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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
AT THE KEITH SEBELIUS APPRECIATION DINNER

HAYS, KANSAS

May 7, 1976

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KEITH SEBELIUS APPRECIATION DINNER AND AN HONOR TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE GREAT JOB KEITH SEBELIUS HAS DONE IN CONGRESS.

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CONSTITUENTS AWARE OF KEITH'S WORK

MOST ARE AWARE OF KEITH'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HIS HARD WORK, AND HIS DEDICATION TO HIS JOB REPRESENTING ALL THE RESIDENTS, REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT, AND INDEPENDENT IN THE "BIG FIRST". MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRST HAND HOW INTERESTED AND EFFECTIVE HIS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE CAN BE. YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, KEITH WILL GIVE YOU A SYMPATHETIC EAR AND A QUICK RESPONSE. YOU KNOW THAT KEITH APPRECIATES YOUR VIEW ON MEASURES BEFORE THE CONGRESS. YOU KNOW THAT HE SHARES YOUR

OPPOSITION TO BIG GOVERNMENT, DEFICIT SPENDING, AND OVERREGULATION. YOU ARE AWARE OF HIGH COMMITMENT TO A STRONG DEFENSE AND THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THESE FACTS IS THE BEST PROOF THAT KEITH IS REALLY GETTING THE JOB DONE.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

KEITH HAS MANY OTHER ATTRIBUTES IN ADDITION TO HIS ESTABLISHED RECORD OF SERVICE WHICH MAKES HIM INVALUABLE TO WESTERN KANSAS IN THE FUTURE. AS THE RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF THE LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, KEITH IS IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS OF THE NATION'S LARGEST WHEAT PRODUCING DISTRICT. HE HAS LED THE HOUSE FIGHT AGAINST EXPORT CONTROLS ON GRAIN, AGAINST MARKET DEPRESSING GRAIN RESERVES, AND AGAINST UNNECESSARY REGULATION OF FARM ACTIVITIES.

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THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND INDUSTRIALISTS WHICH TAKES PLACE REGARDING ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THAT COMMITTEE. THE FORT LARNED NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF KEITH'S GOOD WORK ON THIS COMMITTEE, AND MANY OTHER PARKS ACROSS THE NATION, WHICH KANSANS ENJOY, BEAR THE WORK OF KEITH'S EFFORT.

COMMON SENSE

WHETHER WORKING TO OBTAIN A DOCTOR FOR STERLING, A HELIUM MARKET FOR SOUTH WEST KANSAS NATURAL GAS LEASE HOLDERS, RELIABLE AIR CARRIER SERVICE FOR WESTERN KANSAS CONSTITUENTS, OR A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROBLEM IN NORTON, OR WHATEVER, WESTERN KANSAS CAN EXPECT A WELL-REASONED COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO PROBLEM SOLVING.

NEED MORE SEBELIUSES

WHAT YOU NEED IN CONGRESS IS MORE MEMBERS WHO THINK AND VOTE LIKE KEITH SEBELIUS. AMERICA HAS STRUGGLED TOO LONG WITH A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT-DOMINATED CONGRESS THAT ONLY PRODUCES MORE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND BIGGER

FEDERAL DEFICITS. YOU HAVE TOLERATED TOO LONG THOSE
IN CONGRESS WHO BELIEVE THE ONLY SOLUTION IS A FEDERAL
ONE DICTATED FROM WASHINGTON,

PEOPLE ARE LEADING CONGRESS

LET US CITE TWO SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE THE
AMERICAN PUBLIC IS CLEARLY AHEAD OF ITS MANY SO-CALLED
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS IN RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PROBLEMS
AND IN SOLIDIFYING BEHIND RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS.
THESE TWO AREAS ARE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FEDERAL WASTE
AND SPENDING.

PUBLIC GROUNDSWELL FOR STRONG DEFENSE

LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO, THIS COUNTRY, STILL
STUNNED BY VIETNAM, WAS CALLING OUT FOR RETRENCHMENT
AND MASSIVE REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE SPENDING.

