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REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE

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YOU KNOW I DO A LOT OF TRAVELING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, MEETING WITH REPUBLICANS FROM ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. I WOULD NOT WANT TO NEGLECT THOSE MANY REPUBLICANS LIKE YOURSELVES, DEDICATED AND PREPARED TO WORK HARD IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN, WHO HAPPEN TO BE RIGHT IN MY OWN BACKYARD.

SO I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS MORNING AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU FOR A FEW MOMENTS THE IMPORTANT CHALLENGE AHEAD FOR THOSE OF US WHO INTEND TO WORK FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF RICHARD NIXON AND FOR A GENERAL REPUBLICAN VICTORY AT THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER.

HARD WORK AHEAD

OUR EFFORTS TO THAT END MUST, OF NECESSITY, BE WELL-PLANNED AND ENERGETICALLY PURSUED. IF THEY ARE ANYTHING LESS -- IF WE ALLOW THEM TO BE ANYTHING LESS BECAUSE WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE OVERLY CONFIDENT OF VICTORY -- THEN WE RUN TOO GREAT A RISK OF DEFEAT.

DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND. I DON'T WANT TO SOUND SOMBER OR PESSIMISTIC. QUITE THE CONTRARY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT NOVEMBER IS GOING TO BRING THE

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RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICTORIES FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY. BUT MY CONFIDENCE IS CONDITIONAL. IT IS CONTINGENT UPON YOUR HELP. WE CAN WIN A BIG VICTORY IN THE FALL. WE WILL WIN IN NOVEMBER, PROVIDED THAT WE ALL DO OUR PART. RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE FOR SUCCESS.

THE PRESIDENT, OF COURSE, IS DOING HIS PART. HE HAS COMPILED A RECORD OF PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS WHICH SHOULD MAKE IT EASY FOR US TO BUILD A WINNING CAMPAIGN. IN THREE SHORT YEARS, HE HAS TAKEN US FURTHER, FASTER, TOWARD THE GOALS WE ALL SHARE, THAN ANY PRESIDENT IN RECENT MEMORY. BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS RECORD IS KNOWN. WE HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD. AND WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE VOTERS DO NOT GET TAKEN IN BY THE MISREPRESENTATION OF THE DEMOCRATS WHO WOULD MAKE OF PEACE A PARTISAN ISSUE AND OF PROSPERITY A POLITICAL FOOTBALL.

IN THIS, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF WORK AHEAD OF US. A GREAT MANY THINGS FOR US ALL TO DO.

OUR JOB WON'T BE EASY. THE EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE SOUND NIXON RECORD IS JUST NOW SWINGING INTO HIGH GEAR.

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ONE THREAT TO VICTORY

WE MUST NEVER MAKE THE MISTAKE OF ASSUMING THAT BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW MUCH RICHARD NIXON HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR THIS COUNTRY, EVERYONE ELSE MUST KNOW IT, TOO. IN THIS CAMPAIGN, NO ASSUMPTION IS MORE DANGEROUS OR A BIGGER THREAT TO VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

YOU CANNOT ASSUME, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THE NIXON POLICY HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN VIETNAM, THAT EVERYONE KNOWS IT. THERE MAY BE MANY -- I AM SURE THERE ARE SOME -- WHO DON'T KNOW THAT BY MAY 1 ALMOST HALF A MILLION OF OUR SERVICEMEN WILL HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HOME FROM VIETNAM.

YOU CANNOT ASSUME THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT OF OUR FORCES THERE NOW, LESS THAN TEN PERCENT ARE COMBAT TROOPS. THEY MAY NOT KNOW THAT THE RATE OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ONLY A FRACTION OF WHAT IT WAS IN 1968 BEFORE THE PRESIDENT WAS INAUGURATED. AND IF THEY DON'T KNOW, THEY MUST BE TOLD. AND WE MUST TELL THEM.

VIETNAM

THE NEWS FROM VIETNAM IN RECENT DAYS HAS CENTERED ON THE BOMBING RAIDS BY AMERICAN PLANES ON THE STRATEGIC TARGETS AROUND THE CITIES OF HANOI AND HAIPHONG.

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THE PRESS ACCOUNTS GIVE THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS THE ONLY DEVELOPMENT OF ANY REAL IMPORTANCE THAT HAS HAPPENED THERE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. AND SOME OF THE PRESS SEEMS ALMOST PLEASED TO REPORT THEIR INTERPRETATION AND "ANALYSIS" THAT THE RENEWED AIR OFFENSIVE IS PROOF OF WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING ABOUT VIETNAMIZATION ALL ALONG -- THAT IT COULD NOT WORK.

