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THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT *def*

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES

AUGUST 13, 1974

LET ME BEGIN BY EXPRESSING MY GRATITUDE TO EACH OF YOU.

YOU HAVE SERVED THROUGH HARD AND FRUSTRATING TIMES. I KNOW IT

HAS NOT BEEN EASY.

BUT YOUR LOYALTY AND PERSEVERANCE IN THE TRAGIC PERIOD

THAT NOW LIES BEHIND US HAS NOT BEEN WASTED.

WHEN WE REVIEW THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST -- IN
VIETNAM, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE
AND SOVIETS, AND IN SUCH DOMESTIC PROGRAMS AS REVENUE SHARING --
IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS ROOM HAVE DONE
REMARKABLY WELL.

YOU KEPT THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT RUNNING DURING A
DIFFICULT PERIOD. NOW, WITH THE NIGHTMARE BEHIND US, WE ARE READY
TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SPEED AND DETERMINATION.

THE JOB WILL NOT BE EASY. PROBLEMS THAT BUILT UP OVER
MANY YEARS DO NOT SUDDENLY VANISH. BUT TODAY ALL OF US HAVE A
CHANCE TO START ANEW WITH A CLEAN SLATE AND FRESH IDEALISM.

LAST WEEK I SENT A MEMORANDUM TO THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THANKING THEM FOR THE SERVICES THEY HAVE RENDERED.

FOR SOME, I KNOW THAT NOTHING WOULD BE MORE WELCOME THAN TO SET ASIDE YOUR BURDENS AND ENJOY SOME WELL-EARNED REST. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.

BUT IN THE CRUCIAL WEEKS AHEAD, I AM GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP. AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, AMERICA IS GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP.

AMERICA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN CARRYING FORWARD THE ENLIGHTENED FOREIGN POLICY THAT HAS BROUGHT TO THE WORLD THE HOPE OF A TRULY LASTING PEACE.

AMERICA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN BEATING INFLATION AND BRINGING A BETTER LIFE TO ALL OF OUR PEOPLE.

AND, SPEAKING ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, I NEED YOUR HELP.

IN MY ADDRESS LAST NIGHT, I MENTIONED SOME OF THE GOALS
THAT WE MUST PURSUE TOGETHER WITH THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE.

WE MUST KEEP AMERICA STRONG, MORALLY AND MILITARILY.

WE MUST INSTITUTE THRIFT AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AT THE
FEDERAL LEVEL SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT SETS AN EXAMPLE IN FIGHTING
INFLATION.

WE MUST DRAW ON THE BEST THAT IS IN EACH BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.

WE MUST COME UP WITH THE BEST ANSWERS TO SUCH PROBLEMS

AS HEALTH, HOUSING, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

IT ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY. ACHIEVING THESE GOALS WILL DRAW
DEEPLY ON OUR RESERVOIRS OF TALENT, GOOD WILL, ENDURANCE AND THE
ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE, CONCILIATE, COMPROMISE AND COOPERATE.

BUT IT CAN BE DONE.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT VIEWS OF WHAT MAKES GOOD GOVERNMENT.

TO ME THE BEST TEST IS THE ONE THAT THOMAS JEFFERSON ENUNCIATED.

JEFFERSON SAID "THAT GOVERNMENT IS STRONGEST OF WHICH
EVERYMAN FEELS HIMSELF A PART."

THIS IS THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT WE CAN BUILD TOGETHER.

I DO NOT PROMISE A UTOPIA, BUT THE PROSPECT OF AN OPEN,
HONEST GOVERNMENT -- OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE.

THIS IS A GOAL THAT ALL OF US CAN SHARE WITH PRIDE. I
KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU AS WE BEGIN THE LONG, HARD WORK OF
RECONCILIATION AND RENEWAL.

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