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REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

TRUNK 'N TUSK CLUB PHOENIX, ARIZONA THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1971

A P A S IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE IN PHOENIX THIS EVENING, MEETING WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OF THE ARIZONA GOP. WHAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS ACCOMPLISHED HERE, IN A STATE THAT ONCE WAS CONSIDERED A DEMOCRAT PRESERVE, IS A MODEL FOR PARTY-BUILDERS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

GOLDWATER VINDICATED

AND I THINK ARIZONA WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF REPUBLICANS WHO LIVED THROUGH THE EXCITEMENT AND THE ANGUISH OF 1964 AND ARE NOW SEEING THE POSITIONS WE TOOK AND THE CANDIDATE WE RAN FOR PRESIDENT BEING VINDICATED IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DISCLOSURES.

THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION ABOUT BARRY GOLDWATER'S INTEGRITY AND ABILITY, BUT IN 1964, HE WAS PILLORIED AS AN ALARMIST, CASTIGATED AS AN EXTREMIST AND SLANDERED AS A WARMONGER BECAUSE HE SPOKE THE TRUTH WHEN -2-

OTHERS FOUND IT EXPEDIENT TO CONCEAL IT ---- ALL THE TIME LULLING THE PUBLIC INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY, WHILE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A BLOODY LAND WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

GOLDWATER WARNED

WHEN BARRY GOLDWATER RAISED HIS VOICE IN THE NAME OF TRUTH ---WHEN HE DISCUSSED THE ISSUES AS THEY WERE, RATHER THAN AS PEOPLE WOULD HAVE LIKED THEM TO BE -- HE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE SCORN OF THE PUN-DITS OF THE EASTERN LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT AND THE BITTER DENUNCIATION OF NOT ONLY HIS POLITICAL FOES, BUT EVEN SOME MEMBERS OF HIS OWN PARTY.

NOW, MUCH OF WHAT BARRY GOLDWATER WARNED OF IN 1964 HAS COME TO PASS. AND RICHARD NIXON, WHO STOOD BY BARRY GOLDWATER AND THE REPUB-LICAN PARTY IN 1964, IS UNDOING THE DAMAGE THAT THE POLITICAL VICTORS OF 1964 LEFT BEHIND WHEN THEY WERE TURNED OUT FOUR YEARS LATER.

ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN UNDERSCORED BY THE RECENT DISCLOSURES IN THE <u>NEW YORK TIMES</u>, THE <u>WASHINGTON POST</u>, AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS THAT HAVE PUBLISHED SECRET DOCUMENTS OF THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION. -3-

PICTURE OF DECEPTION

THE PICTURE THAT EMERGES FROM THOSE DOCUMENTS IS NOT A VERY NICE ONE. IT IS A PICTURE OF STEALTH AND DECEPTION, WITH TWO DEMOCRAT PRESI-DENTS, THEIR TWO VICE PRESIDENTS, AND NUMEROUS COHORTS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SECRETLY ENMESHING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN A LAND WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

IT HAS BEEN INTERESTING TO WATCH THE REACTIONS OF SOME OF THE MAJOR ACTORS IN THIS SORDID DRAMA. THE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT, WHO USED TO ASSURE US THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON KEPT HIM WELL INFORMED, NOW TELLS US THAT HE WAS BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF THE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS OF THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY YEARS.

THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS, WHOSE ONE BROTHER WAS PRESIDENT AND WHOSE OTHER BROTHER WAS ATTORNEY GENERAL IN TWO WARTIME CABINETS, ALSO PROFESSES TO BE DUMBFOUNDED AND SAYS HE WANTS THE WHOLE STORY TOLD. -4-

AMNESIA EPIDEMIC

BUT THOUGH THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY TEAM MUST SHARE THE BLAME, IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS THAT THEY, ALMOST AS MUCH AS THE AMERI-CAN PEOPLE, WERE DUPED BY THE HOLDOVERS OF THE KENNEDY-EASTERN ESTABLISH-MENT COMBINE THAT MADE AMERICAN POLICY THE YEARS PRIOR TO AND AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S PRESIDENT DIEM.

THESE MEN, YOU RECALL, WERE KEPT ON IN HIGH PLACES IN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. THE NEW PRESIDENT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TRUST THEM. THE PLANS AND SCHEMES THEY LAID IN THE 1961-1963 ERA CAME TO FRUITION UNDER PRESIDENT JOHNSON. BUT IT WELL MAY BE THAT JOHNSON WAS THE SAME SORT OF VICTIM OF FATE AS HARRY TRUMAN WAS 17 YEARS EARLIER. YOU REMEMBER THAT WHEN HARRY TRUMAN TOOK OFFICE, HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WE WERE BUILDING AN ATOMIC BOMB. HE WENT TO POTSDAM IGNORAN AND UNPREPARED AND BARELY ESCAPED WITH THE SHIRT ON HIS BACK.

