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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN .

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1975

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY ON THE BEAUTIFUL SHORES

OF SAN DIEGO BAY -- AMERICA'S CLEANEST BAY IN TERMS OF SIZE AND

TRAFFIC. I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED BECAUSE THIS IS A SHOWCASE

OF WHAT AMERICANS CAN DO ON A LOCAL LEVEL TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND

RESPOND TO THE FUTURE WITH CREATIVITY AND CONFIDENCE.

## SAN DIEGO HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL

QUALITY IS GOOD BUSINESS. I COMMEND YOUR CAREFULLY

MANAGED RESIDENTIAL GROWTH. SAN DIEGO IS TRULY A CITY

ON WHICH OTHERS COULD BE MODELED.

NAVY AS A GOOD CITIZEN IN SAN DIEGO, AMONG OUR GREATEST NAVAL

BASES. AND I PLEDGE TO YOU TODAY, AS ONE WHO SAILED FROM

HERE DURING WORLD WAR TWO, THAT I REMAIN COMMITTED TO A NAVY

SECOND TO NONE IN READINESS, CAPABILITY AND DEDICATION TO OUR

NATION'S HIGHEST IDEALS.

I KNOW THAT THE CONCERNS OF THIS AREA GO BEYOND

YOUR VITAL NAVY INSTALLATIONS. TOO MANY AMERICANS

ARE WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT. PRICES AND TAXES ARE TOO HIGH.

NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY ARE ESSENTIAL.

BY LOCAL PEOPLE. THIS ADMINISTRATION RESPONDED TO YOUR
PIONEERING OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY TO PRESERVE
THE RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT HAS JUST APPROVED SAN DIEGO'S APPLICATION
FOR NINE-POINT-ONE MILLION DOLLARS UNDER THE HISTORIC
NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT LEGISLATION.

THIS CONFERS UPON SAN DIEGO THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE VERY FIRST MAJOR CITIES TO RECEIVE SUCH ASSISTANCE.

YOUR ABLE MAYOR, PETE WILSON, TELLS ME THAT ONE OF
THE WAYS THIS GRANT WILL BE USED IS TO SPEED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIES TO SAN DIEGO.

FUNDS FROM THIS NEW BLOCK GRANT APPROACH ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME TO PREPARE SITES AND, TOGETHER WITH THE ON-THE-JOB

TRAINING PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFER AN EXTRA

INDUCEMENT FOR NEW ENTERPRISES TO LOCATE IN YOUR ALREADY

WORLD-RENOWNED CLIMATE.

THIS KIND OF LOCAL INITIATIVE AND PLANNING PROVES

WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH BLOCK GRANTS INSTEAD OF TRYING

TO RUN EVERYTHING FROM WASHINGTON, AND DEMONSTRATES MY FIRM

CONVICTION THAT THE BEST FEATURES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SHOULD NEITHER BE SACRIFICED IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE

NOR STIFFLED BY FEDERAL RED TAPE.

THE NEARBY MEXICAN BORDER IS THE BUSIEST INTERNATIONAL CROSSING
IN THE WORLD, MAKING THIS A GATEWAY CITY WITH A UNIQUE
CHALLENGE. SAN DIEGO AND TIJUANA SHARE THE SAME AIR AND
WATER AND SEEK JOINT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THAT CROSS NATIONAL
BOUNDARIES.

BICENTENNIAL PROJECT, JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO. THIS PROJECT WILL
ADVANCE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING -DEMONSTRATING TO THE WORLD THE POTENTIAL OF CREATIVE COOPERATION
AND INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG SOVEREIGN NATIONS.

## SERIOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

AT HOME. YET UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE GROWTH OF OUR ECONOMY,

AS WELL AS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO

RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON WHICH WE DEPEND FOR FAR TOO MUCH

OF OUR ENERGY NEEDS. THESE DEVELOPMENTS DRAMATIZED THE

URGENCY OF MOVING AHEAD IN SAN DIEGO AND THROUGHOUT AMERICA

WITH CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION TO MAKE THIS NATION INDEPENDENT OF

FOREIGN SOURCES OF ENERGY.

