

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION
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I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE WITH PEOPLE OF THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION COOPERATIVES, AND I AM GLAD THIS AFTERNOON TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO YOU MY VIEW OF WHAT IS AHEAD POLITICALLY IN THE COMING CAMPAIGN MONTHS. YOU ARE MY KIND OF PEOPLE, AND I DO EVERYTHING I CAN, AND YOU CAN BE SURE I WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, TO HELP YOU DO YOUR VERY IMPORTANT AND EVER ESSENTIAL JOB IN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY.

I AM SURE YOU KNOW, TOO, THAT YOUR JOB IS NOT GOING TO GET ANY EASIER. LET US LOOK QUICKLY AT THE SHEER DIMENSIONS OF THE NEED YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO SERVE. IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, RURAL USE OF ELECTRICITY DOUBLED IN AMERICA. YOUR EFFORTS TO KEEP UP WITH THAT GROWTH ARE COMMENDABLE, AND YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROUD.

BUT, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, NO ONE HAS ANY PLANS TO LET YOU REST. THE BEST ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, RURAL USES OF ELECTRICITY WILL DOUBLE AGAIN IN THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. AND IT IS IN THAT CONTEXT THAT SOME OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING RURAL PROBLEMS TAKE ON GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

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HOPEFUL SIGNS FOR RURAL AMERICA

WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTER OF FUNDS FOR REA LOANS, OF COURSE, WE HAVE THE ENCOURAGING RELEASE RECENTLY OF \$107 MILLION FOR THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION. AND THERE IS REASON TO HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF AN ADDITIONAL REMAINING \$109 MILLION APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS SOMETIME BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

RURAL PROBLEMS CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP WITH THE SAME RAPIDITY AS THE PROBLEMS OF THE NATION GENERALLY, UNLESS THEY ARE MET HEAD ON WITH COUNTERMEASURES FROM THE CONGRESS. IT IS DISMAYING TO NOTE THE DRASTIC DECLINE OF RURAL REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. BUT I PERSONALLY FIND CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM IN THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE HOUSE THIS WEEK IN PASSING A GOOD RURAL DEVELOPMENT BILL THAT IS NOT UNLIKE THE BILL I HAVE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE. AND, OF COURSE, IT IS IN THE SENATE THAT RURAL DWELLERS NOW FIND THEIR INTERESTS BEST GUARDED BECAUSE EVERY SENATOR REPRESENTS HIS WHOLE STATE AND, UNLIKE THE HOUSE, THERE IS NOT ONE MEMBER WHO CAN AFFORD TO FORGET THE NEEDS OF HIS RURAL CONSTITUENTS.

SO I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN EXPECT FINAL PASSAGE OF A SOUND RURAL DEVELOPMENT BILL IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

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AND I AM CONFIDENT, TOO, THAT WE CAN EXPECT TO HAVE THE ONE OTHER PREREQUISITE WITHOUT WHICH WE CANNOT HAVE A GOOD RURAL AND FARM POLICY. THAT PREREQUISITE IS SIMPLY GOOD LEADERSHIP AT THE TOP. AND THAT IS WHAT WE HAVE IN AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ .

I AM SURE YOU REMEMBER THE CONTROVERSY THAT SURROUNDED HIS NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION IN THE SENATE. YOU REMEMBER, I AM SURE, HOW CERTAIN DEMOCRAT SENATORS OPPOSED HIM AND CHARGED THAT HE DID NOT CARE ABOUT FARMERS. THE PASSAGE OF SOME THREE MONTHS HAS NOT MADE IT ANY LESS INCREDIBLE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PARTY THAT GAVE US BIG CITY LAWYER ORVILLE FREEMAN FOR AN AGRICULTURE SECRETARY COULD CRITICIZE THE DEDICATION AND THE COMPETENCY OF EARL BUTZ WHO HAS SPENT HIS LIFE IN AGRICULTURE.

