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THANK YOU MAX

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GUY VANDER JAGT

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GARRY BROWN

BILL MC LAUGHLIN AND BOB EVANS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

~~THE~~ PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

MICHIGAN G.O.P. FUNDRAISER

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1975

I share Bill
Mullikin's view concerning
Nat Fester of his
cohorts.

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

IT REALLY FEELS GREAT TO BE BACK HOME WITH ALL
OF YOU GOOD MICHIGANDERS. I ONLY WISH I COULD STAY OVER
TO SEE TOMORROW'S MICHIGAN-MICHIGAN STATE GAME.
BUT WE DECIDED AGAINST IT BECAUSE OF SECURITY REASONS.
POLITICAL SECURITY REASONS. NO MATTER WHICH TEAM
I ROOTED FOR, THERE GOES HALF THE STATE!

WHEN I LOOK AROUND THIS HALL, I SEE SO MANY
RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING OUR MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY ONE
OF THE BEST IN THE NATION -- STATE CHAIRMAN BILL McLAUGHLIN
AND OUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE TEAM, RANNY RIECKER AND
~~CREIGHTON HOLDEN~~, JUST TO MENTION A FEW.

Pete Fletcher

NO STATE CAN BOAST A FINER GROUP OF ELECTED

REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS THAN WE HAVE RIGHT HERE IN MICHIGAN:

GOVERNOR BILL MILLIKEN, SENATOR BOB GRIFFIN AND MY GOOD

COLLEAGUES WHEN I SERVED IN THE HOUSE -- ELFORD CEDERBERG,

BILL BROOMFIELD, ED HUTCHINSON, GUY VANDERJAGT, GARRY

BROWN, MARV ESCH AND PHIL RUPPE --

AND LT. GOVERNOR JIM DAMMAN (DAY-MEN), STATE TREASURER

ALLISON GREEN AND SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE,

INCLUDING SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DAVIS AND HOUSE

REPUBLICAN LEADER DENNIS CAWTHORNE.

I AM PLEASED TO SEE

SO MANY OF THEM HERE TONIGHT. *They all deserve
your thanks and applause.*

WITH PEOPLE OF THIS CALIBER REPRESENTING MICHIGAN

-- HERE AT HOME AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON -- IT'S OBVIOUS

YOU CAN RECRUIT AND ELECT TOP QUALITY CANDIDATES AND

DEDICATED PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THE 1976 CAMPAIGN HERE IN

MICHIGAN IS IN GOOD HANDS!

YOUR WINNING SPIRIT IS JUSTIFIED. IT'S THE

SAME REPUBLICAN SPIRIT I HAVE SEEN ALL OVER THIS GREAT

NATION.

YOU HAVE DYNAMIC CANDIDATES. YOU HAVE THE

KNOW-HOW TO BACK THEM UP. I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR

EFFORTS AND GO ON RECORD HERE AND NOW WITH THIS

PREDICTION:

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL NOT ONLY WIN THE
WHITE HOUSE NEXT YEAR BUT WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL GAINS
IN THE CONGRESS AND ELECT AT LEAST THREE MORE GOVERNORS.

WE'LL MAKE THESE GAINS IN 1976 BECAUSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

IS IN TUNE WITH THE MOOD OF AMERICA AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF

THE PEOPLE. ACROSS THIS NATION, REPUBLICANS, |

INDEPENDENTS -- AND DISCERNING DEMOCRATS / - REALIZE

AMERICA CANNOT MOVE FORWARD IF WE STIFLE INDIVIDUAL

INITIATIVE OR CONTINUE THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT WHICH IS

ALREADY TOO BIG.

WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN TWO CENTURIES,

BUT WE ARE NOW AT A CRITICAL CROSSROADS IN OUR HISTORY.

WE MUST DECIDE WHETHER WE WILL CONTINUE THE DANGEROUS

TREND OF RECENT YEARS -- TOWARD BIGGER GOVERNMENT,

HIGHER TAXES AND HIGHER INFLATION -- OR WHETHER WE WILL

MOVE IN A RESPONSIBLE NEW DIRECTION.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, I ADVOCATED A FORWARD-LOOKING
TWO-PRONGED PROGRAM TO PUT OUR FEDERAL FISCAL HOUSE IN
ORDER. THE TWO MUST BE TAKEN TOGETHER / -- NOT
SEPARATELY -- OR THEY WILL NOT WORK.