LYNDON JOHNSON WAS NEVER AN INTIMATE OF THE KENNEDYS NOR THE LIB-ERALS HE INHERITED. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT IF JOHNSON WAS FOOLED BY THOSE LIBERALS, HIS VICE PRESIDENT A YEAR LATER -- HUBERT HUMPHREY -- WAS EQUALLY FOOLED. -5-

IT IS MORE TRAGIC THAN LAUGHABLE TO WATCH JOHNSON'S HAND-PICKED SUCCESSOR FUMBLE FOR AN EXCUSE FOR THOSE YEARS. HIS AMBITIONS WILL NOT LET HIM CLAIM IGNORANCE AND HIS FEAR OF FURTHER REVELATIONS DARES NOT LET HIM CLAIM TO BE A PARTY TO THE DECISION-MAKING. ABOUT ALL THAT IS LEFT TO HIM IS TO PLEAD NO CONTEST AND LET HISTORY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO THEIR OWN JUDGING.

AS FOR THE OTHER LEADING DEMOCRATS OF THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON ERA, AN EPIDEMIC OF POLITICAL AMNESIA SEEMS TO HAVE SWEPT, THROUGH THEIR RANKS.

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MEN WHO SHARED IN THE POLITICAL SPOILS OF THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY YEARS -- MEN WHOSE POLITICAL FORTUNES FATTENED IN THE HEYDAY OF THE NEW FRONTIER AND THE GREAT SOCIETY -- SUDDENLY KNOW NOTHING OR CHOOSE TO RE-MEMBER NOTHING. AND NOT STRANGELY, FROM THE BANKS OF THE PEDERNALES, THERE IS NOTHING BUT BROODING SILENCE.

YET, HOW LOUD SOME OF THESE SAME VOICES HAVE BEEN IN CONDEMNING PRESIDENT NIXON. IT WAS ONLY A FEW SHORT DAYS AGO THAT EDWARD KENNEDY -6-

WAS ACCUSING PRESIDENT NIXON OF PROLONGING THE WAR FOR SELFISH POLITICAL REASONS. IT WAS ONLY A FEW SHORT DAYS AGO THAT CLARK CLIFFORD -- WHO INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS FIGHTING IN VIETNAM WHILE HE WAS SECRE-TARY OF DEFENSE -- WAS ATTACKING THE PRESIDENT'S SUCCESSFUL VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM AND UNDERCUTTING OUR DIPLOMATIC STRENGTH IN NEGOTIATING A SET-TLEMENT.

MOST OF THESE MEN, AND THE OTHERS LIKE THEM WHO ESCALATED THE WAR DURING THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON YEARS, AND WHO NOW ATTACK PRESIDENT NIXON'S EFFORTS TO DISENGAGE FROM THE WAR WITH HONOR, ARE CLAIMING THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING OF THE DOCUMENTS REVEALED BY THE PRESS, OR THAT, WHILE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, THEY NEVER BOTHERED TO READ THEM. NOW, THEY SAY, THESE SECRET DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.

DEMO AIM CLEAR

IT DOESN'T TAKE X-RAY VISION TO SEE WHAT THESE DEMOCRAT CANDID-ATES FOR PRESIDENT AND THEIR POLITICAL ALLIES ARE UP TO. THEY SEEK TO MAKE THIS A FREEDOM-OF-THE-PRESS ISSUE, PUBLICLY DENOUNCING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS LEGAL ACTION, WHILE PRIVATELY HOPING THAT THE

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COURTS WILL STOP THE STORY OF THEIR OWN BLUNDERS AND DEVIOUSNESS WHILE IN POWER FROM BEING TOLD.

ACCORDING TO ONE DEFINITION, POLITICS IS THE ART OF SURVIVAL. AND FOR THEM TO SURVIVE AS NATIONAL POLITICAL LEADERS, THEY MUST DISAS-SOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM THE DISASTROUS POLICIES THEY HELPED FORM.

WEAKENS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

BUT, WHILE THIS IS PRAGMATIC POLITICS, IT IS HARDLY HONORABLE OR EVEN HONEST POLITICS. FOR THE OVER-ALL EFFECT COULD WELL BE A WEAK-ENING OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN OUR TWO-PARTY SYSTEM AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY, REGARDLESS OF WHO MAY HOLD THE POSITION.

