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I PROPOSE CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE

FOR EVERYBODY COVERED BY MEDICARE. TO FINANCE

THIS ADDED PROTECTION, FEES FOR SHORT TERM CARE WILL GO UP

SOMEWHAT, BUT NOBODY AFTER REACHING AGE 65 WILL HAVE TO PAY

MORE THAN 500 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR COVERED HOSPITAL

OR NURSING HOME CARE ~~NOR~~ MORE THAN 250 DOLLARS

FOR ONE YEAR'S DOCTORS' BILLS.

WE CANNOT REALISTICALLY AFFORD FEDERALLY-DICTATED
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDING FULL COVERAGE
FOR ALL 215 MILLION AMERICANS. THE EXPERIENCE
OF OTHER COUNTRIES RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE QUALITY
AS WELL AS THE COST OF SUCH PLANS.

BUT I DO ENVISION THE DAY WHEN WE MAY USE THE PRIVATE HEALTH
INSURANCE SYSTEM TO OFFER MORE MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES
HIGH QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES AT PRICES THEY CAN AFFORD AND
SHIELD THEM ALSO FROM CATASTROPHIC ILLNESSES●

USING THE RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE, I PROPOSE
IMPROVING THE MEDICARE AND OTHER FEDERAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
TO HELP THOSE WHO REALLY NEED MORE PROTECTION: OLDER PEOPLE
AND THE POOR•


TO HELP STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS GIVE BETTER HEALTH CARE
TO THE POOR I PROPOSE THAT WE COMBINE 16 EXISTING FEDERAL
PROGRAMS INCLUDING MEDICAID INTO A SINGLE 10 BILLION DOLLAR
FEDERAL GRANT.

FUNDS WOULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE STATES UNDER

A NEW FORMULA WHICH PROVIDES A LARGER SHARE OF FEDERAL MONEY

TO THOSE STATES THAT HAVE A LARGER SHARE OF LOW INCOME FAMILIES•

I WILL TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE THE
QUALITY OF MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



NOW LET ME SPEAK ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY•

OUR FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE

WHO HAVE WORKED HARD AND CONTRIBUTED TO IT-ALL THEIR LIVES-

IS A VITAL PART OF OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM• ITS VALUE IS NO

LONGER DEBATABLE•

IN MY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977 I AM

RECOMMENDING THAT THE FULL COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS BE PAID DURING THE COMING YEAR.

BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR
SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND THAT ENABLES PEOPLE -- THOSE
RETIRED AND THOSE STILL WORKING WHO WILL RETIRE -- TO
COUNT ON THIS SOURCE OF RETIREMENT INCOME. YOUNGER
WORKERS WATCH THEIR DEDUCTIONS RISE AND WONDER IF THEY
WILL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED IN THE FUTURE.

WE MUST MEET THIS CHALLENGE HEAD-ON•

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC WARNS ALL OF US THAT THE

SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND IS HEADED FOR TROUBLE• UNLESS

WE ACT SOON TO MAKE SURE THE FUND TAKES IN AS MUCH AS IT PAYS

OUT, THERE WILL BE NO SECURITY FOR OLD OR YOUNG•

I MUST THEREFORE RECOMMEND A THREE-TENTHS

OF ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE

SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1977.

THIS WILL COST EACH COVERED EMPLOYEE LESS THAN ONE EXTRA

DOLLAR A WEEK AND WILL ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE TRUST FUND.



AS WE REBUILD OUR ECONOMY, WE HAVE A CONTINUING
RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY CUSHION TO THE
UNEMPLOYED. AT MY REQUEST, THE CONGRESS ENACTED
TWO EXTENSIONS AND EXPANSIONS IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
WHICH HELPED THOSE WHO WERE JOBLESS DURING 1975.
THESE PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE IN 1976.

IN MY FISCAL 1977 BUDGET, I AM ALSO REQUESTING
FUNDS TO CONTINUE PROVEN JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS FOR MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS.

COMPASSION AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY -

TWO OF AMERICA'S GREATEST STRENGTHS THROUGHOUT OUR

HISTORY - } TELL US WE MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR NEIGHBORS

WHO CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. THE HOST OF

FEDERAL PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD REFLECT OUR GENEROSITY AS

A PEOPLE.

BUT EVERYONE REALIZES THAT WHEN IT COMES TO
WELFARE, GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS IS NOT DOING THE JOB
WELL. TOO MANY OF OUR WELFARE PROGRAMS ARE INEQUITABLE
AND INVITE ABUSE. WORSE, WE ARE WASTING BADLY
NEEDED RESOURCES WITHOUT REACHING MANY OF THE TRULY NEEDY.

COMPLEX WELFARE PROGRAMS CANNOT BE REFORMED

OVERNIGHT. SURELY WE CANNOT SIMPLY DUMP WELFARE

INTO THE LAPS OF THE 50 STATES, THEIR LOCAL TAXPAYERS OR

PRIVATE CHARITIES, AND JUST WALK AWAY FROM IT.

NOR IS IT THE RIGHT TIME FOR MASSIVE AND SWEEPING CHANGES
WHILE WE ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM A RECESSION•


NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE STILL PLENTY
OF IMPROVEMENTS WE CAN MAKE• I WILL ASK CONGRESS
FOR PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY TO TIGHTEN UP RULES
FOR ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS•

LAST YEAR I TWICE SOUGHT LONG OVERDUE REFORM

OF THE SCANDAL RIDDLED FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. THIS YEAR

I SAY AGAIN: LET'S GIVE FOOD STAMPS TO THOSE MOST IN NEED.

LET'S NOT GIVE ANY TO THOSE WHO DON'T NEED THEM.



PROTECTING THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF THE CITIZEN

AT HOME IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS

BUT IS PRIMARILY THE JOB OF LOCAL AND STATE LAW

ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.

AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS FOUND THE VERY THOUGHT
OF A FEDERAL POLICE FORCE REPUGNANT AND SO DO I. BUT THERE
ARE PROPER WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP TO ENSURE DOMESTIC
TRANQUILITY AS THE CONSTITUTION CHARGES US.

MY RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO CONTROL VIOLENT
CRIME WERE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS LAST JUNE WITH STRONG
EMPHASIS ON PROTECTING THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF CRIME.

TO KEEP A CONVICTED CRIMINAL FROM COMMITTING

MORE CRIMES WE MUST PUT HIM IN PRISON SO HE CANNOT

HARM MORE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. TO BE EFFECTIVE,

THIS PUNISHMENT MUST BE SWIFT AND CERTAIN.

TOO OFTEN CRIMINALS ARE NOT SENT TO PRISON

AFTER CONVICTION BUT ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE STREETS.

SOME JUDGES ARE RELUCTANT TO SEND CONVICTED
CRIMINALS TO PRISON BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE FACILITIES.●
TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, MY NEW
BUDGET PROPOSES THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR NEW FEDERAL
FACILITIES.●

TO SPEED FEDERAL JUSTICE, I PROPOSE AN INCREASE

THIS YEAR IN UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS PROSECUTING FEDERAL CRIMES

AND REINFORCEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF UNITED STATES MARSHALS●

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL JUDGES ARE NEEDED, AS

RECOMMENDED BY ME AND THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE●

ANOTHER MAJOR THREAT TO EVERY AMERICAN'S PERSON

AND PROPERTY IS THE CRIMINAL CARRYING A HANDGUN•

THE WAY TO CUT DOWN ON THE CRIMINAL USE OF GUNS IS NOT TO
TAKE GUNS AWAY FROM THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN, BUT TO
IMPOSE MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES IN WHICH A GUN IS
USED, MAKE IT HARDER TO OBTAIN CHEAP GUNS FOR CRIMINAL
PURPOSES, AND CONCENTRATE GUN CONTROL ENFORCEMENT IN
HIGH CRIME AREAS.

MY BUDGET RECOMMENDS 500 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL
AGENTS IN THE 11 LARGEST METROPOLITAN HIGH CRIME AREAS TO
HELP LOCAL AUTHORITIES STOP CRIMINALS FROM SELLING AND
USING HANDGUNS.

THE SALE OF HARD DRUGS IS ON THE INCREASE AGAIN.●

I HAVE DIRECTED ALL AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO

STEP UP ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AGAINST THOSE WHO DEAL IN DRUGS.●

IN 1975, FEDERAL AGENTS SEIZED SUBSTANTIALLY MORE

HEROIN COMING INTO OUR COUNTRY THAN IN 1974.●

AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE TALKED PERSONALLY WITH THE
LEADERS OF MEXICO, COLOMBIA, AND TURKEY TO URGE GREATER
EFFORTS BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONTROL EFFECTIVELY
THE PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT OF HARD DRUGS.

I RECOMMENDED MONTHS AGO THAT THE CONGRESS ENACT

MANDATORY FIXED SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED

OF FEDERAL CRIMES INVOLVING THE SALE OF HARD DRUGS.


HARD DRUGS DEGRADE THE SPIRIT AS THEY DESTROY

THE BODY OF THEIR USERS.

THERE ARE DEFINITE WAYS IN WHICH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT CAN HELP THEM. I WILL PROPOSE IN THE NEW
BUDGET THAT THE CONGRESS AUTHORIZE ALMOST 7 BILLION DOLLARS
OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO ASSIST STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND PROPERTY OF ALL CITIZENS.

AS PRESIDENT I PLEDGE THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF
FEDERAL LAWS AND BY EXAMPLE, SUPPORT, AND LEADERSHIP
TO HELP STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ENFORCE THEIR LAWS.

TOGETHER WE MUST PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF CRIME AND ENSURE
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY.



LAST YEAR I STRONGLY RECOMMENDED A FIVE-YEAR
EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION
WHICH THUS FAR HAS PROVIDED 23.5 BILLION DOLLARS TO
HELP STATE AND LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT SOLVE PROBLEMS
AT HOME.

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE WITH DECISION MAKING

TRANSFERRED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO LOCALLY ELECTED

OFFICIALS. CONGRESS MUST ACT THIS YEAR OR STATE AND

LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO DROP PROGRAMS

OR RAISE LOCAL TAXES.

INCLUDING MY HEALTH CARE REFORMS, I PROPOSE

TO CONSOLIDATE SOME 59 SEPARATE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND

PROVIDE FLEXIBLE FEDERAL DOLLAR GRANTS TO HELP STATES,

CITIES AND LOCAL AGENCIES IN SUCH IMPORTANT AREAS AS

EDUCATION, CHILD NUTRITION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

THIS FLEXIBLE SYSTEM WILL DO THE JOB BETTER AND DO IT

CLOSER TO HOME.



THE PROTECTION OF THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF
AMERICANS FROM FOREIGN ENEMIES IS ONE OF MY PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT.

IN A WORLD OF INSTANT COMMUNICATIONS AND
INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES, IN A WORLD ECONOMY THAT
IS GLOBAL AND INTERDEPENDENT, OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER
NATIONS BECOME MORE, NOT LESS, IMPORTANT TO THE LIVES
OF AMERICANS.

AMERICA HAS HAD A UNIQUE ROLE IN THE WORLD SINCE

THE DAY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE 200 YEARS AGO.

AND ~~EVER~~

SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II, WE HAVE BORNE -- ~~SUCCESSFULLY~~ --

A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING A STABLE WORLD ORDER

AND HOPE FOR HUMAN PROGRESS.

TODAY, THE STATE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS SOUND

AND STRONG.

-- WE ARE AT PEACE | AND I WILL DO ALL IN MY

POWER TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

-- OUR MILITARY FORCES ARE CAPABLE AND READY;

OUR MILITARY POWER IS WITHOUT EQUAL. AND | I INTEND

TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

OUR PRINCIPAL ALLIANCES, WITH THE INDUSTRIAL
DEMOCRACIES OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND JAPAN, HAVE
NEVER BEEN MORE SOLID•

-- A FURTHER AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE STRATEGIC ARMS
RACE MAY BE ACHIEVED•

-- WE HAVE AN IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA,
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULOUS NATION•

-- THE KEY ELEMENTS FOR PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS

OF THE MIDDLE EAST NOW EXIST.

-- OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICA,

AFRICA, AND ASIA, CONTINUE.

-- WE HAVE TAKEN THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP

IN LAUNCHING A SERIOUS AND HOPEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN

THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

helped to

-- WE HAVE [↑]ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT REFORM

OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM.

WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES

HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE HEARD TOO MUCH ABOUT

HOW TERRIBLE OUR MISTAKES, HOW EVIL OUR DEEDS, AND HOW

MISGUIDED OUR PURPOSES.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

KNOW BETTER.

THE TRUTH IS ~~WE~~ ARE THE WORLD'S GREATEST

DEMOCRACY. WE REMAIN THE SYMBOL OF MAN'S ASPIRATION

FOR LIBERTY AND WELL-BEING. WE ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF

HOPE FOR PROGRESS.

I SAY IT IS TIME WE QUIT DOWNGRADING OURSELVES

AS A NATION. OF COURSE, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO

LEARN THE RIGHT LESSONS FROM PAST MISTAKES. IT IS OUR

DUTY TO SEE THAT THEY NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. BUT OUR GREATER

DUTY IS TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE. THE WORLD'S TROUBLES

WILL NOT GO AWAY.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT STRONG AND EFFECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL AND DEFENSE POLICIES.

IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM, THESE POLICIES
SHOULD REFLECT CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN
THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS.

BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, AS THE FRAMERS OF OUR
CONSTITUTION KNEW, FROM HARD EXPERIENCE, THE FOREIGN
RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES CAN BE CONDUCTED EFFECTIVELY
ONLY IF THERE IS STRONG CENTRAL DIRECTION THAT ALLOWS
FLEXIBILITY OF ACTION. THAT RESPONSIBILITY CLEARLY
RESTS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

I PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE POLICIES WHICH

SEEK A SECURE, JUST, AND PEACEFUL WORLD. I PLEDGE

TO THE CONGRESS TO WORK WITH YOU TO THAT END.

WE MUST NOT FACE A FUTURE IN WHICH WE CAN

CAN NO LONGER HELP OUR FRIENDS, SUCH AS IN ANGOLA /-

EVEN IN LIMITED AND CAREFULLY CONTROLLED WAYS•

WE MUST NOT LOSE ALL CAPACITY TO RESPOND SHORT

OF MILITARY INTERVENTION•

SOME HASTY ACTIONS OF THE CONGRESS DURING THE PAST YEAR }-

MOST RECENTLY IN RESPECT TO ANGOLA } WERE IN MY VIEW

VERY SHORT-SIGHTED. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY ARE STILL

VERY MUCH ON THE MINDS OF OUR ALLIES AND OUR ADVERSARIES.

A STRONG DEFENSE POSTURE GIVES WEIGHT
TO OUR VALUES AND OUR VIEWS IN INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS;
IT ASSURES THE VIGOR OF OUR ALLIANCES; AND IT SUSTAINS
OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SETTLEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS.
ONLY FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH CAN WE NEGOTIATE
A BALANCED AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE GROWTH OF NUCLEAR ARMS.

ONLY A BALANCED AGREEMENT WILL SERVE OUR INTERESTS

AND MINIMIZE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION•

THE DEFENSE BUDGET I WILL SUBMIT TO THE CONGRESS

FOR FISCAL 1977 WILL SHOW AN ESSENTIAL INCREASE OVER *the*
current
~~LAST~~ YEAR. IT PROVIDES FOR A REAL GROWTH

this
IN PURCHASING POWER OVER ~~LAST~~ YEAR'S DEFENSE BUDGET,

The
WHICH INCLUDES THE COSTS OF OUR ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE ECONOMIES TO ENHANCE

THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR MILITARY FORCES. BUT THE BUDGET

I WILL SUBMIT REPRESENTS THE NECESSITY OF AMERICAN STRENGTH

FOR THE REAL WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.



AS CONFLICT AND RIVALRIES PERSIST IN THE WORLD,

OUR UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES MUST BE THE BEST

IN THE WORLD.

THE CRIPPLING OF OUR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

INCREASES THE DANGER OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN DIRECT

ARMED CONFLICT. OUR ADVERSARIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO

ATTEMPT NEW ADVENTURES, WHILE OUR OWN ABILITY TO MONITOR


EVENTS, AND TO INFLUENCE EVENTS SHORT OF MILITARY ACTION /-

IS UNDERMINED.

WITHOUT EFFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY, THE

UNITED STATES STANDS BLINDFOLDED AND HOBbled•

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I WILL TAKE ACTIONS TO REFORM
AND STRENGTHEN OUR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. I ASK FOR
YOUR POSITIVE COOPERATION. IT IS TIME TO GO BEYOND
SENSATIONALISM AND ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE, RESPONSIBLE,
AND RESPONSIVE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY.



TONIGHT I HAVE SPOKEN OF OUR PROBLEMS AT HOME
AND ABROAD. I HAVE RECOMMENDED POLICIES THAT WILL MEET
THE CHALLENGE OF OUR THIRD CENTURY.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OUR UNION WILL ENDURE
BETTER, STRONGER AND WITH MORE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.

WE CAN SEE FORWARD ONLY DIMLY - ONE YEAR, FIVE
YEARS, A GENERATION PERHAPS. LIKE OUR FOREFATHERS, WE
KNOW THAT IF WE MEET THE CHALLENGES OF OUR OWN TIME WITH A
COMMON SENSE OF PURPOSE AND CONVICTION - IF WE REMAIN TRUE
TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND OUR IDEALS - THEN WE CAN KNOW THAT
THE FUTURE WILL BE BETTER THAN THE PAST.

I SEE AMERICA TODAY CROSSING A THRESHHOLD, NOT
JUST BECAUSE IT IS OUR BICENTENNIAL, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN
TESTED IN ADVERSITY• WE HAVE TAKEN A NEW LOOK AT WHAT WE
WANT TO BE AND WHAT WE WANT OUR NATION TO BECOME•

I SEE AMERICA RESURGENT, CERTAIN ONCE AGAIN THAT

LIFE WILL BE BETTER FOR OUR CHILDREN THAN IT IS FOR US, SEEKING

STRENGTH THAT CANNOT BE COUNTED IN MEGATONS AND RICHES THAT

CANNOT BE ERODED BY INFLATION.

I SEE THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MOVING FORWARD

AS BEFORE TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION WHERE THE GOVERNMENT

SERVES AND THE PEOPLE RULE.

WE WILL NOT MAKE THIS HAPPEN SIMPLY BY MAKING

SPEECHES, GOOD OR BAD, YOURS, OR MINE, BUT BY HARD WORK

AND HARD DECISIONS MADE WITH COURAGE AND COMMON SENSE.

I HAVE HEARD MANY INSPIRING PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES,
BUT THE WORDS I REMEMBER BEST WERE SPOKEN BY DWIGHT D.

EISENHOWER.

"AMERICA IS NOT GOOD BECAUSE IT IS GREAT," THE
PRESIDENT SAID. \ "AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE IT IS GOOD."

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS RAISED IN A POOR BUT
RELIGIOUS HOME IN THE HEART OF AMERICA. HIS SIMPLE WORDS
ECHOED PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ELOQUENT TESTAMENT THAT
"RIGHT MAKES MIGHT." AND LINCOLN IN TURN EVOKED THE
SILENT IMAGE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON KNEELING IN PRAYER
AT VALLEY FORGE.

SO ALL THESE MAGIC MEMORIES, WHICH LINK EIGHT
GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS, ARE SUMMED UP IN THE INSCRIPTION
JUST ABOVE ME.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE SEEN IT? --

"IN GOD WE TRUST."

LET US ENGRAVE IT NOW IN EACH OF OUR HEARTS

AS WE BEGIN OUR BICENTENNIAL.

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