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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE REPUBLICAN
WOMEN OF KANSAS.

IN THIS ERA OF INCREASING AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY,
I AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WHICH
HAS LONG RECOGNIZED THAT WOMEN ARE ONE OF THE GREATEST ASSETS IN THE
POLITICAL--OR ANY OTHER--ARENA. NOT ONLY AS VOTERS AND CAMPAIGN
WORKERS, BUT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY EARLY ON RECOGNIZED THAT WOMEN HAVE
OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND POLICY MAKING WHICH THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE
TO OUR PARTY AND TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS GOALS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS OPENED THE DOORS FOR WOMEN TO MAKE THESE SAME

GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE
GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN OUR COUNTRY.

KANSAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

HERE IN KANSAS WE HAVE REPUBLICAN WOMEN SERVING ON SCHOOL BOARDS,
CITY COUNCILS AND ZONING COMMISSIONS. FREQUENTLY, THEY HAVE BEATEN OUT
MALE OPPONENTS IN THEIR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS. AND ALMOST
UNIVERSALLY THEY ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE CITIZENS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES
FOR THE OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OF INTEGRITY, DEDICATION AND EFFECTIVE
LEADERSHIP THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE, AND, OF COURSE,
ELWILL SHANAHAN WHO HAS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED HERSELF AS A STATEHOUSE
INSTITUTION WITH HER RECORD AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

WOMEN IN MAJOR POSITIONS

IN WASHINGTON OUR PARTY HAS PLACED MORE WOMEN IN MORE HIGH-LEVEL

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POLICY POSITIONS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME IN OUR HISTORY. ANY ATTEMPT AT A COMPLETE LIST WOULD BE DOOMED TO SERIOUS OMISSION, BUT A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF WOMEN FILLING SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT ARE KNOWN TO ALL OF US.

ONE OF THE FIRST TO COME TO MY MIND IS ANNE ARMSTRONG. HER SERVICE AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE WON MY UNRESERVED PERSONAL RESPECT. AND IT ALSO EARNED HER SELECTION AS ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET-LEVEL COUNSELLORS--THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO HOLD SUCH A POSITION. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW FORTUNATE OUR PARTY AND OUR COUNTRY ARE TO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL OF ANNE ARMSTRONG'S INTELLIGENCE, COURAGE AND ROCK-STEADY INTEGRITY SERVING IN WASHINGTON. AND THE ENCOURAGING THING IS THAT SHE ALSO REPRESENTS HUNDREDS OF OTHER WOMEN AT TOP LEADERSHIP LEVELS THROUGHOUT GOVERNMENT WHO POSSESSES THOSE SAME AND OTHER GREAT QUALITIES.

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IN ADDITION TO ANNE ARMSTRONG, I AM REMINDED OF BARBARA FRANKLIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION AND THE FIRST WOMAN WHITE HOUSE RECRUITER FOR PLACING WOMEN IN POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS. ELIZABETH HANFORD IS THE FIRST WOMAN MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION. MARINA WHITMAN, WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS, AND DR. DIXY LEE RAY IS THE FIRST WOMAN CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. KANSAS' OWN MARY BROOKS IS DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. MINT, AND SO MANY OTHERS ARE TO BE FOUND THAT THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S DETERMINATION AND SUCCESS IN RECOGNIZING AND REWARDING THE TALENTS OF WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE STILL TOO FEW REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN OFFICE. I SAY THIS, NOT BECAUSE WE ARE FAILING TO LIVE UP TO SOME QUOTA SYSTEM. RATHER, I SAY THIS BECAUSE THERE ARE NEVER ENOUGH WELL-QUALIFIED REPUBLICANS--MEN OR WOMEN--IN PUBLIC OFFICE. AND MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

OUR PARTY AND THE COUNTRY NEED THIS SORT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND
SUPERLATIVE LEADERSHIP.

RECORD NUMBER OF WOMEN CANDIDATES

I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO LEARN, HOWEVER, THAT ALREADY IN 1974
THERE ARE MORE REPUBLICAN WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE THAN EVER BEFORE.
AND I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE NUMBERS WILL GROW WITH EACH PASSING DAY
AS THE FILING DEADLINES APPROACH.

