

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN PHOENIX WITH YOU TODAY. IT IS ALWAYS REFRESHING TO GET OUT OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL AND SEE WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE THINKING. BUT WASHINGTON IS, CURRENTLY, AN EXCITING PLACE AND IS FILLED WITH A SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR MANY YEARS.

AND WITHOUT BEING UNDULY PARTISAN, I THINK I CAN SAY THE REASON FOR THIS NEW ATTITUDE IS THE STRONG, SURE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON.

DOMESTIC LEADERSHIP

ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT, HE HAS PROVIDED THE LEADERSHIP TO BRING GOVERNMENT CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE AND MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS.

HE HAS PROPOSED AND FOUGHT FOR A WELFARE REFORM PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES REALISTIC MEANS TO HELP THE HELPLESS, TO LIFT UP THE WEAK, AND TO REPLACE GIVEAWAYS AND HANDOUTS WITH WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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HE HAS PRESENTED PROPOSALS TO RESTRUCTURE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND RE-ROUTE THE FLOW OF FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

HE HAS INSTITUTED, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, THE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION TO COMBAT A PROBLEM THAT THREATENS THE VERY ROOTS OF OUR SOCIAL FABRIC.

HE HAS PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL STRATEGY TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY TO ALL WHO NEED IT, REGARDLESS OF INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS. IT WOULD IMPROVE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND ACCELERATE RESEARCH EFFORTS --- AND DO ALL THESE THINGS WITHOUT NATIONALIZATION OR TAKING A GOOD, BUT IMPROVABLE, SYSTEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO SHOULD GOVERN IT, THE DOCTOR AND THE PATIENT.

CHANGING THE COURT

HE HAS ALSO MADE GOOD ON HIS CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO RE-ORIENT THE PREVAILING JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

OF COURSE, NO ONE COULD HAVE FORESEEN IN 1969 THAT THE NEW

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PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO NAME FOUR JUSTICES WITHIN THREE YEARS. WITH CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER, HIS VERY FIRST NOMINEE, PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNALLED HIS FULL DEVOTION TO NAMING MEN OF HIGH COMPETENCE AND A RESTRAINED JUDICIAL OUTLOOK.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HARRY BLACKMUN, HAVE BORNE OUT THE PRESIDENT'S JUDGMENT OF THEIR HIGH QUALIFICATIONS AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITIES AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED THE COURT WITH A STRONG NEW SENSE OF DIRECTION AWAY FROM THE SO-CALLED WARREN COURT'S ACTIVIST INNOVATION AND EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL INCLINATIONS AND TOWARD A CONSERVATIVE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR LAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

NOW, WITH THE RETIREMENT OF JUSTICES BLACK AND HARLAN, A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN OPENED TO CONTINUE THE JOB OF REORDERING THE PRIORITIES OF OUR HIGHEST COURT. AND THE PRESIDENT HAS RESPONDED WITH TWO SUPERLATIVE NOMINATIONS -- LEWIS POWELL AND WILLIAM REHNQUIST. THEY WILL BE GREAT JUSTICES AND CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO ACHIEVING THE PRESIDENT'S GOAL.

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STERN ECONOMIC TEST

HOWEVER, THE ECONOMY HAS BEEN THE DOMESTIC AREA WHERE THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AND HIS DETERMINATION TO DO THE BEST AND PROPER THING HAS FACED THE STERNEST TEST.

WHEN HE WALKED INTO THE WHITE HOUSE IN JANUARY OF 1969, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION LEFT BEHIND BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION WAS WAITING LIKE A TIME BOMB.

YEARS OF RUNAWAY SPENDING ON POORLY-PLANNED DOMESTIC PROGRAMS HAD COMBINED WITH THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEING POURED INTO AN ESCALATING WAR, AND WE HAD A RUNAWAY ECONOMY. THE FIRES OF INFLATION HAD BEEN STOKED. THE LID WAS READY TO BLOW OFF, AND NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE TO COOL IT OR SLOW IT DOWN.

THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED THAT A TREMENDOUSLY DIFFICULT AND DELICATE JOB LAY AHEAD -- RESTRAINING THE ECONOMY WITHOUT DISLOCATING IT AND SLOWING INFLATION WITHOUT PRECIPITATING A DEPRESSION. AS HE EXPECTED, THE JOB HAS NOT BEEN EASY. BUT THE ADMINISTRATION DEVELOPED A GAME PLAN WHICH

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SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING ON THE BRAKES. IT SUCCEEDED, AND THE RATE OF INFLATION STARTED TO DECLINE. BUT IT BECAME APPARENT THAT ADDITIONAL STEPS WERE NEEDED TO FURTHER REDUCE INFLATION, STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT AND FULLY BALANCE THE ECONOMY.

FREEZE SUCCESSFUL

SO, IN A BOLD AND DECISIVE MOVE, PRESIDENT NIXON INVOKED POWERS GRANTED HIM BY CONGRESS IN THE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT AND IMPOSED A 90-DAY FREEZE ON ALL WAGES AND PRICES.

THIS WAS STRONG MEDICINE. IT SURPRISED A LOT OF PEOPLE. IT AFFECTED EVERYONE. BUT IT WORKED. RECENT STATISTICS PROVIDE FIRM EVIDENCE THAT THE FREEZE HAS TAKEN HOLD AND THE ECONOMY IS RESPONDING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTIONS. NEW CAR SALES HAVE SET RECORDS. CONSUMER CREDIT ACTIVITY IS EXPANDING SIGNIFICANTLY. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NINE YEARS, THE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX HAS DECLINED FOR TWO STRAIGHT MONTHS.

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BUT PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THIS NEW POLICY HAS BEEN THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT GIVEN IT BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. FROM EVERY SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY -- BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSIONALS, HOUSEWIVES, UNION AND NON-UNION LABORING MEN AND WOMEN -- A GREAT OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT EMERGED. ONCE AGAIN, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RESPONDED TO AN HONESTLY STATED CHALLENGE WITH THE GREAT SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED TIME AND AGAIN OVER OUR HISTORY. IT HAS BEEN A HEARTWARMING DISPLAY, AND IT PROVES THAT THE PEOPLE RESPECT AND RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR TOUGH ACTION.

POST FREEZE POLICY

BUT A FREEZE CANNOT GO ON FOREVER. IT WOULD BE UNFAIR; IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. SO THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED A POLICY FOR THE POST-FREEZE PERIOD WHICH WOULD KEEP THE NECESSARY REIN ON THE ECONOMY, BUT ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE INEQUITIES WHICH WERE LOCKED IN BY THE FREEZE. HE ESTABLISHED WAGE AND PRICE REVIEW BOARDS TO OVERSEE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS. THIS PAY BOARD AND PRICE COMMISSION WILL DO THEIR JOBS BY APPLYING AND ENFORCING GUIDELINES WHICH

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THEY, THEMSELVES, WILL FORMULATE TO REALIZE THE PRESIDENT'S GOALS OF REAL PROSPERITY IN A TIME OF PEACE.

TWO STRIKING THINGS STAND OUT ABOUT THIS POST-FREEZE POLICY. FIRST, THESE BOARDS ARE TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF BUSINESS, LABOR, AND THE PUBLIC. AND SECOND, THEY, NOT SOME VAST BUREAUCRACY, WILL ADMINISTER THE POLICY.

UNDESIRABLE INTERFERENCE

OF COURSE, AS THEY SAY, IT ALL LOOKS GOOD ON PAPER. INDEED, IT DOES. IT IS FAIR, WORKABLE, AND SERVES THE HIGHEST NATIONAL INTEREST.

BUT, AS ALWAYS, THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED, WHO, REGARDLESS OF A POLICY'S SOUNDNESS, WANT TO MEDDLE IN IT AND UPSET THE FAIR BALANCE TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR ONE INTEREST OR ANOTHER.