BUT THAT ANALYSIS IS WRONG AND THEIR INTERPRETATION IS MISINTERPRETATION, AS THE SUCCESSES OF THE ARMY OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS PROVEN IN AN LOC AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE.

BUT YOU CAN'T ASSUME THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT. AND ESPECIALLY, YOU CAN'T ASSUME THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT WHILE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN INVADING THE SOUTH AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY DEFENDING THEMSELVES -- AT THE SAME TIME AMERICAN MEN HAVE BEEN RETURNING HOME, JUST AS THE PRESIDENT SAID THEY WOULD, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.

NOT EVERYONE KNOWS, AND THEY WON'T UNLESS YOU TELL THEM THAT IN SPITE OF THE RENEWED FIGHTING, THE PRESIDENT IS STILL DETERMINED TO MEET HIS OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN GROUND FORCES IN VIETNAM TO 69,000 BY MAY FIRST. AND HE IS TAKING THE NECESSARY ACTION TO MEET THAT OBJECTIVE AS IS INDICATED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF AN ADDITIONAL TEN THOUSAND TROOPS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, EVEN DURING THE INVASION FROM THE NORTH.

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AND YOU CANNOT ASSUME THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE SUCCESSES OF THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES, THAT EVERYONE KNOWS HOW WELL THEY ARE WORKING. THE PRESIDENT PROMISED A WINNING BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION, AND HE IS FULFILLING THAT PROMISE.

SO DON'T ASSUME THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT RECORD OR UNDERSTANDS WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THE POLITICALLY INSPIRED RESIGNATION OF FOUR OF THE COUNTRY'S LABOR LEADERS FROM THE NATIONAL PAY BOARD WAS A MOVE CAREFULLY CALCULATED TO MAKE SURE THE VOTERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE RECORD. IT WAS A POLITICAL MOVE. NOTHING LESS. AND IT IS ONLY A BEGINNING IN A GROWING EFFORT TO SLANDER THE RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.

IT IS OUR JOB TO SEE TO IT THAT THIS AND OTHER CALLOUS ACTIONS TO CONFUSE THE ELECTORATE FAIL. AND THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT IS TO GET OUR MESSAGE OUT. INFLATION IS FALLING, WHATEVER GEORGE MEANY MAY SAY OR DO. EMPLOYMENT IS RISING. WE ARE WELL ON THE ROAD TO PEACETIME PROSPERITY AND FULL RECOVERY FROM THE WARTIME ECONOMIC DISARRAY LEFT OVER FROM THE DEMOCRAT SIXTIES.

THE DEMOCRATS KNOW THAT THEIR ONLY HOPES FOR SUCCESS LIE IN TRYING TO CONVINCE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS FAILED THEM. WE KNOW THE FACTS DON'T SUPPORT THAT ASSERTION, SO WE MUST MAKE THESE FACTS KNOWN.

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DON'T ASSUME THAT EVEN THE MOST OBVIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS PRESIDENT WILL ESCAPE THE CARPING NEGATIVISM OF THE DEMOCRATS. NOT HIS EFFORTS TO WIN THE WAR, NOT HIS VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST INFLATION, NOT HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, NOT EVEN HIS SELFLESS PURSUIT OF PEACE -- NOT ANY OF THE BOLD INITIATIVES AND GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON -- WILL BE IMMUNE FROM THE POLITICAL POTSHOTS AND ELECTION YEAR MISREPRESENTATION OF THE DEMOCRATS.

THAT IS THE REAL MEANING OF THE LABOR LEADERS' RESIGNATION FROM THE PAY BOARD. IT IS THE REAL EXPLANATION FOR THE DEMOCRATS EFFORTS TO TURN A SENATE COMMITTEE INTO A FORUM FOR LIBELING THE GOOD NAME OF GOOD MEN IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE NO REAL ISSUES TO RUN ON. SO THEY HAVE FABRICATED A FEW FALSE ISSUES FASHIONED OUT OF THEIR OWN AMBITION FOR POWER AND PARTISAN GAIN.

THEIR EFFORTS ARE PETTY,,,THEIR SELFISH MOTIVATION TRANSPARENT. BUT THE EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE THE MOTIVATION IS TOO STRONG. BUT IT IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS ADMINISTRATION IF ONLY WE WORK HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE IT KNOWN.

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THREE YEARS OF PROGRESS

SO DON'T ASSUME ANYTHING. DON'T ASSUME THAT EVERYONE KNOWS, AS WE DO, THAT IN JUST THREE YEARS, RICHARD NIXON HAS APPOINTED MORE WOMEN TO HIGH LEVEL POLICY MAKING POSITIONS IN WASHINGTON THAN DID HIS PREDECESSOR IN 62 MONTHS IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY MAY NOT KNOW, AND IF WE DON'T TELL THEM, THEY MAY NEVER KNOW.

