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THE REPUBLICAN DINNER - DANCE, HADDON HALL, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, 8:30 P.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1974

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GETS AIRBORNE -- IT SEEMS TO HEAD AUTOMATICALLY FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

I THINK THAT PLANE IS HOMESICK FOR THE NATIONAL AVIATION FACILITIES EXPERIMENTAL CENTER.



LET ME ASSURE YOU IN ATLANTIC CITY
WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE PROBLEMS
INVOLVING THE FUTURE OF NOACTOC THAT I
AM VERY MUCH AWARE OF THIS SITUATION. AND
I AM VERY HOPEFUL THAT THINGS CAN BE
WORKED OUT.

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I'M VERY FLATTERED AND HONORED THAT YOU HAVE DESIGNATED THIS SATURDAY THE "VICE PRESIDENT'S DAY IN NEW JERSEY". BUT I HAVE DISCOVERED -- IN AN EARLIER RECEPTION IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, AND HERE AT THE DINNER-DANCE IN ATLANTIC CITY --THAT IT'S NOT REALLY THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DAY AT ALL. THIS IS THE REPUBLICANS' DAY IN NEW JERSEY! YOU HAVE PROVED THAT WITH ENTHUSIASM AND WITH DOLLARS WHERE THEY COUNT.

THIS IS THE TYPE OF REPUBLICAN
EFFORT AND DEDICATION THAT CREATES WINNERS.

AND IT'S TYPICAL OF THE DEDICATION
AND EFFORT THAT I HAVE BEEN FINDING ALL
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

GOOD EXAMPLES ARE MASSACHUSETTS AND SOUTH CAROLINA. WHEN I SPOKE IN THOSE STATES RECENTLY, I FOUND A NEW SPIRIT OF UNITY AMONG THE REPUBLICANS.

MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS TOOK A
TOUGH BLOW IN 1973. THEIR RANKS WERE
DIVIDED. BUT THEY'VE DECIDED TO PUT THEIR
FAITH AND THEIR DOLLARS IN THE FUTURE.
THEY AREN'T WASTING TIME FIGHTING OVER
WHO'S TO BLAME FOR PAST DEFEATS.

THEY'RE MOVING IN MASSACHUSETTS

AND ALSO IN SOUTH CAROLINA. AND I'M

DELIGHTED TO SEE THE SAME GO-AHEAD DETER
MINATION HERE IN NEW JERSEY.

REPUBLICANS IN NEW JERSEY DIDN'T HAVE A PICNIC AT THE STATE LEVEL IN 1973 EITHER. BUT IT IS GREAT TO SEE THIS REPUBLICAN DETERMINATION TO PUT THE PAST IN THE PAST AND TO CONCENTRATE ON THE FUTURE.

YOU HAVE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW JERSEY IN 1974.

THERE ARE ONLY 7 REPUBLICANS IN THE 15 CONGRESSIONAL SEATS FROM NEW JERSEY. THAT'S FAR TOO FEW.

JERSEY REPUBLICANS. AND I KNOW THE BASIC GRASS ROOTS STRENGTH REPUBLICANS IN NEW JERSEY CAN PUT REPUBLICANS IN THE MAJORITY IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

I KNOW THE BASIC GRASS ROOTS
STRENGTH OF REPUBLICANS IN NEW JERSEY CAN
GREATLY REDUCE THE TOP-HEAVY DEMOCRATIC
CONTROL OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

I PREDICT RIGHT HERE AND NOW THAT
THE BASIC GRASS ROOTS STRENGTH OF
REPUBLICANS IN NEW JERSEY WILL PRODUCE
SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN THE COUNTY AND
CITY HALL ELECTIONS IN MAY.

WHY DO I SAY THAT SO CONFIDENTLY?

BECAUSE YOU HAVE SADLY LEARNED WHAT

LOPSIDED CONTROL OF YOUR GOVERNMENT MEANS.

YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THE WEIGHT OF
THREE-TO-ONE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES IN YOUR
STATE SENATE AND FOUR-TO-ONE DEMOCRATIC
MAJORITIES IN YOUR STATE ASSEMBLY.



YOU KNOW THAT TOP-HEAVY CONTROL BY ONE PARTY LEADS TO ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS WITH WILD PROGRAMS, WILDER SPENDING, AND IRRESPONSIBILITY RUNNING RAMPANT.

WE FACE THAT SAME DANGER NATIONALLY.



YOU'VE HEARD, I'M SURE, THE POLITICAL PUNDITS MAKING THEIR DISASTER PREDICTIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS THIS FALL.

ONE OF THE LEAST PESSIMISTIC FORE-CASTS I'VE HEARD TALKED OF IS A POTENTIAL LOSS OF FIFTY REPUBLICAN SEATS.

THAT'S NONSENSE! IT'S RIDICULOUS!



THINKING ABILITY OF THE AMERICAN VOTER TO BELIEVE THAT HE CAN BE STAMPEDED INTO VOTING DEMOCRATIC JUST BECAUSE SOME POLITICAL PUNDITS THINK THE MISTAKES OF A FEW DURING A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CAN BURY THE SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YEARS OF REPUBLICAN WORK.

THE AMERICAN VOTER DOESN'T VOTE
BLINDLY. THE AMERICAN VOTER THINKS ABOUT
HIS CHOICES.

- THE AMERICAN VOTER KNOWS REPUBLICAN POLICIES ENDED AMERICAN CASUALITIES IN VIETNAM.
- POLICIES BROUGHT HOME WITH HONOR 550
 PRISONERS OF WAR.

- THE AMERICAN VOTER KNOWS REPUBLICAN POLICIES BROUGHT OUR NATION INTO PEACEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WORLD'S MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY -- THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
- THE AMERICAN VOTER KNOWS REPUBLICAN
 POLICIES BROUGHT THE RUSSIANS TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR ARMS LIMITATIONS, AND THE ARABS
 AND ISRAELIS TO NEGOTIATIONS TO END DECADES
 OF WAR.

THE AMERICAN VOTER KNOWS REPUBLICAN
POLICIES -- OVERCOMING DEMOCRATIC
OPPOSITION -- PRODUCED REVENUE SHARING,
AND PUT THE FIRST CURB IN 40 YEARS ON BIG
GOVERNMENT.



THE AMERICAN VOTER KNOWS THAT REPUBLICAN POLICIES -- STILL BLOCKED BY DEMOCRATIC OBSTINACY -- AIM TO GIVE YOU AND YOUR OWN SCHOOL BOARDS MORE CONTROL OVER FEDERAL FUNDS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS, AIM TO GIVE YOU AND YOUR LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS MORE CONTROL OVER FEDERAL FUNDS FOR BETTER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, -- AND AIM TO GIVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REAL ASSURANCE AGAINST CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL COSTS THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.



THERE IS NO WAY THE THINKING AMERICAN VOTER WILL CHOOSE TO BE CAUGHT UP IN THE SAME OLD DREARY SPIRAL OF GROWING GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND GROWING GOVERNMENT TAXES.

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THE DEMOCRATS KNOW.



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IT IS OUR JOB TO GIVE THE THINKING VOTER A CHANCE.

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THEN WE'LL HEAR ABOUT REPUBLICAN WINNERS!

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