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INDIANAPOLIS FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1974

I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THIS INVITATION TO BE HERE

TONIGHT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE A STRANGER TO MY FELLOW

AMERICANS. I WANT TO BE A VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PRESIDENT.

AND OBVIOUSLY I NEED IT. AS I WAS WALKING THROUGH THE LOBBY,

A VERY FRIENDLY LADY CAME UP TO ME, SHOOK MY HAND AND SAID,

JUST
"I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER YOUR NAME.".....

SO I TRIED TO HELP HER OUT. I SAID, "JERRY FORD?" SHE SAID,

"NO --- BUT YOU'RE CLOSE."

Dick Tiger
Mr. Bowen
James Callaghan

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TONIGHT WITH SO MANY
ENTHUSIASTIC INDIANA REPUBLICANS AT THE CONVENTION-EXPOSITION
CENTER. I HAVE VISITED INDIANAPOLIS MANY TIMES. BUT I STILL
COME AWAY FROM EACH VISIT MORE IMPRESSED, MORE ENTHUSIASTIC,
ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT CITY AND STATE.

ONE OF THE REASONS FOR MY OPTIMISM ABOUT INDIANA

IS HERE WITH US TONIGHT -- MY OLD FRIEND ^{ER} DICK LUGAR. FOR YEARS,

DICK HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING MAYOR OF INDIANAPOLIS.

IN FACT, A LOT OF PEOPLE CLAIM HE IS THE BEST MAYOR IN THE COUNTRY.

I AM CONVINCED DICK LUGAR WILL DO AS MUCH FOR HIS

STATE AND COUNTRY AS HE HAS ALREADY DONE FOR HIS CITY. HE'S

GOING TO MAKE A GREAT UNITED STATES SENATOR.

HE HAS A TOUGH FIGHT ON HIS HANDS. A LOT OF POLITICAL
MUSCLE AND OUT-OF-STATE MONEY ARE WORKING AGAINST HIM.

BUT, WITH YOUR HELP, DICK LUGAR CAN MAKE IT. AND HE DESERVES IT.

WE NEED A MAN LIKE HIM REPRESENTING INDIANA IN THE
SENATE -- A MAN WHO WILL SUPPORT ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT AND FIGHT
INFLATION YEAR-IN-YEAR OUT -- NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME. HE WILL
VOTE IN WASHINGTON -- LIKE HE TALKS IN INDIANA.

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AND, SPEAKING OF MEN WHO ARE OUTSTANDING AT THEIR
JOBS, I WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I ADMIRE GOVERNOR OTIS BOWEN.
I HAD PLANNED TO MEET WITH DOC BOWEN AT THE WHITE HOUSE SOMETIME
AGO. BUT I FOUND OUT THAT, LIKE SO MANY DOCTORS THESE DAYS,
~~HE~~
~~DOC BOWEN~~ DOESN'T MAKE HOUSE CALLS ANY MORE. SO I'VE COME
TO HIM INSTEAD.

BESIDES BEING A POPULAR, HARD-WORKING GOVERNOR,
DOC BOWEN IS ALSO A GREAT TEAM PLAYER. I KNOW I SPEAK
FOR EVERYONE HERE WHEN I SAY HOW GRATEFUL REPUBLICANS ARE FOR
HIS TIRELESS CAMPAIGNING ~~THIS YEAR~~ FOR DICK LUGAR AND FOR THE
ENTIRE STATE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO THE FINE

REPUBLICANS IN THE INDIANA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ---

EARL LANDGREBE, JOHN MYERS, ROGER ZION AND DAVID DENNIS ---

MEN I CAN COUNT ON TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. ~~IN~~

~~THE CONGRESS.~~ I AM GOING TO NEED THEM MORE THAN EVER DURING

THE NEXT TWO YEARS. I URGE THE PEOPLE OF INDIANA TO SEND THEM

BACK TO WASHINGTON.

IN ADDITION, RIGHT HERE IN THE MARION COUNTY AREA,
YOU HAVE THREE FINE CONGRESSMEN WHOM I LOOK TO FOR COUNSEL AND
SUPPORT -- BILL BRAY, BUD HILLIS AND BILL HUDNUT. I SERVED
SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH BILL BRAY IN THE CONGRESS FOR ALMOST 23 YEARS.
HE IS A FRIEND AS WELL AS A COLLEAGUE. HIS EXPERIENCE, SENIORITY
AND KNOW-HOW HAVE MADE HIM ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEN IN
THE CONGRESS. BILL BRAY IS A GREAT ASSET FOR INDIANA AND A
PROVEN INFLATION FIGHTER.

SO IS BUD HILLIS WHOM I HAVE KNOWN SINCE 1970 WHEN HE

WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. BUD HAS

BROUGHT ^{great} ~~THE SAME~~ COURAGE, ~~THE SAME~~ INTEGRITY, AND THE ~~SAME~~ STRONG

SENSE OF DUTY TO HIS WORK ON CAPITOL HILL.

