AT BOTH THEIR PROBLEMS AND THE PROPOSALS FOR MITIGATING THOSE PROBLEMS.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH PROGRAM AND HIS DETERMINATION TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO CONQUER CANCER HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE LIVES OF SENIOR CITIZENS, JUST AS HIS DRIVE AGAINST HARD NARCOTICS HAS A BEARING ON THE LIVES OF SO MANY YOUNG AMERICANS.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF DOMESTIC PROGRAM

LET US LOOK BRIEFLY AT OTHER MAJOR PARTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC PROGRAM:

X (1) THE EFFORT TO REFORM THE MESS THAT WE CALL WELFARE AND THE PARALLEL EFFORT TO PUT A FLOOR UNDER THE INCOMES OF THE WORKING POOR;

X (2) THE EFFORT -- NOW BLOCKED BY A DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT -- TO RETURN REVENUES TO THE STATES AND CITIES TO HELP THEM MEET THEIR LOCAL NEEDS;

X (3) THE JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS;

X (4) POSTAL REFORM;

X (5) THE INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON INFLATION;

X (6) THE CONTINUING TO REDUCE ORGANIZED AND STREET CRIME ALIKE;

X (7) THE DETERMINATION TO RESTORE BALANCE TO THE SUPREME COURT;

AND, THERE ARE TWO OTHER ITEMS THAT MUST BE MENTIONED IN ANY CATALOGUE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

(1) THE ONE WE ARE ALL AWARE OF -- HIS REFUSAL TO LET A FEW ANARCHISTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES BRING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO A HALT -- EVEN FOR ONE MINUTE;

(2) AND, FINALLY, THE GREAT -- AND LARGELY UNRECOGNIZED -- STRIDES HE HAS MADE IN BRINGING MINORITIES INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE.



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MINORITY PROGRESS

A DID YOU KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS INTEGRATED MORE SCHOOLS -- AND PEACEFULLY -- THAN ANY OTHER PRECEDING ADMINISTRATION? THE PERCENTAGE OF BLACK PUPILS ATTENDING MAJORITY WHITE SCHOOLS HAS DOUBLED IN THE 11 SOUTHERN STATES IN THE PERIOD FROM 1968 TO 1970. THE PERCENTAGE OF BLACK PUPILS ATTENDING MAJORITY WHITE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE ALSO INCREASED BY OVER 11 PERCENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS NAMED MORE MEMBERS OF MINORITY GROUPS -- AND MORE WOMEN, TOO, BY THE WAY -- TO POLICY LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAN ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATION? SO FAR, THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS NAMED 36 WOMEN TO TOP-RANKING CIVIL SERVICE POSTS -- MORE THAN WERE NAMED IN EITHER THE KENNEDY OR JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS. MINORITIES COMPRISE 19.4 PERCENT OF ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, OVER 500,000 JOBS IN ALL.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MORE NEGROES ARE BEING PROMOTED TO GENERAL AND FLAG RANK IN THE ARMED SERVICES THAN EVER BEFORE?

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DID YOU KNOW THAT MORE MONEY IS GOING TO MINORITY BUSINESSES,  
MINORITY PROJECTS, AND MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAN EVER BE-  
FORE IN OUR HISTORY?

YOU PROBABLY DID NOT KNOW MANY, IF ANY, OF THESE THINGS BECAUSE  
THEY HAVE BEEN LARGELY DROWNED OUT BY THE CRIES OF THOSE SELF-STYLED  
LIBERALS AND SOME WHO SETTLE FOR NO LESS THAN SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TODAY  
AND DEMAND UTOPIA TOMORROW.

THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT PROMISED UTOPIA AND HE HAS NOT YIELDED TO  
UNREASONABLE AND EMOTIONAL DEMANDS, BUT HE DOES HAVE A RECORD OF PER-  
FORMANCE THAT YOU AND I AND EVERY AMERICAN -- WHO BELIEVES IN EQUALITY  
AND IN EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND IN GIVING THE UNDERDOG A CHANCE --  
CAN BE PROUD OF.