THE PROBLEM IS NOT THAT ONE POLITICIAN OR ANOTHER MAY COME OUT OF THIS WITH A BLACK EYE, OR THAT CERTAIN PAST ADMINISTRATIONS WILL FALL IN THE PUBLIC'S ESTEEM. THE NATION, AND BOTH OF OUR GREAT POLITICAL PAR-TIES, CAN RECOVER FROM THAT EASILY ENOUGH. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THIS KIND OF IRRESPONSIBILITY IS CAUSING MORE AND MORE OF OUR PEOPLE TO LOSE FAITH -8-

IN OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES -- IN THE CONGRESS, IN THE EXECU-TIVE BRANCH, AND IN THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES.

BLAME OBVIOUS

THE <u>NEW YORK TIMES</u> ARTICLES, AND THOSE THAT HAVE FOLLOWED IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS IN WASHINGTON, BOSTON, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, AND ELSEWHERE, MAKE IT CLEAR AS TO WHO IS TO BLAME FOR GETTING US INTO THE WAR; FOR ESCALATING IT; FOR STARTING THE BOMBING; FOR SENDING IN MORE THAN HALF A MILLION TROOPS; AND -- AND I TAKE NO SATISFACTION IN SAYING THIS -- FOR DECEIVING THE AMERI-CAN PEOPLE.

BUT DESPITE THESE REVELATIONS, STRANGE HAPPENINGS CONTINUE ON THE FLOOR OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE. JUST THIS WEEK, MANY OF THOSE IN THE 1960'S WENT ALONG EAGERLY WITH THE WAR ESCALATION POLICIES OF A DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION, SOUGHT AGAIN TO TIE THE HANDS OF A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT WHO IS GETTING US OUT OF THE WAR.

WITH MUCH MORALIZING, AGONIZING AND POSTURING, THEY WORKED TO FORCE THE PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT A DEADLINE FOR REMOVING AMERICAN TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. -9-

THESE SAME PEOPLE WHO APPROVED THE SENDING OF MORE THAN HALF A MILLION TROOPS TO VIETNAM, WHO APPROVED THE BOMBING, WHO BUMBLED ALONG UN-QUESTIONINGLY WITH THE POLICY OF NO-WIN ESCALATION, WHO TALKED IN MORAL TONES OF AMERICA'S OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, NOW -- UNDER A REPUB-LICAN PRESIDENT -- HAVE DONE A 180-DEGREE TURN. THOSE WHO DRAGGED US INTO A WAR, REGARDLESS OF THE COST, ARE NOW TRYING TO DRAG US OUT, REGARDLESS OF THE COST.

EVEN AS THE PRESIDENT ENDS THEIR WAR, THEY SEEK TO MAKE HIM END IT THEIR WAY -- WITHOUT HONOR, WITHOUT LIVING UP TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS, AND WITHOUT MUCH ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL EVER GET OUR PRISONERS OF WAR BACK.

SOME OF MY FRIENDS IN THE SENATE SAY THEY ARE TRYING TO HELP THE PRESIDENT. THIS IS NONSENSE. I SAID IT ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE TUES-DAY, AND I REPEAT IT HERE ---- WHAT THEY ARE REALLY DOING IS SEEKING A VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT. -10-

ACTIONS OF PRESIDENT NIXON DON'T, IN MY VIEW, ADD UP TO HELPING HIM. AND LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES THAT THEY DO.

AND LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES EITHER THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, AT THIS POINT ANYWAY, ARE SERIOUS ABOUT GIVING OUR PRISONERS BACK IN RETURN FOR NOTHING MORE THAN A PULLOUT DATE.

<u>COLUMNISTS EVANS AND NOVAK ANALYZED THE SITUATION THIS MORNING</u> AFTER LOOKING AT AN <u>OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC CABLE FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE</u> <u>NEGOTIATING TEAM TO THE HANOI GOVERNMENT</u>. THEY <u>CAME TO THE CONCLUSION</u> <u>THAT, AND I QUOTE</u> --- "THE RANSOM FOR AMERICAN POW'S WILL BE MUCH DEARER THAN THE DEMOCRATIC-SPONSORED TROOP WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE. TO GET THEM HOME, THE U. S. MUST AGREE TO HUMILIATING CONCESSIONS ENDING WITH A COMMUNIST REGIME IN SAIGON. SUCH IS THE IRON REALPOLITIK BEHIND THE ORIENTAL SMILES EXHIBITED IN PARIS FOR AMERICAN POLITICIANS." -11-