SPEAK RESPONSIBILITY

YOU HERE TODAY HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS REGARD. AS
THE DEDICATED HEART OF REPUBLICAN POLITICS, YOU MUST MAKE EXTRA EFFORTS
TO SEE TO IT THAT QUALIFIED, POLITICALLY ATTRACTIVE WOMEN CANDIDATES
STEP FORWARD AT ALL LEVELS, SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZENS,
AND HELP AMERICA MEET THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN SO MANY AREAS.

TO MANY OF YOU, THIS MEANS BECOMING CANDIDATES YOURSELVES. TO OTHERS,

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THIS MEANS TAPPING YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR OR A FRIEND TO BECOME A CANDIDATE, WORKING FOR HER AND SEEING THAT SHE IS ELECTED.

BASIC RESPONSIBILITY

PLEASE DO NOT MISTAKE WHAT I AM PREACHING. THIS IS NOT WOMEN'S LIB OR FEMINISM OR ANYTHING WITH SUCH A CATCHY RING TO IT. WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT IS, FIRST OF ALL, PLAIN, BASIC CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY. AND SECOND, IT IS FUNDAMENTAL REPUBLICAN PARTY RESPONSIBILITY.

AMERICA CAN ILL-AFFORD AND THE G.O.P. CAN ILL-AFFORD FOR HALF OF ITS NUMBERS TO SIT IDLE AND UNINVOLVED AS THIS ERA OF GREAT CHALLENGE AND SOMETIMES GRAVE PERIL UNFOLDS. WE NEED EVERY ABLE AND ALERT MIND TURNED TO THE GREAT JOB OF MAKING OUR DEMOCRACY WORK. AND WOMEN ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO ANY MEANINGFUL PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS.

SO I URGE YOU, IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, IF YOU CAN MAKE THE TIME-- ALONG WITH YOUR MANY OTHER INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES--TAKE AN

INCREASINGLY ACTIVE AND PROMINENT ROLE IN POLITICS. WE NEED THE VERY BEST CANDIDATES FOR CITY HALL, FOR THE COURT HOUSE AND THE MUNICIPAL BOARD. WE NEED THEM FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND OUR OTHER OFFICES IN TOPEKA AND IN WASHINGTON AS WELL. WE ESPECIALLY NEED FOR THEM TO HAVE THE SUPPORT, THE AGGRESSIVENESS AND THE DETERMINATION THAT CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED BY THE WHOLEHEARTED PARTICIPATION OF EVERY AVAILABLE CITIZEN.

WE NEED THE BEST CANDIDATES--WHETHER MEN OR WOMEN--IN ALL THESE RACES ON THE BALLOT.

WOMEN'S INVOLVEMENT

BUT WE WILL NOT HAVE THE BEST CANDIDATES--AND THE VICTORIES WHICH FOLLOW--UNLESS THE WOMEN OF OUR PARTY MOVE BEYOND THE LEVEL OF PRECINCT WORKER AND COFFEE-GIVER. WE NEED WOMEN CAMPAIGN MANAGERS, WOMEN FINANCE CHAIRMEN, WOMEN CANDIDATES, AND WOMEN WINNERS TO DO THE JOB RIGHT.

I KNOW, FROM SEEING THE RESULTS FIRST HAND HERE IN KANSAS AND IN WASHINGTON, THAT WOMEN CAN ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT

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THEIR SUCCESS ENRICHES THEIR LIVES, THE LIFE OF OUR GREAT PARTY AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR REPUBLIC.

AS MY FRIEND, ANNE ARMSTRONG, OFTEN TELLS HER AUDIENCES: THE ROOSTER CROWS THE LOUDEST, BUT THE HEN DELIVERS THE GOODS.

AND IF THERE WERE EVER A TIME WHEN THE GOODS NEEDED TO BE DELIVERED, THAT TIME IS NOW.

REALISTIC PERSPECTIVE

AFTER ALMOST TWO FULL YEARS OF WATERGATE, GRAND JURIES, RESIGNATIONS, GUILTY PLEAS, CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, SUBPOENAS AND TAPE RECORDINGS-- IT WOULD BE UNCONVINCING AND UNREALISTIC FOR ME TO SAY THAT THE STANDING OF THIS ADMINISTRATION AND OUR PARTY WERE UNAFFECTED. BUT RECOGNIZING THIS FACT, WE MUST NOT DWELL ON IT OBSESSIVELY OR ALLOW A COLLECTIVE CURTAIN OF GUILT TO BE DRAPED OVER THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND ITS ASPIRATIONS.