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VIETNAM OVERSHADOWS

BUT LET ME TURN AWAY FOR NOW FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SUPERB RECORD IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND REFORM. BECAUSE, GREAT AS THOSE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE, THEY ARE OVERSHADOWED BY THE WAR IN VIETNAM, AND THEY CAN BE RENDERED NULL IF WE SUCCUMB TO THE GUILF OF THOSE WHO TELL US THAT WE MUST ABANDON OUR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN THE NAME OF REORDERING OUR PRIORITIES AND THAT WE HAVE TO TRY HARDER TO BE NUMBER TWO BECAUSE IT IS NO LONGER WORTHWHILE TO BE NUMBER ONE.

AS IF FREEDOM WERE NOT WORTHWHILE!

WHAT ABOUT VIETNAM? WE ARE A COUNTRY DIVIDED AND POLARIZED ON THIS ISSUE BY DEMOGOGUES WHO DEMAND PEACE TODAY AT ANY COST, INCLUDING THE RISK OF NEW WARS TOMORROW.

WE ARE A COUNTRY WHERE STREET POLITICS IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN 1971, JUST AS IT WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN 1931 IN PRE-NAZI GERMANY. AND THE MARCHERS AND THE VANDALS AND THE INNOCENT AND GUILTY ALIKE ARE EGGED ON BY THE CLENCHED FIST SALUTE AND THE HYSTERICAL WORDS OF THE POWER SEEKERS TODAY JUST AS THEY WERE THEN.

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DEMAND INSTANT PEACE

X AND ALL OF THIS IN THE NAME OF INSTANT PEACE. NOT AN HONORABLE PEACE, NOT A JUST PEACE OR AN EQUITABLE PEACE, OR EVEN PEACE IN OUR TIME -- JUST INSTANT PEACE, AND WORRY LATER ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES.

X AND YET THE WAR IS A VALID ISSUE. WE ADMIT IT. IT HAS GONE ON TOO LONG. IT WAS A WAR THAT WAS BEGUN IN ANOTHER TIME BY ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT ANY INTENTION OF EVER BEING WON. IT IS A WAR THAT THE KENNEDYS AND THE MACNAMARAS AND THE HUMPHREYS AND THE JOHNSONS TOOK US INTO WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENEMY AND WITH NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIMITS OF THE PATIENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AND NOW -- AND THIS IS THE IRONY OF IT -- THE MAN WHO IS EXTRICATING US FROM A WAR BEGUN AND NURTURED BY TWO DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS IS BEING ATTACKED AND ABUSED BY THOSE WHO BROUGHT ON THE WAR BECAUSE HE IS NOT GETTING US OUT FAST ENOUGH.

THE CURRENT VOGUE, OF COURSE, IS AN ANNOUNCED, FIXED DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31 OF THIS YEAR FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL U. S. TROOPS FROM VIETNAM. AN ANNOUNCED DEADLINE, THEY CLAIM, WOULD QUICKLY BRING ABOUT A



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NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

CRITICS WRONG IN PAST

X BUT IN THE PAST, THESE SAME INDIVIDUALS ASSERTED THAT THE WAR COULD BE ENDED BY HALTING THE BOMBING, PROPOSING A CEASEFIRE, NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT, WITHDRAWING ALL OUTSIDE FORCES.

SO, TODAY, THE BOMBING HAS BEEN HALTED, CEASE-FIRES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED, TALKS AT PARIS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THREE YEARS, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS WITHDRAWN OVER 260,000 TROOPS, AND STILL HANOI HAS MADE NO CONCESSIONS OR INDICATED A DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT IN GOOD FAITH. IN SPITE OF U. S. CONCESSIONS, AND PROPOSALS, IN SPITE OF SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS OF U. S. TROOP LEVELS, THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE -- ONLY CRITICISM FROM THOSE WHO ONCE WERE STAUNCH SUPPORTERS OF ESCALATION.

ILLOGICAL ARGUMENTS

X IN A WAR-WEARY LAND, IT IS EASY TO SEE THE POLITICS OF THE ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT BY THOSE WHO THEMSELVES WISH TO BE PRESIDENT. IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO SEE THE LOGIC.

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4 ONE WONDERS WHAT THESE GENTLEMEN WOULD DO IF THE RESPONSIBILITIES WERE THEIRS -- THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE LONG-RANGE SECURITY OF AMERICA, FOR KEEPING ALIVE, IF YOU WILL, THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD -- (DOES ANYONE HERE REALLY BELIEVE AMERICA COULD REMAIN FREE IF ALL THE REST OF THE WORLD WERE SLAVE?) -- THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WITHDRAWING OUR TROOPS IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE LIVE UP TO OUR COMMITMENTS, IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE BETRAY NEITHER THOSE WHO DIED THERE NOR THOSE WHO STILL FIGHT THERE NOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE THERE.