FIRST, I PROPOSED A PERMANENT TAX REDUCTION OF
28 BILLION DOLLARS.

SECOND, I PROPOSED THAT WE HALT THE ALARMING GROWTH
OF GOVERNMENT BY HOLDING SPENDING IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR TO
395 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT MEANS A CUT OF 28 BILLION DOLLARS
BELOW PROJECTED SPENDING FOR THE 1977 FISCAL YEAR.

THE TAX CUTS I PROPOSED CAN BE MADE ONLY IF THERE IS
A CLEAR, AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BY THE CONGRESS TO HOLD
SPENDING NEXT YEAR TO 395 BILLION DOLLARS. I WILL NOT
HESITATE TO VETO ANY NEW BILLS WHICH VIOLATE THIS CEILING.
ACTION ON BOTH OF THESE PROPOSALS MUST BE A FIRST CRUCIAL STEP
TOWARD BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET -- WITHIN THREE YEARS.

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OF SPECIAL HELP TO

LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME AMERICANS WHOSE EARNINGS

HAVE FAILED TO KEEP PACE WITH RISING TAXES AND EVER-RISING

INFLATION.

YOU KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WHAT YOUR OWN

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN IN RECENT MONTHS.

YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO PAY MORE AND MORE OF YOUR

INCOME MERELY TO FEED AND CLOTHE YOUR FAMILY AND TO

MAINTAIN A DECENT HOME.

YOU KNOW THE SINKING FEELING WHEN A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

OR A FRIEND IS LAID OFF WORK.

YOU KNOW THE

DESPERATION THAT COMES WHEN THESE FORCES SEEM BEYOND

CONTROL.

NONE OF US WANTS TO RELIVE THE EXPERIENCES

OF THE PAST YEAR. ALL OF US WANT STEADY PRICES --

STEADY JOBS -- A CHANCE ONCE AGAIN TO GET AHEAD

ON OUR OWN INITIATIVE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT

OUR DESTINY IS IN OUR OWN HANDS.

WHEN I SPOKE HERE EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO TONIGHT,

OUR NATION FACED SOME SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. INFLATION

WAS RUNNING AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF OVER 12 PERCENT.

UNEMPLOYMENT WAS INCREASING. WE WERE ON OUR WAY

TO SERIOUS RECESSION.

BUT WE DIDN'T SIMPLY THROW UP OUR HANDS.

WE FOUGHT BACK AND WE REVERSED THE RECESSIONARY TREND.

rate of increase in the
WE CUT THE ¹ COST OF LIVING SHARPLY, BUT WE STILL

HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION.

WE ADDED 1.6 MILLION WORKERS TO THE PAYROLL

IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, BUT WE STILL HAVE TOO MANY PEOPLE
UNEMPLOYED.

THE ECONOMIC INDICATORS ARE GOOD - INDUSTRIAL

PRODUCTION IS CLIMBING AT A STRONG RATE. RETAIL SALES

ARE UP - AND SO ARE NEW ORDERS FOR DURABLE GOODS.

IN SHORT, THE RECOVERY THAT BEGAN THIS SPRING

IS GATHERING MOMENTUM.

IF WE ACT WISELY, IT WILL

CONTINUE ON AN UPWARD PATH

-- PROVIDING AMERICA WITH

MORE JOBS,

MORE STABLE PRICES,

MORE OPPORTUNITY THAN EVER.

BUT WE MUST NOT DELUDE OURSELVES. JUST BENEATH

THE SURFACE THERE ARE STILL DEEP-SEATED PROBLEMS IN OUR

ECONOMY - PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN BUILDING FOR YEARS.

THEY WON'T GO AWAY OVERNIGHT.

THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THESE ECONOMIC

DIFFICULTIES MUST BE ATTACKED RESPONSIBLY. WE MUST COME

UP WITH SOLUTIONS THAT SERVE NOT ONLY THIS YEAR BUT THIS

GENERATION -- AND THE NEXT.

