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CALVIN COLLEGE GOP RALLY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1974

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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE BACK HOME -- AND I WANT TO THANK

YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS A VERY MEMORABLE HOMECOMING.

I PARTICULARLY GOT A BIG KICK OUT OF WATCHING ALL THOSE BALLOONS

COME DOWN FROM THE CEILING AT THE START OF THE PROGRAM.

|| YOU MIGHT SAY THAT'S THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR POSITION AND

THE OPPOSITION'S. WE PUT HOT AIR IN BALLOONS ---- THEY PUT IT

IN SPEECHES!

Anything I stand
for reflects 5th
District
Hope of Calvin
Debate!

COMING BACK TO MY HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN AS PRESIDENT
OF ALL THESE UNITED STATES CREATES A BIT OF A PROBLEM. FOR ONE
THING, IT IS HARD TO REMAIN NON-PARTISAN -- PARTICULARLY WHEN
IT COMES DOWN TO SUCH BASIC MATTERS AS FOOTBALL.

TAKE THE MICHIGAN - OHIO STATE GAME COMING UP IN

JUST A FEW MORE WEEKS. PEOPLE KEEP ASKING ME WHO I'LL BE

ROOTING FOR. WELL, I THINK THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY HANDLED

T HIS PROBLEM VERY WELL. HE WAS IN IOWA JUST BEFORE THEIR BIG

GAME WITH NOTRE DAME -- AND SOMEONE ASKED HIM THAT SAME QUESTION:

"WHO WILL YOU BE ROOTING FOR?" AND JOHN ^{F.}_^KENNEDY SAID,

"I'LL BE ROOTING FOR IOWA!"

AND A TREMENDOUS CHEER WENT UP. THEN HE ADDED,

"BUT I'LL BE PRAYING FOR NOTRE DAME!" SO COME THE

MICHIGAN - OHIO GAME, I'LL LET YOU FIGURE OUT WHO I'LL BE ROOTING

AND PRAYING FOR.

EVERY TWO YEARS FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER-CENTURY,

I HAVE CAMPAIGNED IN THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEEKING

YOUR SUPPORT AND RECEIVING IT. FOR THAT I AM MOST GRATEFUL.

I GUESS IT IS A HABIT ~~I AM UNABLE TO KICK.~~

*based on the affection & admiration
I have for all of you - Republicans / Independents
& Democrats.*

I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY, FOR THREE REASONS:

FIRST, HAVING SERVED TWELVE FULL TERMS IN THE

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I AM CONVINCED THAT ONE OF THE MOST

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL IS TO DEFEND HIS PROGRAMS

AND POLICIES AND ACTIONS BEFORE HIS CONSTITUENTS AND, IN TURN, TO

OBTAIN FIRSTHAND THEIR VIEWS ON VITAL ISSUES. I BELIEVE THIS

YARDSTICK SHOULD APPLY TO PRESIDENTS AS WELL AS TO CONGRESSMEN.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE TRAVELED SOME 16,900 MILES

SO FAR AS PRESIDENT AND MET WITH THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS FROM

EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY AND FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

SECOND, AS ON OTHER OCCASIONS, I AM HERE TO SEEK

YOUR SUPPORT -- THIS TIME FOR THE ELECTION OF A CONGRESSMAN FROM

THIS DISTRICT WHO WILL TRULY REPRESENT YOU AND WHO WILL JOIN

of me & Betty too
A

WITH ME IN MAKING THE TOUGH DECISIONS NECESSARY TO SET OUR ECONOMIC

HOUSE IN ORDER.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE VISITED 16 STATES SO FAR IN THIS
CAMPAIGN -- TO ELECT A CONGRESS THAT WILL HELP ME MAKE SURE YOUR
PAYCHECK BUYS AS MUCH ON THE DAY YOU CASH IT AS ON THE DAYS YOU
EARNED IT.

THERE IS A SPECIAL KIND OF SPIRIT THAT ALWAYS
INSPIRES ME WHEN I VISIT GRAND RAPIDS. THIS IS ANOTHER REASON
WHY I AM HERE TODAY.

THAT SPECIAL GRAND RAPIDS SPIRIT IS THE CONVICTION

THAT PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED. AND THERE IS NO TIME MORE

APPROPRIATE FOR PROBLEM-SOLVING THAN RIGHT NOW.

AS PRESIDENT, I AM ADDRESSING MYSELF TO THE SERIOUS
PROBLEMS FACING AMERICA -- PARTICULARLY OUR NO. 1 DOMESTIC
PUBLIC ENEMY. WITH YOUR HELP, AND WITH THE ELECTION OF A
COOPERATIVE CONGRESS, I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN WHIP INFLATION
IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE A GOOD START.
BUT WE NEED HELP.

I WANT THE VOTING PUBLIC TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT I
AM SAYING SO THERE IS NO DANGER OF MISUNDERSTANDING. THE
MESSAGE IS THIS: INFLATION IS THE CHIEF PROBLEM WE FACE IN THIS
COUNTRY AND THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD. AND THE BIG SPENDERS
IN THE CONGRESS ARE THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO INFLATION.

THIS CONGRESS IS CONTROLLED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY --

AND HAS BEEN FOR 38 OUT OF THE LAST 42 YEARS AND FOR THE PAST 20

CONSECUTIVE YEARS. IF WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH INFLATION IN

AMERICA -- AND WE CERTAINLY DO -- THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSES OVER

THE YEARS HAVE EITHER CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEM OR DONE NOTHING

TO SOLVE IT. OR BOTH. IF THERE EVER WAS TIME FOR A CHANGE IN

CONGRESS, IT IS THIS YEAR!

NEVERTHELESS, SOME ELEMENTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
NOW WANT MORE THAN MAJORITY CONTROL. THEY WANT -- AND HAVE SAID
SO OPENLY -- TO ELECT A "VETO-PROOF CONGRESS" -- ONE WHICH HAS THE
OVERWHELMING NUMBERS TO OVERRIDE ANY PRESIDENTIAL VETO. IN MY
VIEW, THAT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO A LEGISLATIVE DICTATORSHIP
IN THIS COUNTRY -- SOMETHING WHICH COULD UPSET THE PROVEN SYSTEM
OF CHECKS AND BALANCES WHICH HAS SERVED US SO WELL FOR SO LONG.

IF THAT HAPPENS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BUCKLE YOUR
SEAT BELTS -- FOR THE DEMOCRATS' IDEA OF CHECKS AND BALANCES IS
DIFFERENT FROM OURS: THEY WRITE THE CHECKS EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE
NEVER ANY BALANCES.

AND FROM YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, YOU KNOW WHERE
THAT CAN LEAD.

A RECENT GALLUP POLL SHOWS THAT BIG GOVERNMENT
SPENDING IS VIEWED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS THE CHIEF CAUSE OF
THE RAMPANT INFLATION WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING.

IF THAT IS TRUE, IF YOU BELIEVE IT, I AM CHALLENGING YOU
HERE TONIGHT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT BELIEF -- TO MAKE YOUR VOTES
CONSISTENT WITH YOUR VIEWS, TO SEND TO CONGRESS A REPRESENTATIVE
LIKE PAUL GOEBEL, JR., WHO IS COMMITTED TO FIGHTING BOTH SPENDING
AND INFLATION.

TO QUOTE THE GREAT BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIAN,

EDMUND BURKE: "THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL
IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING."

THAT SAYING APPLIES TO THE ELECTORATE IN GENERAL AND
TO REPUBLICANS IN PARTICULAR. THE WORD WE RECEIVED BACK IN
WASHINGTON IS THAT REPUBLICANS HERE IN GRAND RAPIDS AND IN
MICHIGAN MAY SIT THIS ELECTION OUT -- THAT THEY ARE TURNED OFF BY
POLITICS.

FRANKLY, I DO NOT BELIEVE IT. AND THIS TURNOUT HERE
TODAY DOESN'T INDICATE IT.

WITHOUT QUESTION, APATHY HAS BEEN THE CHIEF VILLAIN
IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE. SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK IT
JUST HAPPENED IN THE LAST YEAR OR TWO. I SUGGEST THAT THE
STATISTICS HAVE BEEN REFLECTING IT SINCE 1960.

FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE THE NATIONAL PERCENTAGES OF VOTES
CAST IN CONGRESSIONAL OFF-YEAR ELECTIONS LIKE THIS ONE COMING UP.
BASED ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS, ONLY 46.3 PERCENT
TURNED OUT TO CAST BALLOTS IN 1962; ONLY 45.6 PERCENT TOOK THE TIME
TO DO SO IN 1966, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLES WHO VOTED IN THE
LAST OFF-YEAR ELECTION -- 1970 -- WAS EVEN LOWER -- 43.8 PERCENT.
AND IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION HERE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT LAST MARCH,
ONLY ABOUT 35 PERCENT WENT TO THE POLLS.

ON THE BASIS OF THOSE FIGURES, ONE COMPUTER PROJECTION
HOLDS THAT ONLY 42 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WILL CAST BALLOTS
FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES NEXT TUESDAY.

IF THAT HAPPENS, IT MEANS THAT THE COMPOSITION OF
THE 94TH CONGRESS WILL BE DECIDED BY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN TWO OUT
OF EVERY TEN ELIGIBLE VOTERS. IN SHORT, THE MAJORITY WOULD LET
THE MINORITY DECIDE.

I URGE YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN HERE
IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WITH ONE WEEK TO GO UNTIL THE ELECTION,
GET INVOLVED IF YOU AREN'T NOW.

