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ROCK HILL MALL SHOPPING CENTER ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1974

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YOU KNOW, WHENEVER I'M A LITTLE TIRED AND NEED SOME QUICK
ENERGY, I LIKE TO COME DOWN HERE AND BREATHE IN SOME OF THAT GOOD,

SWEET SOUTH CAROLINA AIR. IT REALLY GIVES YOU NEW LIFE. DON'T

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. ASK STROM THURMOND!....

THE MOTTO OF THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS

"PREPARED IN SPIRIT AND RESOURCES." AND STROM THURMOND IS

CERTAINLY THAT. IN FACT, THERE ARE TWO DAYS IN PARTICULAR WHEN

STROM THURMOND REALLY PROVES THAT HE IS "PREPARED IN SPIRIT AND

RESOURCES." ONE IS ELECTION DAY -- AND THE OTHER IS FATHER'S DAY!

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I HAVE STOPPED HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO SEND PHILLIPS

TO WASHINGTON. I NEED HIM THERE, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NEED HIM THERE, AND THE NATION NEEDS HIM THERE. OUR TOUGHEST

PROBLEM IS INFLATION, AND LEN IS AN INFLATION-FIGHTER.

ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE DONE YOUR WEEKEND SHOPPING HERE AT ROCK HILL MALL CENTER THIS MORNING KNOW EXACTLY HOW INFLATION BITES INTO OUR PAYCHECKS, AFFECTS OUR LIVES AND CONSUMES OUR SAVINGS.

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THE SINGLE BIGGEST CAUSE OF INFLATION IS FEDERAL SPENDING.

AND THE PLACE THAT FEDERAL SPENDING CAN BE CURBED IS IN THE CONGRESS.

THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CONGRESS TOO

OFTEN REPOSES.

WE NEED MEN LIKE LEN PHILLIPS IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WE NEED REAL FIGHTERS ON CAPITOL HILL -- MEN AND WOMEN WHO WON'T GO OVER THE HILL IN THE WAR ON INFLATION!

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THIS YEAR, I INTEND TO HOLD THE LINE OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

AND NEXT YEAR, I INTEND TO PROPOSE A BALANCED BUDGET -- AND THAT HAS

BEEN DONE ONLY SIX TIMES IN THE LAST 25 YEARS. I FULLY AGREE WITH

LEN PHILLIPS: WE SIMPLY MUST DISCARD THE DISCREDITED PRACTICE OF

DEFICIT SPENDING.

IT IS TIME FOR UNCLE SAM TO TIGHTEN UP HIS FEDERAL BELT.

THAT PAUNCH HAS BEEN GROWING STEADILY NOW FOR TOO MANY YEARS.

IT LOOKS BAD ON HIM. IT IS TIME TO PUT UNCLE SAM ON A CRASH DIET.

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IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN CUTTING COSTS, IN CURBING INFLATION,
WE NEED COST CONSCIOUS MEN IN THE CONGRESS.

AND THAT IS WITH WE NEED LEN PHILLIPS IN WASHINGTON.

LEN KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY MEANS.

LEN BUILT HIS OWN BUSINESS FROM THE BOTTOM UP. HE BUILT THAT

BUSINESS THROUGH HARD WORK AND DEDICATED EFFORT. AND IN THE

PROCESS, LEN LEARNED ONE HARD, BASIC LESSON -- YOU CANNOT SPEND

MORE THAN YOU MAKE.

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THAT IS A LESSON THAT EVERY GOOD FAMILY LEARNS EARLY.

THAT IS A LESSON THAT EVERY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN LEARNS EARLY.

AND NOW IT IS A LESSON THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST LEARN

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. LEN WILL HELP TEACH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE

HOUSE THAT LESSON.

I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW VERY IMPORTANT YOUR INDIVIDUAL VOTES WILL BE NEXT MONTH. IN MY OPINION, NOTHING LESS THAN A CONTINUATION OF A STRONG TWO-PARTY SYSTEM MUST BE THE OBJECTIVE THIS YEAR OF ALL OF US.

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BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT DICTATING NATIONAL POLICY -- A LEGISLATIVE DICTATORSHIP, IN EFFECT. AND IF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT BRANCH DO NOT SHARE OUR VIEWS ABOUT CUTTING WASTE AND FLAB. THEN WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO WHIP INFLATION.

VIEW TO THE SHAPING OF NATIONAL POLICY. BUT IF THAT TWO-PARTY

SYSTEM COMES APART, IF ONE PARTY BECOMES TOTALLY DOMINANT,

THEN THE IDEAS AND VIEWS OF A GREAT NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARE

EXCLUDED FROM THE NATIONAL DEBATE.

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BALANCE IS THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF OUR SYSTEM OF
GOVERNMENT. AND WITHOUT HEALTHY TWO-PARTY REPRESENTATION,
WE DO NOT HAVE BALANCE.

IN SOUTH CAROLINA, YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT

BALANCE IS.

THIS VITAL AND VIBRANT NEW SOUTH OF YOURS IS IN LARGE PART THE RESULT OF THE RESTORATION OF A HEALTHY TWO-PARTY SYSTEM -- THE RESTORATION OF BALANCE IN THE SOUTH.

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THROUGHOUT THE NEW SOUTH, PARTY HAS FINE YOUNG,

ENERGETIC CANDIDATES, DYNAMIC YOUNG MEN LIKE LEN PHILLIPS.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THAT YOUTH AND ENERGY THROUGH DEFAULT.

SO LET US VOW TO GO TO THE POLLS NEXT MONTH.

LET US VOW TO GET OUT TO VOTE. LET US VOW TO SEND

MEN TO WASHINGTON WHO WILL WORK DAY AND NIGHT TO WHIP INFLATION --

MEN LIKE LEN PHILLIPS.

LEN, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON IN

JANUARY AND WORKING WITH YOU IN THE 94TH CONGRESS.

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