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- -- HONORED GUESTS
- -- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING HERE WITH YOU TODAY.

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I HOPE TO HEAR THE DIABLOS AGAIN IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH.

BEING A SWIMMER MYSELF, I'M IMPRESSED BY THE

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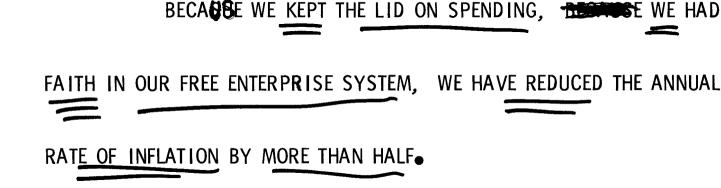
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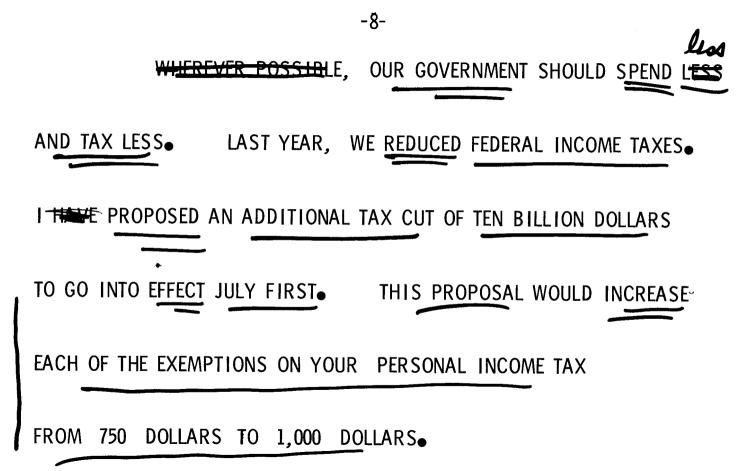
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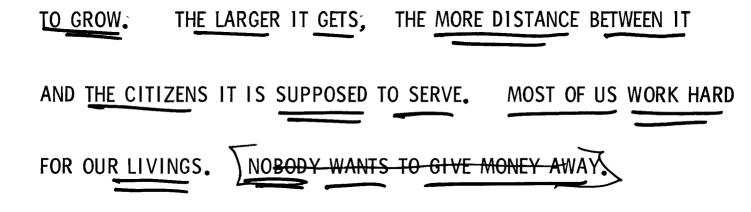
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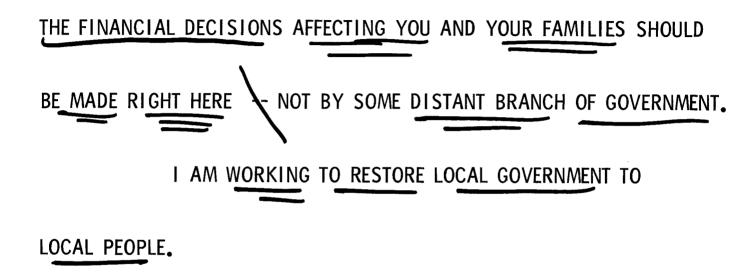