ON THURSDAY, WE SAW A CLEAR EXAMPLE WHEN THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE VOTED TO INTERFERE WITH THE WAGE BOARD'S DECISION-MAKING POWERS. IT VOTED TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF DEFERRED AND RETROACTIVE WAGE INCREASES WHICH WERE TO HAVE TAKEN EFFECT DURING THE FREEZE.

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THIS ACTION WAS TOTALLY UNDESIRABLE AND UNREASONABLE. IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT WOULD PRE-JUDGE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WHICH SHOULD BE DECIDED BY THE PAY BOARD. SECOND, IT UPSETS THE BALANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY BY REQUIRING SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR ONE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY.

OF COURSE, NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER THE PAY BOARD WOULD PERMIT RETROACTIVE AND DEFERRED WAGE INCREASES TO TAKE EFFECT. BUT MOST OBSERVERS FEEL SURE THAT THE PRICE COMMISSION IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW ANY RETROACTIVE OR DEFERRED PRICES INCREASES. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE SHOULD BE SAUCE FOR THE GANDER AS FAR AS OUR ECONOMIC STABILIZATION POLICY IS CONCERNED. AND I BELIEVE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BELIEVE SO, TOO -- WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, UNION AND NON-UNION ALIKE.

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COOPERATION AND SUPPORT REQUIRED

SO, I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR CONGRESSMEN, LABOR LEADERS AND OTHERS TO REALIZE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S POLICIES IN OVERWHELMING NUMBERS. AND THEY SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FEEL IT IS TIME TO STOP SEEKING AND GIVING SPECIAL FAVORS AND TIME TO START SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT AND HIS POLICIES WHICH WILL BRING PROSPERITY AND STABILITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE.

THIS IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE. IT IS NOT DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN, NOR IS IT LABOR OR BUSINESS. WE ARE DEALING WITH THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, AND IT IS AN ISSUE FOR EVERYONE, REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT, BUSINESS, AND LABOR ALIKE. FOR IF AMERICA WINS, WE ALL WIN, BUT IF AMERICA LOSES, EVERYONE WILL LOSE.

IN ALL THESE AREAS OF OUR DOMESTIC LIFE WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED -- AND MANY MORE -- THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN THE LEAD AND BY FORCEFUL, FAR-SIGHTED ACTION HAS RESTORED THE NATION'S SENSE OF DIRECTION. BUT HE HAS ALSO MOVED TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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ENDING A WAR

THIS IS A PRESIDENT WHO TOOK OFFICE WITH MORE THAN 540,000 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN EMBROILED IN AN INHERITED WAR COSTING HUNDREDS OF LIVES PER WEEK.

IN HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY, HE PROMISED TO END THIS WAR. AND IN LESS THAN THREE YEARS, HE HAS WITHDRAWN MORE THAN 340,000 TROOPS AND CUT THE CASUALTIES BY NEARLY 99 PERCENT. LAST WEEK, TWO AMERICAN LIVES WERE LOST IN COMBAT. LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE, THOSE DEATHS WERE TOO MANY. BUT, THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO AND THE 196 COMBAT DEATHS RECORDED IN THE WEEK BEFORE RICHARD NIXON TOOK OFFICE.

A GENERATION OF PEACE

THIS IS A PRESIDENT WHO TOOK OFFICE DECLARING AN END TO AN ERA OF CONFRONTATION AND CALLING FOR AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION AMONG THE WORLD'S NATIONS. HE HAS SET THE GOAL OF FORGING SOMETHING THE WORLD HAS SELDOM KNOWN --- A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE. AND HE IS BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO SEE IT REALIZED.