NATION OF FLAGELLANTS

ONE WONDERS IF WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL ELECT AS THEIR LEADER ONE WHO PREACHES ONLY DEFEAT. IT TAKES NO LEADER TO LEAD A MARCH BACKWARD AND THOSE WHO VIE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF LEADING SUCH A MARCH HARDLY DESERVE TO BE CALLED LEADERS AT ALL.

AT BEST, THEY ARE DOOMSAYERS CALLING ON THE MOST UNSELFISH NATION IN ALL HISTORY TO REPENT. AT WORST, THEY ARE HATERS OF AMERICA, POINTING WITH MALICIOUS GLEE AT EVERY FLAW, AT EVERY ABERRATION, AS IF THESE THINGS



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WERE THE NORM INSTEAD OF THE ABNORM.

IN EITHER CASE, THEY SEEK TO TURN US INTO A NATION OF FLAGELLANTS, HAPPY ONLY WHEN WE HAVE ABSOLVED OURSELVES OF SIN WITH WHIPS AND THORNS.

WHAT PAST ADMINISTRATIONS AND THEIR NOW REFORMED ADVISERS AND SUPPORTERS HAVE DONE, HOWEVER, IS OUR CONCERN TONIGHT ONLY IN THAT WE MUST ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY THEIR MISTAKES.

TROOPS COMING HOME

AND BY THE SAME TOKEN, WHAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE NEEDS NO APOLOGY. THIS PRESIDENT IS LEADING US OUT OF WAR AND TOWARD A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE. HIS RECORD OF CONTINUED ACCOMPLISHMENT IS THERE FOR ALL OF US TO SEE AND TO HAIL. AND THAT RECORD, I AM CONFIDENT, WILL BE EVEN BETTER BY YEAR'S END. OUR FIGHTING MEN ARE COMING HOME. OUR CASUALTIES ARE CUT BY THREE FOURTHS. OUR ALLIES ARE QUICKLY BECOMING ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. THE NEED FOR THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IS FAST DISAPPEARING.

A YEAR FROM NOW, THOSE WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO MAKE THIS WAR NIXON'S WAR WILL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH NIXON'S PEACE. THE ISSUE THEY CLING TO SO

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FONDLY TODAY WILL BE OUR ISSUE AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO RUN AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S RECORD WILL BE SADDLED WITH THAT RECORD. AND I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL JUDGE THEM ACCORDINGLY.

NEW THREAT LURKING

BUT AS THE DARK PALL OF THE WAR BEGINS TO LIFT, WE FIND ANOTHER DANGER LURKING IN THE SHADOWS, A DANGER THAT THREATENS THE NATION'S SECURITY AS THE WAR IN VIETNAM NEVER HAS AND NEVER COULD.

IT IS NOT A NEW DANGER, FOR THE LURE OF UNILATERAL DISARMAMENT HAS ENTHRALLED SOME AMERICANS ALL DURING OUR HISTORY, AND AT THE SAME TIME HAS BLINDED THEM TO THE LESSONS OF THE PAST.

NEVER IN OUR HISTORY HAVE WE GONE INTO A MAJOR WAR PREPARED, AND EVERY MAJOR WAR IN OUR HISTORY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CIRCUMVENTED IF WE HAD BEEN PREPARED.

THE "UNPREPARERS"

AND YET, THERE IS A COLLECTION OF PEOPLE AND GROUPS RANGING FROM THE SINCERE AND WELL-MEANING TO THE OPPORTUNISTIC AND ILL-INTENTIONED WHO ARE ACTIVELY AT WORK UNPREPARING, IF YOU WILL, THE DEFENSES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



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ALREADY PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SLASHED DEFENSE SPENDING TO THE LOWEST LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH OUR SECURITY. ALREADY HE HAS REORDERED PRIORITIES SO THAT WE ARE SPENDING MORE ON DOMESTIC ITEMS THAN WE ARE ON DEFENSE.

