

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISING DINNER  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1971

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE IN COLUMBIA THIS EVENING. SOUTH CAROLINA HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE GROWTH OF OUR COUNTRY THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY. AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOP HAS AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN THE GROWTH OF OUR PARTY IN THE SOUTH AND ACROSS THE NATION. AMONG THE REASONS I AM HERE THIS EVENING IS TO RECOGNIZE YOUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO LET YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOUR FUTURE EFFORTS ARE TO US.

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I ALSO WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. I BELIEVE IN RICHARD NIXON THE MAN, AND IN THE WORK HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE TO SERVE AMERICA. AND, BECAUSE I DO, I WANT TO SEE EVERY LAST OUNCE OF REPUBLICAN ENERGY MOBILIZED FOR THE FIGHT AHEAD IN '72. TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE FOR US TO DO ANYTHING LESS THAN OUR BEST.

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DIVISION CAN ONLY WEAKEN

SO I URGE EACH OF YOU WHO BELIEVES IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND ITS MISSION TO DO YOUR BEST ---- AND DO NOT LET THE VOICES OF CRITICISM AND DIVISION DISTRACT YOU FROM YOUR COURSE -- FROM OUR COURSE. WHETHER THOSE VOICES ISSUE FROM THE LEFT OR FROM THE FAR RIGHT, THEIR AIM IS ALWAYS THE SAME -- TO WEAKEN AND DIVIDE US FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES. AND THE RESULT, IF WE ALLOW THEM TO SUCCEED, WILL BE GOOD NEWS FOR NO ONE EXCEPT THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE OTHER PARTY.

RICHARD NIXON IS LEADING AMERICA OUT OF ONE OF THE MOST TRYING, DIFFICULT PERIODS IN ITS HISTORY, AND HE DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF A UNIFIED PARTY AND A UNIFIED PEOPLE. THE SAME THING IS TRUE OF THE GOP HERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR STATE PARTY LEADERSHIP, AND IN YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOP.

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NIXON LEADERSHIP

ALREADY, WE ARE SEEING SOME OF THE IMPORTANT RESULTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S LEADERSHIP. ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF ALL AMERICANS IS DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY -- THEIR SAFETY IN THEIR HOMES AND ON THE STREETS. WELL, THANKS TO THE STRONG, ANTI-CRIME LEADERSHIP OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, NEW HEADWAY IS BEING MADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF LAWLESSNESS AND DISORDER.

PROGRESS AGAINST CRIME

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 61 MAJOR AMERICAN CITIES, THE CRIME RATE IS ACTUALLY DOWN FROM 1970? RIGHT HERE IN COLUMBIA, IT WENT DOWN 3 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER. IN WASHINGTON, D. C., DURING THE SAME PERIOD, IT DECREASED BY 17 PERCENT. NATIONWIDE, CITIES WITH POPULATIONS BETWEEN 500,000 AND 1 MILLION REPORTED A COLLECTIVE DECREASE OF 4 PERCENT. AND THE OVERALL NATIONAL RATE OF INCREASE WAS THE LOWEST IN 5 YEARS.

AS PRESIDENT NIXON SAID IN HIS REMARKS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ON JUNE 30:

"THE ERA OF PERMISSIVENESS WITH REGARD TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IS AT AN END IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

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F. B. I. SUPPORT

AND, AT A TIME WHEN THE DEMOCRAT FRONT-RUNNER FOR HIS PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION HAS THREATENED TO FIRE OR RETIRE J. EDGAR HOOVER IF HE BECOMES PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON HAD THESE WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE NATION'S MOST HONORED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

"ANYBODY WHO IS STRONG, ANYBODY WHO FIGHTS FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN, ANYBODY WHO STANDS UP WHEN IT IS TOUGH IS BOUND TO BE CONTROVERSIAL.... BUT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BACK MR. HOOVER AND THEY BACK OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS....THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY."

