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THE MIDDLESEX CLUB, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS,  
6:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974

I AM HONORED TO ADDRESS THE 107TH  
ANNUAL DINNER OF THIS HISTORIC CLUB.

*How is Margaret  
St. John Don Dwyer*  
*Conte  
Heckler  
Cromin*



*Jimmy Carter  
Hastings  
Felt*

*John Perkins  
Frank Hatch*

Brooke

Sen. Antonsen

Dick Cavett Show

THEY TELL ME THAT AT ONE PREVIOUS  
ANNUAL DINNER A FORMER VICE PRESIDENT  
ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY.  
I HASTEN TO INFORM YOU THAT I AM ANNOUNCING  
NOTHING TONIGHT --- EXCEPT THAT I AM GOING  
TO CAMPAIGN FOR REPUBLICAN UNITY AND  
REPUBLICAN VICTORY FROM NOW UNTIL NEXT  
NOVEMBER.



THEY ALSO TELL ME THAT ANOTHER  
RECENT VICE PRESIDENT SPOKE AT YOUR ANNUAL  
DINNER NOT LONG AGO AND DECLARED WAR  
AGAINST A LEADING TELEVISION NETWORK. I  
MUST INFORM YOU THAT I AM TONIGHT DECLARING  
WAR AGAINST NO ONE --- EXCEPT AGAINST THE  
PSYCHOLOGICAL COMPLEX OF DEFEAT AND  
DESPAIR --- OF PESSIMISM AND PARALYSIS ---  
THAT ARE AFFLICTING TOO MANY IN THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY.

*Keep on Striking -  
Better than the Goldfish swallow  
of our Day*

*Smashing Victory*





ABRAHAM LINCOLN VITALIZED THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THEN SAVED THE UNION.  
IF WE ARE GOING TO SAVE THE UNION --- AND  
WE MOST CERTAINLY ARE --- LET IT BEGIN HERE  
IN MASSACHUSETTS. LET IT BEGIN HERE WHERE  
WE FIRST INVENTED CONSUMER PROTECTION BY  
DUMPING THE OVERTAXED TEA IN BOSTON HARBOR.



LET IT BEGIN HERE WHERE PESSIMISTS SAID  
THE GAME WAS OVER BUT PATRIOTS STOOD THEIR  
GROUND AT LEXINGTON AND CONCORD AND AT  
BUNKER HILL. LET IT BEGIN HERE WHERE THE  
FIGHT FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE BEGAN. LET  
IT BEGIN HERE WHERE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY  
REFLECTS THE MANY SHADES OF THE POLITICAL  
SPECTRUM.

*Arizona*  
*Massachusetts*



I AM ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THAT THE  
REPUBLICANS OF MASSACHUSETTS HAVE JUST  
BEGUN TO FIGHT. YOU ARE GOING ON A "UNITY  
MARCH" ON APRIL 28 WHEN YOU WALK THROUGHOUT  
THE STATE TO VISIT EVERY REPUBLICAN HOME  
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP ELECT REPUBLICANS  
TO THE STATE SENATE AND HOUSE. THIS  
WALKING WILL NOT ONLY SAVE THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY --- IT WILL EVEN SAVE GASOLINE.

*Wish  
I  
could*

*Oklahoma  
Texas*

*what it  
might be 1000  
walkathon.*





WE MIGHT BE TEMPORARILY SHORT OF GASOLINE. BUT WE ARE NOT SHORT OF DETERMINATION TO TRANSCEND THE TEMPORARY DISLOCATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES THAT AFFLICT OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. NEITHER ARE WE SHORT OF INGENUITY AND ABILITY AND COURAGE.





WE ARE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD. BUT THIS NATION IS NOT DISINTEGRATING. NOR IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY DISINTEGRATING. THE UNITED STATES EXPERIENCED THE WORLD'S RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SHORT TIME SPAN SINCE THE PATRIOTS TOOK UP ARMS IN THIS CITY.



THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE  
RECORDS IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE NATIONS  
OF THE WORLD. I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT AN  
ADMINISTRATION THAT CREATED A CLIMATE OF  
PEACE AND FORGED A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH  
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF CHINA.



*We are the beneficiaries  
of the President's courageous  
& far-sighted policies aimed at  
a decade of peace*

I AM PROUD TO SERVE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT EXTRICATED AMERICA FROM THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND FREED OUR HEROIC PRISONERS OF WAR.



AND I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF AN  
ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS SUCH DIPLOMATIC  
SKILL THAT WE HAVE SEPARATED THE WARRING  
NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PULLED THE  
WORLD BACK FROM THE BRINK OF CATASTROPHE.

We will have temporary setbacks  
but in the long run - it is  
the U.S. which  
The U.S. will give the  
Leadership





WE CAN AND WILL CREATE A NEW CLIMATE  
ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE. THIS CAN BE DONE  
BY RENEWING THE VIGOR OF THE REPUBLICAN  
PARTY. IT CAN BE DONE BY ELECTING  
REPUBLICANS TO PRESERVE THE TWO-PARTY  
SYSTEM.

*Smoking Victory*



THERE IS STRONG AND DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. WE ARE NOT ONLY THE PARTY OF RECTITUDE AND FORTITUDE --- WE ARE ALSO THE PARTY OF PULCHRITUDE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS WHERE THE REPUBLICAN LADIES HAVE MADE SUCH A WONDERFUL SHOWING IN RECENT YEARS.



I WANT TO CHALLENGE THE REPUBLICANS  
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1972. WE WANT TO BRING MASSACHUSETTS  
BACK INTO THE UNION.



THE SPIRIT OF '76 BEGAN HERE. LET  
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ELECTION OF '74.





REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
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They also tell me that another recent Vice President spoke at your annual dinner not long ago and declared war against a leading television network. I must inform you that I am tonight declaring war against no one --- except against the psychological complex of defeat and despair --- of pessimism and paralysis --- that is afflicting too many in the Republican Party.

Abraham Lincoln vitalized the Republican Party and then saved the Union. If we are going to save the Union --- and we most certainly are --- let it begin here in Massachusetts. Let it begin here where we first invented consumer protection by dumping the overtaxed tea in Boston harbor. Let it begin here where pessimists said the game was over but patriots stood their ground at Lexington and Concord and at Bunker Hill. Let it begin here where the fight for American independence began. Let it begin here where the Republican Party reflects the many shades of the political spectrum.



I am encouraged to know that the Republicans of Massachusetts have just begun to fight. You are going on a "unity march" on April 28 when you walk throughout the state to visit every Republican home for contributions to help elect Republicans to the State Senate and House. This walking will not only save the Republican Party --- it will also save gasoline.

We might be temporarily short of gasoline. But we are not short of determination to transcend the temporary dislocations and difficulties that afflict our American way of life. Neither are we short of ingenuity and ability and courage.

We are going through a difficult period. But this Nation is not disintegrating. Nor is the Republican Party disintegrating. The United States experienced the world's record of achievement in the short time span since the patriots took up arms in this city.

This Administration has made records in our dealings with the nations of the world. I am proud to represent an Administration that created a climate of peace and forged a new relationship with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

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And I am proud to be part of an Administration that has such diplomatic skill that we have separated the warring nations in the Middle East and pulled the world back from the brink of catastrophe.

We can and will create a new climate on the domestic scene. This can be done by renewing the vigor of the Republican Party. It can be done by electing Republicans to preserve the two-party system.

There is strong and dynamic leadership in the Republican Party. We are not only the party of rectitude and fortitude --- we are also the party of pulchritude. This is especially true here in Massachusetts where the Republican ladies have made such a wonderful showing in recent years.

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The spirit of '76 began here. Let our party renew the spirit of '76 in the election of '74.

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BACKGROUND AND SPEAKING NOTES FOR VICE PRESIDENT FORD  
INFORMAL REMARKS AT MIDDLESEX REPUBLICAN CLUB  
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The order of the program :

1. Remarks by Gov. Sargent (possibly on impeachment issue )
2. Remarks by Charles Morin in humorous vein, lampooning politics. Morin is member of Charles Colson's law firm , strongly pro-Nixon, still pro-Agnew
3. Lincoln Oration by Bill Weeks , the son of Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce in Eisenhower Administration .
4. Barnett Samuels, club's president, who will call for revival of GOP spirit, etc., and introduce the VP .
5. The Vice President

(Seated at head table : ex-Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, ex-Rep. Larry Curtis, ex-Rep. Hastings Keith, Rep. Silvio Conte, Rep. Peggy Hechler , Bill Weeks, Governor Sargent , Rep. Paul Cronin (freshman) , Lloyd Warning (ex-National Committee member, conservative, noted fund-raiser ) Sen. Brooke not coming.

There is dissension among Massachusetts Republicans. Reasons include :  
(1.) Gov. Sargent's calls for Nixon's resignation and impeachment; (2.) the hiring by Sargent of Democrats for State govt posts ; (3) problems with business and labor over failure of Gov. to attract new industry ; (4) Conservatives angry over Gov.'s veto ; (5) Strong liberal and moderate support for Governor's initiatives on prison reform, environment, etc. (Elliott Richardson , Sargent's cousin, is being urged to run against him . Two-thirds of State is Democratic.  
( There have been charges that Sargent has national presidential ambitions . All acknowledge he is a first-rate campaigner . )

~~attached is more detailed information on GOP in Mass., also on Sargent~~

~~Suggested Speaking points following~~



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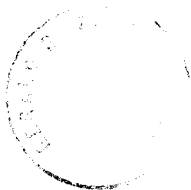
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~~I look forward to the day when I might be invited back to your wonderful club to hear a toastmaster recite the old Boston poem that says this is the city of the bean and the cod ---where the voters speak Republican, By God .~~  
I thank you .



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Press Advisory

There ~~is a limited~~ will be a limited number of press seats available on the Vice  
Pa.  
President Gerald Ford's trip to Philadelphia and ~~Mass~~ Boston, Mass., Monday, March 11th.  
~~Departure time will be approximately 11:30 AM~~ Sullivan  
In Philadelphia the Vice President will meet the Reverend Leon Sullivan, and ~~visit~~  
some of his projects. In Boston the Vice President will speak to the Harvard  
Young Republicans, and to the Middlesex Club; ~~and to the Republican Lincoln Dinner.~~  
If interested,  
Return to Andrews AFB approximately 12 midnight. / Contact Patsy Kelly 456-2364

