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WASHINGTON --- Nelson Rockefeller was supported today in testimony by Dr. Maurice Dawkins, Director of the National Government and Legislative Relations Service, who called him a man who "if it should be God's will and circumstances beyond any human control should project him into the Presidency, it is clear that he is more than adequately prepared to fill the job, temperamentally, intellectually, and by any standard of public administration competency."

With regard to the criticisms made of Governor Rockefeller's handling of the prison crisis at Attica, Dr. Dawkins made note of the fact that "any Governor of any State and all the prisoners of all of the State penitentiaries are victims of a history of man's inhumanity to his fellow man and the needs for radical surgery of the cancerous penal system. The fact that Mr. Rockefeller now states that if he had to do it again, he would not use massive force with guns indicates that he is a man who can change his mind and his strategy when the evidence proves that there is a better way to solve a problem. We seek strong leadership, hard-nose administrators, courageous decision makers to prevent crisis from becoming disaster. In a very real sense, Mr. Rockefeller's decision making process whereby he considers all of the alternative choices, seeks expert consultation, is willing to make hard decisions and stick to them, may turn out to be a plus rather than a minus as we go into an uncertain future as a nation."

"Mr. Rockefeller brings to the high office of the Vice President, the highest common denominator possible of the qualifications we seek

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in the leaders of our Government. The office of Vice President is such that any man filling that office might any day put his thumb on the scale to influence the process of policy formulation and implementation of national goals or enforcement of federal laws. I am confident that we can count on Mr. Rockefeller to be concerned for equal justice under the law, for equity as far as the race question is concerned in the areas of economics and politics. I am confident that he will be equally concerned about the Black and White Americans, urban and rural Americans, poor and wealthy Americans, immigrant and native born Americans, Americans from the north and south, the west, midwest, and east. His wisdom, his judgment, his value system and his past experience indicate that he may be a man uniquely prepared because of his total commitment and a lifetime of total involvement to give leadership that we need in the midst of a crisis of confidence in Government and politicians." In Biblical terms, "he may have come into the Kingdom for just such a time as this."

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TESTIMONY OF  
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ON THE CONFIRMATION OF MR. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER  
AS VICE PRESIDENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1974  
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

THE HONORABLE HOWARD W. CANNON  
CHAIRMAN, SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
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MR. CHAIRMAN:

MY NAME IS DR. MAURICE DAWKINS. I AM PRESENTLY SERVING AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS FOR O.I.C. OF AMERICA. O.I.C. IS OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS, FOUNDED BY REV. LEON SULLIVAN, WHICH REPRESENTS SOME 115 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS IN AS MANY CITIES AND 44 STATES. OUR WORK IS WITH THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL POOR AND THE WORKING POOR, THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDEREMPLOYED. WE HAVE A TEN YEAR TRACK RECORD OF TAKING CITIZENS OFF WELFARE ROLLS AND PUTTING THEM ON PAYROLLS.

I HAVE REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOMINATION OF GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT, IN ORDER TO PLACE ON THE RECORD, A STRONG, CATEGORICAL, UNEQUIVOCAL ENDORSEMENT OF HIS NOMINATION BY CITIZENS WHO KNOW OF HIS GOOD WORK AND CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF O.I.C., THE URBAN LEAGUE, AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THAT WORK TO ELIMINATE POVERTY AND RACIAL INEQUITY BY PROMOTING JOB TRAINING, JOB DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT HELPS PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES.

THE FULL SIGNIFICANCE OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OURS SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW IN DETAIL OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH BLACKS AND WHITES, SPANISH SPEAKING AND ENGLISH SPEAKING, YOUNG AND OLD IN THE BOTTOM ONE FOURTH OF OUR SOCIO-ECONOMIC BARREL, HAVE BEEN HELPED

BY THE ROCKEFELLERS, INCLUDING NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

GENTLEMEN, NOT TOO MANY MONTHS AGO I FELT COMPELLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF THE NOMINATION OF THEN HOUSE MINORITY LEADER GERALD FORD FOR VICE PRESIDENT. AT THAT TIME, I VOICED CONFIDENCE AND FAITH IN THE POTENTIAL OF MR. FORD TO RISE ABOVE THE SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL PREJUDICES OF THE AREA WHICH HE REPRESENTED AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND MAKE HIS DECISIONS AS A LEADER OF ALL THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE NATION. I POINTED OUT THEN THAT THE NATURE OF THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT WAS SUCH THAT ANY MAN FILLING THAT OFFICE MIGHT ANY DAY PUT HIS THUMB ON THE SCALE TO INFLUENCE THE PROCESS OF POLICY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL GOALS OR ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS. WHETHER THAT INFLUENCE WOULD BE REGARDED AS GOOD OR BAD FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF BLACK OR WHITE AMERICANS, URBAN OR RURAL AMERICANS, POOR OR WEALTHY AMERICANS, IMMIGRANT OR NATIVE BORN AMERICANS, AMERICANS FROM THE NORTH OR THE SOUTH, THE WEST, MIDDLE WEST OR EAST, WOULD DEPEND TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE WISDOM, THE JUDGMENT, THE VALUE SYSTEM AND THE PAST EXPERIENCE OF WHOEVER THAT MAN HAPPENED TO BE.