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS BACKED UP HIS WORDS IN SUPPORT OF SOUND LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH ACTION. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS CHANNELING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO UPGRADING AND IMPROVING STATE AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS, COURTS AND CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS, THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION.

CONGRESS IS BEING ASKED TO APPROPRIATE NEARLY \$700 MILLION FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE COMING YEAR. THIS IS MORE THAN TEN TIMES THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TWO YEARS AGO.

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CRIME-RELATED DRUG TRAFFIC

CLOSELY RELATED TO VIOLENT CRIME IS THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION, A BLIGHT THAT THREATENS THE LIVES OF TOO MANY YOUNG AMERICANS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ESTIMATED THAT AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT OF THE STREET CRIME IN SOME OF OUR MAJOR URBAN CENTERS IS COMMITTED BY ADDICTS TO SUSTAIN THEIR DRUG HABITS. NOW THE PRESIDENT HAS LAUNCHED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DRIVES TO STAMP OUT DRUG ABUSE AND THE TRAFFIC IN ILLEGAL DRUGS THAT HAS TRANSFORMED SO MANY OF OUR INNER CITIES INTO URBAN JUNGLES OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE.

MAJOR PROBLEM

WE SEE JUST HOW BIG THE PROBLEM HAS BECOME WHEN WE REALIZE THAT AMERICAN DRUG ADDICTS SPEND AN ESTIMATED \$7.5 MILLION EVERY DAY ON HEROIN ALONE, AND THAT DRUG ABUSE IS THE SINGLE LARGEST CAUSE OF DEATH FOR YOUNG AMERICANS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 25.

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PRESIDENT NIXON IS BRINGING OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES TO BEAR ON THIS PROBLEM IN A WAY THAT HIS PREDECESSORS FAILED TO DO. UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION, THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS, ESTABLISHED THREE YEARS AGO, HAS MORE THAN TRIPLED ITS ANNUAL BUDGET, FROM \$14 MILLION TO \$42.7 MILLION FOR THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR. AND PRESIDENT NIXON HAS REQUESTED A BUDGET OF \$54.9 MILLION FOR FISCAL 1972. THIS YEAR, THE BUREAU'S AGENT FORCE WILL INCREASE BY 40 PERCENT, RAISING THE TOTAL TO 1,334.

#### DRUG SEIZURES UP

UNDER THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, THE AMOUNT OF ILLEGAL DRUGS CONFISCATED BY FEDERAL AGENTS HAS RISEN 500 PERCENT ABOVE WHAT IT WAS THREE YEARS AGO. AND, IN AN IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT, PRESIDENT NIXON RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO COMPLETELY HALT THE GROWING OF THE OPIUM POPPY WITHIN ITS BORDERS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 60 AND 80 PERCENT OF THE ILLEGAL HEROIN THAT ENTERS THE UNITED STATES TODAY COMES FROM TURKISH POPPY FIELDS. BY JUNE OF NEXT YEAR, THIS RAW SUPPLY SOURCE FOR THE NARCOTICS UNDERWORLD WILL HAVE DRIED UP ENTIRELY.

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REHABILITATION ALSO STRESSED

BUT CUTTING OFF THE SUPPLY OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND NARCOTICS IS ONLY HALF THE SOLUTION. AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, "ENFORCEMENT MUST BE COUPLED WITH A RATIONAL APPROACH TO THE RECLAMATION OF THE DRUG USER HIMSELF."

TO ACHIEVE THIS, ON JUNE 17, 1971, PRESIDENT NIXON ESTABLISHED THE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TO COORDINATE ALL MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD AND DEVELOP A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO COPE WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM.

THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED CONGRESS TO AMEND THE 1972 BUDGET AND PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$155 MILLION TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE. THIS WILL BRING THE TOTAL OF FEDERAL FUNDS DEPLOYED AGAINST THE DRUG MENACE TO \$371 MILLION, \$105 MILLION OF WHICH IS AIMED EXCLUSIVELY AT THE REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS.

