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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

Cincinnati, Ohio

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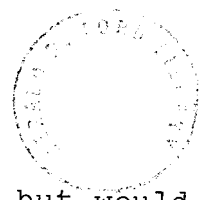
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That morning the President asked Senator Hugh Scott and me to come down and tell him what the procedure would be in the consideration of the nomination by the House as well as the Senate -- we told him how it would be handled, and he said he would submit the name at 9 o'clock that night but would call the individual at

7:30 that evening to give the individual some forewarning. --

So, Hugh Scott and I went back to the Senate and to the House and finished our day's labor. I went home -- took my usual swim, sat down for dinner with my wife and 16-year-old daughter. -- At 7:25 that night our downstairs listed telephone -- with five extensions -- rang and my wife went to the phone and she found that it was our oldest son calling from Boston, Massachusetts. He heard from some television commentator that his old man might get the nomination. Betty assured him that that was so far-fetched and so far out of the realm of possibility that he should not be upset -- and then at 7:30 the upstairs phone rang, a phone with no extensions and an unlisted number. Our daughter, who has apparently listed the number with certain favorites -- (laughter) dashed upstairs and answered it thinking it was, of course, going to be one of her favorite friends and it turned out to be somebody else and she yelled downstairs -- Dad, the President wants to talk to you. (laughter) So I dashed upstairs pretty fast and the operator said the President wanted to talk to me -- he came on the line and said, "Jerry, I've got some good news for you, but I want you to get Betty on the line so that she can hear it at the same time." -- So here I am -- on a phone with no extensions and the President wants to talk to both of us, and I tried to explain hurriedly what the problem was, and finally I said, "Mr. President can you hang up and call back on the other line." (laughter)

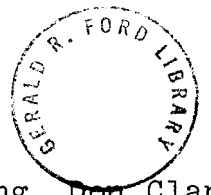
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But there was another incident that was indicative of what has happened -- lots of radio and television people wanted to come out to the house and interview the family -- Dick Cavett with his weekly show, first invited Betty, the kids and me up to New York to be interviewed. I thought it was fine, but it is quite a logistics problem to get four kids, your wife and yourself -- when one kid is in Massachusetts, one is in Utah and two are in Washington, -- so we said come on down to Washington and we will do the show in the office. And the Cavett people came down and looked at the office and they decided they would rather do the show at the house. I readily agreed without consulting Betty about it. So, on a Monday morning about 8 o'clock, two great big vans with all of the equipment -- three television cameras, dollies, cables, people, everything - moved into our relatively modest house. I came home that night about 6:30 and walked in and there was Betty huddled in a corner with our 17-year-old son sitting on a stool -- that was the only room that was left. And as I walked in, I felt a cold stare. -- you know -- (laughter) And the first and only words she spoke to me were -- "This wasn't one of Ford's better ideas." (laughter - applause)

Its been my observation, having served with a number of Members of the House as well as the Senate who have come from Hamilton County -- who have come from this great community -- that the Republican candidate, the Republican Member of the House, and the Republican Members of the United States Senate from this area



are top quality -- Bill Gradison, Bill Taft, Bill Keating, Don Clancy. (applause) Every one of them in his own right is an outstanding legislator -- a great public servant. Now you have an opportunity on March 5th to send another person with the same qualities of character and public service -- Bill Gradison to serve in the House of Representatives. (applause) I know that the opposition is going to try to divert voter concentration away from the issues and away from our candidate to some peripheral issue. The decision in this area should be decided on the man and on the issue. It has been my observation having known Bill Gradison since the mid 1950's when he was in Washington serving under the Secretary of the Treasury, George Humphrey, and under another Cabinet Officer, Secretary Folsom -- that Bill Gradison is the kind of a person whose experience, whether in Washington or in your local government here, is the kind of experience that can pay dividends for you. So on the basis of his ability, character, experience, education you ought to send Bill Gradison to represent you in Washington in the House of Representatives.

