The original documents are located in Box D18, folder "Republican National Student Leadership Conference, Washington, May 8, 1965" of the Ford Congressional Papers: Press Secretary and Speech File at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. The Council donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

10 a.m.

Republican National Student Leadership conference Washington M

Washington May 8 Nous.

Two major goals to be sought in area of government:

- 1. Sensitive balance in legislative, executive and judicial branches.
- 2. Strong two-party system

** Disturbing signs of slow erosion in power of legislative branch...
build-up of awesome strength in executive arm...change from the intended direction in Federal Judiciary

** When balance of power tilted by overwhelming majority in one political party, system, traditional system of checks and balances is endangered.

more

GOP student leadership

2

EXPAND ON balance of power in 3 branches:

- * Balance as established by Constitution is a simple, ingenious system of insuring freedom.
- * Dangers of having legislative and executive branches dominated by the same party.
- * Temptation of Congress majority to rubber-stamp Presidential proposals.
- * Congress fails to "work its will"
- * Great power should requiregreat self-restraint

EXPAND ON need for strong two-party system

- * builds system of checks and balances
- * Avoids loss of freedom of one-party government
- * Avpids chaos & confusion of a multi-party government
- * Provides electorate with legislative alternatives & a remarkably high level of honesty and frankness
- * Protects against drift toward authoritarianism

-more-



GOP student leadership

-4-

Role of young people:

- * Become involved in political world as voters, taxpayers, partisans, candidates for office, office-holders
- * Not sit on sidelines uttering carping criticism
- * Choose a political party after studying philosophies of each

-more-



Republican philosophy:

- * Individual has a God-given dignity and government exists to serve each person.
- * Individual has the right and responsibility to govern himself...
 basic function of government is to maintain an environment in
 which all individuals can freely develop.
- * Government should act to help establish conditions of equal opportunity for all people.
- * Insists that private ownership and free enterprise best serve
- economic progress
- * Party is open to all....and it must earn the respect of the American people