REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LINCOLN DAY DINNER MIDDLETOWN, OHIO FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1972

PERHAPS SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN PRESIDENT NIXON'S LINCOLN DAY
MESSAGE. IN IT, HE WRITES THAT "IN COMMEMORATING THE BIRTHDAY OF ABRAHAM
LINCOLN, WE PAUSE TO RECALL THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP WHICH THIS STRONG,
YET SIMPLE MAN BROUGHT TO A DIVIDED NATION OVER A CENTURY AGO....."NOW",
SAYS THE PRESIDENT, "WE WORK IN A DIVIDED WORLD TO ESTABLISH A PEACE TO END
ALL WARS, AND WE SEEK TO MOVE AMERICA FORWARD HERE AT HOME, BRINGING ITS
PEOPLE TOGETHER AND BUILDING A NEW AND LASTING PROSPERITY. WE NEED MORE THAN
EVER THE QUALITIES OF LINCOLN TO INSPIRE US AND GIVE US CONFIDENCE TO DO OUR
DUTY AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, TO SERVE AMERICA BETTER SO THAT AMERICA MAY BETTER
SERVE MANKIND."

IT WAS LINCOLN'S FORESIGHT AND WISDOM THAT GAVE HIM THE ABILITY TO
LEAD A NATION SO BADLY DIVIDED. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE THOSE QUALITIES AGAIN
IN THE WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE HAD THEM THESE FIRST THREE YEARS OF RICHARD NIXON'S
FIRST TERM AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL HAVE THEM AGAIN IN THE
FOUR YEARS OF RICHARD NIXON'S SECOND TERM.

IT IS NOW MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF THE MAN WHOSE LIFE WE ARE HERE TO COMMEMORATE. FROM HIS HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO HIS HEINOUS DEATH, THE HISTORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LIFE IS FAMILIAR TO ALL OF US AND TO ALL AMERICANS. BUT IT IS MORE THAN JUST HISTORY. IT IS PART OF THE FABRIC OF AMERICAN FOLKLORE.

LINCOLN'S IMPORTANCE TO GOP

THE LINCOLN STORY IS AN ESSENTIAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN STORY. THERE ARE THOSE, IN FACT, WHO SAY THAT WITHOUT A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF LINCOLN, ONE CANNOT REALLY UNDERSTAND AMERICA.

BUT WE CAN LEAVE THAT DETERMINATION TO THE SCHOLARS. IT IS ENOUGH FOR US REPUBLICANS TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DEBT TO THE 16TH PRESIDENT. IT WAS HE, OUR FIRST REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, WHO MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, DEFINED AND FORMULATED THE ESSENCE OF OUR REPUBLICANISM.

FROM ITS VERY BEGINNINGS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS BEEN GUIDED BY A
SINGLE AND ENDURING POLITICAL PRINCIPLE. IT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN POLITICAL IDEAL THAT ALL MEN DESERVE A FULL AND EQUAL MEASURE OF FREEDOM; THAT THEY

ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY IN SOCIETY; AND THAT THEY ALL SHARE THE RIGHT TO DO SO WITHOUT UNDUE INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT OR BY FELLOW CITIZEN.

IN THE TROUBLED CIVIL WAR PERIOD OF THE MID-19TH CENTURY, IT WAS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THAT RE-DEDICATED THIS COUNTRY TO THAT IDEAL. AND IT WAS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THROUGH THE PRESIDENCY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN THAT GAVE AMERICA THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT COULD MAKE OF THAT IDEAL A FORCE STRONG ENOUGH TO PRESERVE THE UNION.

REPUBLICAN LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

TODAY, IN THE TRADITION OF THAT COMMITMENT, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY UNDER RICHARD NIXON CONTINUES TO BUILD ON THE LEGACY OF THAT LEADERSHIP.

IN THE 1860'S, LINCOLN COULD DEVOTE HIS ENERGIES PRIMARILY TO ONE END ALONE -- THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNION. AND IT IS FOR HIS INSPIRED AND IN-SPIRING LEADERSHIP DURING OUR CIVIL WAR THAT HE IS CHIEFLY REMEMBERED.