And then you know ^{my good friend!} Bill Hudnut

Bill

AS YOU KNOW, ~~CONGRESSMAN HUDNUT~~ IS ALSO AN

~~and then there is my good friend~~ ^{contact to have in politics.}

ORDAINED MINISTER. WHICH ISN'T A BAD THING TO BE IN POLITICS.

FRANKLY, I NEVER KNEW BILL HUDNUT WAS A MINISTER UNTIL

ONE DAY I SAW HIM PICK UP A PHONE AND CALL DIAL-A-PRAYER...

COLLECT.

BILL HUDNUT'S FIRST TERM IN THE HOUSE COINCIDED
WITH MY LAST ONE. [REDACTED] IN THE ELEVEN MONTHS WE SERVED TOGETHER,
I CAME TO KNOW AND RESPECT HIM. INCIDENTALLY, IN LOOKING
OVER A FEW BACK ISSUES OF BILL'S NEWSLETTER TO HIS CONSTITUENTS,
I DISCOVERED THAT HE ACTUALLY DECLARED INFLATION "PUBLIC ENEMY
NUMBER ONE" BEFORE I DID. THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY VITAL
ISSUES ON WHICH WE AGREE.

THERE IS ANOTHER THING I KNOW ABOUT BILL THAT MAY

BE NEWS TO SOME OF YOU. TOMORROW IS HIS 42ND BIRTHDAY.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS, BILL -- INCLUDING A HAPPY RETURN TO THE

CONGRESS THIS NOVEMBER.

SPEAKING OF BIRTHDAYS, I CAN'T HELP THINKING BACK TO

MY OWN 42ND BIRTHDAY. IT WAS 19 YEARS AGO IN 1955. THERE'S

AN OLD SAYING THAT THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY

THE SAME. LOOKING BACK FOR A MOMENT TO 1955, THERE SEEMS TO BE

SOMETHING TO IT.

IN 1955, VIOLENCE IN CYPRUS WAS MAKING HEADLINES.

PEOPLE WERE WORRIED ABOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND THREATS

OF INFLATION AND RECESSION WEIGHED HEAVILY ON A LOT OF WORRIED

TAXPAYERS.

HERE WE ARE, 19 YEARS LATER. STRIFE IN CYPRUS AND THE
MIDDLE EAST ARE STILL ON THE FRONT PAGE. THE ECONOMY IS AGAIN A
BIG WORRY.

AMERICANS HAVE BEEN REDISCOVERING A LOT OF OTHER THINGS,
TOO. IN THE WAKE OF VIETNAM, WATERGATE, THE ENERGY CRISIS
AND THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGE, WE ARE LEARNING SOME OF THE BASIC
LESSONS THAT WENT INTO BUILDING AMERICA.

I HAVE IN MIND THINGS LIKE THE NEED FOR INTEGRITY
IN GOVERNMENT; THE NECESSITY FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO FIGHT
INFLATION; THE TIMELESS BALANCE, CREATED BY THE FOUNDERS, BETWEEN
THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT; AND THE NEED FOR ~~THE~~
BALANCE WITHIN THE CONGRESS THROUGH A VIABLE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM.

IT IS THE NEED FOR THIS BALANCE, AND THE CHALLENGE IT
FACES IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS, THAT I WILL ADDRESS.

LORD ACTON IS FAMOUS FOR A FREQUENTLY REPEATED
QUOTE, "POWER TENDS TO CORRUPT," HE SAID, "AND ABSOLUTE
POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY."

AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE TRUTH OF THOSE WORDS HAS
BEEN PROVEN. WHENEVER ANY ONE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, ANY ONE
PERSON, OR ANY ONE CLASS OR FACTION IN A COUNTRY ENJOYS A
MONOPOLY OF POWER, CORRUPTION AND EXTREMISM ARE THE INEVITABLE
RESULT.

ONLY CHECKS AND BALANCES -- THE FREE PLAY OF
DIFFERENT IDEAS, AND A VITAL, COMPETITIVE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM --
CAN PRESERVE A NATION'S FREEDOMS AND DEAL WITH CORRUPTION,
protection of two strong political parties
WE NEED THE BUILT-IN ~~WATCHDOG~~ OF A ~~STRONG~~ OPPOSITION PARTY AND
AN AWARE PUBLIC.

AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE
NOT GOING TO GET IF YOU AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS STAY HOME
ON NOVEMBER 5TH -- OR BLINDLY PENALIZE GOOD REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
FOR THE MISDEEDS OF OTHERS.

SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE DANGEROUS AT ANY TIME.
BUT, TODAY, ^{perhaps} MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, WE NEED A CONGRESS WILLING
TO WORK WITH US. WE NEED PEOPLE ON THE HILL WHO WON'T GO OVER
THE HILL IN THE WAR ON INFLATION. ^{legislative dictatorship} A ~~LOPSIDED~~ MAJORITY OF BIG
SPENDERS WOULD OVERRIDE EVERY EFFORT MADE TO CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING
AND WHIP INFLATION.

A legislative dictatorship

ELECTING A SPENDTHRIFT, VETO-PROOF CONGRESS TO
FIGHT INFLATION MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS GOING INTO THE
INDIANAPOLIS 500 ON A SKATEBOARD!