BUT, DESPITE THESE HARD FACTS, A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE PASSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT BILL ON TUESDAY, SAYING IT IS U. S. POLICY TO LEAVE VIETNAM NINE MONTHS AFTER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE RELEASE OUR PRISONERS.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THE HOUSE WILL APPROVE THE MEASURE, NOR THAT IT WILL EVER BECOME BINDING, BUT IT SIGNALS ONCE AGAIN TO NORTH VIETNAM THAT AMERICA WILL QUIT IF THEY JUST HAVE PATIENCE. FOR THAT REASON ALONE, SUCH AN ACTION BY THE SENATE HURTS OUR COUNTRY, OUR CAUSE, AND OUR RELA-TIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS THAT LOOK TO US FOR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT HAVING PASSED THE AMENDMENT, THE SENATE WILL CONCLUDE IT HAS HELPED THE PRESIDENT ENOUGH AND WILL LET HIM PRO-CEED ON HIS COURSE OF ENDING THE WAR IN SUCH A MANNER THAT WE NOT ONLY GET OUR PRISONERS BACK, BUT THAT WE ALSO INSURE A GENERATION OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS ASKING TOO MUCH.

BUT, LET ME RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF THE STOLEN DOCUMENTS.

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ERA OF NEGOTIATION

FOR THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS PAINSTAK-INGLY LED US FROM AN ERA OF DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION TO AN ERA OF PEACEFUL AND HOPEFUL NEGOTIATION. HE HAS RESTORED OUR SHATTERED PRESTIGE IN FRIEND-LY AND HOSTILE CAPITALS AROUND THE GLOBE. AND HE HAS MADE THIS A PERIOD OF ENLIGHTENED DIPLOMACY.

TODAY, AMERICA IS NEGOTIATING FOR WORLD PEACE IN THE FAR-FLUNG CORNERS OF THE WORLD, IN THE SALT TALKS, IN THE STRIFE-TORN MIDDLE EAST, WITH CHINA, AND AT THE PEACE TABLE IN PARIS. IN ALL THESE CASES, AMERI-CAN NEGOTIATORS SENT BY PRESIDENT NIXON ARE WORKING TOWARD THE GOAL OF A GENERATION OF PEACE.

QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE

PRESIDENT NIXON HIMSELF HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THESE EFFORTS. HE HAS MET WITH THE HEADS OF 67 STATES, ALWAYS WITH THE SINGLE, SOBER IDEA OF MAKING WORLD PEACE AN ATTAINABLE AIM.

BUT HOW ATTAINABLE DOES THAT AIM BECOME IF THE SANCTITY OF SUCH TALKS CAN BE VIOLATED AT WILL? HOW CAN PRESIDENT NIXON, OR ANY FUTURE -13-

PRESIDENT, NEGOTIATE SUCCESSFULLY IF PRIVATE MEMORANDA AND TOP SECRET PAPERS MAY AT ANY MOMENT BE FILCHED AND PUBLISHED?

SHOULD PRIVATE TALKS, SO ESSENTIAL IN PEACEFUL INTERCOURSE BE-TWEEN NATIONS, BE AT THE MERCY OF ANYONE WITH STICKY FINGERS, A FLEXIBLE CONSCIENCE, AND ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT FILES? I DO NOT BELIEVE THEY SHOULD, AND THAT IS THE REAL QUESTION AT STAKE -- THE REAL QUESTION THAT THE COURTS MUST DECIDE IN THE CASES NOW PENDING.

IN MY OPINION, THIS IS NOT A FREEDOM-OF-SPEECH ISSUE, OR A FREEDOM-OF-THE-PRESS ISSUE. IT IS A QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT IT IS WRONG TO STEAL TOP SECRET GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS AND TO VIOLATE THEIR CLASSIFICATION. IF IT IS PERMISSIBLE TO DO THAT, THEN WE HAVE REALLY OPENED A PANDORA'S BOX. WE HAVE USHERED IN A STATE OF ANARCHY THAT WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY GOVERNMENT TO PERFORM ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WITH SAFETY OR SECURITY. IF A TOP SECRET CLASSIFICATION CAN BE IGNORED -- IF ANYONE IS FREE TO PURLOIN STATE SECRETS AND HAVE THEM PUBLISHED -- WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR DE-FENSE SECURITY?

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WHAT HAPPENS TO STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE DYNAMITE IN ENEMY HANDS? IT DOESN'T MAKE FOR VERY PLEASANT THINKING, BUT THAT IS WHAT IS AT STAKE TODAY.

