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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
LINCOLN DAY DINNER
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THANK YOU FOR THOSE KIND WORDS OF INTRODUCTION. AS ALWAYS,
IT'S GOOD TO ESCAPE WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE REAL
AMERICA.

EMPTY PROMISES, THEN HOPE

LET ME GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. FOR MOST OF THIS CENTURY,
THE LIBERAL DOGMA PROMISED ABUNDANCE. WHAT IT DELIVERED WAS
THE SHADOW OF ABUNDANCE. IT WENT THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF HONORING
THE OLD IDEALS OF HARD WORK AND INDIVIDUAL ADVANCEMENT, BUT IT
WAS A SHAM PERFORMANCE - LIKE THE LITTLE BOY WHO SAID HE
ENJOYED GOING TO CHURCH EACH SUNDAY BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE
SERVICE THEY PASSED AROUND A PLATE FULL OF MONEY. WELL, THAT
WAS THE STATUS QUO UP 'TILL JANUARY OF 1981. THEN A

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NEW MAN CAME TO TOWN, WHO SAID HE WASN'T GOING TO HONOR THE STATUS QUO. IN FACT, HE ISSUED A CHALLENGE TO IT. HE WANTED TO DO SOME VERY UNORTHODOX THINGS, LIKE CUT TAXES, SHRINK THE SIZE OF GOVERNMENT, REDUCE THE RED TAPE THAT GOES HAND IN HAND WITH RED INK, AND GIVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR A CHANCE TO DO WHAT GOVERNMENT ALONE HAD SO OBVIOUSLY FAILED TO DO - PUT PEOPLE TO WORK.

HE SAID HE WANTED TO DISTRIBUTE MORE MONEY AND MORE POWER BACK TO THE GRASSROOTS OF AMERICA, WHERE BOTH COME FROM IN THE FIRST PLACE. HE CALLED FOR AMERICANS TO REASSERT THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL STRUGGLE FOR FREE MEN AND FREE MINDS. HE ASKED US TO STOP TREATING OUR FRIENDS AS FOES, AND START TREATING OUR ENEMIES FOR WHAT THEY WERE. HE WARNED US THAT OUR DEFENSES WERE GOING SLACK IN THE JOINTS, AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO INSURE PEACE IN THE MODERN WORLD IS TO BE PREPARED TO DEFEND IT WHENEVER IT'S ENDANGERED.

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AND THEN, HE WENT BEYOND HIS WORDS, TO DO WHAT HE PROMISED. TAXES WERE REDUCED BY MORE THAN \$330 BILLION OVER THREE YEARS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE TAX CODE WAS REFORMED, SOMETHING DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN DEMANDING FOR YEARS - AND SOMETHING IT TOOK REPUBLICANS TO ACCOMPLISH. INFLATION WAS CUT, FROM OVER 12% IN THE DAYS OF JIMMY CARTER, TO LESS THAN 4% NOW. INTEREST RATES WERE SLICED IN HALF; SO WAS THE FEDERAL REGISTER. THE REGULATORY ASSEMBLY LINE SLOWED TO A CRAWL, AND THE POOL OF CAPITAL NECESSARY TO FINANCE A MODERN, COMPETITIVE ECONOMY WAS REPLENISHED. THE WHOLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AVERAGE CITIZEN AND HIS GOVERNMENT WAS RECAST, AND AMERICA ONCE AGAIN BEGAN ACTING LIKE A GREAT POWER, WILLING TO DEFEND HER LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AND TO BLOW THE WHISTLE WHEN OTHER NATIONS TRAMPLE ON BASIC FREEDOMS.

A NEW BEGINNING

NOW A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE TO CALL PRESIDENT REAGAN THE GREAT

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COMMUNICATOR. PERSONALLY, I THINK THE HISTORY BOOKS WILL RANK HIM AMONG THE GREAT REFORMERS. CONSIDER THE TRENDS PREVALENT IN GOVERNMENT A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO - AND COMPARE THEM WITH THE POLICIES BEING FOLLOWED TODAY. WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE, UNEMPLOYMENT WAS HIGH AND TRENDING HIGHER. NOW WE'VE SEEN THE FIRST BREAK IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AND THERE PROBABLY ISN'T AN AREA IN THE COUNTRY THAT STANDS TO BENEFIT MORE FROM RECOVERY THAN DISTRICTS LIKE THIS, WHERE THE AUTO INDUSTRY IS SO IMPORTANT, AND WHERE AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN LABORING UNDER THE DOUBLE WHAMMY OF HIGH INFLATION AND LOW PRICES.