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IN PURSUIT OF THAT GOAL, HE HAS UNDERTAKEN STEPS WHICH HAVE ELECTRIFIED AND INSPIRED THE WORLD. FOREMOST AMONG THESE HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT HE WILL GO TO PEKING TO SEEK MORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THAT HE WILL LATER TRAVEL TO MOSCOW TO PURSUE THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTINUING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

FOR 25 YEARS, PEACE IN EUROPE RESTED ON A KNIFE-EDGE BALANCE OF TERROR. TODAY, LITTLE BY LITTLE, THAT PRECARIOUS STATUS IS GIVING WAY TO AN EQUILIBRIUM OF LESS VOLATILE AND MORE POSITIVE NATIONAL INTERESTS. THERE IS GROWING PROSPERITY IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND WESTERN EUROPE IS AN ECONOMIC MIRACLE. THERE HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THIS NATION AND SOME OF THE COUNTRIES THE PRESIDENT HAS VISITED IN EASTERN EUROPE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIET UNION HAS HAD USEFUL EXCHANGES WITH VARIOUS WESTERN NATIONS, AND THESE CONTACTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A

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RELAXATION OF THE TENSIONS WHICH FOR TOO LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

PEACE BREAKING OUT?

WE HAVE JUST SEEN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED TO GERMAN CHAN-
CELLOR WILLY BRANDT FOR HIS EFFORTS AT LESSENING EAST-WEST TENSIONS. SO
I THINK THE FEELING IS VERY STRONG AND VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT PEACE MAY BE
AT LAST BREAKING OUT IN THE WORLD.

IT MAY SEEM TO BE COMING SLOWLY STILL -- BUT WE MUST BE PATIENT.
THE DISTANT DAWN SEEMS TO COME SLOWLY, TOO, BUT IT IS QUICKLY UPON US
WITH ITS BLESSINGS -- AND SO WILL PEACE BE, I BELIEVE.

THE ENORMOUS BUDGETS WHICH NATIONS HAVE SO LONG TURNED TO WEA-
PONS OF DESTRUCTION MAY NOW BE TURNED TO THE ENGINES OF CREATION -- TO
INDUSTRY, TO BETTER HOUSING, AND BETTER HEALTH, BETTER EDUCATION. THESE
ARE THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE.

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OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING OUR OWN, CAN TURN MORE RESOURCES TO THE BENEFIT OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, AND THE WORLD'S AS WELL; NOT IN MORE GIVE-AWAY PROGRAMS, AND NOT IN THE OLD BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTION RACKETS WHICH SOME SMALL NATIONS HAVE WORKED AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS -- BUT IN REAL ASSISTANCE -- IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION, IN NEW TECHNOLOGY AND IN LOANS ON A BUSINESSLIKE BASIS.

RECONSIDER FOREIGN AID

BUT PERHAPS THE TIME HAS COME FOR AMERICANS ALSO TO ASK THEMSELVES THE QUESTION: HOW LONG DO WE STAND BY THOSE WHO WILL NOT STAND WITH US?

ONE WONDERS SOMETIMES AT THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF SOME NATIONS THAT FLOURISH WITH THE HELP OF UNITED STATES AID AND UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR UMBRELLA, WHOSE ONLY SECURITY FROM THE VERY REAL THREAT OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION IS PROVIDED BY AMERICAN MEN AND ARMS, WHOSE PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON THE STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR AND THEIR ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET -- AND WHO TURN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WHEN IT

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SUITS THEIR PRIDE OR FANCY.

ONE WONDERS HOW LONG THE KICKS CAN GO ON BEFORE AMERICAN PUBLIC
OPINION FORCES EITHER THE CONGRESS OR THE EXECUTIVE, OR BOTH, TO ACT.

I BELIEVE THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, AS PROVIDED LAST MONTH BY THE
SENATE'S VOTE TO KILL THE FOREIGN AID BILL, IS "NOT VERY LONG".

GENEROUS PEOPLE

AMERICANS ARE A GOOD PEOPLE, AND A GENEROUS PEOPLE. FOR NEARLY
TWO GENERATIONS, WE HAVE SELFLESSLY GIVEN OF MONEY ^{AND MEN} TO BRING WORLD PEACE
AND TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND PRIVATION IN OTHER NATIONS.