We've talked about the man, now let's talk about the issues. I have talked with Bill Gradison about the way he feels on the issues that involve peace with the United States, the issues that involve peace worldwide, and the issues that involve how we best manage and run our United States, and after talking at some length with Bill I can say he has the endorsement of Bob Taft, Don Clancy, and Bill Keating, and that's a lot of support. (applause) And they support him because they know



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as we negotiate for a reduction we must proceed with construction of the necessary Trident submarine so we are on a sufficient degree of comparability, so we are strong in terms of deterrence. Bill Gradison believes that we can achieve peace not only for this decade -- for for the decades ahead, but that you have to be strong to do that. You have to be powerful to convince the other side so that they negotiate in good faith with you. (applause) Oh, there are some -- most of them in the other party -- who want to unilaterally disarm the United States -- and I can imagine no more foolish action -- no more foolish action than to unilaterally disarm the United States whether it is withdrawing troops while the potential enemy builds up his strength or to cut back on the defense posture while the other side proceeds. A mutual reduction -- that's the key. I wish that the Democrats would show a little more sense. I think they want disarmament but they ought to know that the only way to negotiate is by convincing the enemy we are strong.

Bill Gradison also believes in a foreign policy that is flexible enough, adjustable enough, imaginative enough, innovative enough, to open the doors to the People's Republic of China -- a nation of 800 million people -- a nation that grows at the rate of two New York cities every 12 months. A nation where the American people for centuries had friends. Bill Gradison believes that a policy which opens the door to China is the right policy.

Now these are the policies that he will support, and I have grave doubt that his opponent can point to a record of support



because his party hasn't supported those policies. (applause)

But let's turn to the domestic issues. Bill Gradison knows from practical down-to-earth experience that the best way to spend money that comes from Washington is based on decision making at the local level. I think your city council -- the people here -- know infinitely better how to spend money for what you think is needed than some ivory-towered bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. And as somebody has said earlier tonight -- the Democrats in the last 40 years have controlled the Congress, and year after year after year they put more power in the ivory tower bureaucracy in Washington. Bill Gradison believes that you ought to take it away from them and you ought to bring it back here. (applause) Because you understand whether you want to spend the money for this thing or that thing. You have better judgement -- you have more sense -- you know more about what the priorities are in Cincinnati and Hamilton County and this Congressional District than those paper shufflers in Washington, D. C., and so Bill Gradison believes in the President's program of general revenue sharing -- where money comes from you to Washington and back here without some bureaucrat telling you how to spend it -- so you can spend it the way you want to -- not the way they want it. (applause)

Bill also agrees with a policy which says your educators here -- your city planner -- your law enforcement people -- know a little more about how you ought to spend money that you send to Washington that comes back here -- so Bill Gradison believes in what we call special revenue sharing in the field of law enforcement --





in the field of urban development -- in the field of education. These are the kinds of policies that make sense because all of you and those associated with you have far better judgement in all of these fields than some of those ivory-towered paper shufflers in Washington, D. C.

Now that we are facing a crisis, Bill is the best candidate on the basis of experience. Bill is the best candidate on the basis of the issues as far as you're concerned in the 1st District, and now you have a bunch of outsiders coming into this Congressional District. They overwhelmed and took over Johnstown, Pennsylvania. They organized a massive effort, and the result was they won by a narrow margin, something like 130 votes out of 121,000. Outsiders moved in -- took over -- organized -- ran a campaign.

We had a sad experience in my district in Grand Rapids. They came in with massive out-of-state money. They brought in out-of-state PR and advertising people. They came in with outside organizers -- and they skillfully exploited certain economic circumstances in this Michigan district. They are moving in here. They are trying to do the same thing in the First District of Ohio. Let me ask you -- Do you want a bunch of outsiders telling you who to send to Congress? - (no) Do you want some outsiders telling you how you should make a choice? Of course, you don't. You want the people in Hamilton County and the First District to make those choices.

What do you have to do? This is a great crowd. What you have to do is to multiply yourselves and your efforts. What

have we got -- 2500 to 3000 people here. I suspect to win this election you would have to have -- what -- 80,000 votes. Well, you can do it right here. All you have to do is make sure you get a sufficient number of people on your own. And you can do it. You can do it because you believe in this district and the people -- and because you believe in Bill Gradison and because you believe in the heritage and tradition of Bob Taft, Don Clancy and Bill Keating. You don't want a bunch of outsiders running this show. You go out and work in the weeks prior to March 5. The spotlight and the whole focus of the United States will be on you.