A CONGRESS LIKE THAT MIGHT BALK AT VOTING FOR A SMALL,
TEMPORARY SURTAX AIMED AT FIGHTING INFLATION -- SUCH AS THE ONE
I ASKED CONGRESS FOR LAST WEEK. IT ~~WOULD~~ MIGHT WELL HAVE TO
VOTE FOR A FAR HEAVIER, MORE REPRESSIVE SYSTEM OF TAXATION,
~~HOWEVER,~~ TO PAY FOR ALL THE PROGRAMS IT COULD ENACT OVER A
PRESIDENTIAL VETO.

WHAT WE NEED IS AN INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS MADE UP
OF MEMBERS COMMITTE^D~~D~~ TO CURBING SPENDING AND CHECKING INFLATION.

I BELIEVE IN LEVELLING WITH PEOPLE. AMERICANS PREFER
THE TRUTH TO SUGAR COATING. THEY CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY. I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE
A RIGHT TO SEE THEIR PRESIDENT OUT DEFENDING WHAT HE BELIEVES IN.
THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO SEE HIM EXPLAINING TO THE PEOPLE OF INDIANA
IN INDIANA WHAT HAPPENS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THIS NATION DOES
NOT STOP AT THE POTOMAC RIVER ^{AND} I DON'T INTEND TO STOP THERE EITHER!

THAT IS WHY, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR,
I HAVE PROPOSED A 31-POINT ECONOMIC PROGRAM THAT AIMS AT SOLVING
PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF SWEEPING THEM UNDER THE RUG. AND THAT IS WHY
I AM OUT DISCUSSING THIS PROGRAM WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT PROGRAM IS THE PROPOSED
FIVE PERCENT SURTAX I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO.

I REALIZE THAT A NEW TAX IS NOT THE EASIEST WAY TO
MAKE FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN AN ELECTION YEAR. SOME OF
MY OLDEST FRIENDS IN POLITICS WARNED ME THAT WHILE THE SURTAX
IS REQUIRED TO WHIP INFLATION, IT IS POLITICAL POISON IN AN
ELECTION YEAR.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR ATTITUDE. BUT THIS YEAR,
WITH SO MUCH AT STAKE, I CAN'T GO ALONG WITH THEM. I AM MORE
INTERESTED IN MY COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SURVIVAL THAN IN PLAYING
POLITICS AS USUAL.

AND I AM ALSO A GREAT BELIEVER IN THE WISDOM OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. ONCE AMERICANS KNOW THE FACTS,
CONSIDER THEM PROPERLY, THEY WILL DO WHAT IS NEEDED.

AND ONE OF THE FACTS IS THAT THIS SURTAX WILL APPLY
ONLY TO FAMILIES WHICH MAY NOT LIKE IT BUT WILL BE ABLE TO COPE
WITH IT. FOR INSTANCE, A COUPLE WITH TWO CHILDREN AND A FAMILY
INCOME OF 20,000 DOLLARS WOULD ONLY PAY 42 DOLLARS A YEAR --
OR TWELVE CENTS A DAY.

*Only 28% of all tax returns are
affected. Is that too
much to ASK.*

LET ME ADD THIS IMPORTANT POINT: THIS FIVE PERCENT SURTAX WILL DO THE JOB OF HELPING CURB INFLATION ONLY IF THE FEDERAL BUDGET IS IN BALANCE. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I INTEND TO ACCOMPLISH.

WHAT I OFFER IS NOT A MAGIC FORMULA. BUT I DO OFFER PROPOSALS THAT BALANCE FLEXIBILITY, SACRIFICE AND EQUITY SO THAT NO ONE GROUP OF AMERICANS BEARS ALL THE BURDEN. IN SHORT, EVERYONE IS PROTECTED FROM THE FULL BRUNT OF INFLATION, EVERYONE SHARES THE BURDEN EQUALLY.

LET ME CONCLUDE TODAY BY ~~MUST~~ REMINDING REPUBLICANS,
DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS ALIKE: CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS ARE
WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT. IT IS THE TIME TO ACCOUNT FOR THE
STEWARDSHIP OF THOSE WHO SERVE THE PEOPLE. THERE IS NO GUN
SO MIGHTY NOR FORCE SO POWERFUL AS THE QUIET SYMBOLIC VOICE SPOKEN
IN THE PRIVACY OF THE VOTING BOOTH. IT IS THE OPPORTUNITY, AND
INDEED THE RESPONSIBILITY, OF EVERY CITIZEN TO BALANCE THE LEDGER
SHEETS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT.

I KNOW WE WILL GET THE JOB DONE. WE WILL LICK
INFLATION. WE WILL STRENGTHEN THE GREAT TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN
THE UNITED STATES. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD THE INTERNATIONAL
PEACE WHICH WILL COME FROM BIPARTISAN COOPERATION IN THE HIGHEST
COUNCILS OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

AND TO HELP ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS, WE NEED A STRONG,
RESPONSIVE CONGRESS. AS ONE COMMENTATOR PUT IT ON
TELEVISION LAST WEEK -- "I'M LOOKING FOR A CONGRESS THAT'LL
PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE LEGISLATION!"

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