WORK AS YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE FOR PAUL GOEBEL'S
VICTORY. WORK ON THOSE THOUGHTFUL INDEPENDENTS AND WISE
DEMOCRATS WHO BELIEVE AS YOU DO OR ARE AT LEAST SUFFICIENTLY
OPEN-MINDED TO BE CONVINCED. AND MAY I ADD, WORK TO SEND
ECONOMY-MINDED REPUBLICANS TO LANSING AS WELL.

SEND A MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON BY
ELECTING PAUL GOEBEL -- A MESSAGE THAT SAYS THAT YOU, THE AMERICAN
CONSUMER, THE WORKING MAN AND WOMAN, THE HOUSEWIFE, THE SOLID
CITIZENS ARE SICK AND TIRED OF RISING PRICES AND WANT SOMETHING
DONE ABOUT IT. LET THE CONGRESS KNOW THAT YOU WANT ACTION
ON THE 31-POINT PROGRAM WHICH I REQUESTED TO HELP US WHIP INFLATION
AND CONSERVE ENERGY.

THE FIRST THING REQUIRED IN COPING WITH A TOUGH
PROBLEM LIKE INFLATION IS A GOOD PLAN. THAT IS THE WAY WE
STARTED. A MONTH AGO THE CONFERENCE ON INFLATION WAS
CONCLUDED. WE CALLED TOGETHER THE BEST ECONOMIC BRAINS IN THE
COUNTRY AND SPOKESMEN FOR ALL THE VARIED VIEWS OF AMERICAN
ECONOMIC GROUPS. PEOPLE SPOKE THEIR MINDS. WE SELECTED THE
VERY BEST IDEAS AND MOLDED THEM INTO A PACKAGE OF ACTIONS THAT
COULD WORK, IF EVERYONE COOPERATED.

I AM CONFIDENT THE ECONOMIC PACKAGE SENT TO THE
CONGRESS WILL WORK. WE CAN WIN AGAINST INFLATION; WE CAN
GET OUT OF THIS SPIRAL OF EVER-RISING PRICES; WE CAN RESTORE A
HEALTHY ECONOMY IN WHICH EVERYONE HAS A DECENT JOB AND A DECENT
PAYCHECK. IT CAN BE DONE.

I THINK THE PLAN I PROPOSED WILL WORK, BUT CONGRESS MUST ACT. HOWEVER, CONGRESS CAN CHANGE THE PLAN, MODIFY IT, REFINE IT IF BETTER ALTERNATIVES DEVELOP. IF, WHILE CONGRESS DELIBERATES, ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, I WILL BE OPEN-MINDED. BUT LET US GIVE THIS BASIC PLAN A CHANCE. IT COMES FROM THE BEST ECONOMIC THINKING THAT AMERICA HAS TO OFFER.

AS I STATED EARLIER, I AM HERE SEEKING YOUR
SUPPORT -- SUPPORT IN THIS BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION, IN KEEPING
THE GRAND RAPIDS SPIRIT ALIVE IN WASHINGTON, IN MAKING SURE WE
HAVE A VIABLE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN WASHINGTON THAT CAN KEEP THE
BALANCE IN OUR CHECKS AND BALANCE SYSTEM. AND THE BEST WAY
TO DO THIS IS TO ELECT PAUL GOEBEL TO CONGRESS NEXT TUESDAY.

I KNOW PAUL. I KNOW THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FIFTH DISTRICT AND A BETTER GRAND RAPIDS. PAUL'S EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE COUNTY COMMISSION HAS BEEN VALUABLE TRAINING. HE WRESTLED WITH THE PROBLEM OF "INCREASING TAX REVENUES WITHOUT RAISING TAXES." PAUL HAS BEEN IN THE PRESSURE COOKER OF PUBLIC LIFE. HE KNOWS THERE ARE NO MAGIC ANSWERS OR INSTANT SOLUTIONS. PAUL GOEBEL KNOWS HOW TO FACE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS HONESTLY AND REALISTICALLY -- BECAUSE HE IS AN HONEST AND REALISTIC PERSON.

PAUL HAS NOT MADE ANY CAMPAIGN PROMISES HE
CANNOT KEEP. HE HAS NOT BEEN AFRAID TO TELL THE TOUGH,
UNVARNISHED TRUTH.

YOU HERE IN GRAND RAPIDS HAVE HAD ENOUGH CONFIDENCE
IN THE PAST TO ELECT HIM TO PUBLIC OFFICE. NOW, I ASK YOU TO DO
IT AGAIN. PAUL GOEBEL WILL VOTE IN WASHINGTON THE SAME WAY HE
TALKS IN GRAND RAPIDS.

SO I ASK YOU, FOR AMERICA'S SAKE, FOR GRAND RAPIDS'

SAKE, FOR YOUR SAKE, WHEN YOU GO INTO THE VOTING BOOTHS NEXT

TUESDAY, MARK YOUR BALLOT FOR PAUL GOEBEL, JR., FOR CONGRESS --

AND THEN WATCH THE ACTION.

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