So I say as I close, Bill Gradison is his own man. He isn't controlled by any segment of our society - labor or business. He is his own man, and he will represent you and not some power structure or string pullers in the Nation's Capitol. So I urge you as strongly as I can and as sincerely as I can that you do everything you can in the two weeks left before the election. We are in the last minute of the last quarter. This is when ball games are won or ball games are lost. Ohio State has always done well against my alma mater -- too darn well. But I think you Buckeyes are strong and dedicated. And if you are as good as those Buckeyes are when they play Michigan, you will win with Bill Gradison March 5th.

Thank you very much. (applause)

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EXCERPTS FROM A SPEECH  
BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
AT 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, 1974  
AT THE HILTON HOTEL, CINCINNATI, OHIO

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IN SUPPORT OF WILLIS GRADISON, JR., FOR CONGRESS  
FOR RELEASE AT 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY



*for the future*  
I am glad to note that Bill Gradison favors the B-1 as our basic  
bomber. We have made great progress under this Administration  
*IN BUILDING* peace. But without modern weapons such as the B-1 to provide

credible deterrent strength, our efforts to assure peace will be  
jeopardized. ~~(STAFF NOTE FROM MILITARY)~~ Engines for B-1  
are built by G.E. in Cincinnati. B-1 is important local issue with  
Gradison favoring it while Democrat opposes defense.

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Bill Gradison will continue in the tradition of Bill Keating .  
His experience uniquely qualifies him to fill this seat .

The Administration needs Bill Gradison in Washington . He is  
no stranger to the Federal Government. For five years during the  
Eisenhower Administration he served in the Executive ~~BRANCH~~ and  
showed ~~he~~ he could get things done. Gradison was assistant to the  
Under Secretary of the Treasury and also assistant to the Secretary  
of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare . His work on  
the Federal highway program was outstanding. He appeared before  
Committees of the Congress and displayed great initiative and leadership.

Bill Gradison's background as mayor and on the city council of Cincinnati <sup>and recognized</sup> is appreciated <sup>on</sup> the Federal level. We know that he provided the leadership to rebuild downtown Cincinnati and the riverfront. He has rendered great service since he joined the city council in 1961, providing intimate knowledge of the <sup>First</sup> District. This is knowledge that will be of tremendous value in representing this District in the Congress.



<sup>We are all</sup> ~~The Federal Government~~ is aware of the excellent job that Bill Gradison <sup>did as a member of</sup> ~~performed~~ when appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Economic Opportunity and as advisor on national tax policy to the Council on Environmental Quality. <sup>also</sup> He serves with distinction as chairman of the board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati -- one <sup>OF</sup> 12 in the national system.

~~"Bill Gradison was wanted by the White House for a key position on THE Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington. He was ~~also~~ offered this position in recognition of his abilities."~~

<sup>will</sup> "Bill Gradison ~~would~~ make an outstanding Congressman; ~~in view~~ not only of his practical experience in Government but his impressive educational background. ~~Dr. Gradison can contribute his talents to the~~ With his doctorate from Harvard University, he ~~is~~ <sup>will</sup> on the educational level ~~of~~ of Dr. Kissinger, Dr. Schlesinger, and Dr. Shultz. ~~will~~ brilliantly The First District ~~will~~ be ~~represented~~ represented by Dr. Gradison."