TODAY I RENEW MY CHALLENGE TO THE CONGRESS TO ACT BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH ON THE URGENTLY-NEEDED ENERGY PROGRAM I REQUESTED LAST JANUARY. WE CAN AFFORD NO MORE DELAYS.

I WOULD NOT BE FRANK AND HONEST WITH YOU IF I WERE TO IGNORE THE SERIOUS SETBACKS WE HAVE SUFFERED IN RECENT WEEKS IN OUR QUEST FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND, MORE RECENTLY AND MORE DRAMATICALLY, IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

EVEN AS I SPEAK, THE DIMENSIONS OF THE HUMAN

CATASTROPHE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA INCREASE. WHETHER FROM

YOUR EVENING NEWS SHOWS OR MORNING HEADLINES OR FROM

MY TOP SECRET REPORTS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO BE MOVED

AND SHAKEN BY THE SUDDEN AND TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS IN

SOUTH VIETNAM. ALL AMERICANS ARE SHOCKED AND SADDENED

AND WONDERING WHAT WE CAN DO.

WE CAN TO RELIEVE THE INNOCENT CIVILIAN REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM
WHOSE PLIGHT TOUCHES THE HEART OF AMERICA. AT THE SAME TIME,
WE ARE PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL THE AMERICANS WHO FROM A
DEEP SENSE OF DUTY MIGHT BE ENDANGERED BY SWIFT CHANGES IN THE
BATTLE ZONE.

SECOND, AS SOON AS THEY RETURN FROM THEIR EASTER
RECESS AND I HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THEM, I WILL ASK THE
MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS FOR A FIRM AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE HELPLESS VICTIMS OF NORTH
VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS
ACCORDS, WHICH SOUGHT TO END THE SUFFERING AND BLOODSHED
ON A CIVILIZED BASIS.

FINALLY, I MUST SAY WITH ALL THE CERTAINTY OF WHICH

I AM CAPABLE: NO ADVERSARIES OR POTENTIAL ENEMIES OF THE UNITED

STATES SHOULD IMAGINE THAT AMERICA CAN BE SAFELY CHALLENGED;

AND NO ALLIES OR TIME-TESTED FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD

WORRY OR FEAR THAT OUR COMMITMENTS TO THEM WILL NOT BE HONORED,

BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT CONFUSION AND CHANGING SITUATION IN

SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE STAND READY TO DEFEND OURSELVES AND

SUPPORT OUR ALLIES AS SURELY AS WE ALWAYS HAVE.

AS IT ALWAYS HAS, ADVERSITY IS CREATING A NEW

SENSE OF NATIONAL UNITY AMONG AMERICANS IN THESE SAD AND

TROUBLED TIMES. I WILL NOT ENGAGE IN RECRIMINATIONS

OR ATTEMPTS TO ASSESS BLAME, NOR SHOULD ANY OF US.

NOT ALL THE FACTS ARE KNOWN. WHAT IS ESSENTIAL NOW IS

THAT WE KEEP OUR NERVE AND OUR ESSENTIAL UNITY AS A POWERFUL BUT

PEACE-LOVING NATION.

AS PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, IT IS MY SWORN

DUTY TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE POWER FOR PEACE WHICH THE

UNITED STATES POSSESSES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THIS NATION DEPENDS, AS IT ALWAYS HAS, ON ITS ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND THE WILL POWER AND SELF-DISCIPLINE OF ITS PEOPLE.

THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD,

BOTH AMONG OUR ALLIES AND OUR ADVERSARIES, DEPENDS UPON THEIR

ASSESSMENT OF OUR MORAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH AND

STAYING POWER. ALL OF THESE ELEMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL.

INCREASING OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH. IN THIS, THE OBVIOUS

PRIORITY IS TO GET OUT OF THE RECESSION WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING,

AND PARTICULARLY TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT AND GET THE JOBLESS BACK

INTO PRODUCTIVE JOBS.