EVEN IF WE DO ASSUME THAT BY NOW ALMOST EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT THE SENATE PASSED THE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN AMENDMENT, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THE LEADERSHIP ROLE THE PRESIDENT PLAYED IN SECURING ITS PASSAGE. AND WE CAN BE SURE THE DEMOCRATS WILL TRY TO DISGUISE IT. I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE AWARE THAT BEFORE THE SENATE ACTED, THE PRESIDENT MADE A STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE -- REITERATING HIS LONG HELD POSITION IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT -- AND THAT HIS SUPPORT IS WIDELY CREDITED WITH ENSURING ITS LOPSIDED VICTORY IN THE SENATE.

IN EVERY CASE I HAVE CITED, WE MUST ACT AS IF NO ONE KNOWS THE RECORD. WE MUST TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE STORY OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. BECAUSE IF ONLY ONE VOTER FAILS TO GET THE MESSAGE, IF ONLY ONE CITIZEN IN YOUR STATE OR YOUR COMMUNITY OR YOUR PRECINCT GOES TO THE POLLS UNAWARE OF WHAT RICHARD NIXON HAS ACCOMPLISHED, THEN WE HAVE NOT DONE OUR JOB AND WE RUN THE REAL RISK OF DEFEAT.

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EACH VOTE DOES COUNT

I KNOW THAT WE ALL HAVE THE FEELING -- WE CANNOT DENY IT SOMEHOW -- THAT ONE VOTE HERE AND THERE IS NOT REALLY GOING TO MATTER. WE ALL KNOW THAT ONE VOTE SEEMS SMALL AND RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT AMONG THE MILLIONS THAT WILL BE CAST IN NOVEMBER. BUT WE OUGHT TO REMEMBER THAT THE HISTORY OF RECENT ELECTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, HAS BEEN A HISTORY OF CLOSE RACES AND NARROW VICTORIES AND NARROW DEFEATS.

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT RICHARD NIXON LOST TO JOHN KENNEDY IN 1960 BY AN AVERAGE, NATIONWIDE, OF LESS THAN ONE VOTE PER PRECINCT.

IN 1968, HE DEFEATED HUBERT HUMPHREY BY ONLY HALF A MILLION VOTES AND ON A NATIONAL AVERAGE, A SWITCH OF ABOUT THREE VOTES PER PRECINCT WOULD HAVE REVERSED THE POPULAR VOTE RESULT. IT HAS BEEN THE SAME IN SENATORIAL RACES, IN MAYORALTY RACES, IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS, STATE ELECTIONS, LOCAL ELECTIONS, ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY.

AND IN THAT CONTEXT, THE ONE VOTER WE MAY MISS, THE ONE WE FAIL TO CONTACT OR FORGET TO CALL AGAIN TAKES ON A WHOLE NEW IMPORTANCE. THE ONE VOTER WHO DOESN'T GET THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PRECINCT ADDED TO THE ONE WHO ISN'T CONTACTED IN ANOTHER RPECINCT ADDED TO ANOTHER AND STILL ANOTHER, CAN ADD UP TO A MARGIN OF DEFEAT.

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AFTER THE ELECTIONS, IT WILL BE TOO LATE. AFTER THE ELECTIONS, IT WILL BE USELESS IF ONLY THEN WE REALIZE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE DONE A LITTLE BETTER AT VOTER REGISTRATION, OR AT RAISING FUNDS OR AT CONTACTING INDEPENDENTS OR TURNING OUT THE REPUBLICAN VOTE ON ELECTION DAY.

THE STAKES IN THIS CAMPAIGN ARE TOO GREAT TO INDULGE OURSELVES IN APATHY OR OVERCONFIDENCE. FAR TOO MUCH HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

VOTERS FACE BASIC CHOICE

FOR IT IS OBVIOUS EVEN NOW, BEFORE THE DEMOCRATS HAVE AGREED UPON A CANDIDATE -- THAT WHICHEVER MAN THEY CHOOSE FROM THEIR LONG LIST OF POSSIBILITIES -- HE IS GOING TO REPRESENT A VERY DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT AND EVEN A DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA THAN THAT WHICH HAS BEEN EVIDENCED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

THE CHOICE THE VOTERS WILL MAKE IN THE FALL IS GOING TO BE A FUNDAMENTAL ONE -- BETWEEN MORE OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE ENJOYED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS OR A RETURN TO THE BANKRUPT AND INEFFECTIVE POLICIES OF THE DEMOCRATS, THE POLICIES THAT PREVAILED IN THE SIXTIES.