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Keating

Thank you very very much Bill ~~Keating~~ <sup>Madison</sup>, Senator Bob Taft,  
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~~distinguish~~ <sup>distinguish</sup> ~~myself~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>others</sup> —



Ladies and gentlemen, this is a tremendous crowd -- I  
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Let me at the offset, express to Bob Taft, Don Clancy, and Bill  
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Senator Bob Taft

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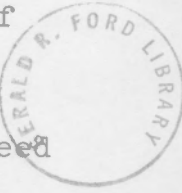
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ran a campaign. We had a sad experience up in my district in Grand Rapids. They came in with massive <sup>out-of-state</sup> money -- they had out-of-state ~~Public Relations~~ <sup>P.R.</sup> and advertising people. They came in with outsiders' organizers -- and they skillfully <sup>exploited</sup> ~~exploited~~ <sup>certain</sup> economic circumstances in this district. They are moving in here. They are trying to do the same thing in the 1st District of Ohio. Let me ask you -- Do you want a bunch of outsiders telling you who to send to Congress? - (no) Do you want some outsiders telling you how you should make a choice -- of course, you don't. --- You want the people in Hamilton County and the 1st District to make those chooses. What do you have to do? -- This is a great crowd -- what you have to do is to multiple yourselves and your efforts. What have we





got ~~more~~ - 2500 to 3000 people here -- I suspect to win this election you would have to have -- what -- 80,000 votes. Well you can do it right here. All you have to do is make sure you get a sufficient number of people on your own. And you can do it -- you can do it because you believe ~~in~~ ~~in~~ in this district and the people -- <sup>and</sup> because you believe in Bill Gradison and because you believe in the hertiage and tradition of Bob Taft, Don Clancy and Bill ~~Kerry~~. <sup>Keeping</sup> You ~~Don't~~ want a bunch of outsiders running this show. You go out in the weeks ahead and there is just two, I think - March 5. The spotlight and the whole focus of the United States will be on you. <sup>on you, on you.</sup> So I say as I close -- Bill ~~Garrison~~ Gradison is his own man -- he isn't controlled by any segment of our society - labor - business -- He is his own man and ~~he will~~ - he will ~~represent~~ represent you and not some power structure or string pullers in the Nations Capitol. So <sup>as I</sup> urge you as strongly as I can and as sincerely ~~that I~~ can that you do anything and everything that you can in your two weeks left. We are kinda in the last minute of the last quarter. This is ~~anytime~~ when ball games are won or ball games are lost. Ohio State has always done well against my <sup>alma mater</sup> ~~alma mater~~ -- to darn well -- but I think you Buckeyes are <sup>strong</sup> and dedicated with conviction -- and if you are as good as those Buckeyes are when they play Michigan-- you will/ win with Bill Gradison March 5th.

Thank you very much (applause)

EXCERPTS FROM A SPEECH  
BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
AT 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1974  
AT THE HILTON HOTEL, CINCINNATI, OHIO  
IN SUPPORT OF WILLIS GRADISON, JR., FOR CONGRESS

FOR RELEASE AT 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY

I am glad to note that Bill Gradison favors the B-1 as our basic bomber for the future. We have made great progress under this Administration in building peace. But without modern weapons such as the B-1 to provide credible deterrent strength, our efforts to assure peace will be jeopardized.

Bill Gradison will continue in the tradition of Bill Keating. His experience uniquely qualifies him to fill this seat.

The Administration needs Bill Gradison in Washington. He is no stranger to the Federal Government. For five years during the Eisenhower Administration he served in the Executive Branch and showed he could get things done. Gradison was assistant to the Under Secretary of the Treasury and also assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. His work on the Federal highway program was outstanding. He appeared before Committees of the Congress and displayed great initiative and leadership.

Bill Gradison's background as mayor and on the city council of Cincinnati is appreciated and recognized on the Federal level. We know that he provided the leadership to rebuild downtown Cincinnati and the riverfront. He has rendered great service since he joined the city council in 1961, providing intimate knowledge of the First District. This is knowledge that will be of tremendous value in representing this district in the Congress.

We are all aware of the excellent job that Bill Gradison did as a member of the National Advisory Committee on Economic Opportunity and as advisor on national tax policy to the Council on Environmental Quality. He also serves with distinction as chairman of the board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati -- one of 12 in the national system.

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Bill Gradison will make an outstanding Congressman, not only in view of his practical experience in Government but his impressive educational background. With his doctorate from Harvard University, he is on the educational level of Dr. Kissinger, Dr. Schlesinger, and Dr. Shultz. The First District will be brilliantly represented by Dr. Gradison.