BUT ALONG WITH THAT URGENT GOAL GOES ANOTHER PRIORITY, LESS OBVIOUS TO SOME. WHICH IS TO END THE RECESSION WITHOUT ADDING UNNECESSARILY TO THE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES WHICH HAVE PLAGUED US FOR MANY YEARS PRIOR TO THE RECESSION AND WHICH HELPED TO BRING IT ON. WE MUST MAKE MORE JOBS AND REVERSE THE RECESSION WITHOUT RECKLESSLY INVITING A NEW ROUND OF DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION, RISING INTEREST RATES AND HIGHER PRICES WHICH IN THE LONG RUN WOULD CANCEL OUT WHATEVER STIMULUS AND EXPANSIONARY INCENTIVE WE CAN APPLY TO THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT RUN.

THAT IS WHY I AM DETERMINED TO HOLD THE LINE ON ALL

THE MASSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING PROGRAMS WHICH ARE MOVING THROUGH

THE CONGRESS. THAT IS WHY I HAVE DRAWN THE LINE AT A MAXIMUM

BUDGET DEFICIT OF SIXTY BILLION DOLLARS, WHICH IS WHERE WE STAND

NOW AND IS AS FAR AS WE DARE TO GO WITHOUT ENDANGERING ECONOMIC

RECOVERY.

OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE POLITICAL

AISLE, HAVE SPOKEN PUBLICLY OF THE DANGER OF MORE MASSIVE

DEFICITS. NOT MERELY THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT THE COUNTRY

NEEDS THEIR HELP AND WILL NEED THEIR VOTES WHEN THE SHOWDOWNS

COME.

BUT I HAVE NO WISH TO WAGE A VETO WAR WITH CONGRESS.

WE HAVE ENOUGH REAL WARS AND RUMORS OF WAR. WHAT I WOULD PREFER IS FOR THE CONGRESS TO EXERCISE ITS CONSTITUTIONAL POWER OF THE PURSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND PRUDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE EXPECT OF IT. CONGRESS MUST CUT RATHER THAN SPEND; IT MUST REDUCE EXISTING PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF CREATING NEW ONES.



IT CANNOT GO ON GIVING AWAY MORE AND MORE GOVERNMENT BENEFITS
WITHOUT CONSIDERING HOW TO PAY FOR THEM, AND THE DAMAGE THAT
WILL BE DONE BY BORROWING TO PAY FOR THEM.



WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TIGHTENING THEIR BELTS

TO GET THROUGH THE WORST RECESSION OF RECENT TIMES -- CAUSED

IN LARGE PART BY DECADES OF DEFICITS AND EVER-GROWING GOVERNMENT

PROGRAMS -- THE CONGRESS SHOULD NOT ASK THEM TO SUFFER THE

CONSEQUENCES OF MORE OF THE SAME FISCAL FOLLY.

ON FEDERAL SPENDING FOR THE COMING YEAR, THE CEILING WHERE

I DREW THE LINE. TO DO THIS EFFECTIVELY, THE CONGRESS MUST

GO ONE STEP FURTHER -- PUT THE ALREADY ENACTED PROCEDURES OF

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974

INTO EFFECT A WHOLE YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, STARTING THIS JULY 1.

ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS IF MY BUDGET IS OVERRIDDEN,

IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW CONGRESS CAN REFUSE TO DO THIS AND

RETAIN ANY FISCAL CREDIBILITY.

FIRES OF INFLATION AND IMPOSED THE UNFAIREST TAX OF ALL ON THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE -- ROBBING THE RETIRED OF THEIR PENSIONS,

THE ELDERLY OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY, THE HARD-WORKING MAJORITY

OF THEIR PAYCHECKS' FULL VALUE IN THE SUPERMARKET. RUNAWAY

INFLATION CAN RUIN THE PRODUCTIVE GROWTH AND ESSENTIAL STRENGTH

OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND CRIPPLE OUR ENTIRE AMERICAN

ECONOMY.



