

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

LINCOLN DAY DINNER
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IN PRESIDENT NIXON'S LINCOLN DAY MESSAGE, HE WROTE 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," WROTE 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.

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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.

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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 INSPIRING 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."

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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 PEACE-TIME 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,

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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.

AS YOU KNOW, AS WE MEET HERE TONIGHT IN KNOXVILLE, THE PRESIDENT IS HALF A WORLD AWAY IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, MEETING WITH ITS LEADERS IN PEKING.

HIS VISIT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY HIS INSIGHT INTO THE NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES OF THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD. AND, TOO, IT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY HIS CAREFUL PREPARATION AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP WHICH LAID THE GROUNDWORK, OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, FOR HIS JOURNEY TO PEKING AND HIS PLANNED TRIP TO MOSCOW NEXT MAY. THE PRESIDENT TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS TO BRING THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO A POINT WHERE THESE TRIPS COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT FEAR THAT AMERICA'S MOTIVE WOULD BE MISINTERPRETED OR OUR RESOLVE UNDERESTIMATED.

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NIXON POLICIES SET STAGE FOR PEACE

HIS DETERMINATION, IN VIETNAM, TO STAND BY OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE THERE, IN SPITE OF THE ENORMOUS, DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES TO YIELD TO THE COMMUNISTS' DEMANDS, PROVED THE RESOLUTENESS OF RICHARD NIXON'S POLICIES.

HIS EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE VITALITY OF OUR DEFENSE ALLIANCES AROUND THE WORLD MET WITH SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS. AND THESE SUCCESSES PROVED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ALONE AND THAT THE SUPPORT OF THE NATIONS OF THE FREE WORLD WAS BEHIND PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICIES.

THE PRESIDENT'S REFUSAL TO LESSEN OUR DEFENSE EFFORTS WHEN SO MANY SAID IT WOULD BE THE POLITICALLY POPULAR COURSE PROVED THAT CONTINUED AMERICAN STRENGTH WAS THE FIRST PREMISE OF THE NIXON POLICIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, HIS DECISION TO ABANDON OUR PRODUCTION AND STOCK-PILING OF BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONRY PROVED THE HUMANENESS OF OUR POLICIES. AND EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT, THE PRESIDENT'S CEASELESS EFFORTS TO WIN THE PEACE IN VIETNAM, TO CONTINUE AND STABILIZE THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- BEGUN AT THE INITIATIVE OF SECRETARY ROGERS -- HIS WILLINGNESS TO GO TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLES AT THE SALT TALKS TO ACHIEVE A LIMITATION

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ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ALL OF THESE AND SIMILAR EFFORTS BY THE PRESIDENT PROVED TO ALL THE WORLD THAT PEACE WAS THE OVERRIDING GOAL OF THE NIXON POLICIES.

FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF HIS FIRST TERM, THE PRESIDENT DEVOTED HIS CONSIDERABLE ENERGIES TO THE PREPARATIONS THAT MADE THE PRESENT JOURNEY FOR PEACE TO PEKING POSSIBLE. AND YET, OF COURSE, WE HEAR FROM SOME OF THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES THAT THESE EFFORTS FIND THEIR INSPIRATION IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS RATHER THAN THE LEGITIMATE DICTATES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OR THE REQUIREMENTS OF SOUND DEFENSE POLICY.

PRESIDENT'S POLICIES RESPONSIVE

THEY ACCUSE THE PRESIDENT -- THESE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES -- OF SEEKING TO DERIVE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE FROM HIS CHINA TRIP, FROM HIS HANDLING OF THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY. IN ONE SENSE, OF COURSE, THEIR CHARGE IS TRUE. IT IS SAID THAT THE BEST POLITICS IS TO HAVE THE BEST POLICIES. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS RIGHT -- AND I BELIEVE IT IS -- THEN TO THAT EXTENT PRESIDENT NIXON IS GUILTY AS CHARGED.

HE HAS CONSCIOUSLY AND WILLFULLY TAILORED HIS POLICIES TO WHAT HE PERCEIVED TO BE THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND BECAUSE HE HAS PERCEIVED THOSE NEEDS AND DESIRES CORRECTLY, HE HAS INDEED DERIVED POLITICAL BENEFIT.

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SO, THE PRESIDENT, IN THIS INSTANCE, IS GUILTY OF THE DEMOCRATS' CHARGES. WHAT IS UNEXPLAINED IS WHY THE DEMOCRATS, WHO ALWAYS TALK SO CONVINCINGLY OF THE NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, ASSAULT THE PRESIDENT WITH THEIR CHARGES AND ACCUSATIONS BECAUSE HE HAS DONE JUST THAT -- LISTENED TO THE PEOPLE AND ACTED ON WHAT HE HEARD.

BUT, IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT THIS PRESIDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS OR SO, IT IS 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.

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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

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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.

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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 DIFFERENCE 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.

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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.

BUT, 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

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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 RE-ELECTION 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 OVER THIS LAND.

1972, AS THE PRESIDENT 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 MAKE 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.

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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 AMERICA CAN BETTER SERVE MANKIND" AND WE MUST WORK NOW TO SECURE HIS REELECTION 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."