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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

TRUNK 'N TUSK CLUB  
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I AM ALWAYS GLAD TO COME TO ARIZONA. YOUR STATE IS MODERN, THRIVING AND PROGRESSIVE. YET, FOR WANT OF A BETTER WORD, THERE IS A FLAVOR ALL ITS OWN ABOUT THIS LAND, AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH REMINDS US THAT ONLY YESTERDAY, THE PROSPECTOR, THE GAMBLER, THE TEAMSTER, THE OUTLAW, THE LAW OFFICER AND THE HOMESTEADER, LIVED AND STRUGGLED HERE. THE OLD WEST HAS GONE AND YET IT REMAINS IN YOUR UNIQUE DESERT, THE BLUE SHADOWS OF YOUR MOUNTAINS, AND THE FRANKNESS AND HOSPITALITY OF YOUR PEOPLE. ARIZONA IS A YOUNG STATE, BUT ALREADY IT HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE REST OF US AND WILL CONTRIBUTE MUCH MORE AS THE YEARS GO BY.

TWO OF OUR FINEST SENATORS LIVE HERE -- BARRY GOLDWATER AND PAUL FANNIN. THEY ARE BOTH STRONG AND ABLE MEN. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE WITH THEM AND TO CALL THEM MY FRIENDS.

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THEY ARE BOTH MEN OF CONVICTION, AND THEY BOTH UNHESITATINGLY SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, RICHARD NIXON.

AND LET ME TELL YOU, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS EARNED AND DESERVES NOT ONLY THEIR SUPPORT, NOT ONLY YOUR SUPPORT, BUT ALSO THE SUPPORT OF ALL AMERICANS WHO YEARN FOR PEACE AND WHO WANT A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE AMERICA BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT RICHARD NIXON IS GIVING US.

STORY NEEDS RETELLING

PERHAPS MUCH OF WHAT I WANT TO SAY ABOUT RICHARD NIXON AND HIS ADMINISTRATION AND HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE AND HAS BEEN HEARD BEFORE.

BUT IT IS A STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD AGAIN AND AGAIN SO THAT EVERY AMERICAN HEARS IT AND UNDERSTANDS IT.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH THAT WE TELL IT JUST TO OTHER REPUBLICANS. FIRST, IT IS TOO GOOD A STORY TO BE JUST PASSED AROUND AMONG OURSELVES.

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BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT IS A STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD TO DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS IF WE ARE TO WIN NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

LET ME REMIND YOU OF WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH REPUBLICANS TO WIN A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. WE ARE OUTNUMBERED. WE NEED TO CONVINCE DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS THAT IT IS IN THEIR INTERESTS AND IN THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION TO VOTE FOR RICHARD NIXON AND TO VOTE FOR REPUBLICANS RIGHT DOWN THE LINE.

AND THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO CONVINCE THEM THAN TO TELL THEM THE STORY OF THE NIXON YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, YEARS UNPARALLELED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FOR THEIR INNOVATIONS.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- A REFORM PARTY

YOU KNOW, AMERICANS TOO OFTEN THINK OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, NOT AS THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, BUT AS THE STAND-PAT PARTY, THE PARTY THAT OPPOSES CHANGE, REGARDLESS OF THE MERIT OF THAT CHANGE.

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WELL, WE ARE NOT THAT KIND OF PARTY. WE ARE A CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN THAT WE SEEK TO CONSERVE THE BEST OF OUR PAST UP TO AND INCLUDING YESTERDAY. BUT WE ARE A REFORM PARTY IN THAT WE SEEK NECESSARY CHANGE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF CHANGING TIMES, PUBLIC MOODS AND A GROWING POPULATION. WE ARE A PROGRESSIVE PARTY AND OUR RECORD, EXPECIALLY THE RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, PROVES IT.

LET ME CITE SOME OF THAT PROGRESS BOTH HERE AND OVERSEAS. BECAUSE THE WAR HAS BEEN SO MUCH ON PEOPLE'S MINDS AND IN THEIR HEARTS IN THE LAST HALF A DECADE, I THINK IT IS WELL TO DISCUSS IT FIRST.

#### TRAUMA OF WAR BEHIND US

IT HAS BEEN A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR AMERICANS, BUT THE TRAUMA IS LARGELY BEHIND US, THANKS TO RICHARD NIXON.

LOOK AT THE RECORD. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND TO WIN THEIR OWN WAR.