WHENEVER EFFORTS WERE MADE TO TRIM THE BUDGET TO SAVE TAX DOLLARS, THE CRY WAS, "TAKE IT OUT OF DEFENSE". WELL, WE TOOK IT OUT OF DEFENSE AND TRIMMED DEFENSE SPENDING IN REAL TERMS BY MORE THAN ONE THIRD FROM THE 1968 WARTIME PEAK. DEFENSE SPENDING TODAY IS ABOUT 25% OF THE TOTAL FEDERAL BUDGET -- THE LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF THE FISCAL BUDGET SINCE FISCAL YEAR 1940, SHORTLY BEFORE PEARL HARBOR. BY WAY OF COMPARISON, IN PREWAR 1964, DEFENSE SPENDING AMOUNTED TO 43% OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET. AND AS CONGRESS CONVENED THIS YEAR, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS WERE POUNDING THE TABLE CALLING FOR MORE CUTS IN FEDERAL SPENDING TO BE ACHIEVED BY "TAKING IT OUT OF DEFENSE". THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAID NO. THEY DON'T WANT TO BE NUMBER TWO AND THEY WERE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE. BEGRUDGINGLY, CONGRESS FOLLOWED THE TEMPERAMENT OF THE VOTERS AND PASSED A DEFENSE BUDGET AUTHORITY OF \$112.5 BILLION, THE FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED

BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO RETAIN BOTH A CONVENTIONAL AND STRATEGIC CAPABILITY WHICH IS SECOND TO NONE.

CONTINUED REVIEW NECESSARY

ADMITTEDLY, THERE ARE STILL CUTS THAT CAN BE MADE WITHIN THE DEFENSE CATEGORY. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES NEED TO BE REVIEWED AND IMPROVED. POLICIES NEED TO BE CLOSELY ANALYZED WITH AN EYE TOWARD SAVING TAX DOLLARS. IMPORTANT DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE ON THE TYPES OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE. BUT THE KEY QUESTION HAS BEEN ANSWERED BY THE PEOPLE. WE ARE GOING TO RETAIN A DEFENSE CAPABILITY WHICH IS SECOND TO NONE.

ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG SUPPORT

I MUST ALSO GIVE CREDIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR PUTTING US WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN TERMS OF OUR 1977 DEFENSE BUDGET. SINCE JANUARY, PRESIDENT FORD HAS GIVEN DEFENSE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AMONG BUDGETARY MATTERS. HIS EFFORTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMITMENT BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, RESULTED IN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE BUDGET. CURRENTLY A GREAT DEBATE IS TAKING PLACE AMONG REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS ON THE QUESTION OF WHO WILL BEST MAINTAIN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM. GOVERNOR REAGAN AND PRESIDENT FORD ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING THIS NATION NUMBER ONE IN DEFENSE. BUT WHAT ABOUT CONGRESS AND HOW WILL CONGRESS RESPOND TO DEFENSE NEEDS IN THE FUTURE? WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO WHEN THE PRESSURES OF AN ELECTION YEAR HAVE SUBSIDED?

THE ULTRA LIBERALS HAVE MADE CONGRESS THE WEAK LINK IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY/NATIONAL DEFENSE CHAIN. CONSTANTLY CLAMORING FOR A LARGER ROLE IN KEY DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, WHICH IT RIGHTLY SHOULD HAVE, LIBERALS IN CONGRESS HAVE FINALLY INCREASED ITS INPUT IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS BUT HAVE FAILED TO UTILIZE THE NEW AUTHORITY IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER. A STRONG DEFENSE CAPABILITY IS WORTHLESS WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO UTILIZE AND BARGAIN WITH THAT CAPABILITY IN A TIMELY AND ORGANIZED FASHION. CONGRESS PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THIS AREA AS IT COMMITS FUNDS TO FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE ISSUES AND REVIEWS POLICY DECISIONS.

PUBLIC GROUNDSWELL AGAINST BIG GOVERNMENT AND BIG SPENDING

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS STILL WELL AHEAD OF CONGRESS ON THE ISSUE OF WASTEFUL AND EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT SPENDING. CONGRESS IS STILL DOMINATED BY MEMBERS WHO ESPOUSE THE NEW DEAL-GREAT SOCIETY PHILOSOPHY. THIS PHILOSOPHY HOLDS THAT ALL OF OUR NATION'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED IF WE CREATE ENOUGH FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND SPEND ENOUGH FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS. BUT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS SAYING NO. WE DON'T WANT HIGHER TAXES BECAUSE THESE TAXES AREN'T BEING SPENT EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY FOR US. THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS SAYING NO -- WE DON'T NEED MORE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND FEDERAL INTERFERENCE. OUR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS: OUR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR SCHOOLS, AND OUR ASSOCIATIONS CAN BETTER SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS IF YOU WILL GET FEDERAL REGULATIONS OFF OUR BACKS AND NOT TAX US TO DEATH.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, I WOULD CITE THE CHILD DAY CARE CENTER BILL, SUCCESSFULLY VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT JUST THIS WEEK. UNDER THAT LEGISLATION, SOME IN CONGRESS WERE ATTEMPTING TO APPLY A WASHINGTON SOLUTION TO A LOCAL PROBLEM BY IMPOSING MANDATORY FEDERAL STAFFING REQUIREMENTS ON EACH AND EVERY GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED DAY CARE FACILITY. APPARENTLY, THEY WERE NOT GETTING THE MESSAGE THAT VOTERS ARE SENDING TO CANDIDATES THIS YEAR -- THAT ALL THE INFINITE WISDOM OF WHAT IS APPROPRIATE DOES NOT REST WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; THAT THE STATES ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT STANDARDS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR QUALITY DAY CARE AND EVERY OTHER PROGRAM WHICH THEY ADMINISTER.