THESE PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY DRAWN A LINE BETWEEN THE URBAN AND THE RURAL AREAS. AND NOW THEY APPARENTLY WANT TO DRAW A LINE DOWN THE CENTER OF AGRICULTURE ITSELF. DIVIDE AND CONQUER IS AN OLD TECHNIQUE, AND THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO DIVIDE THE RURAL AND FARM FORCES IN THIS COUNTRY SO THEY CAN REDIRECT AMERICAN EFFORTS TO NEW ENDS AND DO WHAT THEY EUPHEMISTICALLY CALL REORDERING OUR PRIORITIES AS IF THE INTERESTS OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INTERESTS GENERALLY WERE SOMETHING LESS THAN A FIRST PRIORITY IN THIS COUNTRY.

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THE PASSAGE OF TIME HAS DULLED THE VOICES OF OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, AND IT HAS PROVED THE ABILITY OF SECRETARY BUTZ. HIS POLICIES HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR THE FARMER. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.

EARL BUTZ UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD PROGRAMS TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF AMERICA'S FARMERS. HE SERVES IN AN ADMINISTRATION THAT UNDERSTANDS THAT FUNDAMENTAL FACT OF AMERICA'S ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LIFE.

AND SINCE HE ASSUMED THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY, HE HAS ACTED ON THE UNDERSTANDING -- WITH COMPETENCE AND WITH DETERMINATION.

THE SIGNS ARE GOOD. HOG PRICES HAVE RISEN \$10 OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURES. SOYBEANS ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

CATTLE PRICES ARE RISING. CORN AND GRAIN PRICES ARE RISING. BUT, OF COURSE, THEY HAVE YET TO REGAIN THE LEVELS THEY WERE AT 20 YEARS AGO. CATTLE PRICES ARE THE SOLE EXCEPTION TO THAT, AND THEY REACHED THAT LESS THAN LOFTY PEAK ONLY LAST MONTH. BUT, I REPEAT, THE SIGNS ARE GOOD. AND EARL BUTZ KNOWS HOW TO READ THE SIGNS AND BUILD ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS. HIS NEWLY ANNOUNCED POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE OF CORN IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE LEADERSHIP WE ARE GETTING AT THE TOP IN AGRICULTURE.

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AND HE IS STANDING UP FOR THE AMERICAN CATTLEMEN IN OPPOSING THOSE NARROW CONSUMER INTERESTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS ABOLISHED JUST AT THE TIME WHEN THE CATTLEMAN IS BEGINNING TO OVERCOME THE TWENTY YEAR HISTORY OF LOW PRICES.

HE OBTAINED THE RELEASE OF OVER \$55.5 MILLION IN FUNDS FOR THE REAP PROGRAMS.

HE HAS SPOKEN UP LOUDLY FOR THE FARMER ACROSS AMERICA AND IN THE AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT. HE HAS MADE IT KNOWN HOW MUCH THE FARMER HAS LOST -- ONE BILLION DOLLARS -- FROM THE RECENT DOCK STRIKE AND HOW MUCH THE AMERICAN FARMER RISKS LOSING UNLESS HE CONTINUES TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND YOU AND I KNOW HOW MUCH THE FARMER STANDS TO LOSE IF LEADERSHIP THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS PROVIDED FAILS TO CONTINUE.

FUTURE DIRECTION OF OUR COUNTRY IMPORTANT

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE CHOICE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL MAKE IN NOVEMBER WHEN THEY VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTS MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY THEIR DECISION ON WHO WILL OCCUPY THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

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I TRULY BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS AT STAKE NOW, IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND IN THE FALL ELECTION, IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THIS COUNTRY -- AND THE WORLD -- DURING THE COURSE OF THE REST OF THIS CENTURY.