TWO ELEMENTS, EACH ESSENTIAL TO ITS SUCCESS. ONE, A QUICK ONE-TIME TAX CUT TO STIMULATE BUYING POWER AND NEW INVESTMENT IN JOB-PRODUCING EXPANSION. THE OTHER, SPENDING CUTS AND

THAT IS WHY MY ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM CONTAINS

A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON NEW SPENDING BY THE GOVERNMENT --

EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY AND ENERGY NEEDS. FEDERAL TAX CUTS ALONE

WILL NOT WORK WITHOUT SIMULTANEOUS FEDERAL SPENDING RESTRAINTS.

I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT SOME ELEMENTS IN THE CONGRESS WILL TRY TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL SPENDING PROGRAMS BY DANGEROUSLY STRIPPING BILLIONS FROM THE DEFENSE BUDGET.

AT A TIME LIKE THIS, NOTHING COULD BE MORE SHORTSIGHTED OR DEVASTATING TO OUR SAFETY.

INDIVIDUALLY, MANY OF THE DOMESTIC SPENDING

PROGRAMS PROPOSED IN THE CONGRESS MAY HAVE ATTRACTIVE ASPECTS.

THEY PROVIDE HELP TO SOME WORTH GROUP.

IT IS HARD FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THEM -
IT WILL BE HARD FOR ME TO VETO THEM IF CONGRESS ENACTS THEM.

BUT IT IS NOT THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE UNACCEPTABLE

BUT THE SUM. TOTAL OF THEM -- ADDING UP EASILY TO

THIRTY BILLION DOLLARS OR MORE TO BRING THE DEFICIT INTO THE

ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLAR RANGE.

DEFENSE SPENDING, ON THE OTHER HAND, PROVIDES NO

BENEFITS EXCEPT THE MOST PRECIOUS BENEFIT OF ALL -- THE FREEDOM

OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE LAST HOPE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.

AS PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SO WISELY OBSERVED, ONLY THE STRONG ARE

FREE. CERTAINLY WE HAVE AMPLE REASON TO BELIEVE THIS TRUTH

TODAY.

## MY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE ARE

THE MINIMUM I BELIEVE TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR SAFETY.

IT IS NOW A POPULAR IDEA THAT BECAUSE AMERICANS ARE NOT FIGHTING ANYWHERE, BECAUSE WE ARE SEEKING TO BROADEN EVERY AVENUE OF PEACE, THAT WE CAN EXPAND SOCIAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS AND PAY FOR THEM OUT OF DEFENSE CUTBACKS. SIMPLE ARITHMETIC DISPROVES THIS. I HAVE SEEN CAREFUL MATHEMATICAL PROJECTIONS THAT SHOW. IF WELFARE AND OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS CONTINUE MERELY AT THEIR PRESENT RATE OF GROWTH -- ABOUT NINE PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS -- HALF OF THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE WILL BE LIVING OFF THE OTHER HALF BY THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND.

EXCEPT FOR VASTLY INCREASING TAXES ON THOSE WHO WORK,

THE ONLY WAY SUCH PAYMENTS CAN BE CONTINUED INDEFINITELY IS TO

TAKE THEM AWAY FROM OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE. OTHER SUPERPOWERS

ARE DOING NOTHING OF THE KIND. I PLEDGE TO YOU TODAY THAT

I WILL RESIST STRIPPING AMERICA'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY IN EVERY

LEGAL WAY AVAILABLE TO ME.

BUT IF THE MEN AND WOMEN YOU SEND TO THE CONGRESS FAIL TO FACE UP TO THESE INESCAPABLE REALITIES, REFUSE TO EXERCISE THE BALANCED JUDGMENT THEIR OWN NEW BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP TO ENFORCE, THEN BY SIMPLE ARITHMETIC IT WILL ONLY BE A FEW SHORT DECADES BEFORE OUR DEFENSES WILL BE DOWN TO A SINGLE SOLDIER WITH A SINGLE RIFLE WITH A SINGLE ROUND OF AMMUNITION.