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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR U P I AND A P



There is a limited number of press seats available on Vice President Gerald Ford's flight to Cincinnati, Ohio, Wed., Feb. 20th. The Vice President ~~He~~ will speak at a Republican Dinner and at a Rally, and will hold a news conference. The plane will be returning to Washington approximately 11:30 PM. The plane will leave from Andrews at approximately 4 PM Wed., Feb. 20. If interested, please contact Patsy Kelly 456-2364



Ohio GOP = 1st Dist.

THE LUKEN - GRADISON RACE

Here in Hamilton County is a contest that will be watched closely by the nation; the political parties have put forward candidates who intelligently articulate their political philosophies.



Both candidates are far apart in what they believe.

Both toiled long and hard in city government and local politics before asking to be elevated to Washington.

Gradison was first elected to Cincinnati City Council in 1961 after having served five years in Washington in the Eisenhower Administration. He remained in Council until resigning last month to spend full time on his campaign.

Democrat Luken had been Deer Park city solicitor and first assistant U.S. attorney when he ran unsuccessfully for Hamilton County prosecutor in 1964.

He was appointed to Council in 1965, but was beaten for re-election later that same year. He has been elected to Council in each election since 1967.

For years, the two men have been their party's leader on City Council in the role of mayor or minority leader.

In a March 5 special election, the campaigns to determine who will succeed former U.S. Rep. William J. Keating will undergo close scrutiny from the national political parties and news media trying to determine if the Watergate and Agnew scandals have damaged Republican election hopes across the country.


If Luken is elected in the First District--where only three Democrats have won this century--suspicion will grow that the GOP's national ills have hurt even qualified and popular Republican candidates like Gradison.

The Democrats already have picked up two formerly Republican seats in special congressional elections, one in Pennsylvania and the other in Michigan. There will be four more special elections--all for Republican seats in the House.

One issue that both have gone into--and where differences in their positions are significant--is the energy situation.

Among Gradison's positions on energy are: Opposition to gasoline rationing.

Possible questions:

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- (1) Why are you here for Mr. Gradison?
  - (2) Are you in favor of abortion legislation?
  - (3) What is your position on school busing?
  - (4) Are you in favor of gas rationing? Is it needed?
  - (5) Is the President, in your opinion, doing all he should to aid Prosecutor Jaworski?
  - (6) Is our Middle East policy affecting our rapport with NATO countries?
  - (7) What is your opinion regarding State Senator VanderLaan's loss in Michigan? Was it precipitated by the Watergate?
  - (8) Is there a dispute between Mr. Simon and Mr. Ash regarding the duration of the energy crisis?

SENATOR METZENBAUM'S INCOME TAX PROBLEMS COULD  
ROB HIM OF SENATE SEAT

Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum's (D-Ohio) bombshell disclosure that he paid no income taxes for 1969 may rob him of permanence in the Senate.

Metzenbaum said his exemption from tax that year was justified by "unusually high deductions because of heavy interest payments and investment losses in the Cleveland Soccer Club and other business interests."

The question might properly be asked, however, why Metzenbaum failed to bring his tax picture totally into the open to Ohio Gov. John J. Gilligan before his appointment to the Senate seat vacated January 4 by William B. Saxbe, now U.S. Attorney General. The disclosure comes on top of the \$118,358 federal income tax deficiency claim against him and his wife for 1967-68.



## GAMBLING STOCK ACQUISITION

Nevada gaming authorities are investigating the circumstances in which U.S. Attorney General William B. Saxbe and Teamsters president Frank E. Fitzsimmons acquired stock in the world's biggest gambling machine producer, The Los Angeles Times reported.

Investigators want to know if Bally Manufacturing Co. of Chicago made gifts or cutrate sales of its stock just before selling stock to the public in 1969.

The interest in Fitzsimmons is particularly acute because his union's biggest pension fund lends millions of dollars to Bally.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is known to be looking into the recent fluctuations in the price of Bally's stock on the over-the-counter market.

Saxbe has said he sold his Bally stock in 1970, which was a year before it soared from \$26.50 to \$70. (The stock now goes for about \$38.)