FOR TOO LONG IN AMERICA, THE ISSUES WE FACE HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US IN EMOTIONAL TERMS. FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE BEEN URGED BY POLITICIANS NOT SO MUCH TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, AS TO VOICE OUR CONCERN OVER THEM OR TO

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PROTEST OUR INDIGNATION. BUT THE SAD EXPERIENCES OF THE SIXTIES, THE RIOTS AND CAMPUS DISORDERS PROVED TO US ALL THAT A NATION LIKE OURS, USED TO CALM DELIBERATION AND CAREFUL PROBLEM SOLVING ACTION, CANNOT LIVE CONSTANTLY ON A HIGH EMOTIONAL EDGE WITHOUT SOMEONE GETTING HURT, WITHOUT, IN FACT, A REAL THREAT TO THE VERY FUTURE OF THIS SOCIETY. BUT THAT IS HOW WE WERE ENCOURAGED TO VIEW THE PROBLEMS WE FACED -- THE WAR, DESEGREGATION, POLLUTION, URBAN PROBLEMS AND UNEMPLOYMENT. FOR FAR TOO LONG WE WERE TOLD THAT GOVERNMENT WAS BEST WHICH CARED THE MOST, OR THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEST WHICH PROMISED THE MOST.

BIG PROMISES FALSE TEST OF GOOD GOVERNMENT

THERE IS ONE LESSON THE DEMOCRATS SEEM TO NEVER LEARN. GOOD GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NOW AND NEVER HAS CONSISTED IN THE ABILITY TO MAKE PROMISES. IT CONSISTS IN THE ABILITY TO KEEP PROMISES. IN PUBLIC POLICY, THE TRUE TEST -- THE CRITERIA BY WHICH WE HOLD OUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE -- IS THE TEST OF RESULTS. THAT IS THE ONLY VALID TEST OF AN ADMINISTRATION AND IT IS A TEST FOR WHICH THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION UNDER RICHARD NIXON HAS SET A NEW STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.

RICHARD NIXON CARES ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THIS COUNTRY. I KNOW OF NO MAN MORE COMMITTED TO THEIR SOLUTION THAN HE. BUT ALL THE CARING IN THE WORLD WON'T STOP INFALTION. ALL THE COMPASSION AND SINCERITY A MAN

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CAN MUSTER WON'T STOP CRIME OR DESEGREGATE SCHOOLS OR END A WAR OR
RESTORE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

CONCERN IS A NECESSARY FIRST STEP. BUT IT IS USELESS IF IT IS
NOT ACCOMPANIED BY INSIGHT AND INTELLIGENCE, BY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES
AND BY VISION AND THE CAPACITY FOR LEADERSHIP. IT TAKES THESE -- AND
ALL OF THESE TOGETHER -- TO MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE ASSAULT AGAINST THE
PROBLEMS WE FACE IN THIS COUNTRY.

RECORD MUST BE TOLD

AND THESE ARE THE QUALITIES THAT DISTINGUISH REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP
IN THE 1970'S. THEY ARE THE QUALITIES THAT RICHARD NIXON HAS BROUGHT TO
THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY ARE THE QUALITIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
PROGRESS AND THE FORWARD MOVEMENT WE HAVE MADE IN AMERICA IN THE LAST
THREE YEARS.

IT IS UP TO US TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE QUAL-
ITIES REMAIN IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. THE NIXON
RECORD IS A PROUD RECORD -- A SUPERB RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, OF
LEADERSHIP. BUT THAT FACT ALONE DOES NOT MAKE HIS RE-ELECTION AUTOMATIC.

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THE REPUBLICAN RECORD IS NOT GOING TO MAKE ITSELF KNOWN, NOT WITHOUT OUR HELP. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE ALREADY CONFUSED THEIR OWN PARTY. IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO EXPECT THAT THEY MAY CONFUSE THE COUNTRY AS WELL ABOUT THE ISSUES IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND ABOUT THE RECORD OF RICAHRD NIXON.

AND IF THEY DON'T SUCCEED IN CONFUSING THE WHOLE COUNTRY, THEY MAY WELL SUCCEED IN CONFUSING THAT ONE VOTER PER PRECINCT I TALKED ABOUT. THAT ONE VOTER WE FAIL TO REACH, OR FORGET TO CALL OR TO CALL BACK, IS GOING TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE UNLESS WE RESOLVE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUCH VOTER, THAT THERE WILL BE NO ONE LEFT UNAWARE OF WHAT CONTINUED REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP FOR AMERICA HAS TO OFFER US ALL.

IF WE DO ANY LESS, IF WE ARE ANY LESS DETERMINED THAN THAT, THEN WE HAVE NO ONE BUT OURSELVES TO BLAME, SHOULD THE RESULT IN NOVEMBER BE LESS THAN A RESOUNDING REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

IN A REAL SENSE THEN, IN A COMPELLING WAY, IT IS UP TO US.