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Wilm Mark Link It'S VERY APPROPRIATE THAT WE'RE HOLDING THIS

RALLY IN AN AIRPORT. BECAUSE I'VE FLOWN IN TODAY ON A WING

AND A PRAYER -- TO ASK YOU TO GIVE ME GOOD MEN IN CONGRESS WHO WILL

PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE LEGISLATION.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE HERE IN SIOUX CITY -- THE LARGEST

CITY IN THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT -- TO APPEAR ON BEHALF

OF MY GOOD FRIEND, WILEY MAYNE.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TAUGHT -- WHEN YOU HAVE A GOOD THING

MAYNE AS YOUR CONGRESSMAN. I'VE SEEN HIM IN ACTION FOR NEARLY

8 YEARS, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAD
MORE MEN AND WOMEN OF HIS SKILL AND STATURE, OUR PROBLEMS WOULD
BE FEWER TODAY.

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CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR. A VETERAN OF THE IOWA LEGISLATURE, DAVE IS

RUNNING ONE OF THE HARDEST AND MOST ACTIVE SENATE CAMPAIGNS OF THE

YEAR. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE CITIZENS OF IOWA ARE GOING TO SEND

DAVE TO THE SENATE TO PUT A HOLD ON INFLATIONARY SPENDING. HE

DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT.

THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO COMMEND THE PRODUCTION GENIUS OF THE

AMERICAN FARMER -- TO SAY THANKS TO SO MANY FOR JOBS WELL DONE.

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AT TIMES, FARMERS HAVE BEEN UNFAIRLY CRITICIZED AS THE

CAUSE OF HIGH FOOD PRICES. AS YOU WELL KNOW, FARMERS ARE MORE

LIKELY THE VICTIMS OF INFLATION THAN ITS CAUSE. BY THEIR EFFICIENCY

AND EVER-INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY, THEY ARE THE FRONTLINE SHOCK

TROOPS WHO ARE STAVING OFF WHAT MIGHT BE AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS

ROUND OF INFLATION WERE IT NOT FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

I AM AWARE THAT AGRICULTURE IS BESET BY VERY DIFFICULT

AND CHALLENGING PROBLEMS. SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED BY

UNWISE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. OTHERS ARE THE RESULT OF AN UNUSUAL

AND EXTRAORDINARY COMBINATION OF WEATHER EXCESSES -- TOO WET FOR

PLANTING, DROUGHT, UNSEASONABLE EARLY FROSTS. ALL THIS AT A

TIME OF INCREASED DOMESTIC AND WORLD FOOD NEEDS.

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BECAUSE OF PRICE INCENTIVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT BY

GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND PLANTED ACREAGE, FARMERS HAVE RESPONDED

MAGNIFICENTLY TO BOOST THE SUPPLY OF GRAINS AND SOYBEANS.

THANKS TO THE FLEXIBILITY WRITTEN INTO THE 1973 AGRICULTURE AND

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, THEY WERE ABLE TO MOVE SMOOTHLY FROM A

LIMITED TO A FULL PRODUCTION PROGRAM.

INCIDENTALLY GREAT CREDIT FOR THE MAJOR

PROVISIONS OF THE 1973 ACT MUST BE GIVEN TO WILEY MAYNE,

THE TOP RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE IMPORTANT

HOUSE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK AND GRAINS.

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WHILE I WAS HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER, I CONFERRED FREQUENTLY WITH
WILEY ON THIS LEGISLATION. I KNOW HOW HARD HE WORKED TO HELP
EFFECT ITS ENACTMENT AND TO LIBERATE FARMERS FROM THE DISCREDITED,
INCOME-RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMS OF THE PAST 40 YEARS.

THERE IS ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN -- CORN AND SOYBEAN

PRODUCTION IS FALLING SHORT OF NEEDS. EVEN SO, THE CORN CROP IS

STILL THE FIFTH LARGEST EVER PRODUCED, SOYBEANS THE THIRD LARGEST.

AND WHEAT AND RICE THE LARGEST EVER.

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WE CANNOT, IN FAIRNESS, ASK OUR FARMERS TO PRODUCE

MORE UNLESS ALL OF US ARE WILLING TO SHARE AT LEAST PART OF THE

PRODUCTION RISKS.

SUPPLY FARM NEEDS CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM. AS I HAVE STATED

BEFORE, I WILL REQUEST THE AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO ASSURE FARMERS

ALL OF THE FERTILIZER THEY NEED AND I WILL MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ALL

THE FUEL THEY NEED AS WELL.

