

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
PACIFIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION
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*One thing I feel
pulling your leg out.*

I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT IN PHOENIX FOR MANY REASONS. AND THE MOST OBVIOUS AND IMMEDIATE OF THEM IS THE DELIGHTFUL WEATHER WHICH THE PEOPLE OF PHOENIX SEEM ALWAYS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO ENJOY. I ALWAYS FIND IT IN MARKED AND REFRESHING CONTRAST TO THE SORT OF THING WE HAVE TO PUT UP WITH IN WASHINGTON.

BUT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF MY BEING HERE TONIGHT IS TO DISCUSS A DIFFERENT KIND OF CLIMATE CONTRAST, A CHANGE IN THE CLIMATE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS AND RECENT YEARS.

AS YOU KNOW, WHILE WE ARE HERE IN ARIZONA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS SOME ELEVEN THOUSAND MILES FROM HIS ACCUSTOMED LOCATION IN WASHINGTON, ENGAGED IN A TRULY HISTORIC SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE IS THERE, IN PEKING THIS WEEK, AS HE WILL BE IN MOSCOW IN MAY, PURSUING A GOAL THAT PRIOR TO THIS POINT IN THIS CENTURY, HAS BEEN THE HIGHLY ELUSIVE GOAL -- THE GOAL OF PEACE.

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CHINA TRIP SOURCE OF PRIDE

YOU MAY BE AWARE THAT IN WASHINGTON I WEAR TWO HATS AND SERVE IN TWO OFFICIAL ROLES. AS A UNITED STATES SENATOR, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF MY STATE OF KANSAS IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS POSITION, IT IS MY JOB TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS AND, IN THEIR BEHALF, TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY. AND IN THIS CONTEXT, THE EVENTS OF THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN MOST GRATIFYING AND A CAUSE FOR HOPE.

I ALSO SERVE, OF COURSE, IN THE UNABASHEDLY PARTISAN ROLE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. AND IN THAT ROLE, IT IS MY JOB TO FURTHER THE INTERESTS OF MY PARTY, AND TO DO WHAT I CAN TO CONVINCE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE PARTY THAT CAN BEST SERVE THEIR INTEREST AND THAT OFFERS THE BEST HOPE FOR THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD REQUIRES IN THESE TROUBLED BUT PROMISING TIMES. AND IN THIS CONTEXT, I FIND THE EVENTS OF THIS WEEK MOST GRATIFYING AND A SOURCE OF PRIDE. INDEED, THE EVENTS OF THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN A PROFOUND SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ALL AMERICANS AND A SOURCE OF HOPE TO THE WORLD.

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NO ONE CAN BE SURE WHAT THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE TRIPS BY THE PRESIDENT WILL BE. BUT THE WORLD CAN NOW BE SURE, AS A RESULT OF THIS CHINA TRIP AND THE TRIP LATER IN THE SPRING TO THE SOVIET UNION, WHAT THE PRIME MOTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES IS AND WILL BE IN THE FUTURE. THAT MOTIVE IS PEACE.

SOME IN THIS COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD FOUND -- I THINK THEY WERE MISTAKEN IN THIS -- BUT AT LEAST THEY THOUGHT THEY SAW IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES OVER THE LAST DECADE OR SO A TENDENCY IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. BUT THE BOLD AND DECISIVE ACTIONS OF THIS PRESIDENT HAVE REMOVED, ONCE AND FOR ALL, ANY DOUBTS OF THOSE WHO THOUGHT THEY HAD REASON TO DOUBT.

MOST POWERFUL NATION SEEKS PEACE

THIS COUNTRY, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE WORLD, AS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ECONOMICALLY AND THE MOST POWERFUL NATION MILITARILY, HAS THROUGH THE ACTIONS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS PRESIDENT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED HOW IT INTENDS TO USE THAT POWER -- AND IN WHICH DIRECTIONS IT WISHES THAT POWER TO TAKE IT. AND THAT DIRECTION IS TOWARD PEACE AND AWAY FROM WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR. TOWARD NEGOTIATION AND AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION. TOWARD COOPERATION IN REALIZING THE COMMON GOAL AND THE ENDURING DREAM OF ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLE -- A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE.