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ACTION IN ARMED FORCES

NOR HAS PRESIDENT NIXON IGNORED THE PROBLEM AS IT APPLIES TO OUR ARMED FORCES. ALREADY IN OPERATION IS A MASSIVE PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AND REHABILITATE HEROIN ADDICTS AMONG TROOPS RETURNING FROM VIETNAM. I MIGHT ADD THAT, SO FAR, THE PERCENTAGE OF TROOPS SHOWING MEDICAL EVIDENCE OF ADDICTION IS RUNNING CONSIDERABLY BEHIND SOME OF THE ALARMING EARLY REPORTS. WHEREAS THE NEWS MEDIA FIRST REPORTED THAT 10 PERCENT OR MORE OF G.I.'S IN VIETNAM WERE USING HEROIN, TESTS TO DATE INDICATE A FIGURE CLOSER TO 2 PERCENT. THIS MEANS THAT THE PROBLEM IS STILL A VERY REAL ONE -- BUT NOT NEARLY SO GRAVE AS INITIALLY REPORTED. THE PRESIDENT'S CHIEF ADVISOR ON THE DRUG PROBLEM, DR. JEROME JAFFE, WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM TODAY FOR A FIRST-HAND INVESTIGATION, WHICH SHOULD SHED MORE LIGHT ON EXISTING CONDITIONS THERE.

I GO INTO THIS DETAIL BECAUSE THE DRUG PROBLEM IS A SOURCE OF CONCERN TO ALL AMERICANS AND BECAUSE PRESIDENT NIXON'S APPROACH TO IT IS TYPICAL OF THE THOROUGH, FORCEFUL WAY IN WHICH HIS ADMINISTRATION IS MOVING TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

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DEMOS STRESS RHETORIC

BETWEEN 1961 AND 1969, AMERICA WAS TREATED TO A FEAST OF RHETORIC,  
BUT A FAMINE OF SOLUTIONS. BEAUTIFUL LABELS LIKE "THE NEW FRONTIER", "THE  
GREAT SOCIETY", "THE WAR ON POVERTY" ---- ALL HAVE A HOLLOW RING TO THEM  
TODAY BECAUSE THEY WERE MISLEADING SLOGANS, NOT MEANINGFUL ACTIONS. THE  
DOMINANCE OF SLOGANS OVER ACTION IS ONE REASON SO MANY OF OUR NATIONAL  
PROBLEMS GREW WORSE DURING THE SIXTIES AND OFTEN REACHED CRISIS PROPOR-  
TIONS.

BUT UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON, REALISM HAS REPLACED RHETORIC. DEEDS  
HAVE REPLACED WORDS. THE NATION IS ON THE ROAD TO REFORM, TO PEACE, AND  
TO PROSPERITY. THE CONCERTED ATTACKS ON CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE ARE JUST  
TWO EXAMPLES. THERE ARE MANY OTHERS. DRAFT REFORM, POSTAL REFORM, WEL-  
FARE REFORM, A MORE BALANCED SUPREME COURT, THE 18-YEAR-OLD VOTE ----  
EACH OF THESE IS AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE NIXON YEARS -- AND EACH  
IS ONE MORE REASON WHY RICHARD NIXON DESERVES OUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT  
FOR REELECTION.

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WAR ISSUE PREDOMINATES

YET, A SINGLE, OVER RIDING ISSUE STILL HANGS OVER THE PRESIDENCY AND THE NATION. THAT ISSUE IS THE WAR IN VIETNAM. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE GREAT CONCERN FOR DOMESTIC ISSUES AND THE EFFORTS THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING IN THE DOMESTIC FIELD, BUT THIS CONCERN TAKES A BACK SEAT TO AMERICANS' CONCERN OVER FINDING AN END TO THIS LONG AND BLOODY WAR.