NEED NOT HAVE HAPPENED

THE IRONY IS THAT THE WHOLE THING NEED NEVER HAVE HAPPENED. PRES-IDENT NIXON ORDERED A BROAD REVIEW OF CURRENT CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES LAST JANUARY, AND THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SPEED THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE PENTAGON REPORTS IN QUESTION, AND THEN RELEASE ALL CONTENT CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL SECURITY. THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, ERWIN GRISWOLD, STATED THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO IMMEDIATELY APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

NO AMERICAN -- NEITHER YOU, NOR I, NOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES -- WANTS TO LOSE ONE IOTA OF HIS FREEDOM, BUT MOST OF US KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE USE OF FREEDOM AND THE ABUSE OF FREEDOM. AND MOST OF US ARE AGAINST DOING ANYTHING THAT CAN WEAKEN OR ENDANGER OUR NATION.

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SO I URGE THOSE WHO HAVE MADE SNAP JUDGMENTS IN THIS CASE TO PAUSE AND GIVE THOUGHT TO ITS DEEPEST IMPLICATIONS. LET THE COURTS DE-CIDE. LET THE CONGRESS MAKE ITS FINDINGS, IF THERE IS TO BE AN INVESTI-GATION. AND LET THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED LEVEL WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

CONFIDENT OF COURTS

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR COURTS. WHATEVER THEIR RULING, WE SHOULD ABIDE BY IT. AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN RICHARD NIXON, AND HIS ABILITY TO RESTORE CREDIBILITY TO THE PRESIDENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS TO OUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES.

HE HAS BEEN CANDID WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE IS OPENLY, HONORABLY ENDING THE TRAGIC WAR THAT BEGAN IN SUCH SECRECY AND HAS COST THIS NATION SO DEARLY.

MANY REASONS FOR SUPPORT

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY I SUPPORT RICHARD NIXON, AND WHY I AGREED TO ACCEPT THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. -16-

I BELIEVE IN THE JUDICIAL BALANCE HE HAS BROUGHT TO THE SUPREME COURT. I BELIEVE IN THE REFORM HE HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ARCHAIC AND INEFFICIENT POSTAL SYSTEM. I SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS TO RETURN THE POWER AND THE RE-SOURCES OF GOVERNMENT TO PEOPLE AT THE GRASS ROOTS THROUGH REVENUE SHARING. I BACK HIS FORCEFUL NEW PROGRAM FOR A CONCERTED ATTACK ON DRUG ABUSE. I BELIEVE IN HIS PROPOSALS TO REFORM OUR VAST, WASTEFUL WELFARE MORASS AND ENCOURAGE THE NEEDY TO EARN A DECENT LIVELIHOOD.

ALL OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT. EACH OF THEM MARKS RICHARD NIXON AS A GREAT CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

PEACE IS FOREMOST GOAL

BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY ONE OF THEM -- MORE IMPORTANT THAN <u>ALL</u> OF THEM -- IS THE PROGRESS THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS MADE TOWARD PEACE. FOR, IF HE SUCCEEDS -- AND WITH OUR HELP AND THE HELP OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HE <u>CAN</u> SUCCEED -- HE WILL HAVE GIVEN AMERICA AND THE WORLD SOMETHING THAT NO PAST GENERATION HAS ENJOYED -- A FULL GEN-ERATION OF PEACE. -17-

THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR EACH OF US TO DO OUR PART IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. SMALL MEN WITH BIG POLITICAL AMBITIONS MUST NOT SUC-CEED IN WRECKING THE PROGRESS FOR PEACE -- LASTING AND HONORABLE PEACE --THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS MADE.

AND THEY WILL NOT, IF EACH OF US STARTS WORKING NOW FOR VICTORY IN NOVEMBER OF 1972.

THE STORY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, OF ITS PROPOSALS, ITS ACCOM-PLISHMENTS AND ITS ASPIRATIONS FOR A BETTER AMERICA, MUST BE TOLD. THE WORD MUST BE PASSED ON. AND THE JOB IS OURS.

ONCE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE THE FACTS -- ONCE THE TRUTH IS HEARD OVER THE AIMLESS NOISE AND EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS OF WOULD-BE PRESI-DENTIAL CANDIDATES -- I AM CONFIDENT IN THE JUSTICE OF THEIR DECISION.

SO LET THE CAMPAIGN BEGIN, AND LET IT BEGIN HERE AND NOW. IN 1964, BARRY GOLDWATER PROVED THAT, EVEN IN DEFEAT, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY COULD STAND TRUE TO ITS PRINCIPLES AND TRUE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATION. WE HAVE NEVER LOST THAT INTEGRITY AND THAT PURPOSE. IN 1972, WE CAN SEE IT THROUGH TO A GREATER VICTORY.

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