BUT IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE WAR, WHEN AMERICA'S DESTINY AS ONE NATION SEEMED SECURE, LINCOLN DIRECTED HIS THOUGHTS TO THE FUTURE. ONLY WEEKS BEFORE HIS DEATH, HE CHALLENGED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO "BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS"

AND TO TURN THEIR ENERGIES AND RE-UNIFIED STRENGTH TO "DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND CHERISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS."

A GENERATION OF PEACE AFTER LINCOLN

LINCOLN HAD RESTORED THE NATION'S UNITY AND BROUGHT THE CIVIL WAR TO AN END. HE GAVE AMERICA WHAT IT NEEDED SO DESPERATELY IN THOSE TROUBLED TIMES OF THE LAST CENTURY. HE GAVE IT LEADERSHIP. HE GAVE IT THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE LAST THIRD OF THE 19TH CENTURY -- OUR LAST FULL GENERATION OF PEACE.

IT WAS DURING THOSE THIRTY YEARS THAT AMERICA GREW FROM ITS INFANCY.

ITS ENERGIES TURNED AWAY FROM THE PURSUIT OF WAR AND WERE DEVOTED TO THE PEACETIME TASKS OF NATION BUILDING AND THE EXPANSION OF FREEDOM. AND AMERICAN ENERGIES, SO DEVOTED, PRODUCED THE STRONGEST AND PROUDEST NATION IN THE HISTORY OF
MANKIND.

RICHARD NIXON'S LEADERSHIP HAS LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR ANOTHER GENERATION
OF PEACE IN THE LAST THIRD OF THIS CENTURY. LEFT ONCE MORE TO PEACEFUL PURSUITS,
AMERICAN ENERGIES CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD AS ONCE IT TRANSFORMED THIS CONTINENT.

FOR THE LAST SEVENTY YEARS, MANKIND HAS KNOWN LITTLE BUT WAR OR THE THREAT OF WAR. DURING ALL THAT TIME, PEACE HAS BEEN A RECURRING DREAM. TODAY, WE CAN

SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT IT IS NO LONGER JUST A DREAM. IT IS NOT A CERTAINTY, OF COURSE. AND WE WILL NOT ATTAIN PEACE JUST BY WISHING IT WERE SO, IN SPITE OF WHAT THE DEMOCRATS MAY SAY.

BUT RICHARD NIXON'S LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS MADE IT

POSSIBLE FOR US NOW TO DARE TO HOPE -- AND REALISTICALLY TO WORK -- FOR PEACE.

NIXON WORKS FOR PEACE

FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO INDOCHINA, IN BERLIN AND IN VIENNA, THE CHALLENGE OF BRINGING PEACE TO AN APPREHENSIVE WORLD HAS BEEN MET SQUARELY. AND WE ARE SEEING RESULTS.

ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO, AMERICAN INITIATIVES SET IN MOTION BY SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS OBTAINED A CEASE FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT ENDURES TO THE PRESENT DAY.

WE HAVE REACHED AN HISTORIC AGREEMENT ON BERLIN.

THE HORRIBLE THREAT OF A WAR INVOLVING BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS HAS BEEN RE-

AND THE SALT TALKS PROGRESS, OFFERING THE HOPE THAT THE FUTURE WILL BRING REDUCTIONS IN THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR AS WELL. THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE AND ENCOURAGING. AND THERE IS REASON TO HOPE THAT PRESENT PROGRESS ON

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION MAY PRESAGE AN EVENTUAL STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION.

AMERICA'S EFFORTS FOR PEACE HAVE BEEN CEASELESS. NOW IN HAWAII, PRESIDENT NIXON WILL DEPART SHORTLY ON THE NEXT LEG OF HIS HISTORIC JOURNEY FOR
PEACE TO PEKING. AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HIS JOURNEY TO MOSCOW IN MAY.
IT IS WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE THESE TRIPS -- WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN THE LAST THREE
YEARS -- THAT HAS MADE THEM POSSIBLE. THEY CAN BE UNDERTAKEN NOW WITH CONFIDENCE. NO ONE NEED FEAR THAT OUR MOTIVES WILL BE MISINTERPRETED. FOR THE
PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT PLAIN HOW STRONG IS OUR DESIRE FOR PEACE.