Saxbe obtained his 600 shares of Bally in 1969--about the same time as did Fitzsimmons, other Teamster leaders, and some of Saxbe's fellow Ohio politicians. (Saxbe served as State Attorney General and later as U.S. Senator from Ohio.)



REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

Cincinnati, Ohio

February 20, 1974



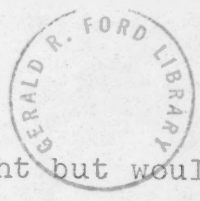
Thank you very, very much Bill Gradison, Senator Bob Taft, Congressman Don Clancy, my former colleague, Bill Keeting -- distinguish guests -- ladies and gentlemen.

This is a tremendous crowd -- I am impressed and I can see why Ohio is so tough to compete against whether in politics or in football. (applause)

Let me at the offset, express to Bob Taft, Don Clancy, and Bill Keeting, my deep appreciation for their vote at the time of my confirmation - I am deeply grateful. I hope that in the months ahead that I can justify their faith and trust -- they confirmed the name sent up by the President.

It did surprise my wife, and myself and family -- on October 12th, the day the confirmation -- or the day that the President sent the name up to the Congress and announced it to the American people -- there was quite a change in the lifestyle of the Ford family. I might tell one story very quickly.

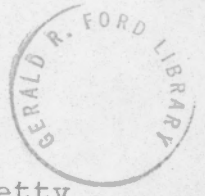
*HERE* That morning the President asked Senator Hugh Scott and myself to come down and tell him what the procedure and the process would be in the consideration of the nomination by the House as well as the Senate -- we told him how it would be handled, and



he said he would submit the name at 9 o'clock that night but would call the individual at 7:30 that evening to give the individual some forewarning. --

So, Hugh Scott and myself went back to the Senate and to the House, faced our days labor. I went home -- took my usual swim, sat down for dinner with my wife and 16 year old daughter. -- At 7:25 that night our downstairs listed telephone -- with five extensions rang and my wife went to the phone and she found that it was our oldest son calling from Boston, Massachusetts. He heard that from some newspaper, radio or television commentator that his old man might get the nomination. And Betty assured him that that was so far-fetched and so far out of the possibility or the realm that he should not be upset and bother us and so forth -- and then at 7:30 the upstairs phone rang which has no extensions and an unlisted number. Our daughter who has apparently listed it with certain favorites --(laughter) dashed upstairs and answered it thinking it was, of course, going to be some one of her favorite friends and it turned out to be somebody else and she yelled downstairs -- Dad, the President wants to talk to you. (laughter) So I dashed upstairs pretty fast and got up there and the operator said the President wanted to talk to me -- he came on the line and said, Jerry I've got some good news for you, but I want you to get Betty on the line so that she can hear it at the same time. -- So here I am -- on a phone with no extensions and the President wants to talk to both of us, and I tried to explain hurriedly what the problem was, and finally gave up and said, Mr. President can you





hang up and call back on the other line. (laughter)

Well, he did -- and I went downstairs and got Betty off the other line. He didn't change his mind in the 30 seconds it took place and here I am.

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But there was another incident that was indicative of what happened -- lots of radio, television, and people wanted to come out to the house and interview the family -- Dick Cavett with his weekly show, first invitated Betty, the kids and myself up to New York to be interviewed. I thought it was fine, but it is quiet a logistic problem to get four kids, your wife and yourself -- when one is in Massachusetts, one is in Utah and two is in Washington, -- so we said come on down to Washington and we will do the first in the office. And they came down and looked at the office and they decided they would rather do it out at the house. And I readily without consulting with Betty agreed. So, on a Monday on the Thursday night of the sahow about 8 o'clock in the morning -- two great big vans with all of the equipment -- three television cameras, dollies, cables, people, everything - moved into a relatively modest house. I came home that night about 6:30 and walked in and here's Betty sitting in a corner huddled with our 17 year old son sitting on a stool -- that was the only room that was left. And as I walked in, I felt that I see stares -- you know -- (laughter) And the first and only words she spoke to me for the first 45 minutes was -- "This wasn't one of Ford's better ideas." --(laughter - applause)

Its been my observation having served with a number of Members of the House as well as the Senate who have come from