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THANK YOU, ARCH (Gov. Arch Moore introduces you) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF RUBLIC OFFICIALS (COVERS KEY ELECTED OFFICIALS TOM POTTER (State GOP Chairman)

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

NOTE: Former U.S. Senator Chapman Revercomb will be at the head table)



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### THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN .....

#### PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

#### WEST VIRGINIA GOP FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER II, 1975

Mr. President:

At the conclusion of the dinner program you depart the head table to your left, proceed past the music section to the adjacent room where you will make an innovance d'drop-by" at the "Buckskin Conneil Scout Induction Ceremony. Attendance: 450 Cub Scouts; 100 Boy Scouts; 200 adult leaders. This is a mass induction cremony covering the 10 county are of the Bucksloin Council Inquested remarks (cards) are in lock of your speech box. IT'S A REAL TREAT FOR ME TO BE BACK IN WEST VIRGINIA

AGAIN AND TO SHARE THIS MARVELOUS EVENING WITH ALL OF YOU GOOD, LOYAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC WEST VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS. I KEEP HEARING HOW THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL GO INTO THE 1976 ELECTIONS AS THE UNDERDOG -- AND SOMEHOW, THAT HAS A VAGUELY FAMILIAR RING TO IT. ISN'T THAT WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT THE MOUNTAINEERS AGAINST PITT LAST SATURDAY? WHEN IT COMES TO FOOTBALL, I THINK I CAN SPEAK

WITH SOME AUTHORITY, AND TONIGHT I'M PREDICTING THAT WHAT THE MOUNTAINEERS DID AT MORGANTOWN LAST SATURDAY -- YOUR GREAT REPUBLICAN TICKET IS GOING TO DO AT THE POLLS NEXT NOVEMBER! THIS IS REALLY A GREAT EVENING AND BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR ITS SHEER RAW COURAGE IN THE WAY IT HAS HANDLED THIS DINNER. I SAY SHEER RAW COURAGE BECAUSE IT ISN'T EASY TO CHARGE 100 DOLLARS A PLATE FOR DINNER - IN A STATE WHOSE MOTTO IS: MOUNTAINEERS ARE ALWAYS FREE! I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT -- PLEASED WITH THIS FINE TURNOUT, PLEASED TO BE BACK IN A STATE THAT IS KNOWN BY NATIVES AND VISITORS ALIKE AS "ALMOST HEAVEN." AND PLEASED TO BE BACK IN CHARLESTON, A CITY OF IMAGINATION, OF ENTERPRISE, AND ABOVE ALL, A CITY THAT IS BLAZING NEW TRAILS IN THE DELICATE SCIENCE OF REMOVING BRIDGES.

#### THE FIRST TIME I CAME TO WEST VIRGINIA WAS BACK

IN 1949 TO MAKE A HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS IN BERKELEY SPRINGS. I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ON THAT OCCASION, AND PROBABLY NOBODY ELSE DOES EITHER. BUT I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA, THE BEAUTY OF ITS MOUNTAINS, THE WARMTH OF ITS PEOPLE. THE IMPRESSIONS HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT OVER THE YEARS. BUT WEST VIRGINIA HAS CHANGED A LOT. THE WEST VIRGINIA I SEE TODAY IS A NEW STATE. THE BEAUTY OF THE MOUNTAINS REMAINS. THE WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY OF WEST VIRGINIANS CONTINUE TO STRIKE THE VISITOR LIKE A SUMMER BREEZE. BUT THROUGH ALL OF THESE IMPRESSIONS, SOMETHING NEW

HAS BEEN ADDED. THAT IS THE FEELING OF THE PEOPLE HERE STRIDING CONFIDENTLY INTO THE FUTURE WHILE RETAINING THE HERITAGE AND CHARM OF THEIR PAST.

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THE REASONS MAY BE COMPLEX. BUT THEY HAVE

A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH COAL. YOUR STATE IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BITUMINOUS COAL PRODUCERS IN THE NATION AND

AMONG THE LEADERS IN COAL EXPORTS.

THIS GREAT NATURAL RESOURCE HAS IMPROVED THE LIVING STANDARD OF MANY OF YOUR CITIZENS, ENRICHED YOUR STATE TREASURY THROUGH AN INCREASED TAX FLOW AND PROVIDED MUCH OF THE FUEL TO KEEP THIS NATION WARM, ITS LIGHTS BURNING AND ITS FACTORIES HUMMING.