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AS I SAID, NO ONE CAN BE SURE WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THESE JOURNEYS FOR PEACE WILL BE. NO ONE CAN BE CERTAIN, IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE, WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT TRIP TO CHINA WILL BE. BUT EVERYONE CAN BE SURE WHAT MOTIVATES THIS NATION. AND THE WORLD CAN BE SURE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, BY AND LARGE, WILL SUPPORT LEADERSHIP THAT SERVES THAT MOTIVE AND THAT TAKES THEM IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE.

PEACE NOT PARTISAN CONCERN

YOU KNOW, THE CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE CHINA TRIP IS A POLITICAL TRIP, MOTIVATED MORE BY DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS THAN BY THE LEGITIMATE DICTATES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT IS NO ACCIDENT, HOWEVER, AND IT IS MORE THAN COINCIDENCE, THAT THESE CHARGES ARE MADE BY THE SAME PEOPLE WHO CANNOT SEE ANY CONSIDERATIONS OF WAR AND PEACE, OR ANY OF THE MATTERS OF FOREIGN POLICY IN ANY LIGHT BUT A POLITICALLY PARTISAN LIGHT.

I SAID AT THE OUTSET, THAT MY ROLE AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN WAS AN UNABASHEDLY PARTISAN ONE. AND IT IS CERTAINLY THAT. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD A VERY STRONG TRADITION OF PARTISANSHIP ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE, AND I AM PROUD TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN OUR PARTY SYSTEM. BUT WE HAVE, AS WELL, A TRADITION IN THIS COUNTRY THAT CERTAIN ISSUES, AND MOST NOTABLY THE ISSUES OF WAR AND PEACE, HAVE NEVER BEEN PROPERLY CONSIDERED PARTISAN ISSUES.

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WE HAVE SEEN WHERE THE EFFORTS OF SOME TO MAKE THE ISSUE OF PEACE IN VIETNAM A POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE CURRENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAS DONE NOTHING BUT DELAY THE PEACE. THOSE WHO CAMPAIGN AS SELF-PROCLAIMED PEACE CANDIDATES, IN THEIR EAGERNESS TO MAKE THEIR PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE ISSUE, HAVE ONLY DELAYED THE PEACE.

THEY SEEM UNABLE TO CONCEIVE OF AN ISSUE THAT OUGHT TO BE ABOVE PARTISAN POLITICS. THEY SEEM THEMSELVES UNABLE TO PUT THEIR OWN INTEREST IN PEACE -- AND I DO NOT QUESTION THE SINCERITY OF THEIR INTEREST -- BUT THEY SEEM UNABLE TO PUT THAT GREATER INTEREST ABOVE THE INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN NARROW POLITICAL AMBITIONS. AND SO THEY HAVE DELAYED THE PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

AND NOW, THEY SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA IS ALSO MOTIVATED BY PARTISAN CONCERNS. THEY TRY TO TELL US, IN THIS CAMPAIGN YEAR, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS GONE TO CHINA NOT FOR PEACE, BUT FOR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. WELL, OF COURSE, THEY HAVE TRIED TO TELL US ALSO THAT ONE OF THEIR OWN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, GEORGE WALLACE, IS RUNNING IN THE DEMOCRAT RACE TO HELP THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. SO I SUPPOSE THEY WOULD HAVE US ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF CHINA IS ACTIVELY PURSUING A REPUBLICAN VICTORY AT THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER.

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CAMPAIGN SHOULD BE ON ISSUES, NOT MOTIVES

WE ALL KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT MAO AND CHOU ARE STRONG PARTY MEN. BUT I DON'T HAVE TO REMIND YOU, AND I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO REMIND THE DEMOCRATS, THAT THE PARTY OF MAO AND CHOU IS THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, ABOUT AS FAR REMOVED FROM THE POLITICS OF AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AS YOU CAN GET. SURE THEY ARE STRONG PARTY MEN, BUT ARE WE REALLY TO BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF RICHARD NIXON?

