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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

## REMARKS AT BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1976

- THANK YOU, CONGRESSMAN DEL LATTA
- DR. MOORE (PRESIDENT, BGSU)
- GOU RHODES
- SENATOR TAFT
- CONGRESSMAN BROWN
- CONGRESSMAN WHALEN
- MR. SHANKLIN
- STUMENTS, FACULTY AND GUESTS OF BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

IT'S GREAT TO BE AT BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY --

HOME OF THE FALCONS.

WHEN I LEFT HOME TO GO TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN A FEW YEARS AGO, SOME PEOPLE CALLED IT "LEAVING THE NEST." HERE AT BOWLING GREEN, I HEAR YOU HAVE A NEST OF YOUR OWN THAT SOME PEOPLE NEVER SEEM TO LEAVE. BUT I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT

# RATHER THAN MAKE A BHG SPEECH TODAY, LET ME JUST

TAKE A MOMENT OR TWO TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO DO

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN THE

NEXT FOUR.

## TWO YEARS AGO, AMERICA WAS FACING SOME OF

THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ITS HISTORY. WE WERE ENTERING INTO A PERIOD WHEN OUR ECONOMY SEEMED TO GO HAYWIRE --WITH RECESSION COSTING US JOBS ON THE ONE HAND AND RUNAWAY INFLATION ROBBING OUR PAYCHECKS AND STEALING OUR SAVINGS ON THE OTHER. TWO YEARS AGO, OUR <u>ALLIES</u> AND <u>ADVERSARIES</u> ALIKE WERE <u>UNCERTAIN</u> ABOUT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. TWO YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A <u>GREAT CRISIS</u> OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE WHITE HOUSE, IN THE WAKE OF THE WATERGATE SCANDALS. THIS WAS THE SITUATION FACING ME IN MY EARLY

MONTHS IN OFFICE. IT WAS NOT THE EASIEST TIME TO ASSUME

THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

BUT IN THE TWO YEARS SINCE THEN, WE HAVE TURNED AMERICA AROUND AND POINTED IT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. OUR ECONOMY IS IN THE MIDST OF A STRONG RECOVERY AND INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF. WE HAVE MADE THAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS BY CUTTING TAXES AND STIMULATING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, RATHER THAN TRYING TO DOMINATE THE ECONOMY WITH GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GOVERNMENT CONTROLS. AS A RESULT, THE PROSPERITY WE ARE ENTERING WILL BE AN ENDURING ONE - NOT JUST LASTING FOR A FEW MONTHS OR FOR AN ELECTION YEAR, BUT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. YOUR JOB PROSPECTS THIS YEAR IN MOST FIELDS ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN A LONG TIME. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS ON THE JOB IN MAY HAD REACHED A NEW RECORD FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT MONTH. 87 MILLION, 700 THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED IN AMERICA TODAY, AND THAT IS WELL OVER THREE MILLION MORE THAN WERE WORKING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RECESSION

JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO.

# INTERNATIONALLY, AMERICA IS GAINING A NEW PRESTIGE

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IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

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WE ARE MAKING OUR INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS

ON THE BASIS OF WHAT IS RIGHT FOR AMERICA'S INTEREST,

NOT ON THE BASIS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS.

WE HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED OUR RELATIONS

WITH OUR MAJOR WESTERN ALLIES AND JAPAN;

AND WE WILL CONTINUE THAT PROCESS THROUGH SUCH MEANS

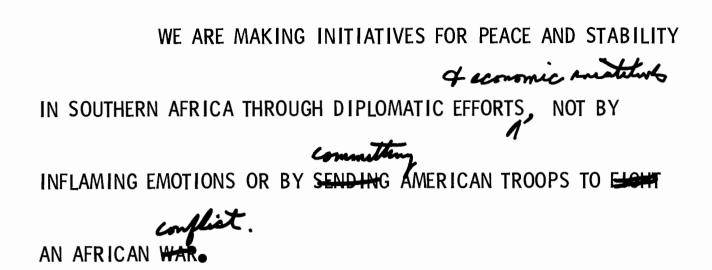
AS THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE I WILL HOST LATER THIS MONTH

IN PUERTO RICO.

WE HAVE CONCLUDED A GOOD AGREEMENT

WITH THE SOVIET UNION TO PERMIT AND CONTROL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. WE ARE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE <u>STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS TO REDUCE THE DEADLY LEVEL</u> OF TERROR AND THE COSTLY BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS WHICH WEIGH ON BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PLAY THE ROLE OF PEACEMAKER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TRYING WITH SAME ALCCESS TO KEEP THE LID ON THAT VOLATILE SITUATION AND GIVE PEACE A CHANCE IN A REGION

THAT HAS SEEN SO MUCH OF WAR.



AMERICA IS AT PEACE, AND I INTEND TO KEEP IT

THAT WAY.

FINALLY, BECAUSE I HAVE MADE MY ADMINISTRATION COPEN, CANDID AND FORTHRIGHT SPOSSIBLE, WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY TOWARD RESTORING THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS RECORD OF PEACE, PROSPERITY AND TRUST HAS BEEN MY PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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IT IS A SOLID FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD

A BETTER AMERICA IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. LET'S WORK

TOGETHER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WITH THOSE GENERAL COMMENTS, MAYBE WE HAVE

TIME FOR A FEW QUESTIONS.

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