I AM SURE THAT SOUNDS LIKE JUST ANOTHER POLITICAL STATEMENT AND THAT BY NOW YOU ARE ALL WELL ACCUSTOMED TO HEARING POLITICIANS REFER TO ELECTIONS IN THIS WAY. EVERY ELECTION IS SAID TO BE CRUCIAL BY ITS PARTICIPANTS. AND EVEN IF IT WERE NOT, ONE CAN HARDLY EXPECT TO BE TOLD BY POLITICIANS THAT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHOM YOU VOTE FOR OR WHICH PARTY YOU SUPPORT.

SO PHRASES LIKE "FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY" AND "CRITICAL TEST" AND "AMERICAN DESTINY" SEEM TO POP UP IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND POP OUT OF POLITICIANS' MOUTHS WITH INCREASING EASE AND FREQUENCY EVERY FOUR YEARS AT ABOUT THIS TIME.

VOTERS' CHOICE IN NOVEMBER A FUNDAMENTAL ONE

BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THAT CLICHED AS THESE TERMS MAY BE, THEY TAKE ON, IN MY VIEW, A NEW URGENCY AND SPECIAL MEANING IN THIS CAMPAIGN OF 1972.

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CRUCIAL AS OUR CHOICE OF PRESIDENT IS, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ELECTIONS IN THE FALL GOES FAR BEYOND OUR DESIGNATION OF ONE MAN TO HEAD OUR GOVERNMENT AND LEAD OUR NATION. EVEN NOW, BEFORE THE DEMOCRATS HAVE SETTLED ON A SINGLE, AGREED-UPON CANDIDATE, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT THE AMERICAN VOTER WILL FACE A CHOICE NOT JUST BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT, BUT BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING PHILOSOPHIES OF GOVERNMENT AND TWO DIFFERENT PERCEPTIONS OF AMERICA, OF ITS GREATNESS AND OF ITS POTENTIAL.

AND THE REAL TEST OF THESE PHILOSOPHIES AND THESE PERCEPTIONS LIES NOT SO MUCH IN WHAT MAY BE SAID HERE TODAY OR WHAT MAY BE SAID DURING THE CAMPAIGN, AS IT LIES IN WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HEADED BY RICHARD NIXON AND HOW THAT COMPARES WITH THE PAST PERFORMANCE OF RECENT DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS.

DEMOCRAT PHILOSOPHY FLAWED

IN THE SIXTIES, A PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT HELD SWAY OVER TWO ADMINISTRATIONS THAT ACCEPTED THE UNQUESTIONED WISDOM AND SUPERIORITY OF WASHINGTON AS THE FIRST PREMISE FOR ALL OF THEIR POLICIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC. IT WAS A PHILOSOPHY THAT PERCEIVED THE WORLD AS SUSCEPTIBLE TO AMERICAN CONTROL AND PERCEIVED THE COUNTRY AS THE PROPER PRESERVE OF FEDERAL DOMINATION.

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IN FOREIGN POLICY, IT PRESUMED AMERICAN OMNIPOTENCE. IN WORDS YOU MAY REMEMBER, WORDS OF NOBLE INTENT AND SINCERE PURPOSE, IT COMMITTED THIS COUNTRY TO "BEAR ANY BURDEN, FIGHT ANY FOE FOR THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD". UNREALISTICALLY AND SHORTSIGHTEDLY, IT MADE THE ASSUMPTION THAT AMERICA ALONE POSSESSED THE WILL AND THE CAPABILITY EQUAL TO THAT TASK. AND PERHAPS ARROGANTLY, IT ASSUMED THAT WE COULD EXPECT NO SUPPORT FROM OUR ALLIES AND INDEED THAT EVEN THE PEOPLE WHOSE LIBERTIES MIGHT BE THREATENED COULD NOT THEMSELVES BE RELIED UPON TO SHARE MEANINGFULLY IN THE BURDEN OF THEIR OWN DEFENSE.

WHILE I CANNOT QUARREL WITH THE SINCERITY OR THE NOBILITY OF SUCH A PURPOSE, I MUST SERIOUSLY QUESTION IT ON GROUNDS OF ITS RESULTS.