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WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME NOW, THERE WILL BE NO MORE AMERICANS INVOLVED IN GROUND COMBAT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MOST AMERICAN TROOPS WILL BE HOME BY NEXT SUMMER. CASUALTIES WILL BE AT ZERO OR NEAR ZERO LONG BEFORE THAT. ALREADY THEY ARE RUNNING UNDER 10 A WEEK -- STILL TOO MANY, OF COURSE, BUT MINISCULE WHEN COMPARED TO THE HUNDREDS WHO WERE DYING WEEKLY WHEN RICHARD NIXON BECAME PRESIDENT.

YES, WHEN HE CAME INTO OFFICE, RICHARD NIXON HAD A PLAN FOR ENDING U. S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE PLAN HAS WORKED. MANY OF HIS OPPONENTS CONFUSED SOLID PLANNING AND POSITIVE RESULTS FOR NO PLANNING. THEIR ALTERNATIVE WAS INSTANT SURRENDER. THEIR ALTERNATIVE WAS TO QUIT AND GO HOME -- NOW -- LEAVING THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS TO HAVE DIED IN VAIN, LEAVING AN ALLY TO THE MERCIES OF A VICIOUS AND UNRELENTING ENEMY.

U. S. HAS KEPT COMMITMENTS

DICK NIXON DID NOT ACCEPT THAT ALTERNATIVE. AND TODAY AMERICANS CAN BE PROUD THAT HE HAS ENDED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR IN AN HONORABLE AND DECENT MANNER. AND ALL THE FREE WORLD CAN BREATHE A SIGH

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OF RELIEF BECAUSE AMERICA HAS KEPT HER COMMITMENTS AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO KEEP THEM.

THIS IS WHAT RICHARD NIXON HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN VIETNAM, AND REPUBLICANS CAN BE PROUD OF HIM FOR THAT.

HE HAS TAKEN AWAY THE WAR AS AN ISSUE. HE HAS MADE PEACE AN ISSUE -- A GENERATION OF PEACE IS HIS GOAL -- AND THE PEACE ISSUE IS A REPUBLICAN ISSUE. AND THAT IS WHY THE DEFEATISTS IN THE OTHER PARTY -- THE GEORGE MC GOVERNS, THE FRED HARRISES, THE HAROLD HUGHES, HAVE NOT GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND IN THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS AND HAVE IN SOME CASES BEEN FORCED TO DROP OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

BUT THE WAR, WHILE IT STANDS OUT IN OUR MINDS, IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OF RICHARD NIXON AS HE HAS SOUGHT THE GOAL OF A WORLD AT PEACE.

QUICKLY, LET'S LOOK AT THE REST OF THAT RECORD, WHICH IS A RECORD OF CHANGING AN AGE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NATIONS INTO AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION.

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STEPS TO BRING BACK RED CHINA INTO FAMILY OF NATIONS

RED CHINA IMMEDIATELY COMES TO MIND. AND THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN THE FIRST MEANINGFUL STEPS IN MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY TO BRING NEARLY ONE BILLION HUMANS BACK INTO THE FAMILY OF NATIONS AND TO PULL THE WORLD BACK AT LEAST ONE STEP FROM THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO THE ENTIRE WORLD THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE UP TO OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE OTHER CHINA -- TO NATIONALIST CHINA.

THIS IS A PRESIDENT WHO KNOWS THE VALUE OF KEEPING NATIONAL COMMITMENTS, WHETHER THEY BE TO VIETNAM, TO CHINA OR TO ANY OTHER NATION THAT CALLS ITSELF OUR ALLY.

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE CHINA TRIP IS A RISK, BUT IT IS A RISK IN WHICH WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE AND A CHANCE TO COME CLOSER TO AN ERA OF PEACE.

MOSCOW TRIP -- NOT TO DEAL

FOR THE SAME REASON -- PEACE AND THE REDUCTION OF WORLD TENSIONS, THE PRESIDENT WILL ALSO GO TO MOSCOW. BUT HE IS GOING TO TALK,

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NOT TO DEAL. THE DAY IS OVER WHEN CYNICS CAN SAY THE UNITED STATES NEVER WON A CONFERENCE. THE DAY IS OVER WHEN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS DEAL AWAY THE RIGHTS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF OTHER SMALLER NATIONS.

WHAT OTHER STEPS HAS RICHARD NIXON TAKEN TOWARD PEACE? THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SALT TALKS. THE BERLIN AGREEMENTS. THE TREATY TO BAN NUCLEAR ARMS FROM THE FLOOR OF THE OCEANS. THE DECISION TO END CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE. THE EFFORTS TO MEDIATE IN THE MIDEAST AND THE NEW EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE ALONG THE INDIA-PAKISTAN BORDER.