#### BUT BEYOND THE SURGING DEMAND FOR COAL,

WEST VIRGINIA'S PRESENT PROSPERITY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE ENERGY, THE SELF-RELIANCE AND THE IMAGINATION OF YOUR CITIZENS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS. UNDER THE ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP OF YOUR GOVERNOR, ARCH MOORE, YOU HAVE VASTILY IMPROVED YOUR HIGHWAY SYSTEM, RAISED THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT EVERY LEVEL, BUILT TOURISM INTO A 600 MILLION DOLLAR-A-YEAR BUSINESS, AND CONDUCTED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DRIVE FOR NEW INDUSTRY THAT HAS PAID OFF IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. NEW PROSPERITY -- A PROSPERITY WHICH NOW RANKS WEST VIRGINIA FIFTH IN <u>PER CAPITA</u> INCOME GROWTH IN THE NATION -- A PROSPERITY WHICH SPRINGS PRIMARILY FROM THE <u>RUGGED SELF-RELIANCE</u>, THE <u>INEXHAUSTIBLE ENERGY</u>, AND THE <u>FIERCE INDEPENDENCE</u> WHICH LED THE FIRST HARDY SETTLERS IN THE 1730'S TO PENETRATE THIS WILDERNESS.

I CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON YOUR STATE'S

TONIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT

ANOTHER FORM OF INDEPENDENCE.

TEN MONTHS AGO, WHEN I ADDRESSED THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I SAID THE STATE OF THE UNION WAS <u>NOT GOOD</u>. I CALLED ON THE CONGRESS AND THE COUNTRY TO MOVE IN A NEW DIRECTION. I POINTED OUT THE ''WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING TO SEE HOW WE RESPOND.'' THIS EVENING, LET US LOOK AT THE <u>STATE OF OUR</u> <u>ECONOMY</u> COMPARED TO THAT VERY UNCERTAIN TIME LAST JANUARY. WHILE THE ECONOMY IS NOT MY <u>CENTRAL THEME</u>  $-\sqrt{}$  IT IS ENERGY +NEVERTHELESS THE HEALTH OF OUR ECONOMY IS UNALTERABLY LINKED TO A STABLE AND ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF ENERGY. LAST JANUARY, <u>SIMULTANEOUS RECESSION AND</u> <u>INFLATION WHIP-SAWED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE</u> - CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE. THE MONEY OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WAS BEING ERODED BY <u>DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION WHILE RECESSION</u> CUT DEEPLY INTO OUR NATIONAL PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT. TODAY, ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO,

THE ECONOMY IS WELL ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY.

WE ARE MAKING MARKED PROGRESS.

THE SIGNS OF THIS PROGRESS ARE CLEAR FOR ALL TO SEE.

OUR <u>GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT</u> FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1975  $\mu \eta_{D}$ INCREASED BY MORE THAN ELEVEN PERCENT  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  THE BIGGEST QUARTERLY INCREASE IN TWO DECADES. THAT'S PROGRESS.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ROSE AT AN ANNUAL RATE 20% OF TWENTY PERCENT DURING THIS SAME PERIOD -- THE BIGGEST QUARTERLY INCREASE IN MORE THAN A DECADE --AND PRODUCTIVITY AMONG AMERICAN WORKERS HAS BEEN STEADILY

IMPROVING FOR MONTHS. AND THAT'S PROGRESS.

THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITH JOBS WENT UP BY

NEARLY 1.6 MILLION FROM MARCH THROUGH OCTOBER ALONE --

AND THAT'S PROGRESS.

FOR THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS, WE'VE HAD A SURPLUS OF

A BILLION-DOLLARS-A-MONTH IN OUR BALANCE OF TRADE WITH OTHER

COUNTRIES -- AND THAT'S PROGRESS, TOO.

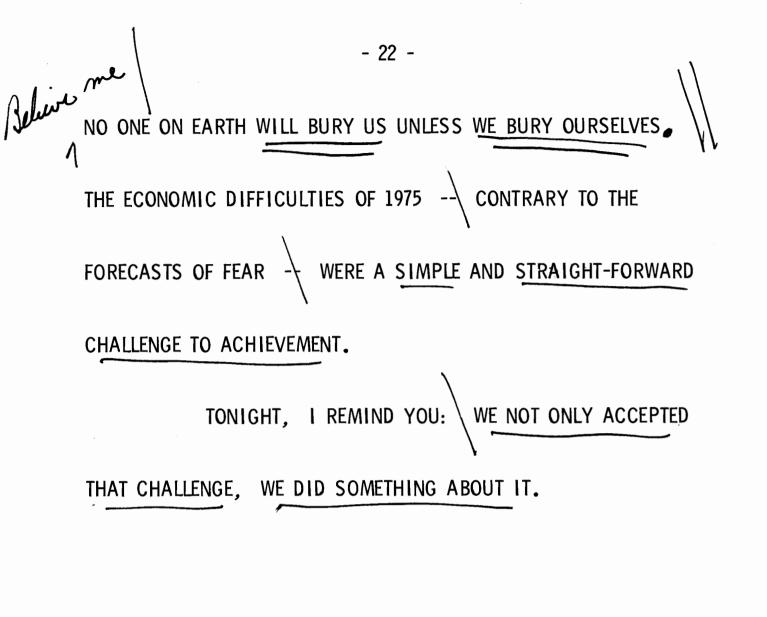
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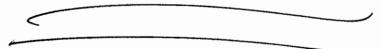
INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT ALMOST IN HALF BETWEEN 12% 1974 AND 1975 -- DOWN FROM THE TWELVE PERCENT RANGE TO THE 6% SIX PERCENT RANGE. THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH -it is BUT 1115 PROGRESS. THESE ARE ALL SIGNS OF GROWING ECONOMIC STRENGTH

