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## THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN ....

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STUDENTS, FACULTY AND GUESTS OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

TODAY TO BE A PART OF BIG FRIENDLY LUBBOCK--//
THE HOME OF TEXAS TECH AND THE SENSATIONAL

RED RAIDERS.

### YOU HAVE SO MUCH GOING FOR YOU HERE

IN LUBBOCK. I JUST WISH I COULD STAY LONG

ENOUGH TO SEE THE RED RAIDERS GAME THIS AFTERNOON,

THE RODEO TONIGHT,

AND YOUR GREAT COACHES ALL

AMERICAN GAME ON JUNE 19th. LUBBOCK AND ALL OF

TEXAS SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF BEING THE HOME OF

ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP SPORTS EVENTS.

AND BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER,

TO ALL YOU "C.B.ers" OUT THERE, I BRING

A SPECIAL HELLO FROM FIRST MAMA ---

AND FROM FIRST PAPA TOO.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ANSWERING

YOUR QUESTIONS, BUT AS A STARTING POINT -
LET ME TELL YOU WHERE I STAND ON TWO VITAL

ISSUES FOR ALL AMERICANS --- AGRICULTURE

AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

AS THE STATE WHICH PRODUCES MORE

COTTON, MORE CATTLE AND MORE GRAIN SORGHUM

THAN ANY OTHER, JUST TO MENTION A FEW "FIRSTS",

TEXAS HAS PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN ONE OF THE

MOST SUCCESSFUL FARMING YEARS IN AMERICA'S

HISTORY.

IN FACT, THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE

BEEN THE HIGHEST NET FARM INCOME YEARS IN

HISTORY, AND THAT IS A TREMENDOUS RECORD.

THAT THESE VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS HAVE BEEN

YEARS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT LEFT THE AMERICAN

FARMER ALONE AND LET HIM PRODUCE WITHOUT A

LOT OF BUREAUCRATIC INTERFERENCE FROM THE

NATION'S CAPITOL.

I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT IS THE KIND OF SUCCESSFUL FARM POLICY THAT I INTEND TO PURSUE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

FARM SURPLUSES HANGING OVER THE FARMER'S

MARKET, COSTING THE GOVERNMENT A MILLION

DOLLARS A DAY IN STORAGE FEES.

INSTEAD OF PILING IT UP, WE ARE SELLING

GRAIN AT RECORD VOLUME. AND LET ME ASSURE

YOU I AM NOT GOING TO USE AMERICAN GRAIN

AS A PAWN IN THIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

OUR FARM POLICIES AND THE HARD WORK

OF AMERICAN FARMERS YIELDED A 21.6 BILLION

DOLLAR AGRICULTURAL EXPORT MARKET LAST

YEAR - AND IT WILL BE MORE THAN 22 BILLION

DOLLARS THIS YEAR. WE ARE WORKING RIGHT

NOW TO INCREASE IT EVEN MORE.

## THOSE POLICIES AND THAT HARD WORK WILL

ENABLE THE AMERICAN FARMER TO EXPORT AN ESTIMATED

47 MILLION METRIC TONS OF FEED GRAIN AN ALL-TIME

RECORD - IN THE CURRENT MARKETING YEAR.

THAT IS TWELVE MILLION MORE THAN WE

EXPORTED LAST YEAR, AND ABOUT SEVEN

MILLION MORE THAN WE EXPORTED IN THE

PREVIOUS RECORD YEAR OF 1973 - 74.

#### OUR POLICIES WILL ENABLE THE

AMERICAN FARMER TO EXPORT BETWEEN 1.5 AND

1.6 BILLION BUSHELS OF CORN DURING THIS

MARKETING YEAR, AND BETWEEN 250 AND

300 MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN SORGHUM --

ANOTHER ALL - TIME RECORD.

THESE ARE THE POLICIES WHICH MY

ADMINISTRATION HAS FOLLOWED FOR THE PAST

21 MONTHS. THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED --

AND WE CAN MAKE THEM EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL

IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE,

MY ADMINISTRATION ALSO TOOK THE LEAD IN

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY

PROGRAM IN OUR HISTORY.