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS SORT OF CAMPAIGN TACTIC WILL CEASE. I THINK THAT IT OFFERS THE DEMOCRATS NO REAL HOPE OF GAIN. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT THE POLITICIZATION OF ISSUES SO FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF WORLD PEACE. I THINK THEY HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THAT IN THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN THE PRESIDENT IN HIS EFFORTS FOR PEACE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD GET TO AN HONEST DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE LEGITIMATELY DEBATABLE. LET US TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC RECORD AND GIVE IT, IN THIS CAMPAIGN YEAR, THE KIND OF CLOSE SCRUTINY THAT OUR ADVERSARY SYSTEM WAS SET UP TO PROVIDE. THAT IS A LARGE PART OF WHAT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS ARE ALL ABOUT. LET US TAKE A LOOK AT THE DEFENSE POLICIES

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OF THE PRESIDENT AND OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. LET US TAKE A LOOK AT THE RECORD OF THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- AT THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT RECORD AND LET THE DEMOCRATS AVOID THE TEMPTATIONS IN THIS CAMPAIGN YEAR OF TRYING TO IMPUTE MOTIVES TO THE PRESIDENT.

NIXON'S RECORD STRONG

I BELIEVE THE RECORD OF THIS PRESIDENT WILL EASILY STAND UP TO THE TEST THAT IT SHOULD BE GETTING IN THIS CAMPAIGN YEAR. I WISH THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES WOULD GIVE IT THE CHANCE. SO FAR, ALL THEY HAVE DONE IS CARP AND COMPLAIN THAT IF ONE OF THEM WERE PRESIDENT, THEY WOULD DO THE THINGS RICHARD NIXON HAS DONE -- ONLY THEY WOULD DO THEM BETTER.

BUT DO WE REALLY WANT PEOPLE WHO LIKE WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS TO BE ADMINISTERING WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS? DO WE REALLY WANT DEMOCRATS WHO WANT US TO ACCEPT PEACE IN VIETNAM ON THE COMMUNISTS' TERMS TO BE IN CHARGE OF OUR PEACE EFFORTS THERE? DO WE REALLY WANT TO ENTRUST THE SECURITY OF THIS NATION AND OF THE WORLD TO DEMOCRATS WHO ARGUE THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD ANY LONGER TO BE STRONG?

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I SUBMIT THAT WHAT WE REALLY WANT, AND WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TRULY DESERVE, IS AN OPPORTUNITY IN THIS CAMPAIGN TO HEAR THE ARGUMENTS OF THE DEMOCRATS -- IF THEY HAVE ANY -- AGAINST THE POLICIES OF RICHARD NIXON. WE HAVE HEARD FROM THEM FOR TOO LONG ABOUT THE ALLEGED MOTIVES OF RICHARD NIXON. AND THEY HAVE FOR TOO LONG TRIED TO GET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ACCEPT THEIR ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S MOTIVES AND TO ACCEPT THEIR ASSERTIONS ABOUT THEIR OWN CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP. AND FOR TOO LONG, THEY HAVE TRIED TO GET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ABANDON THEIR SENSE OF THEIR OWN GREATNESS AND THEIR COUNTRY'S GREATNESS AND DON THE SACKCLOTH AND ASHES OF PENITENTS WHO FEEL THEY MUST APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR COUNTRY'S SUCCESS AND POWER.

I HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE YET IN THIS CAMPAIGN THAT THERE IS MUCH CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE DEMOCRATS WITH WHAT IS GOOD IN AMERICA. I HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM SO FAR BUT A MORBID AND FATALISTIC LIST OF OUR FAULTS. THEY WOULD HAVE US RETURN, I SUPPOSE, TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF THE SIXTIES WHEN AMERICANS WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THEIR FAULTS AND WHEN SELF-DOUBT WAS THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF ALL AMERICANS.

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THEY WOULD HAVE US RETURN, I PRESUME, TO THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" WHEN THEY WERE RUNNING THE COUNTRY.