AND STABILITY AND VITALITY.

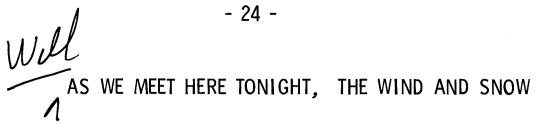
THIS PAST YEAR HAS <u>NOT</u> SEEN THE DECLINE OF AMERICA PREDICTED BY SO MANY LAST JANUARY. IT <u>HAS</u> WITNESSED A RESURRECTION OF THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF HARD WORK AND TOUGHNESS-OF-SPIRIT THAT HAVE ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY.

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### BUT I MUST FRANKLY ADMIT <u>DISAPPOINTMENT</u> IN GETTING THE CONGRESS TO MOVE ON ENERGY. LAST FEBRUARY, THE LEADERS OF THE CONGRESS MET WITH ME AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND SOLEMNLY ASSURED ME THEY WOULD HAVE AN <u>ENERGY PROGRAM</u> ON MY DESK BY THE <u>END OF APRIL</u>. WHEN THEY FAILED, THEY ASKED FOR <u>MORE TIME</u>, PROMISING AGAIN TO HAVE AN *Au Additional* ENERGY PROGRAM ON MY DESK WITHIN 45 DAYS. *A*



OF A NEW WINTER ARE BEGINNING TO WHIP ACROSS SOME AREAS

OF THE COUNTRY.

But LIKE THE FLOWERS OF SPRING, THE

ENERGY PROMISES OF THE CONGRESS ARE FADED AND GONE.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, PROPOSED ENERGY LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INCORPORATED IN NEARLY 2,500 BILLS AND TIED UP IN 29 DIFFERENT COMMITTEES.

TONIGHT, I CALL ON THE CONGRESS ONCE AGAIN TO ACT RESPONSIBLY - TO PROVIDE THIS NATION WITH A PROGRAM WHICH WILL PUT US ON THE ROAD TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.

## WE MUST MOVE ON THIS PROGRAM <u>NOW</u> $\rightarrow$ NOT AFTER NEXT YEAR'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS + NOW. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST HAVE RESPONSIBLE AND REALISTIC LEGISLATION

THAT WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR NATIONAL NEEDS AND GOALS.

AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM, WE MUST DEVELOP OUR <u>MOST ABUNDANT AND MOST KNOWN ENERGY SOURCES</u> --AND, AS ALL OF YOU HERE IN WEST VIRGINIA KNOW, <u>THAT'S COAL</u>. <u>COAL RESOURCES TOTAL MORE THAN</u> THREE TRILLION TONS -- A SUPPLY THAT GUARANTEES THE UNITED STATES LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF ENERGY.

# THE FACT IS THAT WE ARE NOT SO MUCH SQUANDERING OUR FUEL RESOURCES AS WE ARE IGNORING THEM. WE ARE LIKE A MAN IN A DESERT WHO IS DYING FOR WATER WHILE

AN OASIS LIES JUST BEYOND THE HORIZON.

UNLESS WE DEVELOP THE ENERGY SOURCES THAT SURROUND US - TAKE THE DIFFICULT STEPS REQUIRED TO MAKE THEM USABLE -OUR THIRST FOR FUEL WILL CREATE SEVERE HARDSHIPS FOR

OURSELVES AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WHILE I AM PRESIDENT, THE FATE AND FUTURE OF

AMERICA WILL NOT BE LEFT TO UNDEPENDABLE FOREIGN SOURCES OF ENERGY. IN THE NEXT 25 TO 50 YEARS, OIL AND GAS --CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE FUEL WE NOW USE --MAY BE FAR TOO COSTLY TO BURN AT ANY PRICE.