BUT NEITHER WILL OUR STRENGTH BE UNDERESTIMATED, NOR OUR RESOLVE BE QUESTIONED. FOR THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT PLAIN THAT HE IS DETERMINED TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG AND TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH THAT COMES WITH SOLID PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR ALLIES.

AND THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE IT PLAIN, IN THE LAST THREE YEARS OR SO,

JUST HOW MUCH LEADERSHIP CAN ACCOMPLISH. LEADERSHIP, WITH INTELLIGENCE, WITH

IMAGINATION, WITH DETERMINATION.

IT IS HARD FOR SOME TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BEEN ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE YEARS SINCE THE PRESIDENT TOOK OFFICE. AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE THOSE THREE YEARS HAVE MADE.

IT WAS NOT SO VERY LONG AGO WHEN KENNEDY AND MUSKIE AND HUMPHREY AND THEIR LIKE WERE RUNNING THINGS. NO, IT WAS NOT SO VERY LONG AGO WHEN WAR WAS STILL THIS NATION'S CHIEF CONCERN, AND WE LOOKED FORWARD TO AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE WITHOUT ANY HOPES OR ANY PLANS FOR PEACE.

IT WAS NOT SO VERY LONG AGO WHEN BULLETS FLEW IN OUR CITIES, WHERE IT WAS RACE AGAINST RACE, AND ON OUR CAMPUSES THE GENERATIONS DIVIDED AND THE SYSTEM WAS SOMETHING STUDENTS FOUGHT INSTEAD OF WORKED WITHIN.

IT WAS NOT SO VERY LONG AGO EITHER, WHEN THE INFLATION THAT WAR MADE INEVITABLE, BEGAN TO SHOW AND BEGAN TO HURT. BUT THE DEMOCRATS COULDN'T END THE WAR, SO THEY COULDN'T STOP INFLATION.

THAT IS WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN THESE DEMOCRATS WERE RUNNING THINGS. AND TODAY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T RUN THE COUNTRY, THEY RUN IT DOWN. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE, AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, "WHO WOULD TELL US THAT WE ARE EVIL BECAUSE WE ARE NOT YET PERFECT....THAT ALL THE SWEAT AND TOIL AND SACRIFICE THAT HAVE GONE INTO THE BUILDING OF AMERICA WERE FOR NAUGHT BECAUSE THE BUILDING IS NOT YET DONE."

BUT TODAY, THE WAR IS PRACTICALLY OVER. CALM HAS RETURNED TO OUR STREETS AND OUR CLASSROOMS. AND THE TIDE OF INFLATION HAS BEEN TURNED. AND SOME AMERICANS, SENSING THE NEW DIRECTION THIS COUNTRY HAS TAKEN AND ITS NEW HOPES FOR NEW PROGRESS, WONDER WHAT HAPPENED.

WE REPUBLICANS KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

LEADERSHIP HAPPENED. THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS PRESIDENT, RICHARD NIXON, TOOK HOLD, AND THEREIN LIES THE DIFFERENCE.

AND IT IS UP TO US TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. TO OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FRIENDS, OUR CO-WORKERS, OVER OUR BACKYARD FENCES OR OVER NATIONAL TELEVISION. WE HAVE GOT TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT. TO MAKE THIS ADMINISTRATION'S LONG LIST OF PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THIS COUNTRY.

IT IS RICHARD NIXON WHO IS ENDING THE WAR. RICHARD NIXON WHO IS BEGINNING TO WIN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. HE HAS GIVEN US NEW TOOLS WITH WHICH
TO CONTROL POLLUTION. IT IS THIS PRESIDENT WHO HAS ORGANIZED AND ASSUMED PERSONAL DIRECTION OF THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND CRIME. AND IN THE LAST
THREE YEARS, HE HAS APPOINTED FOUR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES WHO UNDERSTAND THE
RIGHTS OF SOCIETY AS WELL AS THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL.

IN ALL OF THIS, HE HAS HAD TO FIGHT A PARTISAN CONGRESS, CONTROLLED BY THE DEMOCRATS. AND IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, THAT CONGRESS WITH ITS DOZEN OR SO DECLARED AND UNDECLARED PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS WILL BE ALL THE MORE OBSTRUCTIONIST. THESE PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS CAN BE EXPECTED -- INDEED THEY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN -- TO USE EVERY LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL WEAPON IN THEIR ARSENAL TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS.

THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS BEGAN WITH SOME 90 PRESIDENTIAL PROPOSALS
STALLED BY DEMOCRATS WHO ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH THEIR OWN NARROW POLITICAL
INTERESTS THAN WITH THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE NATION. THESE ARE MEASURES
LIKE REVENUE SHARING AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION. PROPOSALS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE RESPONSIVE. THEY ARE NOT PARTISAN MEASURES.

THEY ARE PROPOSALS THAT COME FROM A PRESIDENT WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY. A PRESIDENT WHO UNDERSTANDS FULL WELL THE GREATNESS OF THIS COUNTRY BUT WHO UNDERSTANDS AS WELL THE GREAT TASKS AND CHALLENGES
THAT LIE AHEAD OF US, THE GREAT AMERICAN POTENTIAL AS YET UNFULFILLED.

AND HE WANTS TO TAKE US FORWARD. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS LOOKING FORWARD.

AND THIS REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT HAS BEGUN TO MOVE AMERICA FORWARD AGAIN. FORWARD

TO REAL AND LASTING PEACE. FORWARD TO A NATIONAL DEFENSE THAT WILL REMAIN STRONG

AND TO THE SHARED STRENGTH OF OUR RENEWED ALLIANCES AROUND THE WORLD. FORWARD TO GENUINE PROSPERITY AND MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD TELL US THAT THERE IS NO REAL, ESSENTIAL DIF-FERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN THIS COUNTRY. BUT WHEN HAVE THE DEMOCRATS EVER BROUGHT US SO FAR SO FAST? THE GOP MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.

THINK ABOUT IT. IN THE SIXTIES, DEATH WAS AN ALL TOO COMMON PRESENCE.

BODY COUNTS AND CASUALTY RATES IN VIETNAM. DEATH TOLLS FROM RIOTS AND VIOLENCE
IN OUR CITIES. AND THERE WAS TALK OF THE DEATH OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM -- THAT
IT HAD RUN ITSELF OUT AND REVOLUTION AND REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE WAS THE ANSWER.

PEOPLE DON'T TALK LIKE THAT MUCH ANY MORE. BECAUSE RICHARD NIXON HAS RECALLED THIS COUNTRY TO LIFE. AND IT TOOK A MAN LIKE RICHARD NIXON TO DO IT. A REPUBLICAN AND A LEADER WHO UNDERSTANDS THIS COUNTRY AND WHERE ITS GREATNESS AND ITS SPIRIT LIE.

MAYBE SOME OF YOU SAW THOSE ADS THE DEMOCRATS WERE RUNNING. THE FULL-PAGE AD WITH BOLD HEADLINES ACROSS THE TOP THAT READ --- "THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS JUST ABOUT BROKE." WELL, THE AD WAS RIGHT, BUT NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE LOW ON MONEY. THEIR IDEOLOGY IS BROKE. THEIR IDEAS ARE BANKRUPT. THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THE POLICY PREMISES THAT GOT AMERICA -- AND THE WORLD -- INTO

SO MUCH TROUBLE IN THE LAST DECADE.

AND IT TOOK REPUBLICAN IDEAS AND REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP TO GET US OUT.

TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM

CLEARLY, VIETNAM IS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF THE NIXON BRAND OF EF-FECTIVE LEADERSHIP. WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, RICHARD NIXON INHERITED A WAR WHICH WAS INVOLVING SOME 550,000 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT ROLES 10,000 MILES AWAY FROM THEIR HOMES. IT WAS A WAR THAT WAS TAKING ALMOST 300 AMERICAN LIVES EVERY WEEK.

IT HAD SPLIT THE COUNTRY, DIVIDED THE GENERATIONS, AND THREATENED TO BREAK THE SPIRIT OF THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

PLAN TO END THE WAR. NO PLAN TO BRING OUR AMERICAN MEN HOME. NO PLAN TO RESTORE THE PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

IN THE CAMPAIGN OF 1968, RICHARD NIXON SAID THAT HE HAD A PLAN. IN 1969, HE ANNOUNCED THAT PLAN AND BEGAN TO IMPLEMENT IT.