I AM DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE -GIVEN THE OPPOSITION OF A VERY
UNCOOPERATIVE CONGRESS -- TO REMEDY
AMERICA'S SERIOUS ENERGY PROBLEMS.

FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO, IN MY
FIRST STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, I
RECOMMENDED THE TOTAL DECONTROL OF OIL

AND NEW NATURAL GAS PRICES.

THE CONGRESS DELIBERATED AND DELAYED

AND DEBATED AND DAWDLED ALL THE WAY FROM

JANUARY TO DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, AND

FINALLY SENT ME AN ENERGY BILL. IT WAS

A LONG WAY FROM PERFECT, BUT AT LEAST

IT WAS A START.

IN THAT BILL, THE CONGRESS AGREED

FOR THE FIRST TIME TO REMOVE CONTROLS ON

OIL PRICES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CONGRESS

INSISTED THAT FULL DECONTROL BE CARRIED

OUT OVER A FORTY - MONTH PERIOD.

WOULD ORDER IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REMOVE

CONTROLS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. I ALSO

PLEDGED THAT I WOULD USE ALL THE

FLEXIBILITY AVAILABLE IN THE LEGISLATION TO

ALLOW THE NECESSARY INCREASES IN CRUDE OIL

PRICES TO STIMULATE DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION.

I'M GRATIFIED TO SAY THAT JUST LAST
WEEK THE TEXAS INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS AND
ROYALTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION EXPRESSED ITS
SUPPORT FOR MY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE.

OF THE LARGEST PETROLEUM ASSOCIATIONS IN

TEXAS, AND LET ME ASSURE YOU I INTEND

TO KEEP RIGHT ON WITH THESE EFFORTS FOR THE

NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THAT THE WORLD'S OIL SUPPLY HAS ITS LIMITS -AND IS RAPIDLY REACHING THOSE LIMITS -THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN MAJOR STEPS
TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

### IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET I SUBMITTED

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977, I HAVE PROPOSED

A TOTAL OF TWO BILLION, 858 MILLION DOLLARS

FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

## THIS REPRESENTS A THIRTY PERCENT

INCREASE IN FUNDING OVER LAST YEAR'S

ENERGY RESEARCH BUDGET.

THIS FUNDING INCLUDES 116 MILLION

DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF

SOLAR ENERGY -- 35 PERCENT MORE THAN

WE SPENT LAST YEAR.

THERE ARE FUNDS FOR 226 UNITS TO

DEMONSTRATE SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING

IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS,

AND FOR AN ACCELERATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR

CONVERTING SOLAR ENERGY INTO ELECTRICITY.

THIS KIND OF RESEARCH CAN BE

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR WEST TEXAS:

I UNDERSTAND THAT EL PASO GETS MORE

SUNLIGHT PER YEAR THAN ANY OTHER PLACE

IN AMERICA, AND I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT

YOU HAVE A FEDERALLY - FUNDED "SOLAR HOUSE"

RIGHT HERE IN THE LUBBOCK AREA.

I HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPEND 46 MILLION DOLLARS FOR GEOTHERMAL RESEARCH,

AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OTHER

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

BUT THE POINT TO REMEMBER IS THIS:

MY ADMINISTRATION IS VIEWING AMERICA'S

ENERGY PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL IN A

COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC WAY.

THE ACCENT AND THE FOCUS OF THIS

ADMINISTRATION ARE ON THE FUTURE,

AND THAT FUTURE WILL BRING ENERGY

INDEPENDENCE FOR AMERICA.

NOW, LET ME TURN VERY BRIEFLY TO

THE SUBJECT OF AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND

DEFENSE POLICY, WHERE THIS ADMINISTRATION

HAS PUT TOGETHER A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

THAT ALL AMERICANS CAN VIEW WITH PRIDE AND

WITH CONFIDENCE.