SPREAD-THE-GUILT MOVEMENT

THERE IS AN UNFORTUNATE TENDANCY--PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE WHO CONTROL

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OUR BROADCAST NETWORKS, AND WHO PASS THEMSELVES OFF AS NATIONAL PUNDITS AND ANALYSISTS--TO EXPAND, INFLATE AND SPREAD THE GUILT FOR EVERY WRONG DECISION AND FOR EACH UNFORTUNATE ACT IN THE NEWS.

WE ALL REMEMBER THE "SHAME OF DALLAS" THAT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CITIZENS OF THAT TEXAS CITY AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. THEN THERE WAS THE NATIONAL GUILT ESTABLISHED FOR OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE VIETNAM WAR. AND NOW WE HAVE THE "STAIN " OF WATERGATE--A BLEMISH WHICH SOME WOULD ATTACH TO EVERY REPUBLICAN AND EVERY SUPPORTER OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

BUT JUST AS THERE WAS NO CAUSE TO TAINT A MILLION TEXANS WITH ONE MADMAN'S ACT OR TO BROWBEAT AN ENTIRE NATION FOR WHATEVER ERRORS OR MISJUDGEMENTS LED TO THE VIETNAM TRAGEDY--THERE IS NO REASON TO DRESS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SACK CLOTH AND ASHES OVER WATERGATE.

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GOOD PEOPLE AND SOUND PRINCIPLES

AND FURTHERMORE, I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS THE LEAST REASON FOR US TO BE DEFENSIVE OR RELUCTANT IN OUR ASSERTION OF THIS POINT.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND MILLIONS OF DECENT AMERICANS IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY DID NOT SUPPORT OR WORK FOR ANY PLATFORM OF BURGLARY, BUGGING, COVERUPS OR PERJURY. THEY DID NOT CONDONE SUCH CRIMES AND DECEPTIONS WHEN THEY OCCURRED. AND THEY HAVE NO REASON TO TAKE THE RAP FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ENGAGED IN THESE PRACTICES.

BUT THESE SAME MILLIONS OF REPUBLICANS -- MANY THOUSANDS OF THEM IN KANSAS--DID DEVOTE GREAT EFFORTS AND SPLENDID DEDICATION TO THE REALIZATION OF IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES WHICH WERE SOUND IN THE PAST AND REMAIN JUST AS VALID TODAY.

IMPORTANCE OF PEACE

FIRST AND FOREMOST AMONG THESE PRINCIPLES, THERE IS PEACE. AND WE HAVE ACHIEVED PEACE.

PEACE IN EUROPE, ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. PEACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, PEACE WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA. AND JUST THIS PAST WEEK A MILESTONE AGREEMENT ON THE FORCES BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL HAS REMOVED A MAJOR ROADBLOCK ON THE PATH TOWARD A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO OVERSTATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LATEST ACHIEVEMENT. THIS AREA IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS THAT THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND STABILITY THERE TAKES ON AN IMPORTANCE WHICH FAR EXCEEDS ITS RELATIVELY SMALL GEOGRAPHIC PROPORTIONS.

VITAL AREA

IN THE FIRST PLACE THE MIDDLE EAST IS A FOCAL POINT OF GREAT POWER INTERESTS. AND ANY TIME THESE INTERESTS ARE DRAWN INTO SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY THE LEEWAY FOR MANUEVER AND MARGIN FOR ERROR IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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THE AREA IS COVERED WITH VERY THIN STRATEGIC ICE. AND JUST ONE MISSTEP OR BLUNDER COULD PLUNGE US INTO THERMONUCLEAR CONFRONTATION MORE QUICKLY THAN ALMOST ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. SO GLOBAL PEACE IS PART AND PARCEL OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