IT GAVE US A WAY INTO VIETNAM, AND HAVING ONCE GOTTEN US THERE, IT COULD SUGGEST NO WAY OUT. INTENDED AS A RALLYING CRY IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM, IN THE END IT SERVED ONLY TO DISORIENT THE FORCES OF FREEDOM AND DISPIRIT AN ENTIRE NATION.

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GREAT SOCIETY ROOTED IN FANTASY

IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, AS WELL, THE FOCUS WAS ON THE SUPPOSED CAPACITY OF WASHINGTON TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS FOR US. IT WAS THE MYTH OF FEDERAL OMNISCIENCE IN DOMESTIC PROBLEM SOLVING, AS IT HAD BEEN THE MYTH OF AMERICAN OMNIPOTENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY, THAT MOTIVATED AND INSPIRED THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN WASHINGTON.

AND OUR DOMESTIC POLICIES, IN THE LAST DECADE, ROOTED IN FANTASY AND INSPIRED BY MYTHS, FOUND THEIR EXPRESSION IN THE RHETORIC OF COMBAT. THE GOVERNMENT DECLARED WAR ON POVERTY AND AMERICANS WERE ENLISTED IN THE BATTLE TO BUILD THE GREAT SOCIETY IN THE WAR TO MAKE AMERICA SAFE FOR THE SOCIAL PLANNERS. HERE AGAIN, IT IS NOT MY PURPOSE TO QUESTION MOTIVES OR THE SINCERITY OF THESE POLICIES. ONLY TO REGRET THEIR RESULTS.

DEMOS PROTEST TOO MUCH

FOR THEY GAVE US MORE THAN ENOUGH OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS AND FAR TOO LITTLE SUCCESS, AND THEY BROUGHT THE EXERCISE OF GOVERNMENT BY EXPERIMENT TO NEW AND PREVIOUSLY UNDREAMT OF HEIGHTS.

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THE SINGLE ASSUMPTION UNDERPINNING ALL OF THE POLICIES OF THOSE ELECTED DEMOCRAT LEADERS WHEN THEY WERE IN CHARGE OF GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON WAS THAT THEY ALONE KNEW, AND THAT THEY ALONE COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO WHAT WAS BEST FOR US, FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

AND NOW, TODAY, THEY TELL US ABOUT THE POLITICS OF TRUST. IT IS, THEY SAY, THE ISSUE IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN. AND I TAKE ONLY SLIGHT EXCEPTION TO THAT. WHAT STRIKES ME AS ODD -- OR PERHAPS MORE ACCURATELY, IT STRIKES ME AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THAT FLAWED DEMOCRAT PERCEPTION OF AMERICA THAT I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING OF -- IS THE CONDESCENSION THEIR TALK OF TRUST IMPLIES. IN THEIR VIEW, I ASSUME, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE TO BE TOLD THAT TRUST IS IMPORTANT. THIS IS LUDICROUS. OF COURSE, TRUST IS AN ISSUE. IT HAS BEEN IN EVERY AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND I EXPECT IT ALWAYS WILL BE.

TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IS ALWAYS THE FIRST CONSIDERATION OF THE AMERICAN VOTER. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT. WHAT IS SO ILLUMINATING ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS' NEW FOUND CONCERN WITH IT AND THEIR GENERAL TENDENCY TO TALK ABOUT IT JUST A LITTLE TOO MUCH -- TO PROTEST THEIR OWN TRUSTWORTHINESS JUST A LITTLE TOO MUCH -- IS THE FACT THAT IT ALMOST APPEARS THAT THEY THINK THEY HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING NEW IN AMERICAN POLITICS. ONE MIGHT GUESS, IN FACT, AFTER

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OUR EXPERIENCE OF THEIR FAILURES IN THE LAST DECADE, THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED SOMETHING NEW -- NEW FOR THEM AT LEAST -- IN THIS ISSUE OF TRUST.