TO SEE THE CAUSE OF OUR UNDERLYING PROBLEMS, WE

HAVE ONLY TO LOOK TO WASHINGTON WHERE ONE BIG SPENDING

PROGRAM PILED ON ANOTHER HAS CREATED A FEDERAL MONSTROSITY.

THE RESULT ~~/~~ GOVERNMENT NOW TAKES A LARGER SHARE OF YOUR

PERSONAL INCOME, ~~/~~ CREATES RECORD BUDGET DEFICITS, ~~/~~ PRINTS

MORE MONEY -- AND, INEVITABLY, ESCALATES INFLATION.

THIS TREND MUST BE STOPPED -- AND THIS TREND WILL

BE STOPPED!

CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS OF MY PROPOSALS TO

CUT TAXES AND SPENDING CALL THEM POLITICAL. BUT

POLITICS IS GOVERNMENT / GOVERNMENT WITH THE CONSENT

OF THE GOVERNED -- FOR THE GOOD OF ALL AMERICANS.

THAT IS WHAT REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS ALL ABOUT.

I BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SPEND

THEIR OWN MONEY RATHER THAN LETTING THE CONGRESS SPEND

IT FOR THEM.

WHAT COULD BE MORE POLITICAL / THAN PROPOSALS

OF THE BIG SPENDERS IN THE CONGRESS TO REDUCE TAXES AND

INCREASE SPENDING / - TO HELP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS?

THAT'S THE MOST OBVIOUS POLITICS / - POLITICS CONCERNED

ONLY WITH THE NEXT ELECTION.

AMERICA'S GREATNESS WAS NOT ACHIEVED BY TAXING

PEOPLE TO THEIR LIMITS.

IT WAS ACHIEVED BY FREE PEOPLE

FREELY EXERCISING THEIR OWN INGENUITY AND THEIR OWN ENERGIES

TO THE FULLEST.

WE MUST ONCE AGAIN RELEASE THE FULL

ENERGIES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BY GETTING THE GOVERNMENT

OFF THEIR BACKS AND OUT OF THEIR POCKETS AND THEIR POCKETBOOKS.

AS YOU HERE KNOW, THE AUTO INDUSTRY HAS A
TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF THIS NATION. WHEN
AMERICAN AUTO SALES ARE DOWN, SO IN MOST CASES IS THE
ECONOMY. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE CAR MAKERS DON'T
TAKE IT LYING DOWN EITHER. THEY FIGHT BACK -- AND THE
COUNTRY BENEFITS.

TAKE GASOLINE MILEAGE -- AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS TO INCREASE IT. THE 1976 AMERICAN
CARS WILL AVERAGE NEARLY 13 PERCENT BETTER FUEL ECONOMY
THAN LAST YEAR'S MODELS. THAT'S ON TOP OF AN IMPROVEMENT
OF ALMOST 14 PERCENT FROM 1974 TO 1975.

AMERICAN AUTO MAKERS HAVE GONE MORE THAN HALFWAY

TOWARD ACHIEVING THE GOAL I LAID DOWN EARLIER THIS YEAR:

A 40 PERCENT IMPROVEMENT IN FUEL ECONOMY BY 1980.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS INCREASED GASOLINE MILEAGE

MEANS -- WHAT THE ENTERPRISE OF THE AUTO INDUSTRY ALREADY

MEANS -- IN TERMS OF OUR ENERGY CRISIS?

IT MEANS -- IF EVERY CAR IN AMERICA OPERATED WITH
THE FUEL EFFICIENCY OF THE AVERAGE 1976 MODEL, AMERICA WOULD
SAVE MORE THAN 17.5 ^B BILLION GALLONS OF GASOLINE EACH YEAR.
EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT, AMERICAN MOTORISTS WOULD SAVE NEARLY
ELEVEN BILLION DOLLARS IN THE COST OF THEIR GASOLINE EACH YEAR.