ANOTHER MAJOR REASON FOR THE AREA'S IMPORTANCE WAS VIVIDLY BROUGHT HOME TO ALL OF US LAST WINTER WHEN THE OIL EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED. AS THE SITE FOR MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S KNOWN CRUDE OIL RESERVES, THE MIDDLE EAST TAKES ON AN ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE THAT RANGES FROM SERIOUS TO ABSOLUTELY VITAL. AND THE OUTBREAK OF A FULL-SCALE WAR IN THE AREA WOULD WITHOUT DOUBT CRIPPLE THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND PRECIPITATE A WORLD-WIDE DEPRESSION AS THE ARAB-DEPENDENT INDUSTRIES OF EUROPE AND JAPAN GROUND TO AN IRRESISTABLE HALT. AND JUST AS IF NUCLEAR WAR WERE TO BREAK OUT, NO NATION COULD HOPE TO PROFIT FROM OR RESIST THE IMPACT OF A COLLAPSED WORLD ECONOMY.

IMPOSSIBLE HURDLES CLEARED

THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT PEACE IS ASSURED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS. BUT THE MOMENTUM ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND NOW THE ACCORD WITH THE MUCH MORE RADICAL STATE OF SYRIA IS ALL IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND OF HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT PROPORTIONS. THIS IS NOT YET A COMPLETE PEACE, BUT IT HAS CLEARED WHAT SOME THOUGHT WERE IMPOSSIBLE HURDLES ON THE PATH TO ACHIEVING THAT PEACE.

ANOTHER NOBEL PRIZE

AND WHILE LACKING THE DRAMA OF SECRET TRIPS TO PARIS AND INTENSE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF OUR OWN ARMED FORCES AS IN THE VIETNAM NEGOTIATIONS, THE MIDDLE EAST AGREEMENTS ARE EQUALLY AS SIGNIFICANT, IF NOT MORE SO. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IF DR. KISSINGER EARNED A SHARE OF A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS WORK IN THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS, HE SURELY DESERVES THE WHOLE PRIZE FOR HIS SUPERB ACHIEVEMENT OF AMERICA'S GOALS IN CAIRO, DAMASCUS AND TEL AVIV.

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THE GREATEST BLESSING

FOR AETER ALL, IS PEACE NOT THE GREATEST OF ALL BLESSINGS?
WITHOUT IT, THE THREAT OF WAR AND DEATH AND DEVASTATION CASTS A CHILLING
SHADOW UPON ALL OF MANKIND'S FREEDOMS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND HOPES.

SO I BELIEVE WE REPUBLICANS CAN TAKE THE FULLEST MEASURE OF PRIDE
SATISFACTION AND SELF-ASSURANCE FROM THE GIFTS OF PEACE OUR REPUBLICAN
LEADERSHIP HAS BESTOWED UPON AMERICA. [THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOR A
SINGLE ONE OF ITS PAST FOUR ADMINISTRATIONS--FOR ALL THEIR BOASTS OF
PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT--CANNOT LAY CLAIM TO THE MOST IMPORTANT, MOST
ENDURING AND MOST PRECIOUS OF ALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS--THE AVOIDANCE OF WAR
OR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN ENDURING PEACE.]

REPUBLICAN MESSAGE

THERE IS NO REASON TO SHRINK FROM THIS RECORD OR APOLOGIZE FOR THOSE
WHO ACHIEVED IT. ON THE CONTRARY, WE MUST AND WE SHALL PROCLAIM THIS

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MESSAGE TO OURSELVES, CONFRONT OUR ADVERSARIES WITH IT, AND HOLD IT UP FOR THE VOTERS TO RECOGNIZE.

IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF HISTORY WATERGATE WILL SURELY NOT BE FORGOTTEN, NOR SHOULD IT. BUT THIS SORRY EPISODE--AGAINST THE RECORD OF PEACE WHICH WE ARE SO CAREFULLY AND SUCCESSFULLY BUILDING--WILL HOLD ONLY THE MINOR PLACE WHICH SUCH RECORDS OF PERSONAL SHORTCOMINGS TRADITIONALLY HOLD IN THE ANNALS OF GREAT HUMAN PROGRESS.

SO THIS IS ONE VERY IMPORTANT REASON THAT IN THIS YEAR OF 1974, I AM PROUD TO BE A REPUBLICAN AND PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH GOOD REPUBLICANS TONIGHT.