I HAVE MORE FAITH IN AMERICA THAN THAT.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A OPTIMIST. AND WHENEVER

I CAN GET AWAY FROM WASHINGTON AND SEE AMERICANS AS THEY

REALLY LIVE AND WORK AND PLAY AND PLAN FOR THEIR CHILDREN,

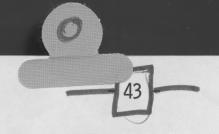
MY SENSE OF WHAT'S RIGHT WITH OUR COUNTRY IS RECHARGED AND

REINFORCED.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY IN THE OPTIMISTIC

ATMOSPHERE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING CLIMATE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

I AM AMONG PEOPLE WITH GREAT EXPERIENCE AND GREAT COURAGE.



MANY OF THE HEROIC P.O.W.'S, WHO WERE LIBERATED FROM

NORTH VIETNAM ARE HERE IN SAN DIEGO. THEY KNOW THE NEED FOR

AN ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL WORLD. THEY ALSO KNOW -
AS MEN WHO LIVED ON THE BRINK OF DOOM, THE DANGER OF

PESSIMISM. THEY KNOW THAT THE OBJECTIVE FACTS ARE NOT AS

BAD AS A MOOD OF FRUSTRATION AND FUTILITY TO WHICH SOME OF

OUR COUNTRYMEN ARE TEMPTED TO SUCCUMB.

TODAY I WANT TO APPEAL TO THE COMMON SENSE AND

COURAGE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THIS IS NOT A MOMENT FOR DESPAIR OR FATALISM.

OBVIOUSLY IT IS NOT THE TIME TO DISMANTLE OUR DEFENSE

CAPABILITIES -- INCLUDING OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPACITIES.

WE WILL GO ON HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

IT IS IN KEEPING WITH OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE, OUR DECENCY AND OUR

OWN SELF-INTEREST. WE WILL PRESERVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH PEOPLE

STRIVING FOR FREEDOM.

## I REJECT THE PROPHETS OF DOOM WHO SEE

NOTHING BUT DEPRESSION AT HOME AND DESPAIR ABROAD. I WILL

REJECT ANY ADVICE TO PULL DOWN THE STARS AND STRIPES AND

SAIL HOME FROM THE SEAS OF THE WORLD TO THE SAFE ANCHORAGE OF

SAN DIEGO BAY. IF WE DO SO, THIS ANCHORAGE WILL NO LONGER

BE SAFE. YOU KNOW IT. AND I KNOW IT.

UNDER MY PRESIDENCY, WE WILL NEITHER FURL THE FLAG

NOR ABANDON HOPE. WE WILL MAINTAIN CONSTANCY AND

CREDIBILITY IN AMERICAN POLICY, AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WE ARE LIVING IN A COMPLICATED AND TROUBLED TIME. EVENTS

ARE MOVING VERY RAPIDLY. BUT WE WILL NOT WITHDRAW INWARD

NOR SURRENDER TO A STATE OF SHOCK.

A TEST OF OUR MORAL AUTHORITY IN THE WORLD. IT IS A TEST OF

OUR WILL TO DEVELOP OUR OWN ENERGY RESOURCES, TO REDUCE

BUREAUCRATIC WASTE, AND TO PRESERVE OUR DOLLAR BY GUARDING

AGAINST NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING WITH THE SAME VIGILANCE THAT

WE CONTINUE THE WATCHFULNESS AND STRENGTH OF OUR ARMED FORCES.

OUR FAMILIES WHILE ASSURING THE MILITARY SECURITY OF OUR NATION.

WE CAN MEET THIS TEST ONLY BY REDUCING VULNERABILITY TO WA

WEAKNESSES IN OUR ECONOMY AND ENERGY CAPACITIES. THAT IS WHY

AN ADEQUATE SECURITY PROGRAM GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH SOUND

ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PROMPT, EFFECTIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION.

AMERICA HAS THE WILL. AMERICA HAS THE RESOURCES.

AMERICA HAS THE KNOW-HOW. AND AMERICA HAS THE FAITH.

I SHARE YOUR BELIEF IN AMERICA. IF YOU DESPAIRED

OF THIS NATION AND ITS FUTURE, YOU WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY.

TOGETHER, WE WILL BUILD A NEW AND BETTER TOMORROW.

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