I AM ESPECIALLY AWARE OF THIS BECAUSE, SINCE BECOMING NATIONAL CHAIRMAN SIX MONTHS AGO, I HAVE MADE 56 APPEARANCES IN 31 STATES FROM MAINE TO HAWAII. EVERYWHERE, I HAVE FOUND THE SAME CONCERN. WHETHER THE GROUPS I MEET WITH CONSIST OF FARMERS, BUSINESSMEN, CIVIC LEADERS, OR JUST CONCERNED CITIZENS, PEACE IS UPPERMOST ON MOST MINDS. AND THAT IS AS IT SHOULD BE.

PEACE IS ALSO UPPERMOST ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND. AND BECAUSE PEACE IS HIS FIRST CONCERN, HE HAS ALREADY BROUGHT HOME MORE THAN HALF THE TROOPS WHO WERE STATIONED IN VIETNAM BY HIS PREDECESSORS. AND THAT IS WHY HE HAS CONTINUED PATIENTLY, TIRELESSLY TO PURSUE PEACE AT THE PARIS TALKS, WHERE THE ENEMY HAS FINALLY BEGUN TO SHOW SIGNS OF SEEKING A WORKABLE SETTLEMENT.

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PRESIDENT ACHIEVING PEACE WITH HONOR

IT IS A STRANGE IRONY, BUT EVEN NOW, AS THE PRESS RAKES OVER THE SECRET DETAILS OF THE MAC NAMARA PAPERS, DESCRIBING PAST DEMOCRAT BLUNDERS, A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT IS LEADING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TOWARD A GENERATION OF PEACE WITH HONOR.

OPPOSITION POLITICIANS MAY TALK ABOUT PEACE. THEY MAY TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO END THE WAR IF THEY WERE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMEMBER WHAT THESE MEN DID AND SAID WHEN THEIR LEADERS WERE IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE DISASTROUS SIXTIES. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMEMBER HOW MOST OF THESE SAME POLITICIANS FOLLOWED THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS DOWN THE "GUNS AND BUTTER" PATH TO A BLOODY WAR WITHOUT EVER LOOKING BACKWARD UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.

THOSE BITTER MEMORIES -- OF ESCALATION WITHOUT VICTORY; OF ENDLESSLY INCREASING COMMITMENTS OF MEN, MONEY AND MATERIEL INTO A SEEMINGLY BOTTOMLESS SINKHOLE -- THOSE MEMORIES OF PAST FAILURES CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE ERASED BY THE INFLATED, EMPTY RHETORIC OF THE POLITICAL HEIRS OF THIS DISASTROUS POLICY.

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CRITICS SUPPORTED TONKIN RESOLUTION

MOST AMERICANS REMEMBER -- AND WE MUST REMIND THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN -- THAT NEARLY ALL WHO ATTACK PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY ARE AMONG THOSE WHO IN 1964 VOTED FOR THE GULF OF TONKIN RESOLUTION THAT COMMITTED US TO A FULL-SCALE WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THEY REMEMBER EDMUND MUSKIE DEFENDING THE JOHNSON-BACKED VIETNAM PLANK AT THE DEMOCRAT CONVENTION IN 1968; THEY REMEMBER HUBERT HUMPHREY'S DOGGED SUPPORT OF LBJ'S ESCALATION-WITHOUT-VICTORY POLICY; THEY REMEMBER EDWARD KENNEDY SAYING IN 1965 THAT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM IS "OUR COMMITMENT, OUR HERITAGE, OUR DESTINY...."

PEACE UNDER REPUBLICANS

WHAT SOME OF THEM MAY NOT REMEMBER, BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO YOUNG, IS THAT WHEN RICHARD NIXON LEFT OFFICE AS VICE PRESIDENT IN 1961, AMERICA WAS AT PEACE. NOW, HALFWAY THROUGH HIS FIRST TERM AS PRESIDENT, WE ARE CLOSE TO ACHIEVING PEACE ONCE AGAIN.