// BUT THIS HAS HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON PEOPLE LIKE SENATOR PROXMIRE AND JOHN GARDNER -- YES, THE SAME JOHN GARDNER WHO WISHES TO BUG OUT ABROAD ALSO WANTS TO BUG OUT AT HOME. // THIS IS THE GENTLEMAN WHO TELLS US HE IS ORDAINED TO LEAD US OUT OF THE WILDERNESS, BUT SEEMS INSTEAD TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN SEEKING OUT THE BACK ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

// BUT THAT IS AN ASIDE. THE FACT IS THAT THESE GENTLEMEN, ALONG WITH THE WIDELY DISPARATE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THEY HAVE CONNED, CONVINCED OR JOINED UP WITH, SEEK LITERALLY TO CUT OUR DEFENSE BUDGET BY ANYWHERE FROM 10 TO 18 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

UNDERMINING U. S.

IF THEY SUCCEED, THEN, WITHOUT QUESTION, THERE GOES THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDED TO KEEP ABREAST OF OUR RIVALS; THERE GOES A GOODLY SHARE OF OUR FIGHTING FORCES; THERE GOES OUR ABILITY TO MEET ANY SERIOUS


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THREAT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD; AND THERE GOES -- AND I AM NOT BEING AN ALARMIST -- THERE GOES THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS THE ONLY BULWARK BETWEEN THE FREE WORLD AND THE FORCES OF TOTALITARIANISM.

WHAT ARE THEY THINKING OF, AND WHAT IS THEIR LOGIC?

I DO NOT HAVE THOSE ANSWERS ANY MORE THAN I KNOW THE REASONING THAT MOTIVATED THOSE WHO LET AMERICA DRIFT WHILE GERMANY AND ITALY AND JAPAN ARMED DURING THE 1930'S.

DEFENSE SPENDING NECESSARY



BUT EVEN IF WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEIR LOGIC, AND EVEN IF WE AGREE WITH THE NEED TO SPEND OUR MONEY EFFECTIVELY, AND EVEN IF WE SHARE THEIR DESIRE FOR PEACE, WE CANNOT LET THEM ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION.

FOR IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL, THEY WILL JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION AND THE FREEDOM OF OUR PEOPLE. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT; THEY WILL LEAVE US OPEN TO THE BLACKMAIL OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD AND TO THE CONTEMPT OF HISTORY.



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WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, IN THIS WORLD, ONLY THE STRONG REMAIN  
FREE AND ONLY THE STRONG CAN PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF THE WEAK.

AMERICA MUST REMAIN STRONG.

I AM CONVINCED THAT RICHARD NIXON WILL FIGHT WITH EVERY TOOL AND  
DEVICE AT HIS COMMAND TO KEEP US STRONG, TO KEEP THIS WORLD A PLACE WHERE  
WE CAN -- AND FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN -- LIVE IN FREEDOM AND IN PEACE.

CAMPAIGN ROLLING

FOR THAT REASON ALONE -- AND THERE ARE MANY OTHERS, AS I HAVE  
INDICATED HERE TONIGHT -- I WOULD SUPPORT RICHARD NIXON AND I WILL CAM-  
PAIGN FOR HIS REELECTION.

I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN THAT CAMPAIGN -- NOT IN SEPTEMBER OF  
1972, BUT BEGINNING HERE TONIGHT. THE FORCES THAT SEEK RICHARD NIXON'S  
DEFEAT ARE ALREADY AT WORK IN THE NATION AND IN THE CONGRESS. WE CAN  
OVERCOME THEM IF WE DO NOT LET THEM FOOL US OR TRICK US OR PLAY ON OUR  
EMOTIONS OR ON OUR LOVE OF PEACE. WE CAN OVERCOME THEM AND GIVE RICHARD  
NIXON THE VICTORY IN 1972 IF WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO SO. IF WE FAIL, THE  
PRICE WE PAY WILL BE MORE THAN JUST THE PRICE OF ANOTHER ELECTION. AND  
IT LIKELY WILL BE A PRICE WE ARE NOT WILLING TO PAY AT ALL.

Dole - M. Clayton Dole - "Constitutional Convention"  
Wagon - Wagon -

Dean Stang - "Head-Longing"

Angus - Angus - "Can't see wound"

Committee - Don - Dole

Dean Stang -

Mr Dole - "To your Menus"

Sweetest -

Dole - 11 AM.

"I'm in the Red!"