#### AN ACTIVIST PRESIDENT

THIS IS INDEED AN ACTIVIST PRESIDENT, ACTIVIST IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE, ACTIVIST IN THE BEST SENSE OF THAT WORD.

BUT WHILE BRINGING ABOUT AND CEMENTING WORLD PEACE MUST REMAIN THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON ANY NATIONAL AGENDA, THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT NEGLECTED THE DOMESTIC FRONT.

HE HAS PROVED, MORE THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT IN OUR RECENT PAST, THAT HE IS WILLING TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS AND TO LIVE WITH



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THEM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HE HAS BEEN WILLING TO SEEK NEW SOLUTIONS WHEN OLD SOLUTIONS HAVE NOT LIVED UP TO THEIR PROMISE.

ECONOMIC POLICIES WILL END INFLATION

HIS NEW ECONOMIC POLICIES ARE, OF COURSE, THE PRIME EXAMPLE. PERHAPS THEY ARE NOT PERFECT, BUT THEY ARE GOING TO END INFLATION; THEY ARE GOING TO BRING ECONOMIC STABILITY; THEY ARE GOING TO PRODUCE JOBS.

WHO CAN ARGUE WITH THOSE RESULTS. NOBODY LIKES ECONOMIC CONTROLS -- NOT YOU, NOT I, NOT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT I BEG TO POINT OUT THAT ECONOMIC CONTROLS ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM CONTROLS THAT LIMIT PERSONAL FREEDOM OR PERSONAL RIGHTS. AND I POINT OUT ALSO THAT THESE CONTROLS ARE TEMPORARY. THEY ARE NOT MEANT AS A PERMANENT SOLUTION.

DEMOS VOTED FOR ECONOMIC CONTROLS

AND FOR THOSE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT TO CRITICIZE THEM, LET ME POINT OUT THAT EACH OF THEM VOTED FOR THE LEGISLATION -- LEGISLATION THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT INITIALLY SEEK -- THAT MAKES

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THESE CONTROLS POSSIBLE. IN OTHER WORDS, THESE ARE CONTROLS SANCTIONED BY THE CONGRESS, SANCTIONED BY THE DEMOCRATS WHO CONTROL THE CONGRESS AND IF THE CONGRESS EVER SO DECIDES, IT CAN REMOVE THOSE CONTROLS.

BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU IT WON'T. A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS ECONOMY IS TOO IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT AFFECTS EVERY AMERICAN, REGARDLESS OF HIS WEALTH OR HIS POSITION.

OTHERS' PROSPERITY NOT AT EXPENSE OF U. S. JOBS

AND THIS IS WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE --- HE HAS TAKEN THE STEPS TO INSURE THAT THE ELDERLY AND THE POOR, AND ALL AMERICANS, ARE NO LONGER ROBBED BY THE INFLATION CAUSED BY THE BANKRUPT GUNS-AND-BUTTER ECONOMIC POLICIES OF HIS PREDECESSORS.

AND HE HAS MADE SURE THAT IT WILL BE HARDER NOW FOR OTHER NATIONS -- MADE PROSPEROUS WITH OUR HELP -- TO UNDERSSELL AND OVERCOMPETE WITH AMERICAN INDUSTRIES AT THE EXPENSE OF AMERICAN JOBS.

RICHARD NIXON IS INDEED AN ACTIVIST PRESIDENT, ACTIVIST IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND EACH AMERICAN'S INCOME.

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PRESIDENT NIXON HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MANY OTHER DOMESTIC AREAS AS WELL. WE ALL KNOW THEM. BUT SOMETIMES PERHAPS WE DON'T THINK OF THEM WHEN THE TIME COMES TO DEFEND HIM AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES.

SO LET'S REVIEW THEM BRIEFLY. THE ATTACK ON DRUGS. FOR EIGHT YEARS, UNTIL PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE, THE LEADERS OF THE OTHER PARTY WRUNG THEIR HANDS ABOUT THE GROWING DRUG MENACE, BUT DID LITTLE.

THIS PRESIDENT HAS MOVED TO SHUT OFF THE SUPPLIES OF HARD DRUGS FROM ABROAD, INCLUDING SUCCESSFUL ACTION TO END THE GROWING OF OPIUM POPPIES IN TURKEY. THIS PRESIDENT HAS SET UP AN OFFICE WITHIN THE WHITE HOUSE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF DRUG ABUSE BY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS PRESIDENT HAS MOVED TO CONTROL THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

A PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION HAD LET THIS DANGEROUS AND DEBILITATING PROBLEM GET OUT OF HAND. THIS PRESIDENT IS BRINGING IT UNDER CONTROL.