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WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE 1968. IN SEPTEMBER OF THAT YEAR, ONE OF THE MEN WHO NOW ATTACKS PRESIDENT NIXON FOR ALLEGEDLY PROLONGING THE WAR, WAS HIMSELF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. AND IN 1968 HE OFFERED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NO HOPE FOR A REDUCTION IN AMERICAN TROOPS IN VIETNAM.

HERE IS WHAT CLARK CLIFFORD, WHO NOW FINDS IT SO EASY TO SNIPE AT PRESIDENT NIXON, HAD TO SAY ABOUT WITHDRAWING AMERICAN TROOPS IN 1968. "WE HAD NO PLAN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IN VIETNAM AT ALL," CLIFFORD SAID. "WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LOWERING THAT LEVEL...AT ANY TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE." AND, INDEED, WHILE CLARK CLIFFORD WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN VIETNAM INCREASED BY 36,000.

#### NIXON TURNS TIDE

IT TOOK A NEW PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON, AND A NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MELVIN LAIRD, TO STOP THE SLIDE TOWARD DISASTER. THANKS TO THE SAME VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM THAT MEN LIKE CLARK CLIFFORD HAVE ATTACKED SO HYPOCRITICALLY, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DONE WHAT CLARK CLIFFORD FAILED

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TO DO. HE HAS BROUGHT HOME MORE THAN 300,000 AMERICAN MEN, AND HE HAS DONE SO WITHOUT BETRAYING OUR ALLIES OR AIDING OUR ENEMIES. AND THAT, I AM CONVINCED, IS AN ACHIEVEMENT WORTHY OF HIGH MENTION IN THE HISTORY BOOKS.

AMERICAN COMBAT FATALITIES THIS YEAR ARE RUNNING ALMOST 90 PERCENT BELOW THE RATE OF 1968, AND I BELIEVE THAT BY THIS WINTER, THEY WILL BE VIRTUALLY ZERO. THE COST OF THE WAR HAS ALSO BEEN CUT. TODAY IT COSTS THE UNITED STATES LESS THAN HALF WHAT IT DID BEFORE RICHARD NIXON TOOK THE HELM.

A GENERATION OF PEACE

IN OTHER WORDS, THE AMERICAN ROLE IN THE WAR IS DRAWING TO A RAPID, HONORABLE CLOSE. DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THOSE WHO BROUGHT US INTO THIS TRAGEDY IN THE FIRST PLACE, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS FOUND US A DECENT, HONORABLE WAY OUT.

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THE PRESIDENT IS LEADING US OUT OF THIS WAR AND TOWARD A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE. HIS RECORD OF CONTINUED ACCOMPLISHMENT IS THERE FOR ALL TO SEE AND TO HAIL.

AND, I AM CONVINCED THAT IT CAN BE THE BASIS FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL REELECTION IN 1972. A YEAR FROM NOW, THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO MAKE THIS NIXON'S WAR WILL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH NIXON'S PEACE. THE ISSUE THEY CLING TO SO 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.

UPHILL FIGHT

BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED. AS A MINORITY PARTY, WE HAVE AN UPHILL FIGHT ON OUR HANDS, EVEN UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. IN SOUTH CAROLINA, YOU KNOW THIS BETTER THAN MOST. OUR CAMPAIGN TO REELECT RICHARD NIXON MUST BE VIGOROUS AND UNRELENTING. AND IT MUST BEGIN -- NOT IN SEPTEMBER OF 1972 -- BUT HERE AND NOW.

THE FORCES THAT SEEK RICHARD NIXON'S DEFEAT ARE ALREADY AT WORK IN THE NATION, AND IN THE CONGRESS. BUT WE CAN OVERCOME THEM IF WE DO OUR BEST AND START DOING IT NOW. WITH YOUR HELP, SOUTH CAROLINA CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THAT VICTORY.

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