## AMERICA TODAY IS AT PEACE.

NO AMERICAN BOYS ARE IN COMBAT ANYWHERE

IN THE WORLD - AND I INTEND TO KEEP IT

THAT WAY.

ME ARE MEETING THE ACTIVE DUTY

MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOINT

CHIEFS OF STAFF THROUGH AN ALL-VOLUNTEER

RECRUITING PROGRAM - WITHOUT A DRAFT.

THROUGHOUT MY 27 YEARS IN

PUBLIC LIFE I HAVE WORKED FOR AND VOTED

FOR THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE MILITARY

STRENGTH FOR AMERICA.

SINCE I HAVE BECOME PRESIDENT, I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE CONGRESS THE TWO LARGEST MILITARY BUDGETS IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY.

THEY WERE NEEDED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT OUR MILITARY

CAPABILITIES CONTINUE TO BE STRONG IN THE YEARS AHEAD,

AS THEY MUST BE IF WE ARE TO FIND THE PEACE AND

SECURITY WE ALL SEEK. I AM DETERMINED, AS I

ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, TO KEEP AMERICA'S MILITARY MIGHT

UNSURPASSED BY ANY NATION ON THIS GLOBE.

YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES WHEN I HEAR THE

CRITICS COMPLAINING ABOUT AMERICAN DEFENSE POLICY

AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY -- ALWAYS COMPLAINING

BUT NEVER OFFERING ANY PROGRAMS OF THEIR OWN --

I AM REMINDED OF ONE OF THE FINEST TEXANS I EVER HAD

THE PRIVILEGE TO KNOW IN THE CONGRESS.

SAM RAYBURN SERVED 50 YEARS IN WASHINGTON
WITH OVER 3,000 CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS AND 8

DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS. AND SOMETIMES AT THE END

OF A LONG DAY, AFTER HE HAD WORKED HARD TO MAKE A

BETTER LIFE FOR AMERICA, WHEN HE HEARD FROM THE

CHRONIC COMPLAINERS, HE LOVED TO RECALL WHAT HIS

FATHER ONCE TOLD HIM:

"ANY DONKEY CAN KICK A BARN DOWN,

BUT IT TAKES AN AWFUL GOOD CARPENTER TO BUILD ONE UP."

NOW AS FAR AS THE NATIONAL SECURITY

POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE CONCERNED,

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD

RATHER HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO IS CONSTRUCTIVELY

WORKING TO BUILD THE FOUNDATIONS OF LASTING

SECURITY THAN SOMEONE WHO SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME

TRYING TO KICK THEM DOWN.

WE ARE AT PEACE TODAY, AND WE

ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM,

BECAUSE WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP THE

PEACE, STRONG ENOUGH TO DETER AGGRESSION,

AND STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT OUR NATIONAL

SECURITY -- AND DON'T LET ANYONE TELL

YOU THERWISE .

PRIMARY CAMPAIGN, YOU HAVE HEARD ONE

CHARGE AFTER ANOTHER ABOUT HOW AMERICA IS

ONLY A SECOND RATE POWER, THAT WE HAVE

LOST OUR COURSE, THAT WE WILL HAVE TO

TURN BACK THE CLOCK TO FIND AN AMERICA

WORTH LIVING IN.

WELL, FRANKLY, I AM SICK AND

TIRED OF PEOPLE WHO RUN DOWN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I'M PROUD OF THIS COUNTRY.

I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN AND I KNOW

YOU ARE TOO.

I HAVE A DEEP AND ABIDING FAITH
IN THE GOODNESS AND IN THE GREATNESS OF
AMERICA.

I LOOK TO THE FUTURE - NOT THE

PAST. A FUTURE THAT WE CAN FILL WITH

NEW GLORY AND NEW ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE

LAND WE LOVE.

THAT IS MY VISION, AND THAT IS

WHY I AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TOMORROW, AND NEXT NOVEMBER, AND

IN THE FOUR CHALLENGING YEARS AHEAD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO ANSWER
AS MANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS
AS WE HAVE TIME FOR.