THAT'S A REAL CONTRIBUTION BY AUTO WORKERS TOWARD
^{management +}
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OUR GOAL OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE -- NOT TO MENTION A MIGHTY

GOOD INCENTIVE FOR BUYING A 1976 MODEL CAR. I CONGRATULATE

THE AUTO INDUSTRY AND ITS WORKERS FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

THESE REMARKABLE STRIDES WERE MADE WITHOUT FEDERAL FUNDS --

AND WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS LAID DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

of action

WITH DEDICATION LIKE THAT, AMERICA HAS NO REASON

TO FEAR BEING OVERWHELMED BY PROBLEMS. THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE ARE DEDICATED TO PROBLEM-SOLVING AND PROGRESS --

USING THE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE OF OUR CITIZENS RATHER THAN

THE DICTATION OF GOVERNMENT.

WHEREVER I'VE GONE AS PRESIDENT, I'VE FOUND A
DEEP, ABIDING FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF AMERICA. WE HAVE
BEEN THROUGH SOME TRAUMATIC TIMES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.
BUT IN OUR 200 -YEAR HISTORY WE HAVE OVERCOME TOUGHER
PROBLEMS AND COME THROUGH DARKER PERIODS.

DESPITE THE DOOMSAYERS - AMERICA HAS ALWAYS

TRANSCENDED THE MOMENT AND ACHIEVED A BETTER LIFE FOR

ITS CITIZENS. WE'LL DO IT AGAIN. *We are on our way.*

LAST NIGHT, AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON,
AND TODAY, IN DETROIT, MANY QUESTIONS WERE ASKED OF ME.
TONIGHT,) I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS /- QUESTIONS
WHICH CONCERN MAJOR ISSUES FACING YOU AS AMERICANS AND
ME AS PRESIDENT. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IS THIS:

ARE YOU WITH ME | WHEN I INSIST THE CONGRESS CUT

SPENDING ENOUGH TO GIVE ALL AMERICANS A TAX CUT?

ARE YOU WITH ME | IN GETTING GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACIES

OUT OF YOUR BUSINESS | OUT OF YOUR POCKET | AND OUT

OF YOUR HAIR?

Govt big enough etc

ARE YOU WITH ME WHEN I DEMAND AN ENERGY POLICY

THAT WILL MAKE AMERICA FOREVER FREE OF FOREIGN WHIMS AND

WISHES?

ARE YOU WITH ME IN KEEPING THE HEAVY HAND OF

WASHINGTON OUT OF YOUR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?

ARE YOU WITH ME IN KEEPING OUR NATIONAL

DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE?

I AGREE WITH YOUR ANSWERS -- AND I AM CONVINCED

MOST AMERICANS DO TOO.

OUR REPUBLICAN COMMITMENTS TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY,

TO A VIGOROUS FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, TO A STRONG

NATIONAL DEFENSE, TO LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL CONCERNS,

AND A PERSONAL FREEDOM FOR THE INDIVIDUAL - THESE ARE

COMMITMENTS SHARED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR FELLOW

AMERICANS.

WE BELIEVE, AS ABRAHAM LINCOLN DID, THAT

GOVERNMENT SHOULD ONLY DO FOR THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY CANNOT
DO AS WELL FOR THEMSELVES.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE GROWN

WEARY OF GOVERNMENT'S OVER-BLOWN PROMISES AND

OVER-BEARING CONTROLS.

WE BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE READY TO DO

GREAT THINGS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMON SENSE

GOVERNMENT -- IT IS EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT.

ON THE EVE OF THE 1976 CAMPAIGN, LET ME

EMPHASIZE: WE MUST OPEN THE DOORS WIDE OF THIS GREAT

PARTY OF OURS TO ALL AMERICANS RATHER THAN OPENING IT

JUST A CRACK FOR A FEW.

WE MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON VICTORY RATHER THAN
SEPARATELY FOR CERTAIN DEFEAT.

IF WE DO, 1976 AND THE YEARS BEYOND WILL BE
GREAT ONES FOR ALL REPUBLICANS -- AND FOR ALL AMERICANS --
SO WE AND OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE
TO SAY WITH NEW MEANING AND WITH FRESH ENTHUSIASM THE
WORDS OF DANIEL WEBSTER: "THANK GOD, I AM AN AMERICAN."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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