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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

MINNESOTA GOP RECEPTION

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1975

GOP - RALLY

Thank you, Chuck Slocum (State Chairman)

Representative Bill Frenzel

Representative Al Quie

Representative Tom Hagedorn

Mrs. Ring (State Chairwoman)

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

YOU KNOW, EVERY VISIT I'VE EVER MADE TO
MINNESOTA HAS BEEN MEMORABLE AND THIS IS NO EXCEPTION.
AS I WAS GETTING OFF THE PLANE AT TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, AN AMAZING THING HAPPENED. SOMEBODY
ASKED ME HOW TO GET TO THE STATE CAPITOL IN ST. PAUL.
WHAT MADE IT SO AMAZING -- IT WAS GOVERNOR ANDERSON.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN MINNESOTA, THE
LAND OF 10,000 LAKES -- WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS NOW KNOWN AS
THE LAND OF 15,000 LAKES. AND IN A WAY, THAT RECOUNT COULD
BE A GREAT LESSON FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. LIKE THOSE
LAKES, I THINK THERE ARE A LOT MORE REPUBLICANS HERE IN
MINNESOTA THAN ANY OF US REALIZE. WE JUST HAVE TO GO OUT
AND FIND THEM!

THERE'S BEEN QUITE A PARADE OF MY ASSOCIATES

FROM WASHINGTON COMING TO MINNESOTA LATELY. SECRETARY

KISSINGER WAS HERE LAST MONTH. SO WAS SECRETARY BUTZ.

I THOUGHT I'D BETTER COME OUT AND SEE FOR MYSELF WHAT WAS

ATTRACTING EVERYBODY TO MINNESOTA.

WHAT I FOUND WAS WHAT I'VE KNOWN FOR YEARS:

MINNESOTA IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STATES IN THE UNION.

IT HAS SOME OF THE FRIENDLIEST PEOPLE ANYWHERE. AND IT

HAS SOME OF THE HARDEST-WORKING, MOST DEDICATED REPUBLICANS

I'VE EVER MET.

I'M VERY GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY. AND I'M

ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO SEE THE SAME KIND OF ENTHUSIASM THAT

I'M SEEING AT REPUBLICAN MEETINGS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

I'M EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REPUBLICAN
PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS. I THINK WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE THE CANDIDATES, THE ISSUES, THE MONEY, THE
WORKERS AND THE VOTES TO WIN A LOT OF ELECTIONS. BUT
IT'LL TAKE A LOT OF HARD WORK -- HERE IN MINNESOTA AND ALL
OVER AMERICA.

IF WE ARE TO CAPITALIZE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES
AHEAD OF US, WE MUST REACH OUT TO THAT GREAT AMERICAN
MAJORITY THAT DOES THE NATION'S WORK, PAYS THE NATION'S
BILLS, PROVIDES FOR THE NATION'S DEFENSE, AND OBSERVES
THE NATION'S LAWS.

NO MATTER THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, THE RELIGION
THEY PRACTICE, THE POLITICS THEY VOTE, THESE SOLID AMERICANS
ARE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S NATURAL CONSTITUENCY. THEY
ARE THE PEOPLE TO WHOM WE MUST TELL OUR STORY -- OVER
AND OVER AGAIN -- THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR.

AFTER ONE YEAR AS PRESIDENT, I AM EVEN MORE
FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES ARE REALLY WHAT
MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE IN. SPECIFICALLY, AS REPUBLICANS:

-- WE BELIEVE IN THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND
IN LIFTING THE HEAVY HAND OF GOVERNMENT FROM BUSINESS SO
THAT THE SYSTEM CAN WORK MOST EFFECTIVELY.

-- WE BELIEVE IN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND IN
KEEPING FEDERAL SPENDING TO LEVELS WHICH WILL NOT TRIGGER
FURTHER INFLATION.

-- WE BELIEVE IN A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE AS
THE BEST WAY TO INSURE PEACE AND AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE BUDGET
TO INSURE OUR SECURITY.

-- WE BELIEVE IN CONTROL OF OUR AFFAIRS BY
STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL OFFICIALS CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE / RATHER
THAN BY A REMOTE BUREAUCRACY.

-- MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM
FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND IN RETAINING THE UNIQUENESS OF
THE INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITY.

WE ARE HEADING RAPIDLY INTO A VERY IMPORTANT
CAMPAIGN.

NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS AT EVERY LEVEL -- LOCAL,
STATE AND NATIONAL -- WILL BE A CRITICAL TEST OF OUR ABILITY
TO CONVINCING THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS THAT REPUBLICANS
CARE ABOUT THE THINGS THAT CONCERN MOST PEOPLE TODAY,
THAT WE'RE READY TO LISTEN TO THEM, THAT WE'RE PREPARED
TO WORK OUR HARDEST AND DO OUR BEST FOR THEM.

IT IS MY HOPE AND MY CONFIDENT BELIEF THAT
IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THIS MESSAGE ACROSS TO
THE PEOPLE -- OVER AND OVER AGAIN -- 1976 CAN BE A GREAT
YEAR FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, HERE IN MINNESOTA AND
THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

WE CAN MAKE THE FUTURE YEARS GREAT ONES FOR
OUR COUNTRY. I'VE COME HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP
IN THAT EFFORT. I WANT TO THANK YOU NOW FOR WHAT
YOU'VE DONE AND WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT WE'LL SHARE A GREAT REPUBLICAN VICTORY IN 1976.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE IT A BANNER YEAR. LET'S MAKE
SURE THE BANNER SAYS "REPUBLICAN."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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