STRATEGY FOR PEACE

AND, VIETNAMIZATION HAS PROVED TO BE A SECURE PATH TO PEACE. BUT IT IS, AS THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED IT, THE LONG ROUTE TO PEACE. AND SO IT IS, FOR THAT

REASON, JUST ONE OF THE ROUTES TO PEACE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PURSUING.

EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE PUBLIC EFFORTS TO GAIN A SETTLEMENT THAT HAVE
BEEN GOING ON FOR SO LONG AT THE PEACE TABLE IN PARIS. AND SEVERAL WEEKS AGO,
THE PRESIDENT MADE THE WORLD AWARE OF THE STRENUOUS PRIVATE EFFORTS HE HAS BEEN
MAKING THROUGH HIS FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER, DR. HENRY KISSINGER.

DEMOS OBSTRUCT PEACE

IT IS A STRANGE COMMENTARY ON THE STATE OF AMERICAN POLITICS THAT THE SO-CALLED PEACE CANDIDATES OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY ARE NOW ACTING TO OBSTRUCT PEACE. THEY WANT IT TO BE THEIR PEACE, WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE IT'S THEIR WAR. LIKE OUR ADVERSARIES IN HANOI. THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES ARE WILLING TO HAVE PEACE -- BUT ONLY ON THEIR OWN TERMS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS REQUIRES THAT WE SURRENDER A PEOPLE'S FREEDOM AND SACRIFICE AN ALLIED GOVERNMENT. THIS IS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE WITH THE DEMOCRATS -- THEY SPEND AND SOMEBODY ELSE GETS THE BILL. IN THIS CASE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO PAY FOR THE MISJUDGMENTS OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION AND ALL ITS SUPPORTERS, AND NOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AS WELL -- ARE CALLED UPON TO PAY FOR THE PRESENT UNWILLINGNESS OF THE DEMOCRATS WHO HELPED START THE WAR TO LET THE PRESIDENT STOP THE WAR. THE WHOLE SITUATION IS LUDICROUS.

AND JUST AS THEY HAVE OBSTRUCTED PEACE ABROAD, THE DEMOCRATS HAVE OB-STRUCTED THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO WIN THE PEACE HERE AT HOME IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

BUT THEY HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN THEIR OBSTURCTIONIST WORK ON THIS FRONT EITHER. WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE, OVER THE LAST 37 MONTHS, TO HAVE JOHN MITCHELL AS OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE HAS ANNOUNED THIS WEEK THAT HE WILL LEAVE THAT POST AT THE END OF THE MONTH. BUT HE LEAVES BEHIND HIM A RECORD OF EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENT AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

HIS IS A RECORD OF VIGOROUS AND EVEN-HANDED ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW THAT IS SECOND TO NONE.

CRIME RATE SLOWS

LOOK AT THE NIXON-MITCHELL RECORD. IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, CRIME HAS DECLINED IN MANY OF OUR MAJOR CITIES AND NATIONALLY THE RATE OF INCREASE IN CRIME HAS BEEN SLOWED TO A FIVE-YEAR LOW.

TRAFFIC IN ILLEGAL DRUGS HAS BEEN SEVERELY CURTAILED AND WE HAVE ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME. AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EXPENDITURES AGAINST CRIME AND FOR ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAS INCREASED 200 PERCENT SINCE 1969.

WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE MEN LIKE JOHN MITCHELL AT THE TOP OF OUR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE. AND WE ARE FORTUNATE TOO THAT IT HAS FALLEN TO THIS PRESIDENT TO FILL FOUR SEATS ON THE U. S. SUPREME COURT. FOR THE PRESIDENT UNDERSTANDS -- AND HIS APPOINTEES UNDERSTAND -- THAT WHILE THE CRIMINAL HAS HIS RIGHTS, SOCIETY, TOO, HAS AN EQUAL AND PRIOR RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM THE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS IN OUR MIDST.

