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THE EXAMPLE YOU'VE SET HERE BODES WELL FOR THE NATIONAL GOP. BECAUSE YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED IT'S POSSIBLE TO ADHERE TO OUR HISTORIC BELIEF IN INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND A STRONG PRIVATE SECTOR AND STILL REACH OUT TO HELP THOSE WHO SOCIETY WOULD OTHERWISE NEGLECT. YOU'VE SHOWN HOW TO PRAY FOR PEACE, WHILE NEVER INVITING WAR BY MILITARY WEAKNESS. YOU'VE APPROACHED THE PROBLEMS OF A DIVERSE AND DIVIDED NATION WITH CONFIDENCE AND THE DESIRE TO SERVE. AND YOU'VE BEEN REWARDED WITH OFFICE, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THOSE VERY PROBLEMS.

1980 - A HISTORIC CHOICE

IN 1980, ALL AMERICA WILL FACE A CHOICE. IT MAY BE THE MOST DRAMATIC CHOICE POSED IN A GENERATION OR MORE. IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN WASHINGTON, OR RELIANCE UPON LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN THE POLICIES THAT HAVE BROUGHT US 13% INFLATION, RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, RECORD INTEREST RATES, A WEAKENED DOLLAR AND AN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT MAY AGGRAVATE THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN SOLVE IT - AND POLICIES THAT RELY UPON THE FREE MARKETPLACE AS THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE.

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IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN REGULATION AND
PRODUCTION, BETWEEN ENCOURAGEMENT OF
INDIVIDUAL GENIUS OR AN EQUAL SHARE OF
MEDIOCRITY. IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN A FUTURE,
BRIGHT WITH PROMISE, AND THE POLICIES THAT
HAVE FAILED IN THE PAST.

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TED KENNEDY IS NOW EDGING TOWARD AN OPEN CANDIDACY. THAT'S NO GREAT NEWS IN MINNESOTA OR MISSISSIPPI, BUT I'VE BEEN WARNING MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS ABOUT A KENNEDY CANDIDACY FOR MONTHS. WHEN EVERYONE ELSE WAS TRAINING THEIR CRITICISM ON THE FAILURES OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION - AND THERE'S BEEN PLENTY TO CRITICIZE - I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT SENATOR KENNEDY'S RECORD. AND YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE FOUND?

AMERICA CAN'T AFFORD TED KENNEDY IN THE WHITE HOUSE. NOSTALGIA IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY.

YOU'LL NEVER BE OFFERED A CLEARER CHOICE - THAT MUCH IS CERTAIN.

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DOLE VS. KENNEDY - NO CLEARER CHOICE

I WANT TO END INFLATION, AND REDUCE THE POWER
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DICTATE THE SMALLEST
DETAILS OF OUR LIVES. I WANT TO PASS A CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO CAP BOTH FEDERAL SPENDING AND
FEDERAL TAXATION.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

I WANT TO INDEX OUR TAX SYSTEM, SO THAT WHEN YOU
GET A RAISE, YOU KEEP A RAISE, AND GOVERNMENT DOESN'T
INFLATE THE ECONOMY SIMPLY TO RIP OFF MORE OF YOUR
HARDEARNED TAX DOLLARS. I THINK TAX INDEXING IS AN
IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME, AN IDEA THAT WILL DO MORE
THAN ANYTHING ELSE TO HELP THE HARDSRESSED MIDDLE
INCOME AMERICAN FROM LOSING HIS OR HER PURCHASING
POWER.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

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in 1980 if
inflation is 9.3
total annual increase
in money supply
\$148.66 billion
\$265 billion
will cost
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"78 to cut"
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I WANT TO PASS NEW INCENTIVES FOR CAPITAL
FORMATION, TAX BREAKS TO ENCOURAGE HIRING OF
THE POOR AND THE DISADVANTAGED, AND GET OUR
ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN TOWARD A LEVEL OF
PRODUCTIVITY CONSISTENT WITH OUR STANDING AS
A GREAT NATION.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

*I want farm programs
geared toward freedom + profits
in the marketplace ..*

But not Sen. Kennedy

I WANT AN ENERGY POLICY BASED ON PRODUCTION,
NOT MERELY CONSERVATION. THAT MEANS GREATER
USE OF COAL AND SHALE OIL, CONTINUED USE OF A
STRINGENTLY SAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR INDUSTRY,
AND EXPLORATION FOR MORE OIL AND GAS THROUGH
THE PRIVATE, NOT THE PUBLIC SECTOR. I
WANT TO PASS A WINDFALL PROFITS TAX THAT
WILL ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION, NOT SIMPLY PUNISH
PRODUCERS.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