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NIXON ATTACKS POLLUTION

THE ATTACK ON POLLUTION. THE ED MUSKIES AND GAYLORD NELSONS HAVE TALKED A LOT, BUT THEY AND THEIR FELLOW DEMOCRAT LEADERS HAD EIGHT YEARS TO PRODUCE -- AND THEY FAILED.

THIS PRESIDENT HAS DUSTED OFF AND PUT TEETH IN OLD LAWS AND CALLED FOR NEW ONES. HE HAS SET UP AND SUPPORTED AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. HE HAS MOVED ON THE POLLUTION FRONT AGAINST INDIVIDUALS, AGAINST INDUSTRY, AGAINST GOVERNMENT. THE POLLUTION PROBLEM IN AMERICA TODAY, DESPITE THE CONTINUED HOWLING OF THE DOOM MONGERS, IS DIMINISHING, NOT INCREASING. AND FOR THAT, WE CAN THANK THIS ACTIVIST PRESIDENT.

WE CAN THANK HIM ALSO FOR MANY OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE QUIET ON OUR CAMPUSES AND STREETS, BROUGHT ABOUT IN LARGE MEASURE BY HIS WINDING DOWN OF THE WAR, BY HIS DRAFT REFORM THAT LIMITS A YOUNG MAN'S DRAFT ELIGIBILITY TO ONE YEAR WHERE IT USED TO BE SEVEN YEARS, AND TO HIS SUCCESSFUL SUPPORT OF THE 18-YEAR-OLD VOTE, A MOVE THAT NOW ALLOWS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM.



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YOU KNOW THE REST OF HIS RECORD, MUCH OF WHICH HAS BEEN BALKED BY THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS WHO FOR POLITICAL REASONS REFUSE TO PASS NEEDED LEGISLATION. I REFER TO REVENUE SHARING, TO GOVERNMENT REFORM, TO JOB TRAINING, TO POSTAL REFORM,(WHICH PASSED),TO TAX REFORM, TO WELFARE REFORM.

DEMOCRAT CONGRESS BLOCKS PROGRAMS

I URGE YOU TO REMEMBER, AS WE APPROACH THIS ELECTION YEAR, NOT ONLY WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ACCOMPLISHED, BUT ALSO WHAT HE WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WITH A CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP LESS INTERESTED IN POLITICAL ISSUES AND MORE INTERESTED IN THE NATIONAL WELFARE.

THE PROBLEM IS ALMOST EVERY DEMOCRAT IN THE CONGRESS THINKS HE OUGHT TO BE PRESIDENT AND WISHES HE WERE PRESIDENT. AND HE KNOWS HE'S NEVER GOING TO BE PRESIDENT IF RICHARD NIXON SUCCEEDS. SO HE DEDICATES HIMSELF TO THWARTING THE PRESIDENT, ATTACKING THE PRESIDENT, AND DISTORTING THE PRESIDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

THESE ARE CHARGES I CAN BRING UNHESITATINGLY AGAINST THE MUSKIES, THE KENNEDYS, THE O'BRIENS, THE MC GOVERNS, THE HUMPHREYS, AND EVEN THE MILLSES AND THE JACKSONS.

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DO NOT BE FOOLED BY DISTORTIONS

AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE 1972 CONVENTIONS AND ELECTIONS, THE PHONY CHARGES, THE DISTORTIONS AND THE BASELESS ATTACKS WILL CONTINUE AND INCREASE.

DO NOT BE FOOLED. YOU NEED NOT BE FOOLED. LOOK AT THE RECORD, AND COMPARE NOVEMBER OF 1968, WHEN RICHARD NIXON WAS ELECTED, TO WHAT WE HAVE TODAY.

DO YOU WISH TO GO BACK TO THOSE YEARS OF AN ESCALATING BUT WINLESS WAR, AN ESCALATING INFLATION, ESCALATING VIOLENCE AND UNREST IN OUR STREETS AND CAMPUSES, ESCALATING CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE, ESCALATING POLLUTION?

THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS NO.

AND THE ANSWER IS ONE THAT WE NOT ONLY CAN GIVE TO ALL OF AMERICA, BUT ONE ALSO THAT WE CAN SUPPORT IN OUR TALKS WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN.

WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE IT AS BAD AS IT WAS IN 1968.

WE ALREADY HAVE IT A LOT BETTER. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU WE NEED TO DO ONLY ONE THING TO ESCALATE THAT IMPROVEMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WE NEED TO SUPPORT AND REELECT RICHARD NIXON.

AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL.