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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT FOUNTAIN SQUARE RALLY,

CINCINNATI, OCTOBER 28, 1976

- THANKS, GOV. JIM RHODES

- SENATOR TAFT - LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU  
IN WASHINGTON DURING OUR NEXT 4 YEARS!

- ITS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY OLD AND DEAR  
FRIENDS HERE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
(GRADISON, CLANCY, KINDNESS, BROWN, HARSHA, SNYDER)  
(CARTER)

- ALSO MY OLD FRIENDS: AMB. JOHN SHERMAN COOPER  
AND THE MANY FINE CELEBRITIES AND ATHLETES AND OUR

- I LOVE YOU ALL !!

GREAT M.C.  
JOHNNY GRANT

IT'S GREAT TO BE IN CINCINNATI - THE HOME OF  
THE BIG RED MACHINE. / *who won back to  
back world*

YOU DIDN'T CONCEDE A SINGLE GAME IN THE WORLD SERIES --  
AND WE WON'T CONCEDE A SINGLE STATE OR A SINGLE VOTE  
ON NOVEMBER SECOND.

A FEW DAYS AGO YOU HAD A BIG CELEBRATION HERE IN

FOUNTAIN SQUARE TO CELEBRATE THAT GREAT VICTORY IN THE

WORLD SERIES.

I AM PROUD TO HAVE SOME OF THE MEN WHO MADE THAT CHAMPIONSHIP

POSSIBLE JOINING ME TODAY -- TED KLUZEWski, TONY PEREZ (peh-REZ)

KEN GRIFFEY AND PETE ROSE.

*I'm trying to  
run as fast  
as Ken when  
heads for 1st base*

*who plays  
baseball like  
The spirit of  
America.  
Have no chance  
& will get the  
job done*

*who helped  
those big bats  
break home  
What a batter  
he was*

*who can  
drive in that  
big run  
when you  
need it.*

WE ALSO HAVE THE MAN WHO ADDED SO MUCH COLOR TO THAT

SERIES, AS HE DID TO THE GAME OF BASEBALL --

JOE GARAGIOLA.

LET ME THANK THEM FOR HELPING TO MAKE SURE WE WILL ALL

HAVE ANOTHER VICTORY TO CELEBRATE -- WHEN THE FORD-DOLE TICKET

WINS ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

WE HAVE SOME OTHER GREAT ATHLETES HERE TODAY, HELPING

US TO ACHIEVE THAT VICTORY -- CHAMPIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES

OLYMPIC TEAM, FROM THE BENGALS -- AND FROM THE CINCINNATI

STINGERS.

ALONG WITH THESE CHAMPION ATHLETES WE HAVE SOME

CHAMPION POLITICAL FIGURES -- YOUR DISTINGUISHED

SENATOR BOB TAFT AND YOUR GREAT GOVERNOR JIM RHODES.

WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER SO THE PEOPLE OF CINCINNATI,

THE PEOPLE OF OHIO AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA WILL HAVE FOUR

YEARS OF EXPERIENCED, RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP.

TODAY AMERICA IS AT PEACE.

NO AMERICAN IS FIGHTING

OR DYING ON ANY FOREIGN BATTLEFIELD.

YOUR LIVES TODAY ARE NOT BEING THREATENED BY WAR OR

*I have spent most my time working for Peace*

INTERRUPTED BY THE DRAFT.

THAT MEANS THAT AMERICA'S YOUNG

PEOPLE, LIKE THE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE I SEE HERE TODAY, CAN GO

TO SCHOOL AND GET A GOOD EDUCATION.

*I am determined to keep America out of war.*

THAT MEANS THEY CAN PLAN THEIR CAREERS CONFIDENTLY, BUY A HOME,

RAISE A FAMILY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD LIFE.

~~MY ADMINISTRATION HAS KEPT AMERICA AT PEACE.~~ I PLEDGE

THAT IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WE WILL KEEP AMERICA AT PEACE,

BY KEEPING OUR DEFENSES STRONG.

WE NEED TO KEEP OUR ECONOMY STRONG, TOO. I KNOW

OHIO BELIEVES AS I DO, IN JOBS / IN GROWTH / IN PROGRESS.

I HAVE ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING A MAJOR DECISION ON NUCLEAR

POLICY WHICH IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR SOUTHERN OHIO.

MY NEW POLICY IS DESIGNED TO KEEP AMERICA NUMBER ONE  
IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.      IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR  
WORLD LEADERSHIP IN THAT AREA, WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR POSITION  
AS A MAJOR, RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF FUEL FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

THE DIFFUSION PLANT NEAR PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, HAS PLAYED  
A LEADING ROLE IN SUPPLYING ENRICHED URANIUM FOR ELECTRIC  
POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

LAST MAY I ANNOUNCED THAT WE WILL BUILD THE ADD-ON  
PLANT AT PORTSMOUTH. THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY IS NOW ASKING FOR BIDS FOR FURTHER DESIGN WORK ON THIS  
ADD-ON PLANT.

CONSTRUCTION ON THIS IMPORTANT ADDITION AT PORTSMOUTH  
IS TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR. THIS IS A 4.4 BILLION DOLLAR  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THAT MEANS 6,000 NEW CONSTRUCTION  
JOBS FOR SOUTHERN OHIO.

AMERICA NEEDS EVEN MORE GOOD, PRODUCTIVE JOBS LIKE THAT,  
CREATED BY A HEALTHY, GROWING ECONOMY. MY POLICIES HAVE  
BROUGHT AMERICA UP FROM THE DEPTHS OF ITS WORST RECESSION IN  
FORTY YEARS, AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE CAN CONTINUE THE MARCH  
TO A SOUND AND SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT I WILL CONTINUE OUR SENSIBLE APPROACH  
TO GOVERNMENT. BY KEEPING THE LID ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING,  
WE HAVE ALREADY CUT INFLATION IN HALF.

I AM GOING TO KEEP UP MY FIGHT AGAINST EXCESSIVE FEDERAL  
SPENDING / AND AS WE ACCOMPLISH THAT, I PROMISE YOU WE  
WILL HAVE ANOTHER FEDERAL TAX CUT.

I BELIEVE THE BEST KIND OF TAX REFORM IS TAX REDUCTION  
FOR AMERICA'S HARD-PRESSED MIDDLE INCOME TAXPAYERS.  
YOU DESERVE A BREAK AND <sup>I'm</sup> ~~I AM~~ GOING TO SEE THAT YOU GET IT.  
<sup>I'm</sup> ~~I AM~~ GOING TO SEE YOU GET YOUR PERSONAL EXEMPTION INCREASED  
BY ONE-THIRD -- FROM 750 DOLLARS TO 1,000 DOLLARS.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE THAT I SUPPORT: IN MY

VIEW WE LOST A GREAT AMERICAN TRADITION WHEN THE SUPREME COURT

voluntary  
RULED OUT PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ~~I THINK~~ EVERY CHILD

SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN SCHOOL.

I SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT

VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN SCHOOLS.

WE HAVE MUCH TO DO IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. LET'S DO

IT TOGETHER. I ASK FOR YOUR HELP / I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE --

SO WE CAN KEEP AMERICA STRONG, PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS AND

FREE.

IT WOULD BE THE HIGHEST HONOR OF MY LIFE FOR YOU

TO SAY NEXT TUESDAY, "JERRY FORD, YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB.

KEEP RIGHT ON DOING IT."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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