I WANT TO PASS A SYSTEM OF CATASTROPHIC
HEALTH INSURANCE, SO MILLIONS OF MIDDLE CLASS
AMERICANS WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GOING
BANKRUPT WHEN THEY GO INTO A HOSPITAL. I
WANT TO STRUCTURE THAT SYSTEM SO THAT THE
PRIVATE, NOT THE PUBLIC SECTOR, DELIVERS
WHAT MOST AMERICANS REGARD AS THE FINEST
HEALTH CARE IN THE WORLD.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

I WANT TO PASS A WELFARE REFORM THAT WOULD RELY
UPON FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS TO THE STATES
THEMSELVES, CUTTING THE STRINGS THAT COST
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FIVE BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS LAST YEAR. WE CLAIM TO LIVE
IN A FEDERAL REPUBLIC - SO WHY DON'T WE LIVE UP
TO THE CLAIM?

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

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ALL OF THESE ARE GOOD, SOLID REPUBLICAN WAYS
TO SOLVE THE REAL PROBLEMS THAT ARE EATING AWAY
AT OUR CONFIDENCE IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.
ALL OF THEM ARE THINGS I'M PROMOTING AS SENIOR
REPUBLICAN ON THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE. ALL
OF THEM DESERVE YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND,
I BELIEVE, YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT. AND ALL
OF THEM, AND MANY OTHERS LIKE THEM, CAN BE PUT
INTO EFFECT IF WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT IN 1981,
A MAN WHO COMBINES GRASSROOTS SYMPATHIES WITH
EXTENSIVE WASHINGTON EXPERIENCE.

IT IS A SCANDAL THAT THIS NATION TOLERATES AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 35% AMONG BLACK TEENAGERS, WHILE JOBLESS RATES REMAIN HIGH FOR WOMEN, FOR TEENAGERS, FOR BLUE COLLAR WORKERS. AND THEY'LL GET HIGHER STILL IF WE CONTINUE TO TREAT THE BUSINESS WORLD AS A FOREIGN ENEMY, TO BE PUNISHED WHEN IT MAKES A PROFIT, AND DISCOURAGED FROM DOING ITS PART TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH HOPE AND INDEPENDENCE, AS WELL AS A WEEKLY PAYCHECK.

REPUBLICANS CARE ABOUT PEOPLE - THAT SHOULD BE OUR MESSAGE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR. WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN. THE MARKETPLACE CAN WORK, AND WE CAN MAKE IT WORK FOR PEOPLE.

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TED KENNEDY WILL BE A FORMIDABLE FOE. BUT HE CAN BE DEFEATED - NOT BY FOCUSING ON PERSONALITIES, BUT BY ASKING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO TAKE A LONG, HARD LOOK AT WHAT HIS RECORD SUGGESTS AND WHAT KIND OF POLICIES HE WOULD PROMOTE IN THE OVAL OFFICE.

WHEN WE DO THAT, WE'RE GOING TO FIND A LOT MORE SUPPORT FOR OUR ALTERNATIVE. BUT FIRST, WE HAVE TO PRESENT THAT ALTERNATIVE. POSITIVELY, BOLDLY, WE HAVE TO TALK COMMON SENSE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY WILL LISTEN, AND THEY WILL JOIN US.

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YOU'VE SHOWN THE CAPACITY TO DO THIS ON THE
STATE LEVEL. THAT'S WHY REPUBLICANS FROM ALL OVER
THIS NATION LOOK TO YOU NOW. TOGETHER, WE CAN
MAKE 1980 A HISTORIC YEAR - A REASSERTION OF
THE BELIEF THAT, IN AMERICA, THE INDIVIDUAL IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE DREAM OF
SOCIAL MOBILITY IS STILL CREDIBLE.

JOIN WITH ME, FELLOW REPUBLICANS, AND GIVE NEW
LIFE TO THAT OLD DREAM. LET'S GIVE AMERICA BACK TO
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY'RE WAITING FOR SOMETHING
BETTER THAN THE STATUS QUO - SOMETHING EVEN
BETTER THAN CAMELOT. AND YOU AND I CAN GIVE
THEM WHAT THEY'RE WAITING FOR.