TRUST WORKS BOTH WAYS

WHAT THE DEMOCRATS STILL FAIL TO UNDERSTAND, WHAT THEY SEEM STILL TO BE UNABLE TO COMPREHEND, IS THAT TRUST IS SUPPOSED TO WORK BOTH WAYS IN A SOCIETY WITH A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM LIKE OURS. SO FAR, IN THIS CAMPAIGN, AS IN THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE ASKED US ONLY TO TRUST THEM.

THERE IS NO INDICATION AS YET THAT THEY WOULD EVER BE SO BENEVOLENT AS TO TRUST US, ONCE IN A WHILE, TO DO FOR OURSELVES WHAT WE THINK BEST. DEEP DOWN, I SUSPECT, MOST OF THE CURRENT DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES DO NOT REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE QUITE READY YET FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT. WHAT WE NEED FIRST, IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION, IS A PERIOD OF BENIGN DEMOCRAT RULE TO PREPARE US FOR DEMOCRACY.

OF COURSE, TRUST IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. I JUST DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WILL WORK IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO CAPITALIZE ON IT. IT IS THE SORT OF MUTUAL TRUST THAT I HAVE SPOKEN OF, TRUST OF THE GOVERNED BY A GOVERNMENT WHICH IN TURN HAS CONFIDENCE IN ITS PEOPLE, THAT IS THE ISSUE. AND IT IS THIS SORT OF TRUST WHICH IS SO LARGE A COMPONENT OF LEADERSHIP. IT IS

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IMAGINATION, INTELLIGENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPONSIVENESS, AND TRUST WHICH DEFINE THE LARGER ISSUE IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN POLITICS AND THE LARGER REQUIREMENT FOR AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT. FOR ALL OF THESE THINGS TOGETHER -- IMAGINATION, INTELLIGENCE, TRUST, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS -- COMPRISE THE VERY DEFINITION OF LEADERSHIP. AND IT IS LEADERSHIP WHICH, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IS THE MAJOR ISSUE IN THIS CAMPAIGN.

NIXON ADDRESSES REAL ISSUE -- LEADERSHIP

AND, IN MY VIEW, RICHARD NIXON, BY HIS RECORD OF PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, HAS IN A VERY REAL AND RESPONSIBLE WAY, PRE-EMPTED THAT ISSUE OF LEADERSHIP.

TAKE A LOOK AT THE RECORD OF THIS REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT AND OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. THERE IS A PATTERN OF REPEATED SUCCESS, AND THERE EMERGES, AS WELL, A COHERENT PHILOSOPHY TO EXPLAIN THAT PATTERN.

ON THE FOREIGN POLICY FRONT, THERE HAS BEEN A PATTERN OF PEACE AND OF EFFORTS TO SECURE FURTHER PEACE, AND THAT PATTERN ALLOWS US NOW TO DARE TO HOPE -- AND REALISTICALLY TO WORK -- TOWARD A GOAL WE ALL SHARE -- A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND.

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THE CHINA TRIP, JUST COMPLETED, AND THE PLANNED JOURNEY TO THE SUMMIT IN MOSCOW NEXT MAY, WOULD ALONE BE ADEQUATE PROOF OF THIS PRESIDENT'S RESOLVE TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND EASE THE CHANCES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT. BY THESE TWO TRIPS ALONE, RICHARD NIXON IS PROVING THAT IT IS HIS OFFICIAL POLICY AND HIS PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO "GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR PEACE".

PAINSTAKING EFFORTS FOR PEACE

BUT, OF COURSE, THESE TWO TRIPS DO NOT STAND ALONE AMONG THE PAINSTAKING EFFORTS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION TO REMOVE WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR FROM AMERICA'S FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD.