TWO YEARS AGO, SOCIAL SECURITY WAS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE, AS THE MAIN BENEFIT FUND PAID OUT \$30,000 MORE A MINUTE THAN IT TOOK IN - AND NOW THIS, TOO, HAS BEEN CORRECTED AND BENEFIT LEVELS PRESERVED, THANKS TO A BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS. TWO YEARS AGO, OUR DEFENSES WERE

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BEING ERODED; OUR FOREIGN POLICIES WERE IN DISARRAY. TODAY, BOTH ARE BEING REBUILT. OTHER INNOVATIVE IDEAS, FROM URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONES TO EXPORT INCENTIVES AND THE "PIK" PLAN TO REDUCE FARM SURPLUSES AND HELP RESTORE PRICE LEVELS; ALL THESE AND MORE DEMOLISH THE OLD DEFINITION OF A CONSERVATIVE AS SOMEONE WHO NEVER DOES ANYTHING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

OF COURSE, NONE OF THIS HAS COME ABOUT EASILY - AS DEL LATTA CAN TELL YOU. LINCOLN ONCE SAID THAT GOD MUST HAVE HAD A SPECIAL LOVE FOR THE COMMON MAN AND WOMAN - AFTER ALL, HE MADE SO MANY OF THEM. UNFORTUNATELY IN WASHINGTON, THERE ARE A LOT OF POLITICIANS ANGLING FOR 1984 WHO LOVE THE COMMON MAN'S VOTE MORE THAN THE PERSON WHO CASTS IT. AT A TIME WHEN THE NATION CRIES OUT FOR BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS TO OUR CURRENT PROBLEMS, THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO STILL PINE FOR THE GOLDEN DAYS OF THE PAST, WHEN THE FEDERAL COFFERS AND THE TAXPAYER'S POCKET ALIKE SEEMED TO HAVE NO LIMIT. LIKE OLD WARRIORS WHO

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DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO SWASH OR TO BUCKLE, THEY'LL TAKE UP THEIR TRUSTY SLINGSHOTS AND LET FLY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF A TELEVISION CAMERA. THEY DON'T OFFER A PLAN OF THEIR OWN TO RESTORE ECONOMIC HEALTH, FOR THE SAME REASON THEY CAN'T POINT TO ANY ALTERNATIVE TO KEEP SOCIAL SECURITY SOLVENT OR BRING DOWN FARM SURPLUSES OR HASTEN THE DAY WHEN NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE AT LAST ELIMINATED FROM THE DOOMSDAY CATALOGUE. HEARING THEM TALK ABOUT DEFICITS IS LIKE ATTENDING A CONVENTION OF FOXES CALLED TO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF CHICKENS.

RESPONSIBLE PROGRAMS

SO TO THOSE WHO INDULGE IN VERBAL HIT AND RUN, LET ME SUGGEST A DIFFERENT COURSE OF ACTION. BLUNTLY PUT, IT GOES LIKE THIS: PUT UP OR SHUT UP. TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE GALLUP POLL LONG ENOUGH TO PONDER THE FUTURE OF THOSE YOU'RE ELECTED TO SERVE. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED WORK, AND WE'RE OFFERING A REALISTIC, RESPONSIBLE PLAN TO GIVE THEM WORK. THE ADMINISTRATION

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HAS CRAFTED A \$7.2 BILLION PACKAGE THAT NOT ONLY OFFERS JOBS THROUGH ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, BUT ALSO RENDERS COMPASSION THROUGH EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO NEED FOOD ON THEIR TABLES - AND WE'RE PROPOSING TO TAKE A HALF BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT FOOD OUT OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTE IT DIRECTLY TO THE NEEDY. THIS PLAN WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS FROM HAVING TO PICK-UP A WHOPPING DAILY STORAGE TAB OF \$628,000. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT IN THE LAND OF PLENTY SURPLUS FOOD STOCKS GROW HIGHER AS SOUP-KITCHEN LINES GROW LONGER. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE IS NOT LIMITED TO ANY ONE PARTY OR PROGRAM. PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT AMERICA ISN'T PHYSICALLY FALLING APART - AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE ALLOCATED \$58 BILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO REBUILD THE ROADS AND BRIDGES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL SAFETY. PEOPLE NEED TO KEEP MORE OF WHAT THEY

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EARN - AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF REPEALING THE THIRD STAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S TAX CUT, NOR JUNKING INDEXING AT A TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PRACTICING A LITTLE OF THE SACRIFICE SO FAMILIAR TO THE GOVERNED.