I AM HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY THAT THIS MAN, WHOSE NAME IS NOW BEFORE YOU, AS THE NOMINEE OF PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, BRINGS TO THE HIGH OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT, THE HIGHEST COMMON DENOMINATOR POSSIBLE OF ALL OF THESE QUALIFICATIONS. I TESTIFY TODAY, NOT ONLY AS THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS FOR O.I.C. OF AMERICA AND O.I.C. INTERNATIONAL. I TESTIFY AS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE WHERE MR. ROCKEFELLER HAS SERVED AS GOVERNOR FOR 12 YEARS AND

I TESTIFY AS A 30 YEAR VETERAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO ATTENDED COLLEGE IN NEW YORK, FOUGHT THE BATTLES FOR ECONOMIC EQUALITY AND POLITICAL POWER IN NEW YORK'S HARLEM WITH THE LATE CONGRESSMAN ADAM POWELL, AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH BOROUGH PRESIDENT PERCY SUTTON AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES RANGEL, WHOSE UNQUESTIONED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AMONG BLACK PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED AND RESPECTED THE LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND ACHIEVEMENT OF NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

I MENTION MY PERSONAL BACKGROUND SIMPLY TO INDICATE THAT I HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE EFFORTS THAT THIS MAN HAS MADE TO CHANGE CONDITIONS IN THE CITIES AND COUNTIES, THE GHETTOS AND BARRIOS IN URBAN CENTERS FROM THE WAY THEY ARE TO THE WAY THEY OUGHT TO BE.

IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO WATCH HIM TRY AS A CITIZEN, A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE, A GOVERNOR, TO COME DOWN ON THE SIDE OF EQUITY AS FAR AS THE RACE QUESTION IS CONCERNED IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS. LIKE MOST BLACK AMERICANS, I HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL TO HIM, AS I HAVE WATCHED THE LONGTIME COMMITMENT OF HIS FAMILY AND THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION TO THE BLACK EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE NEGRO COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH SUCH AS SPELLMAN COLLEGE IN THE ATLANTA, GEORGIA UNIVERSITY COMPLEX WHERE HIS OWN MOTHER MADE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.

AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GREATER NEW YORK URBAN LEAGUE BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE QUARTER CENTURY CLUB OF THE URBAN LEAGUE, I REMEMBER WITH DEEP AFFECTION THE ASSOCIATION OF LESTER GRANGER, DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, AND THE LATE WHITNEY YOUNG, WHOSE VICTORIES MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN WON AGAINST THE TWIN EVILS OF POVERTY AND RACISM IF NELSON ROCKEFELLER HAD NOT PASSED THE RIGHT AMMUNITION AT



THE RIGHT TIME TO WIN THE RIGHT BATTLE.

HOWEVER, GENTLEMEN, I NOT ONLY SEE NELSON ROCKEFELLER THROUGH THE EYES OF A BLACK AMERICAN OR AFRO-AMERICAN, I SEE HIM AS AN AMERICAN WHO BELIEVES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY AMONG NATIONS. IF AND WHEN GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER BECOMES VICE PRESIDENT, WE WILL HAVE IN THE OFFICE A STAUNCH ADVOCATE OF THESE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH OUR NATION IS FOUNDED AND UPON WHICH WE MUST BUILD OUR NATION'S FUTURE.

HIS TRACK RECORD IS CLEAR ON DOMESTIC ISSUES DEALING WITH BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AMERICA. IT IS CLEAR ON FOREIGN ISSUES WHERE EXPERIENCE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ARE MATCHED BY AN OVERALL COMPETENCE IN THE ASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT SHOULD SUPPLEMENT AND COMPLEMENT THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT FORD. THIS COULD WELL PROVE TO BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES, BUT PROBABLY THE ENTIRE UNITED NATIONS EFFORT TO BUILD TOWARD A GENERATION OF PEACE.

IT IS CLEAR ON THE ISSUES OF CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS WHERE, IN A VERY REAL SENSE, HE MIGHT BE REGARDED AS THE GODFATHER OF REVENUE SHARING.

IT IS CLEAR ON THE AGGRAVATING ISSUE OF PERVASIVE POVERTY WHERE, AS ONE OF THE GOVERNORS IN THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, HE HAS SHOWN SENSITIVITY, AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT TO WORK DILIGENTLY WITH HIS FELLOW GOVERNORS OF WEST VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA, GEORGIA, ALABAMA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSISSIPPI, AND THE OTHER STATES WHERE THE POOREST COUNTIES IN AMERICA ARE TO BE FOUND.

IT IS CLEAR ON THE ISSUES OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL RIGHTS WHERE THE EVIDENCE IS THAT HE HAS AN ALMOST INNATE CONVICTION ABOUT, AND A COMPLETELY CONDITIONED COMMITMENT TO, ELIMINATION OF INEQUITY BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES REGARDING OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A MOTHER'S LETTER TO HER SONS REGARDING THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RACE RELATIONS HAS INFLUENCED HIM GREATLY IN THIS REGARD.