WE HAVE SOUGHT LITTLE IN RETURN -- ONLY PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE
AND FAIRNESS IN COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC DEALINGS. BUT TOO OFTEN AND
WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY, WE HAVE BEEN REPAID WITH INGRATITUDE, HOSTILITY
AND THE OLD-FASHIONED DOUBLE CROSS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR ALL THEIR
GENEROSITY AND GOOD HEARTEDNESS, ARE TIRED OF BEING KICKED IN THE TEETH.

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THE VOTE IN THE UNITED NATIONS DEFEATING THE UNITED STATES' OPPOSITION TO THE EXPULSION OF NATIONALIST CHINA WAS PERHAPS THE LAST STRAW. THE ROLL CALL ON THE VOTE ASTOUNDED MILLIONS OF AMERICANS IN ITS REVELATIONS OF LONG-TIME ALLIES AND RECIPIENTS OF OUR BOUNTY WHO VOTED AGAINST REASON AND THE ARGUMENTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

THE SUBSEQUENT FOREIGN AID VOTE SHOULD SERVE AS JUST ABOUT THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE NOTICE TO OUR FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS. THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS -- NOT DOMINATION OF THOSE WHO RECEIVE OUR HELP -- BUT A FAIR SHAKE IN DEALINGS BETWEEN AND AMONG OUR NATIONS.

PERHAPS IT WILL SERVE TO REMIND THEM THAT, WHILE THEY MAY ABET AND TAKE PLEASURE IN AN AMERICAN DEFEAT IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE NATIONS, THEY WOULD BE LESS THAN WISE TO ENCOURAGE ANOTHER MAJOR AMERICAN DEFEAT -- ON THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL OR MILITARY BATTLEFIELDS.

PARTNERSHIP IMPORTANT

LET US HOPE THEY WILL LISTEN TO WHAT OUTRAGED AMERICANS AND

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THEIR OWN SELF INTERESTS TELL THEM TODAY. LET US HOPE THEY LISTEN AND LEARN. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY DO, FOR THE NIXON DOCTRINE AND ITS HOPE FOR INSURING A LASTING PEACE IS FOUNDED ON THE CONCEPT OF VIABLE, PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP. AND PARTNERSHIP IS A TWO-WAY STREET.

NO NATION IN THIS AGE CAN AFFORD TO BE SELFISH OR SHORT-SIGHTED. NONE OF OUR BOUNDARIES REALLY STOP AT THE MAP'S EDGE, AND NO NATION -- NOR ANY MAN -- IS AN ISLAND. THE FUTURE OF MANKIND DEPENDS ON JOINT EFFORTS AND SHARED CONCERNS.

NEW COMPETITION

FOR WE SEE BEFORE US A WORLD IN WHICH THE COMPETITION IN THE ARMS OF DESTRUCTION CAN BE REPLACED WITH COMPETITION IN THE STIMULATION OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, A WORLD IN WHICH WE MAY TAKE SATISFACTION IN MUTUAL SECURITY, COMMON PROSPERITY AND SHARED PROGRESS.

MAN OF PEACE

THIS IS THE SHAPE OF THE WORLD ON THE HORIZON. THE ROAD IS STILL LONG, HARD AND TREACHEROUS.

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BUT WE HAVE NOW, FINALLY, THE CONFIDENCE THAT AT LAST WE ARE
ON THE ROAD. AND WE ARE THERE BECAUSE HISTORY HAS GIVEN US A MAN OF
PEACE FOR AN ERA OF PEACE. NOT ONLY WILL AMERICA REMEMBER AND BE GRATE-
FUL, BUT THE WORLD WILL ALSO REMEMBER AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THE WISDOM
AND THE COURAGE AND THE LEADERSHIP OF RICHARD NIXON.