THE SPENDTHRIFTS IN WASHINGTON WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO CRANK UP THE OLD PRINTING PRESS. FAILING THAT, THEY'D LIKE TO DO AN END RUN AROUND THE PUBLIC, RAISING TAXES BY THE SIMPLE EXPEDIENT OF INFLATING PRICES, AND PUSHING MILLIONS OF MIDDLE AND LOWER INCOME FAMILIES INTO BRACKETS THAT ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO WERE RESERVED FOR THE WEALTHY. WELL, THEY'RE WRONG, AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH IT. IT WAS EXACTLY THAT KIND OF SLEIGHT OF HAND THAT THE VOTERS REJECTED IN 1980 - AND IT IS TO THOSE SAME VOTERS THAT YOU AND I MUST NOW TURN FOR SUPPORT. LINCOLN HIMSELF SAID IT BEST. "WE HOLD THE TRUE REPUBLICAN POSITION," HE TOLD CONGRESS IN 1848. "IN LEAVING THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS IN THE PEOPLE'S HANDS, WE CANNOT BE WRONG."

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REPUBLICAN OBLIGATIONS AND TRADITIONS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: WE ARE THE PARTY OF THOSE PEOPLE.
AS THE PARTY OF LINCOLN, WE SHOULD BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF
THE FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND. WE SHOULD PROMOTE
THE OPPORTUNITY STATE IN PLACE OF THE WELFARE STATE - AND
WE SHOULD KEEP THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO ANY MAN OR
WOMAN WHO WANTS TO EARN HIS BREAD AND PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE
FOR HIS CHILDREN. AS A PARTY THAT BELIEVES IN THE DIGNITY
OF WORK AND THE SACRED BOND OF THE FAMILY, WE SHOULD BE TIRELESS
IN PROMOTING NEW INDUSTRIES AND PROTECTING OLD VALUES. WE
SHOULD STAND BEHIND FREE TRADE, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T BECOME
A FREE LUNCH FOR FOREIGN COMPETITORS. AND AS A PARTY COMMITTED
BODY AND SOUL TO THE DEFENSE OF THE NATION, WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND
THAT AMERICA'S ULTIMATE DEFENSE LIES, NOT IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS
ALONE, BUT IN THE IDEALS AND THE COMMUNITIES THOSE SYSTEMS
ARE BUILT TO SAFEGUARD.

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO MAKE A SACRIFICE,
SO LONG AS IT'S SHARED EQUALLY. MANY OF YOU, LIKE YOUR NEIGHBORS
AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE KNOWN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO TIGHTEN THE
BELT IN A TIME OF ECONOMIC ADVERSITY. NOW IT FALLS TO THE
PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO EMULATE THAT SAME SPIRIT. A RECOVERY
IS UNDER WAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT - JUST
LOOK AT HOUSING AND AUTO SALES, CONSUMER SPENDING OR PLANT
CAPACITY. THE WORST IS OVER. THE BEST HAS YET TO ARRIVE.
TO MAKE SURE IT DOES, WE'VE GOT TO BRING THE FEDERAL DEFICIT
DOWN, AND INTEREST RATES DOWN STILL MORE. THAT MEANS SCRUTINIZING
EVERY LINE ITEM, EVERY PROCUREMENT, EVERY DOT AND EVERY TITTLE
OF AN \$848 BILLION BUDGET. IT MEANS THAT THE PENTAGON MUST
BECOME NEITHER A SCAPEGOAT NOR A PIG, THAT NO CLASS OF AMERICANS
CAN SUFFER OR PROFIT UNDULY AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER, AND
THAT GOVERNMENT ITSELF DISCOVERS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FORESAKE
THE WISH FOR INSTANT GRATIFICATION.

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LINCOLN DAY REMINDERS

LISTEN ONCE MORE TO THE WORDS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SPOKEN
IN ANOTHER DAY OF GRAVE PROBLEMS AND STILL GREATER POTENTIAL.
"IN TIMES LIKE THE PRESENT," HE SAID, "MEN SHOULD UTTER NOTHING
FOR WHICH THEY WOULD NOT WILLINGLY BE RESPONSIBLE THROUGH
TIME AND ETERNITY."

IT'S A GOOD TEST STILL, ONE WE OUGHT TO APPLY TO EVERYONE
WHO HOLDS OR SEEKS OFFICE. SOME COMMON SENSE, AND SOME UNCOMMON
SENSITIVITY - THESE ARE THE STUFF OF SIMPLE JUSTICE AND POLITICAL
MAJORITIES. AND THEY BE AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE REPUBLICANS
HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED. THE PRESIDENT HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO
BE A MAN WHO PRACTICES WHAT HE PREACHES. NOW I SUBMIT, IT'S
UP TO US, AS A CONGREGATION OF TRUE BELIEVERS, TO HELP HIM
PRESERVE ALL THAT'S BEEN GAINED, AND PRESS FORWARD WITH STILL
MORE CHALLENGES TO THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM OF WASHINGTON.
THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT THE BLOOM IS OFF THE REAGAN ROSE FORGET

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ONE IMPORTANT THING: THE ROSE IS A PERENNIAL PLANT. WITH
A LITTLE SPADEWORK NOW, IT WILL BLOSSOM HANDSOMELY COME THE
FALL OF 1984.