DEMOCRAT NEGATIVISM

BUT NOW, WHEN THEY CANNOT RUN THE COUNTRY, THEY RUN IT DOWN.

LISTEN TO WHAT THEY SAY. LISTEN TO THEIR CAMPAIGN SPEECHES. LISTEN FOR THEM TO SAY SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT AMERICA. IT IS PART OF MY JOB TO LISTEN TO THEM. AND I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING YET FROM THEM EXCEPT HOW BAD WE ARE, AND HOW MANY FAULTS WE HAVE.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO, IN THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS, "WOULD TELL US THAT WE ARE EVIL BECAUSE WE ARE NOT YET PERFECT AND THAT ALL THE SWEAT AND TOIL THAT WENT INTO THE BUILDING OF AMERICA WAS FOR NAUGHT BECAUSE THE BUILDING IS NOT YET DONE."

BUT ALL THEIR WORDS CANNOT DISGUISE OR DENY THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RICHARD NIXON.

THREE YEARS BRING CHANGE

IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO WHEN THEY WERE RUNNING THE COUNTRY -- OR TRYING TO -- THAT WE WERE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN A WAR WITH NO PLAN

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TO END IT OR TO BRING OUR MEN HOME. TODAY, THE PRESIDENT HAS ALL BUT ENDED IT, MORE THAN HALF A MILLION AMERICAN MEN ARE BACK HOME WHERE THEY BELONG AND ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITHOUT SURRENDERING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT.

AND IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO THAT RIOTS IN OUR CITIES AND CAMPUS VIOLENCE WERE COMMON. BUT AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SEEKING PEACE ABROAD, HE WAS RESTORING THE PEACE TO OUR CITIES AND CALM TO OUR CLASSROOMS.

THE TIDE IS BEING TURNED AGAINST LAWLESSNESS AND CRIME IN OUR COUNTRY. UNDER RICHARD NIXON, THE CRIME RATE IN MANY OF OUR MAJOR CITIES HAS STARTED TO DECLINE AND THE NATIONAL CRIME RATE, WHICH HAD BEEN RISING SO FAST FOR SO LONG, HAS BEGUN TO SLOW.

THE PROMISE OF LEADERSHIP

IN THE ELECTION OF 1968, THE ISSUES WERE WAR ABROAD AND VIOLENCE AND DISRUPTION HERE AT HOME. IN THE ELECTION OF 1972, THE ISSUE WILL BE PEACE. PEACE IN VIETNAM, PEACE AROUND THE WORLD, AND PEACE HERE AT HOME IN OUR CITIES AND OUR TOWNS.

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ONLY ONE THING HAS CHANGED. AMERICA'S PEOPLE ARE THE SAME GREAT PEOPLE NOW AS IN THE 1960'S. NOW, AS THEN, AMERICA'S POTENTIALS ARE THE SAME, HER IDEALS ARE THE SAME.

ONLY ONE THING HAS HAPPENED TO CHANGE THE COUNTRY FROM WHAT IT WAS IN THE '60'S. OUR LEADERSHIP HAS CHANGED. TODAY WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO UNDERSTANDS THE PROMISE OF AMERICA -- THE GREAT PROMISE IT HOLDS OUT TO ITS OWN CITIZENS AND TO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO HAS LOOKED DOWN THE LONG ROAD TO PEACE FOR AMERICA AND THE WORLD. A PRESIDENT WHO HAS RECALLED THIS COUNTRY TO LIFE AND RENEWED IN ITS PEOPLE A SENSE OF THEIR OWN GREATNESS.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE LEFT FOR CHINA, THE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS TO SUPPORT HIM IN HIS JOURNEY. HE ASKED THAT WE PRAY NOT FOR GOD TO BE ON OUR SIDE, BUT THAT "WE MIGHT BE ON GOD'S SIDE."

THE PRESIDENT NEEDS OUR PRAYERS. HE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT IN HIS QUEST FOR THE GOAL WE ALL SHARE -- "A BETTER AMERICA IN A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD."

How I became a Christian.

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3. Stacy
4. W. D. D.
5. Cyrene

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