LIP SERVICE FROM CONGRESS

AND CONGRESS -- EVEN THE MOST NOTORIOUS BIG SPENDER -- IS ECHOING THIS PUBLIC GROUNDSWELL AGAINST BIG SPENDING AND BIG DEFICITS. UNFORTUNATELY, TOO MUCH OF THE CONGRESSIONAL "ECHO" IS MERE RHETORIC. FEW MEMBERS PRACTICE IN THEIR VOTING WHAT THEY PREACH IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

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PROGRAM REVIEW NOW

LAST YEAR, I INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD HAVE MANDATED THAT CONGRESS SPEND ITS NEXT TWO YEARS REVIEWING THE PROGRAMS IT HAS ON THE BOOKS RATHER THAN ENACTING NEW ONES. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW IS TO CUT OUT WASTE, DUPLICATION, INEFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION, AND TO SAVE TAX DOLLARS. NEXT WEEK, THE SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN A FINAL REVIEW OF A MUSKIE BILL WHICH INCORPORATES MANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF MY ORIGINAL LEGISLATION. BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, I STILL DON'T SEE THE BILL GOING ANYWHERE THIS SESSION. THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS IS SIMPLY UNWILLING TO MAKE A REAL COMMITMENT TO GIVING THE AMERICAN TAX PAYER A DOLLARS WORTH OF BENEFIT FOR HIS TAX DOLLAR. THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS IS TOO WEDDED TO THE SPECIAL INTERESTS SERVED BY ITS CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE TAX PAYER.

KANSAS DOUBLE TALK

BUT THEY ARE ALL TALKING A GOOD FIGHT -- EVEN THE LIBERAL BIG SPENDERS ARE FOR EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT AND REDUCING WASTE. BUT ARE THEY DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT? IF THE REPUBLICANS HAD THE MAJORITY THAT THE DEMOCRATS HAVE IN CONGRESS, WE WOULD HAVE PASSED THIS LEGISLATION AND HAD THE PROCESS WELL UNDERWAY BY NOW. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE KANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IS CAMPAIGNING UNDER THE LABEL "FISCAL CONSERVATIVE". IT SOUNDS GOOD AND IS A LEGITIMATE CLAIM OF FOUR OF THE FIVE MEMBERS. BUT ONE MEMBER IS LISTED BY THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION AS BEING AMONG THE BIGGEST SPENDERS IN CONGRESS. VOTERS MUST DO MORE THAN LISTEN TO CAMPAIGN RHETORIC IF THEY WANT A CONGRESS RESPONSIVE TO THEIR DEMAND FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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CONGRESS HOLDS THE KEY

THE SOLUTION TO THE FEDERAL SPENDING PROBLEM LIES TOTALLY WITHIN CONGRESS. WE HAVE PUT SO MANY PROGRAMS ON THE BOOKS THAT MANDATE FEDERAL SPENDING, THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THEM OFF THE BOOKS BEFORE WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO CONTROL THE BUDGET. AND THE MORE VOTERS YOU CONVINCED OF THIS FACT BEFORE THEY GO TO THE POLLS NEXT NOVEMBER, THE BETTER OFF THIS COUNTRY WILL BE.

GOP - PARTY OF THE PEOPLE

IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ABOUT THE GOP AND OFFER SOME OBSERVATIONS WHICH I TRUST YOU WILL FIND ENCOURAGING. BECAUSE I AM ENCOURAGED, I AM PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THE GOP HAS LONG BEEN THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISSUES WHICH I FEEL THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SHARE AND TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, ARE INSISTING BE ADOPTED AS A FORMAL PART OF OUR NATION'S POLICY.

