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BUT LET ME TELL YOU THIS: IN BOB PACKWOOD, YOU'VE

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MEN INCOLORNY HAS

GOT YOUR OWN TRAILBLAZER! I CALL BOB PACKWOOD THE BILL WALTON

OF POLITICS. HE'S BIG -- HE'S STRONG -- AND HE'S A WINNER!

LAST FALL, WHEN I CAME TO OREGON, IT WAS AS A TWO-DAY-

TONIGHT.

LET ME CONGRATULATE YOUR GREAT GOVERNOR, TOM McCALL,

AS HE NEARS THE END OF HIS SERVICE IN THAT OFFICE. YOU HAVE

BROUGHT IMAGINATION TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFRONTING

STATE GOVERNMENTS FOR YEARS. AND YOU HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING

JOB IN MAKING THE REST OF US IN THIS VAST COUNTRY AWARE OF THE

OREGON STORY.

SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD IS HERE AND I HOPE THE PEOPLE OF

THIS STATE WILL SEND HIM BACK TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

LET ME SAY, HOWEVER, THAT I DID NOT COME HERE TO TELL OREGONIANS

HOW TO VOTE. YOUR TRACK RECORD AT THE POLLS SHOWS THAT YOU

HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO MAKE UP THEIR

MINDS ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS RATHER THAN HAVE THEIR MINDS MADE

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

THAT BOB PACKWOOD IS THAT KIND OF SENATOR AND THEN SOME. WHAT MAKES ME RESPECT HIM ABOVE ALL IS HIS INTEGRITY, A COMMODITY NOT ALWAYS AS ABUNDANT AS WE WOULD WISH. SURE, BOB AND I DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE ON EVERYTHING. BUT WE DO SEE EYE-TO-EYE ON THE CRITICAL NEED TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING WHENEVER WE CAN.

AND THAT IS THE HARDEST KIND OF VOTE TO CAST IN ANY LEGISLATIVE BODY.

WENDELL WYATT HAS COMPILED AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD AS A VERY, VERY EFFECTIVE CONGRESSMAN IN HIS TEN YEARS IN THE HOUSE. I WAS PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS A COLLEAGUE AND AS A FRIEND. HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, AS A MEMBER OF THE IMPORTANT HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND AS A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE INTERIOR. WE WILL MISS HIM BUT WE WISH HIM WELL AS HE LEAVES THE CONGRESS AT THE END OF THIS 93RD CONGRESS. ANOTHER OF YOUR HIGHLY-REGARDED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

IS JOHN DELLENBACK. HE WAS MY COLLEAGUE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR SEVEN YEARS AND EARNED THE REPUTATION OF VOTING HIS CONVICTIONS. RESPONSIVE AND CONCERNED FOR THE NEEDS OF HIS DISTRICT AND STATE, JOHN IS DILIGENT IN GETTING THE WORD TO ME AND TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. HE IS ONE OF THE HARDEST WORKING MEMBERS OF THE

HOUSE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE -- A LEADER IN KEEPING ME FULLY INFORMED ON THE PROBLEMS WHICH PARTICULARLY AFFECT OREGON -- THE SLUMP IN HOUSING, FOR INSTANCE, AND ITS EFFECT ON THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY SO VITAL TO YOUR ECONOMY. AS I AM SURE YOU KNOW, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS TAKING ACTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MORTGAGE MONEY TO ENABLE MORE AMERICANS TO PURCHASE NEW HOMES. THIS, IN TURN, WILL HOPEFULLY BRING THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY BACK TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT VIC ATIYEH (UH-TEE-YUH)

IS CAMPAIGNING HARD TO SUCCEED TOM McCALL. HIS LONG EXPERIENCE AS A STATE SENATOR WHERE HE IS NOW MINORITY LEADER -- AND I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING MINORITY LEADER, VIC -- PROVIDES HIM WITH THE KNOW -HOW OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE YOU AN OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR. ON SEPTEMBER 14, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH VIC AT THE WHITE HOUSE -- AND WE WENT OVER A DETAILED LIST TOGETHER OF OREGON'S PROBLEMS AND HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR FEDERAL

ACTION IN HELPING WITH THOSE PROBLEMS.

HE TOOK THE EXTRA STEP -- NOT A POLITICAL STEP BUT A PRACTICAL STEP -- OF COMING PREPARED WITH A PLAN. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH VICTOR ATLYEH AS OREGON'S NEXT GREAT GOVERNOR -- THE MAN WITH THE PLAN!

FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, YOU HAVE A MAN WHOSE NAME MUST AUTOMATICALLY GAIN HIM IN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION. LET ME TRY IT CAREFULLY SINCE MY GAELIC IS A BIT RUSTY -- DIARMUD (DEER - MID) O'SCANNLAIN (OH-SCAN-LIN). DEE. I THINK YOUR BROAD-BASED EXPERIENCE IN STATE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS WILL SERVE YOU IN GOOD STEAD IN WASHINGTON. YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS SUCH AS CUTTING SPENDING AND BALANCING THE BUDGET. I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN WASHINGTON IN JANUARY.

OREGON ALSO IS FORTUNATE IN HAVING EXCELLENT CANDIDATES

FOR CONGRESS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT -- KEN BROWN -- AND IN

THE THIRD DISTRICT -- JOHN' PIACENTINI (PASS-EN-TEENY).

THEY ARE CONDUCTING VIGOROUS CAMPAIGNS AND OFFERING THE VOTERS

A CHOICE. I URGE YOU TO SEND THEM TO WASHINGTON.

AS I TRAVELLED ACROSS THE COUNTRY THESE PAST FEW

WEEKS, I HAVE BEEN TALKING MAINLY ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND THE ECONOMY -- AND THE NEED FOR A CONGRESS WHICH WILL WORK WITH ME IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS.

HOWEVER, I HAVE ALSO BEEN LISTENING AS I MEET WITH OUR FELLOW CITIZENS. MOST OF WHAT I HAVE HEARD HAS BEEN HEARTENING -- REFLECTING A SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN THIS NATION'S ABILITY TO SOLVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE READY, WILLING AND ABLE

TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF

THE NATION. THEY HAVE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY --

AND I THANK THEM.

WITHOUT QUESTION, APATHY IS THE CHIEF VILLAIN IN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE TODAY. SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK IT JUST HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO. I SUGGEST THAT THE STATISTICS HAVE BEEN REFLECTING IT FOR SOME TIME. IF YOU LOOK AT THE NATIONAL PERCENTAGES OF VOTES CAST IN CONGRESSIONAL OFF-YEAR ELECTIONS LIKE THIS ONE COMING UP, YOU WILL SEE WHAT I MEAN. ON THE BASIS OF THOSE FIGURES, ONE COMPUTER PROJECTION

I READ ABOUT SUGGESTS THAT ONLY 42 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WILL CAST BALLOTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY. IF THIS EARLY PROJECTION IS ACCURATE, THERE IS STILL TIME TO CHANGE THAT. IF JUST 42 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TURN OUT NEXT TUESDAY, IT MEANS THAT A FRACTION OF A LITTLE OVER 21 PERCENT CAN DETERMINE HOW THIS NATION OPERATES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. DO YOU WANT THAT KIND OF MINORITY RULE IN AMERICA?

I SAY TO MY FRIENDS HERE IN OREGON -- TO REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS AND WHAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ONCE CALLED "DISCERNING DEMOCRATS" -- AND YOU HAVE PLENTY OF THEM HERE --LET'S PROVE THE PESSIMISTIC POLLS WRONG. LET'S PROVE YOU CARF WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE IN SALEM AND IN WASHINGTON -- THAT YOU APPRECIATE THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP TOM MCCALL AND BOB PACKWOOD HAVE GIVEN OREGON AND THE KIND THAT VIC ATIYEH AND THE REST OF THE REPUBLICAN TICKET WILL PROVIDE IN THE FUTURE.

IN PARTICULAR, LET'S CONFUSE THE COMPUTERS AND

CONFOUND THE CYNICS. GO TO THE POLLS ON TUESDAY AND ELECT

CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WHO ARE WILLING TO JOIN ME IN THIS MASSIVE

FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. I NEED FIGHTERS ON CAPITOL HILL WHO

WON'T GO OVER THE HILL IN THIS BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION.

THE LEVER NEXT TUESDAY FOR OUTSTANDING AMERICANS LIKE BOB PACKWOOD, JOHN DELLENBACK, VIC ATIYEH (UH-<u>TEE</u>-YUH), DEE O'SCANNLAIN (OH-<u>SCAN</u>-LAN), KEN BROWN AND JOHN PIACENTINI (PASS-EN-<u>TEENY</u>). ELECT A CONGRESS WITH COURAGE AND GIVE YOURSELF HOPE AND AMERICA A MASSIVE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

THANK YOU.

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MAKE A COMMITMENT TO STOP INFLATION BY PULLING