THE HISTORY OF OUR POLICY IN VIETNAM SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE IN 1969 HAS BEEN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN EFFORTS TO WIN THE PEACE. THROUGH VIETNAMIZATION, THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS, AND THROUGH THE EXTRAORDINARY PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED FOR THIRTY MONTHS BY FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER HENRY KISSINGER, THIS PRESIDENT HAS MOVED THE SITUATION IN THAT WARTORN AND TROUBLED AREA OF THE WORLD CLOSER AND CLOSER TO ITS ONLY ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION -- AN END TO THE CONFLICT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND HONORABLE PEACE.

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AND, TOO, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THERE IS TODAY A TENUOUS BUT ENDURING
CEASE-FIRE ESTABLISHED AT THE INITIATIVE OF SECRETARY ROGERS.

IN BERLIN, WE ACHIEVED A MOMENTOUS FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT.

IN VIENNA AND HELSINKI, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD'S TWO GREATEST
NUCLEAR POWERS -- POTENTIAL ENEMIES THOUGH THEY ARE -- HAVE MET IN HISTORIC
NEGOTIATIONS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO LIMIT THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. THERE HAVE
ALREADY BEEN SOME LIMITED SUCCESSES THERE AND GOOD REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR A SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT WHEN THEY RESUME DISCUSSIONS
IN MAY.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS TERMINATED THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL
WEAPONS OF WAR AND HAS BEGUN TO ELIMINATE THE STOCKPILES OF THESE MENACING
MATERIALS.

WE HAVE A NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND AN AGREEMENT TO BAN NU-
CLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR.

PARTNERSHIP ASSURES STRENGTH

AND ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AGAINST A BACKDROP OF CONTINUED
AMERICAN STRENGTH AND THE RENEWED STRENGTH OF OUR DEFENSE ALLIANCES. PRESI-
DENT NIXON UNDERSTANDS THE NECESSITY TO STAY STRONG NOT JUST IN TIMES OF CON-
FLICT, BUT IN TIMES OF LESSENING CONFLICT AND DIMINISHING TENSIONS, AS WELL.

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HE UNDERSTANDS, IN FACT, THAT HIS MOVES IN THE DIRECTION OF PEACE HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE NOT IN SPITE OF THAT STRENGTH, BUT PRECISELY BECAUSE OF IT. AND HE UNDERSTANDS, AS HAS NO AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN THE PAST DOZEN YEARS, HOW IMPORTANT TO THAT STRENGTH IS THE CREDIBILITY AND THE VIABILITY OF OUR ALLIANCES. STRENGTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION IS A KEYSTONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICIES. THE SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THOSE POLICIES IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND DAYS, IS COMPELLING TESTIMONY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF RICHARD NIXON, HIS UNDERSTANDING OF WORLD REALITIES AND OF THE VALIDITY OF THE THEME OF PARTNERSHIP IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

AND THAT THEME CHARACTERIZES HIS DOMESTIC POLICIES AND MARKS THEM FOR SUCCESS EQUAL TO HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE MOST OBVIOUS INDICATOR OF THE PARTNERSHIP THEME IN THE DOMESTIC POLICIES OF THIS PRESIDENT IS THE REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL HE INTRODUCED TO AN AS YET UNRESPONSIVE CONGRESS LAST YEAR. IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE DEMOCRAT FASCINATION WITH ACCELERATING THE FLOW OF POWER FROM THE PEOPLE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON, THIS PROPOSAL IS BUILT ON THE COUNTER PREMISE THAT IT IS TIME FOR THAT FLOW TO BE REVERSED. FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BEGIN TO RELINQUISH SOME OF THE CONTROL OVER LOCAL MATTERS WHICH IT HAS ASSUMED IN RECENT YEARS AND GIVE IT BACK TO LOCAL PEOPLE WHO KNOW BEST THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND CAN BEST WORK OUT THE SOLUTIONS TO THEM.

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BUT REVENUE SHARING IS NOT THE SOLE EXAMPLE OF THE NIXON POLICY OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP, NOR IS THAT THEME RESERVED FOR UNPASSED PROPOSALS WHICH AWAIT THEIR FATE AT THE HANDS OF THE DEMOCRAT-DOMINATED CONGRESS.