IN SPITE OF THE DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE OPPOSED THE ADMINISTRATION AT EVERY
TURN IN ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROPOSALS; IN SPITE OF DEMOCRAT OBSTRUCTIONISM IN
THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME; IN SPITE OF THE DEMOCRAT ATTEMPTS TO MISREPRESENT AND
UNDERESTIMATE THE HIGH STAKES IN EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, AMERICAN PEOPLE,
IF WE TELL THE STORY LONG ENOUGH AND LOUD ENOUGH, WILL GIVE THIS ADMINISTRATION
THE HIGH MARKS IT DESERVES FOR RESTORING THE PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

GOP HAS A JOB TO DO

OUR JOB NOW, AS REPUBLICANS, IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT, AND ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT. STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO MAY BELIEVE THE MISREPRESENTATIONS OF THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES. UNLESS WE TELL THE STORY OF

RICHARD NIXON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- UNLESS WE TELL THAT STORY OVER AND OVER

AGAIN -- THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO WILL BE TAKEN IN BY THE OVER-SIMPLIFICATIONS

AND BANALITY THAT THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES WILL TRY TO PASS OFF AS LEADERSHIP.

THERE WILL BE SOME -- THOSE PRESUMABLY WHO IN LINCOLN'S PHRASE, CAN BE FOOLED

ALL OF THE TIME -- WHO WILL FAIL TO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT RICHARD

NIXON HAS OPENED UP FOR THIS COUNTRY. IT IS OUR JOB TO GET TO THOSE PEOPLE,

TO TELL THEM THE RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION AND TO IMPRESS UPON THEM WHAT

THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES WOULD OFFER AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

1972 -- A REPUBLICAN YEAR

I BELIEVE, THOUGH, THAT IF WE DO OUR JOB, THEN 1972 IS GOING TO BE A GOOD YEAR. IT WILL BE A REPUBLICAN YEAR WHEN WE WILL SEE THE REELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE RESTORATION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO ITS MAJORITY STATUS AS REPUBLICANS ARE ELECTED TO LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICES ALL ACROSS THIS LAND.

1972, AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, IS GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR FOR THIS COUNTRY. CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION AND THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM A WAR-TIME ECONOMY TO PEACE-TIME PROSPERITY WILL BEAR OUT HIS PREDICTION.

1972 WILL BE MARKED BY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II. IT PROMISES, IN FACT, TO MARK A TURNING POINT IN THE POST WAR ERA WHEN PEACE -- ONCE AT BEST THE OBJECT OF CYNICISM AND DESPAIR -- WILL BECOME, AT LONG LAST, A REALISTIC AND REALIZABLE GOAL.

IN THE CAMPAIGN OF 1968, THE ISSUES WERE WAR AND THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BROUGHT ON BY WAR. THE ISSUES IN 1972 WILL BE PEACE AND PROSPERITY BASED ON PEACE. AND THEY WILL BE REPUBLICAN ISSUES.

NIXON PRE-EMPTS LEADERSHIP ISSUE

AND THERE WILL BE ONE OTHER ISSUE. IT, TOO, WILL BE A REPUBLICAN ISSUE.

AN ISSUE ON WHICH REPUBLICANS CAN CAMPAIGN PROUDLY AND WITH CONFIDENCE. FOR IT

IS THE QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP THAT PROMISES MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, TO DOMINATE

THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN. AND THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS TRULY PRE
EMPTED.

NO OTHER PRESIDENT IN MODERN TIMES HAS HAD SO PROFOUND AN EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY. NO OTHER PRESIDENT IN MODERN TIMES HAS FACED CHALLENGES AS GREAT NOR RESPONDED SO WELL AS HAS RICHARD NIXON.

NO MAN IN MODERN TIMES HAS DONE MORE FOR THE PROSPECTS OF WORLD PEACE THAN THIS PRESIDENT.

AND IT IS UP TO US TO WORK AS HARD AS WE CAN -- AS VIGOROUSLY AS OUR ENERGIES WILL ALLOW -- TO MAKE THIS RECORD OF LEADERSHIP KNOWN TO OUR FRIENDS, OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR CO-WORKERS. RICHARD NIXON HAS WORKED TO "SERVE AMERICA BETTER SO THAT AMERICAN CAN BETTER SERVE MANKIND" AND WE MUST WORK NOW TO SECURE HIS RE-ELECTION SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE IN THAT WORK. SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE LEGACY OF LINCOLN'S LEADERSHIP AND WITH OUR HELP AND OUR PRAYERS CONTINUE TO BUILD A "BETTER AMERICA IN A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD."

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