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AND I REPEAT TO YOU TODAY: I WILL NOT ASK CONGRESS
TO INCREASE TAXES ON GASOLINE. THAT'S ONE TAX THAT IS HIGH
ENOUGH.

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, AND NOT SAY A WORD ABOUT THE PRODUCTION OF MEAT.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, AND ESPECIALLY CATTLE FEEDERS, HAVE CALLED TO

THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR THE

FINANCIAL WRINGER THEY ARE BEING PUT THROUGH. ADJUSTING TO HIGHER

FEED COSTS AND INCREASED SUPPLY OF BEEF ANIMALS IS A PAINFUL PROCESS.

1 HAVE TODAY MADE THREE POLICY DECISIONS WHICH I BELIEVE

WILL RELIEVE SOME OF THE ANXIETY IN THE INDUSTRY AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE
AMONG PRODUCERS SO THAT THE INDUSTRY CAN AGAIN BECOME PROFITABLE.

INTENT OF THE MEAT IMPORT LAW. IF IMPORTS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE MEAT IMPORT LAW THREATEN TO PICK UP MARKEDLY DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE OF 1975 IMPORTS EXCEEDS THE TRIGGER LEVEL UNDER THE MEAT IMPORT LAW, I WILL EITHER IMPOSE QUOTAS OR NEGOTIATE VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN SUPPLIERS.

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SECOND, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO CHANGE THE PRESENT

SYSTEM OF DAIRY IMPORT QUOTAS WITHOUT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF MARKET

CONDITIONS AND FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR DAIRY PRODUCERS TO BE

HEARD AT THAT TIME.

THIRD, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS NOT GOING TO PERMIT

THIS MARKET, I WILL IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON THESE PRODUCTS.

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IN ADDITION, I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY BUTZ TO INVESTIGATE

INCREASING U.S.D.A. PURCHASES OF GROUND BEEF FOR USE IN THE

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. THESE PURCHASES WOULD PROVIDE

MORE HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO SCHOOLS FOR USE IN THIS PROGRAM.

THIS PURCHASE WILL NOT BE AN ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE GOVERNMENT,

AS THE U.S.D.A. IS OBLIGATED BY LAW TO FINANCE EACH SCHOOL LUNCH

SERVED BY 10 CENTS, EITHER IN CASH OR IN COMMODITIES.

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AS I HAVE IN THE PAST -- AS REPUBLICAN LEADER IN THE

HOUSE, AS VICE PRESIDENT AND NOW AS PRESIDENT -- I WILL CONTINUE

TO LOOK TO WILEY MAYNE FOR QUIDANCE AND HELP IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS

OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH FACE US.

BE TELLING ALL OF YOU IN THIS CRUCIAL ELECTION YEAR, BUT I WANT TO REMIND YOU OF THE KIND OF SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THIS DISTRICT.

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OVER SOME AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, WILEY HAS BEEN IN THERE

FIGHTING FOR THE FAMILY FARMER. HE HAS HELPED LEAD THE FIGHT

TO MIMIT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO 20 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER FARM.

WHO ADVISED HIM THAT MASSIVE PAYMENTS TO BIG FARMS WERE

DISCREDITING THE WHOLE PROGRAM. THAT IS THE KIND OF CONGRESSMAN

THIS DISTRICT DESERVES -- ONE WHO CAN LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND

RESPOND. Junthermore, Dave Hanley will be the

Seme kind of U.S. Anator.

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WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO THE VERY HEART OF THE MATTER,

WILEY MAYNE STANDS UP FOR YOU. BELIEVE ME, WHEN YOU HAVE

SOMEONE LIKE HIM TO STAND UP FOR YOU IN THE HIGHEST COUNCILS OF

GOVERNMENT, THEN IT IS TIME TO STAND UP FOR HIM IN RETURN.

THAT IS WHY I AM HERE TODAY. WE NEED - YOU NEED --

- CONGRESSMAN MAYNE IN WASHINGTON. I RESPECT

HIS JUDGMENT AND KNOW HIS INTEGRITY IS BEYOND REPROACH.

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IF WE IS NOT RETURNED TO THE CONGRESS, THE 6TH DISTRICT WILL NOT ONLY LOSE ONE OF THE FINEST MEN EVER TO SERVE IN THE CONGRESS, BUT IT WILL ALSO LOSE THE SENIORITY HE HAS ESTABLISHED IN THE HOUSE. IF WILEY IS NOT IN THE NEXT CONGRESS, THE POTENCY OF YOUR REPRESENTATION ON THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WILL BE DRASTICALLY DIMINISHED.