THE RECORD OF THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IS A RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND PROGRESS. AND THE MANY NOTABLE SUCCESSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION ARE CHARACTERIZED BY THE FACT THAT ALL DEPENDED UPON THE WILLING COOPERATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF A VARIETY OF AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND OF GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS.

THE PRESIDENT IS WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. HE IS DOING IT THE ONLY REALISTIC WAY IT IS POSSIBLE -- WITH THE SUPPORT OF AMERICANS ACROSS THIS LAND. WHEN HE INVOKED WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS, HE REFUSED TO TAKE A COURSE OF ACTION THAT MANY PEOPLE HAD URGED UPON HIM. HE REFUSED TO ESTABLISH A MASSIVE ARMY OF FEDERAL BUREAUCRATS TO ENFORCE THE CONTROLS. INSTEAD, HE CALLED UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AT LARGE TO FUNCTION AS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ARMY OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND TO MAKE, BY THEIR GOOD WILL AND COOPERATION -- BY THEIR PARTNERSHIP -- A VICTORY FOR US ALL AGAINST THE RAMPANT INFLATION THAT FOR TOO LONG HAS ROBBED THE POCKETS OF ALL AMERICANS.

AND, TOO, PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DESEGREGATED MORE SCHOOLS THAN ANY PRESIDENT IN HISTORY. THIS WAS DONE PEACEFULLY AND WITH

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ALMOST NONE OF THE DISRUPTION THAT HAD MARKED SIMILAR EFFORTS OF PREVIOUS CHIEF EXECUTIVES. AND THE ONE THING THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE WAS THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESIDENT TO ENLIST AND RELY UPON THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IN THIS EFFORT.

I BELIEVE THAT THE APPEAL OF THIS PRESIDENT FOR THE SUPPORT AND ACTIVE COOPERATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR THEIR PRAYERS IN WHAT THEY CANNOT BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN AND FOR THEIR WORK IN WHAT THEY CAN, IS THE ONLY PROPER POSTURE FOR AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO TAKE. IT IS, INDEED, THE ONLY POSTURE CONSISTENT WITH OUR AMERICAN TRADITION.

AND IT IS THE ONLY WAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE THE GOALS THEY HAVE SET FOR THEMSELVES -- A BETTER AMERICA AND A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS OF A FULL GENERATION OF PEACE AND OF REAL PROSPERITY WITHOUT INFLATION. THESE ARE THE GOALS HE HAS SET FOR HIMSELF AND FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION. BUT THEY ARE NOT GOALS HE HAS IMPOSED ON AMERICA. THEY ARE THE VERY GOALS WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM THE CONSENSUS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY ARE WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY WANT AND HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT THEIR ELECTED LEADERS TO WORK FOR.

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THOSE WHO WOULD DISCOUNT THEM AS UNREALISTIC OR UNATTAINABLE, THOSE DEMOCRATS WHO WOULD TRY TO DISCREDIT THEM AS POLITICAL RHETORIC, FAIL TO PERCEIVE THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF OUR PEOPLE, JUST AS THEY FAILED TO PERCEIVE THE NEEDS AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF A CHANGING WORLD WHEN -- IN THE SIXTIES -- THEY HAD A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

THIS PRESIDENT -- RICHARD NIXON -- HAS, DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, DONE MORE ABOUT IT -- DONE MORE TO WIN THE PEACE AND RESTORE PEACE-TIME PROSPERITY -- THAN ANY PRESIDENT IN THIS CENTURY.

HE HAS MADE A GOOD BEGINNING IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF HIS FIRST TERM TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF AMERICA'S OBJECTIVES. HE DESERVES OUR SUPPORT THIS FALL IN THE NATIONAL ELECTION SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE IN THE WORK HE HAS BEGUN AND CONTINUE THE PROGRESS HE HAS MADE.