YES GENTLEMEN, I SEE GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER AS A MAN WITH TOTAL COMMITMENT WITH A LIFETIME OF TOTAL INVOLVEMENT THAT HAS PREPARED HIM IN A UNIQUE AND ALMOST PROVIDENTIAL MANNER FOR JUST SUCH A TIME AS THIS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR GREAT NATION.

AT A TIME OF GREAT CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS HE BRINGS INTEGRITY BORN OF A TOTAL LACK OF NEED FOR MONEY OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IS HIS VERY OWN. "HE CANNOT BE BOUGHT AND WILL NOT BE SOLD" IS A PHRASE THAT APPLIES TO HIM BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT. IN ADDITION, HE BRINGS TO A NATION ENGULFED IN A MORAL CRISIS, A BACKGROUND IN APPLIED RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS FAITH FROM THE PROTESTANT BAPTISTS THAT IS SYMBOLIZED IN THE GREAT RIVERSIDE CHURCH AND THE INTERCHURCH CENTER IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR CHURCH RELATED AND CHURCH CREATED PROJECTS.

AT A TIME WHEN THE DYNAMICS OF CHANGE IS THE ONLY CONSISTENT ELEMENT IN THE POLITICAL PICTURE, HE BALANCES OUR PRESIDENT'S CONSERVATISM WITH A MORE LIBERAL PHILOSOPHY THEREBY GIVING US IN THE FORD-ROCKEFELLER TEAM A BALANCED TICKET IF YOU WILL, TO SERVE THE NATION. THE COMBINATION OF THE SO-CALLED EASTERN ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE MID-WESTERN BIBLE-BELT SHOULD UNIFY AT LEAST THE REPUBLICANS AND A LARGE

SEGMENT OF THE INDEPENDENTS ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT CREATE SOME SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR THE DEMOCRATS IN GENERAL AND SOME DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX DECISION-MAKING ON THE PART OF SOUTHERN AND WESTERN DEMOCRATS.

FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF IT SHOULD BE GOD'S WILL AND CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND ANY HUMAN CONTROL SHOULD PROJECT HIM INTO THE PRESIDENCY, IT IS CLEAR THAT HE IS MORE THAN ADEQUATELY PREPARED TO FILL THE JOB, TEMPERAMENTALLY, INTELLECTUALLY, AND BY ANY STANDARD OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMPETENCY.

I HAVE HEARD ONLY ONE OUTSTANDING HIGHLIGHT OF CRITICISM OF THIS MAN AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH HIS HANDLING OF THE PRISON CRISIS AT ATTICA. HERE, IT SEEMS TO ME, ANY GOVERNOR OF ANY STATE AND ALL THE PRISONERS IN ALL THE STATE PENITENTIARIES ARE VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH THEY DID NOT CREATE AND A HISTORY OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO HIS FELLOWMAN AND THE NEED FOR RADICAL SURGERY OF THE CANCEROUS PENAL SYSTEM. MR. ROCKEFELLER, IN A VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT SITUATION, HAD TO FUNCTION IT SEEMS TO ME, AS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF AN ARMY IN A WAR VERSUS CRIME AND TERRORISM RATHER THAN AS A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR TO SUCH A WAR OR AS A CLERGYMAN PACIFIST SEEKING TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES OF THE WAR AS WELL AS THE WAR ITSELF. WE SEEK STRONG LEADERSHIP, HARDNOSE ADMINISTRATORS, COURAGEOUS DECISION MAKERS TO PREVENT CRISIS FROM BECOMING DISASTER. IN A VERY REAL SENSE, THERE ARE DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS IN TODAY'S CHANGING WORLD. MR. ROCKEFELLER'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS OF CONSIDERING ALL OF THE ALTERNATIVE CHOICES, SEEKING EXPERT CONSULTATION, MAKING A HARD DECISION AND STICKING WITH IT IN THE CASE OF ATTICA, MAY TURN OUT TO BE A PLUS RATHER THAN A MINUS AS WE GO INTO AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE AS A NATION.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE NELSON ROCKEFELLER FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Subject: Objections to the Rockefeller Nomination  
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Gentlemen:

I hereby exercise my privilege and duty as a private citizen to object to the nomination of Nelson Rockefeller as Vice-President of the United States.

I REQUEST THE RIGHT TO APPEAR BEFORE YOUR COMMITTEE AT ONCE AND AFTER YOU HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH 14 FULL DAYS' NOTICE. I REQUEST THAT THIS NOTICE TO APPEAR BE ISSUED WITHOUT DELAY.

I object to Nelson Rockefeller's confirmation for many reasons:

1. First, I object to the confirmation of Nelson Rockefeller because the Rockefeller Empire participated in a grand fraud, namely, the so-called United Nuclear Corporation, Sabre-Pinon Corporation "merger".

This fraud was a gigantic mass fraud by the Rockefeller Empire and its co-conspirators which converted hundreds of millions of dollars of uranium, diverting these millions from the Sabre-Pinon shareholders, the rightful owners. The nature of this mass fraud has been set forth in prior letters, copies of which you have received and wilfully ignored. (See my 9-page letter of August 23, 1974, to the Honorable Howard Cannon and