Charley Howen

THE THING I LIKE ABOUT WILEY MAYNE IS THAT WE CAN DISAGREE

WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE -- AND THAT HAS HAPPENED ON OCCASION.

JUST RECENTLY, WILEY LET ME KNOW QUITE CANDIDLY THAT HE

PROTESTED THE ACTION I TOOK TO SUSPEND CERTAIN SALES OF CORN AND

WHEAT TO THE SOVIET UNION. IT DIDN'T TAKE HHM LONG TO GET DOWN TO THE

WHITE HOUSE TO FIND OUT WHETHER OUR POLICY WAS A PERMENENT ONE.

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I ASSURED HIM THAT MY INTENTION WAS <u>NOT</u> TO LIMIT EXPORTS BUT TO MAKE

SURE THAT THE MARKET WAS NOT CORNERED BY ANY SINGLE NATION.

FORTY MILLION BUSHELS OF CORN AND ANOTHER FORTY MILLION BUSHELS OF

WHEAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED TO THE SOVIET UNION.

HOWEVER.	THERE IS	ONE AREA	ON WHICH	THE NATION AND
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CAN COUNT ON WILEY WITHOUT QUESTION. THAT IS HIS DETERMINATION,

AND MINE. TO STOP RISING PRICES AND INFLATION.

NOTE: WILEY ASKED THAT YOU DO THE TEXT ON CARDS # 32 AND 33 ALMOST AS 15 -- FOR RADIO-TV SPOTS FOR HIM.

THE PRINCIPLE CAUSE OF RISING PRICES IS THE FACT

THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SPENDING MORE THAN IT TAKES IN.

WILEY MAYNE HAS VOTED TO CUT SPENDING AND BALANCE THE

BUDGET IN THE PAST AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

THAT IS WHY I AM HERE PERSONALLY ASKING YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THE

6TH DISTRICT, TO SEND WILEY MAYNE BACK TO CONGRESS NEXT TUESDAY.

IT REALLY MATTERS. AMERICA NEEDS HIS STRONG AND RELIABLE VOTE

IN CONGRESS TO HELP US BEAT BACK RISING PRICES AND INFLATION.

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I WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO PUT SOME MYTHS

TO REST HERE IN SIOUX CITY. I HAVE SEEN SOME INTERESTING REPORTS

IN THIS CAMPAIGN YEAR -- AND I CONSIDER IT SUPERB COINCIDENCE THAT

WE CAN BURY THESE POLITICAL HOBGOBLINS ON HALLOWEEN.

PARTY ARE LAYING CLAIM TO BEING FISCAL WATCHDOGS. I HAVE SEEN REPORTS THAT THEY ARE EVEN ACCUSING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BEING FOR HIGH SPENDING.

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YOU AND I KNOW WHAT CAUSES INFLATION, AND IT ISN'T

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IT IS DUE LARGELY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S

SPENDING MORE MONEY THAN IT SHOULD. I WILL TELL YOU FLATLY:

THE VOTES TO BREAK THE BUDGET DID NOT COME FROM WILEY MAYNE OR FROM

HIS SIDE OF THE AISLE.

LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD. AND THIS IS SOMETHING I WANT
TO CALL TO THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF YOU OUT THERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 42.

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LET ME REMIND YOU OF SOMETHING INTERESTING. IF YOU ARE IN THIS AGE
GROUP, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN IN CONTROL OF ONE
PARTY FOR ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF YOUR LIFETIME. THAT MEANS THAT
85 PERCENT OF YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN LIVED UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE CONTROL
OF A SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY.

FOR SO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WE NOW FACE IN THIS COUNTRY -- INCLUDING

INFLATION WHICH IS THE BIGGEST LEGACY OF THIS PERIOD OF MONOLITHIC

FEDERAL CONTROL.

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NEXT TUESDAY, LET US MAKE SURE WE DO NOT GO DOWN

THAT ROAD AGAIN. WE KNOW WHO HAS CONTROLLED THE MACHINERY

OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING ALL THESE YEARS --- THE DEMOCRATIC

38 at 242 yrs.

PARTY, THAT'S WHO.

THAT IS WHY I NEED THE HELP OF WILEY MAYNE AND

DAVE STANLEY AND BOB RAY AND THE OTHER OUTSTANDING REPUBLICANS ON

THE TICKER HERE IN IOWA THIS FALL. THAT IS WHY YOU NEED THEIR

REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON AND IN DES MOINES.

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