BUT OUR NATIONAL COAL RESERVES HAVE MORE POTENTIAL AND ARE MORE PRECIOUS TO YOUR FUTURE --AND YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE -- THAN ALL THE MIDDLE EAST RESERVES OF FUEL AND ALL OF THE FUEL THROUGHOUT THIS VAST GLOBE. THE UNITED STATES CAN NOT AND WILL NOT BASE ITS NATIONAL DESTINY ON ENERGY THAT BELONGS TO OTHER NATIONS. THAT IS NOT OUR NATIONAL FUTURE. TO DO SO WOULD BE OUR NATIONAL FOLLY.

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#### WE CAN AND WE MUST DEVELOP OUR OWN

NATIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITHOUT DESPOILING THE ENVIRONMENT. IMPROVED MINING TECHNOLOGY CAN ENSURE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND PRODUCTION OF COAL. WE CAN AND MUST PRODUCE TECHNOLOGY TO BURN COAL DIRECTLY WITHOUT PRODUCING ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. WE DO NOT HAVE A SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES. WE DO HAVE A SHORTAGE OF USEABLE ENERGY -- AND A SHORTAGE OF DETERMINATION IN THE CONGRESS TO ACT, BECAUSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENERGY PROGRAM INVOLVES POLITICALLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS. BUT THE CONGRESS <u>MUST</u> CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. WE CAN PRODUCE <u>AMERICAN</u> ENERGY WITH <u>AMERICAN</u> MONEY . . . AN <u>AMERICAN</u> WORK FORCE AND <u>AMERICAN</u> TECHNOLOGY . . . . FOR AN <u>AMERICAN</u> FUTURE. AS I SAID EARLIER, THE "WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING

TO SEE HOW WE RESPOND."

ECONOMICALLY, WE ARE

IN ENERGY, WE ARE STILL

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY.

AT A STANDSTILL.

THE CHOICE IS UP TO THE CONGRESS: TO STAND STILL IN ENERGY -- TO RETREAT FROM RESPONSIBILITY AND REALITY to TO THREATEN OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY -- OR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH LEGISLATION THAT WILL PRODUCE ENERGY AND ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR THIS NATION. I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT --

AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE -- RESPONSIBILITY AND REALITY.

TO PROVIDE THIS NATION WITH STRENGTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

And we will

FROM MY TRAVELS ACROSS AMERICA, I AM CONVINCED OF THIS: THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS IN TUNE WITH THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE - WITH THEIR DESIRES AND THEIR WANTS.

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WANT ENERGY INDEPENDENCE -- AND SO DO WE IN THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY.

THEY WANT A SOUND ECONOMY -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT GOOD HOUSING, GOOD FOOD, AND A GOOD FUTURE FOR THEIR FAMILIES -- AND SO DO WE. THEY WANT THE 28 BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT

I PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS SO THEY CAN SPEND THEIR Jeferal OWN MONEY RATHER THAN HAVE THE GOVERNMENT DO IT --

AND SO DO WE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WANT A 28 BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING AS A START TOWARD A BALANCED BUDGET -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS

WITHOUT ORDERING THEIR LIVES -- AND SO DO WE.

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THEY WANT AN AMERICA AT PEACE AND ACTIVELY

## PROMOTING PEACE WITH A STRONG INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY

TO INSURE OUR PROTECTION -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT AN AMERICAN DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE --

AND SO DO WE.

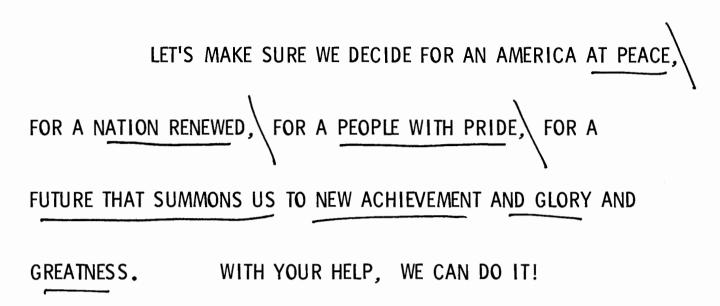
## IF WE SUCCESSFULLY CARRY THIS MESSAGE

TO THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND TO VOTERS ACROSS AMERICA IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, WE CAN MAKE 1976 A GREAT YEAR FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- AND FOR THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS. BUT WE NEED THE KIND OF CONTINUING SUPPORT YOU ARE PROVIDING BY YOUR PRESENCE HERE TONIGHT.

## THE DECISIONS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MAKE LESS

## THAN ONE YEAR FROM NOW WILL SHAPE THE COURSE OF THIS

COUNTRY WELL INTO OUR THIRD CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE.



THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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