IN SPITE OF MEDIA COMMENTING TO THE CONTRARY, WE ARE THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID NO TO BIG GOVERNMENT, TO HIGH TAXES, TO UNNECESSARY DEFICIT SPENDING. WE HAVE SAID NO TO SPECIAL INTERESTS. BUT WE HAVE SAID YES TO AMERICA, TO FREE ENTERPRISE, TO INDIVIDUALISM, AND TO THE WORKING MAN. NO, WE MAY NOT BOW TO ALL THE REQUESTS OF THE LABOR BOSSES, BUT WE ARE RESPONSIVE TO WORKERS' DESIRES TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND EARN THEIR LIVING. WE SUPPORT HIS DESIRE TO CONTROL HIS OWN LIFE AND SEND HIS CHILDREN TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL. WE SUPPORT THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM WHICH WILL EXCEL AND BE DULY REWARDED FOR ACHIEVEMENT. WE OPPOSE THOSE WHO SEEK TO GIVE WELFARE NON-WORKERS BENEFITS EQUAL TO THOSE RECEIVED BY THE WORKER BY TAXING THE WORKER TO PAY THE WELFARE PROGRAM. WE HAVE HELD DOWN DEFICIT SPENDING AND INFLATION, THE BIGGEST ENEMY OF AMERICA'S WORKING MEN AND WOMEN.

THE ISSUES OF THE PEOPLE ARE OUR ISSUES AND, IF WE CAN CONTROL CONGRESS, WE WILL NOT JUST TALK ABOUT THEM.

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THE DEMOCRAT WATERGATE

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A PORTION OF THE CROSBY NOYES COLUMN PRINTED IN THE WASHINGTON STAR LAST WEEK. COMMENTING ON THE RECENTLY RELEASED REPORT OF THE CHURCH CIA COMMITTEE, CROSBY NOYES STATES:

"WHAT THE REPORT MAKES ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IS THAT THE ABUSES COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS WATERGATE WERE BY NO MEANS AN ABERRATION PECULIAR TO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. THE COVERUP OF WATERGATE WAS, OF COURSE, BADLY BUNGLED. BUT THE ABUSES THEMSELVES -- INCLUDING BREAKING AND ENTERING, WIRETAPS, DIRTY TRICKS, HARASSMENT OF 'ENEMIES' AND ALL THE REST OF IT -- WERE IN A TRADITION DATING BACK OVER SIX PRESIDENCIES AND 40 YEARS".

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I MENTION THIS NOT TO CONDONE IN ANY WAY WHAT WAS DONE IN WATERGATE, BUT RATHER TO POINT OUT THAT WATERGATE REPRESENTS AN INFECTION WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT THAT PENETRATED BOTH PARTIES, AND WAS BROUGHT TO A HEAD IN THE WATERGATE ERA. IT IS GOOD THAT WE HAVE REMOVED THAT INFECTION. BUT TO BLAME THE DISEASE ON ONE PARTY MISREPRESENTS THE FACTS. IF ANYTHING, THE CHURCH INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES WHICH NOW FALLS UNDER THE HEADING OF "WATERGATE TACTICS" WERE COMMITTED DURING DEMOCRAT, NOT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT WATERGATE IS USED TO DOWNGRADE OR DEFEAT ANY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, OUR OPPONENTS ARE THEMSELVES GUILTY OF WATERGATE TACTICS AND USING THEM TO AVOID THE REAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE.

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ESTATE TAX REFORM

FOR WE REPUBLICANS ARE ADDRESSING THESE REAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS. WE DON'T MERELY GIVE THEM LIP SERVICE IN OUR HOME STATES AND DISTRICTS. UNLIKE THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY, WE DON'T TALK ONE WAY AT HOME AND ANOTHER IN WASHINGTON. TAKE THE ISSUE OF FEDERAL ESTATE TAX REFORM. MANY DEMOCRAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PROFESS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE UNFAIR AND ANTIQUATED FEDERAL ESTATE TAX. YET THAT VERY COMMITTEE, DOMINATED BY SO-CALLED "TAX REFORMERS", CHOSE TO IGNORE THE PLIGHT OF THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN AND FARMER WHEN IT PASSED ITS TAX REVISION BILL LAST YEAR.

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THE ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION LEVEL HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE 1942, AND, AS A RESULT, ESTATE TAXES HAVE BEEN PUSHED UPWARD. MANY SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILY FARMS MUST BE SOLD EACH YEAR JUST TO PAY THE TAX BILL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. IF DRASTIC CHANGES ARE NOT MADE IN THE FEDERAL ESTATE TAX LAW, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL EVENTUALLY FORCE MOST FARMS OUT OF FAMILY HANDS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE REPUBLICANS WHO SERVE ON THE TAX-WRITING FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL INSIST THAT ESTATE TAX REFORM BE INCLUDED IN ANY TAX REVISION BILL WHICH PASSES CONGRESS THIS YEAR.