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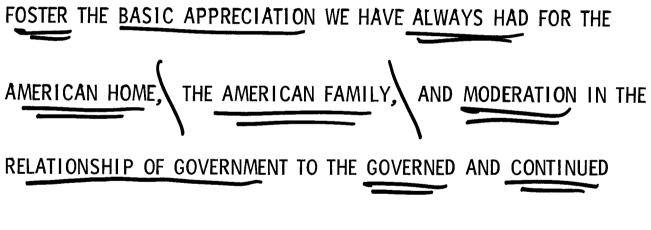
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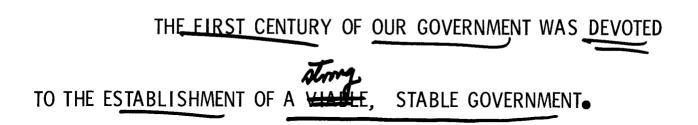
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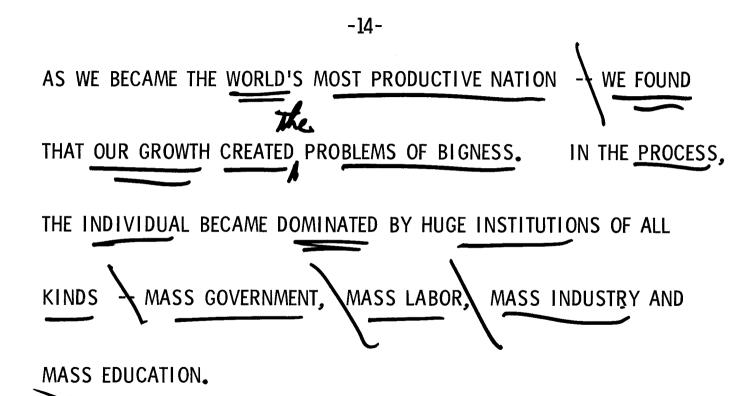
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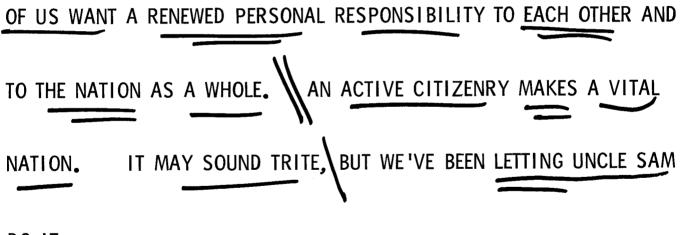
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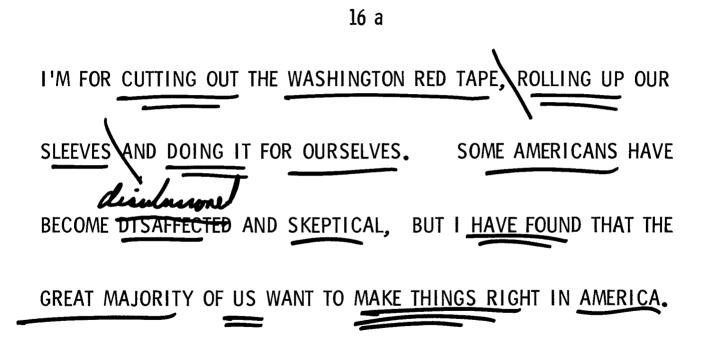
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TO ENCOURAGE ALL AMERICANS TO HELP THEMSELVES.



AS I TRAVEL AROUND AMERICA, IT 'S EASY TO SEE MOST

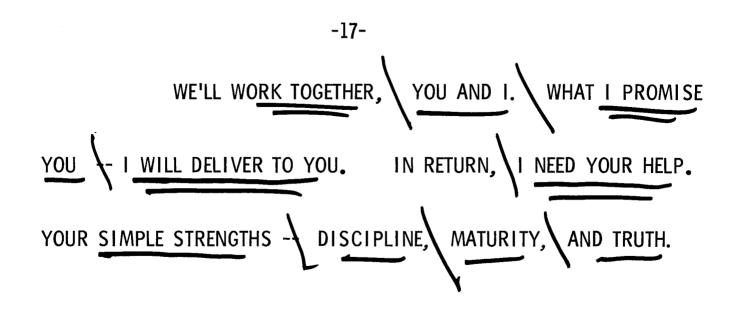




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EFFORTS TO CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, A TASK

THAT MUST SUCCEED IF WE ARE TO REBUILD OUR FAITH IN OUR

FUTURE.

WE HAVE MADE A GOOD START.

AND I WILL RESIST FEDERAL LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD

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FOR THE RECORD

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The President used several parts of the combined speeches enclosed for his remarks at Mission Viejo, California.

After the P's remarks he presented a U.S. Flag which had flown over the White House to Mission Viejo Associated Student President Thomas K. "Kelly" Cox.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

PUBLIC RALLY MISSION VIEJO, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976

GOOD MORNING.

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED THE PAST

THREE DAYS VISITING IN CALIFORNIA. I'VE DONE AN AWFUL LOT OF

TALKING -- AN AWFUL LOT OF LISTENING. THE CITIZENS OF THIS

STATE FEEL THAT THEIR TAXES ARE TOO HIGH.

IN ANSWER TO THIS, I WANT TO SAY MY PROGRAMS TO REDUCE YOUR

TAXES HAVE MET A GREAT DEAL OF RESISTANCE FROM THE CONGRESS.

FOR EXAMPLE, CONGRESS WANTS TO SPEND 17 BILLION

DOLLARS MORE THAN MY PROPOSED BUDGET.

ALSO THEY HAVE NOT ENACTED MY ADDITIONAL, PERMANENT

TEN BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT AND INCREASE IN PERSONAL

EXEMPTIONS

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FEDERAL TAX BURDEN IS TO CUT FEDERAL SERVICES AND SHIFT

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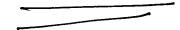
HAPPEN THROUGH INACTION, OR CONTINUED DELAY BY THE CONGRESS.

I REFER TO THE LONG OVERDUE RE-ENACTMENT OF FEDERAL REVENUE

SHARING

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MAYOR PETE WILSON OF SAN DIEGO HAS INFORMED ME THAT



UNLESS GENERAL REVENUE SHARING IS RE-ENACTED BEFORE IT EXPIRES

AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, COMMUNITIES IN CALIFORNIA MAY BE

COMPELLED TO RAISE LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES BY AS MUCH AS 54 CENTS

ON EACH HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE.

WHILE RE-ENACTMENT OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING WOULD BE

A BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX PAYER, ANOTHER PROPOSED

FEDERAL LAW COULD RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF LOCAL PROPERTY

TAXPAYERS TO CONTROL THEIR LOCAL TAX BURDEN.

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SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS HAVE RECENTLY SUGGESTED

NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

AND THEIR EMPLOYERS -- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE TO BE SETTLED BY THOSE CLOSEST

TO THE PROBLEM AND THOSE WHO MUST PAY THE COST OF MUNICIPAL

AND STATE SERVICES.

THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO CAN ATTEST THAT IT IS BETTER

TO RESOLVE SUCH MATTERS THROUGH LOCAL AND STATE INITIATIVE.

I FULLY AGREE WITH THAT VIEW AND I OPPOSE LEGISLATION SUCH AS

THAT INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO IMPOSE STANDARDS ON PUBLIC

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS - AT THE STATE AND

LOCAL LEVEL .

TO SUMMARIZE, MY PROGRAM TO LIGHTEN PEOPLE'S TAX

BURDENS IS THIS: WHILE INSURING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FULL AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICES, I WANT

TO REDUCE THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

BY CUTTING THE GROWTH OF SPENDING AND BALANCING THE

FEDERAL BUDGET, WE CAN ENACT PERMANENT TAX REDUCTIONS BOTH

IN 1976 AND AGAIN IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

I WILL MAKE FULL USE OF MY VETO POWER TO HOLD DOWN THE

COST OF GOVERNMENT.

I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE RE-ENACTMENT OF

REVENUE SHARING SO THAT LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT

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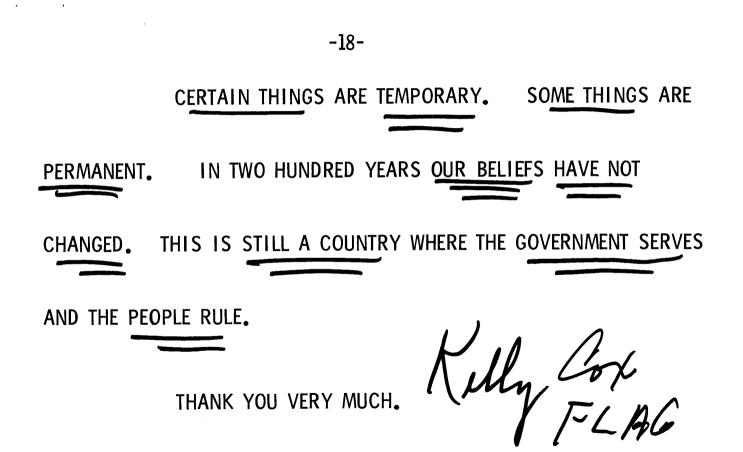
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PUBLIC RALLY MISSION VIEJO, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976

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RATE OF INFLATION BY MORE THAN HALF.

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THREE MILLION, 300 THOUSAND JOBS SINCE THE LOW OF LAST YEAR.

WE HAVE BROKEN THE BACK OF THE RECESSION,

AND WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO RISING PROSPERITY, RENEWED TRUST AND A LASTING PEACE. WHEREVER POSSIBLE, OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD SPEND AND TAX LESS. LAST YEAR, WE REDUCED FEDERAL INCOME TAXES. I HAVE PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT OF TEN BILLION DOLLARS TO GO INTO EFFECT JULY FIRST. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD INCREASE EACH OF THE EXEMPTIONS ON YOUR PERSONAL INCOME TAX FROM 750 DOLLARS TO 1.000 DOLLARS.

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TO TAKE FROM US EVERYTHING WE HAVE

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I AM CONVINCED THAT THE DECISIONS AFFECTING YOU AND

YOUR FAMILIES SHOULD BE MADE RIGHT HERE AND NOT BY SOME DISTANT

BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT OR ITS BUREAUCRACY. I AM WORKING

TO RESTORE THE PRINCIPLE OF LOCAL CONTROL BY LOCAL PEOPLE.

IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, I BELIEVE OUR CHALLENGE --

YOURS AND MINE -- IS TO FOSTER A NEW APPRECIATION

OF THE AMERICAN HOME, NEW COHESION IN THE AMERICAN FAMILY,

NEW MODERATION IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNED

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THEY HAVE CAUSED SOME AMERICANS TO BECOME DISAFFECTED

AND SKEPTICAL, BUT I HAVE FOUND THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY

OF OUR CITIZENS STILL WANT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT IN AMERICA.

WE STILL WANT TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR SOCIETY AND OUR COUNTRY.

WE WANT TO LIVE UP TO OUR HERITAGE AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PEOPLE.

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BUT THE PEOPLE RULE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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