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BEFORE I BEGIN, I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT A GREAT DAY

THIS HAS BEEN SO FAR. IN A STATE WHERE AUTOMOBILES ARE SO MUCH

A PART OF YOUR EVERY DAY LIFE -- YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH FUN IT WAS

DRIVING IN FROM THE AIRPORT AND SEEING SO MANY NICE PEOPLE COME

OUT JUST TO WATCH THIS FORD GO BY!

I'VE BEEN ASKED WHETHER I'LL BE ABLE TO STAY AND SEE

THE MICHIGAN - MICHIGAN STATE GAME THIS SATURDAY.

UNFORTUNATELY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO. BUT I DO HAVE TO BE HONEST.

WHEN THE WOLVERINES ARE PLAYING, ASKING ME WHO I'M ROOTING

FOR -- IS AS NECESSARY AS TELLING GOVERNOR MILLIKEN AND SENATOR

GRIFFIN HOW TO GET TO TRAVERSE CITY.

IT'S SO GOOD TO BE HOME AMONG SO MANY OLD FRIENDS

AGAIN. WHY DON'T WE JUST RELAX A MINUTE. I'D LIKE TO TELL

YOU THE LATEST SHAGGY DOG STORY FROM WASHINGTON -- AND IT HAPPENS

TO BE TRUE.

IT'S THE STORY OF HOW MY DAUGHTER SUSAN AND DAVE KENNERLY. THE WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER. SURPRISED ME WITH AN EIGHT-MONTH-OLD GOLDEN RETRIEVER LAST SATURDAY THEY CALLED UP A VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED KENNEL AND SAID THEY THE OWNER OF THE KENNEL SAID WANTED TO GET A GOLDEN RETRIEVER. WHO WILL THE DOG'S OWNER BE? AND THEY SAID. IT'S A FINE. SURPRISE --- THEY'D LIKE TO KEEP IT A SECRET. WELL, THE KENNEL OWNER SAID HE DIDN'T SELL DOGS THAT WAY. HE WOULD HAVE TO KNOW THE DOG WAS GOING TO A GOOD HOME.

EXPLAINED THAT THE PARENTS ARE FRIENDLY, MIDDLE-AGED AND HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. THE KENNEL OWNER SAID, "GOOD. WHAT KIND OF A HOUSE DO THEY LIVE IN?" SUSAN AND DAVE SAID, "WELL, IT'S A BIG WHITE HOUSE WITH A FENCE AROUND IT."

THE KENNEL OWNER SAID, 'THIS IS A BIG DOG WHO'LL

EAT A LOT. DOES THE FATHER HAVE A STEADY JOB?" WELL, THERE

THEY WERE STUCK FOR AN ANSWER.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEY GOT THE OF AND VERY

APPROPRIATE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BICENTENNIAL, WE'VE NAMED HER

LIBERTY. A REPORTER ASKED MY DAUGHTER SUSAN WHO'S GOING TO TAKE

CARE OF LIBERTY? WHO'S GOING TO FEED HER AND GROOM HER AND TAKE

HER OUT EACH NIGHT?

AND SUSAN DIDN'T HESITATE A MINUTE.

SHE SAID, "DADDY!"

SO I HAVE A FEELING THIS IS ONE LIBERTY THAT'S GOING

TO COST ME SOME OF MAKE.

IT IS GREAT TO BE BACK IN MY HOME STATE WITH YOU TONIGHT.

IF THE ENTHUSIASM I SEE EVIDENT HERE CARRIES THROUGH,

I PREDICT BILL MILLIKEN AND OUR ENTIRE REPUBLICAN TICKET WILL

BE ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 5.

BILL MILLIKEN HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AS YOUR HE IS A PROBLEM-SOLVER IN A STATE WHICH HAS PROBLEMS. GOVERNOR. BUT THE RECORD OF HIS STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYWHERE -- IN EDUCATION TAXATION AND TRANSPORTATION. IN EDUCATION. HE ACHIEVED A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN FINANCING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AS MOST OF YOU ARE WELL AWARE. HIS INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA WENT A LONG WAY TOWARD ELIMINATING THE DISCREPANCIES THAT PREVIOUSLY EXISTED BETWEEN THE AMOUNTS OF STATE AID RECEIVED BY THE VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

BILL AND I HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE GOMEN

PROBLEM OF INFLATION AND EMPLOYMENT. I TOOK HIS RECOMMENDATIONS

INTO ACCOUNT IN PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FUNDS FOR

AREAS WITH HIGH JOBLESS RATES. THE FUNDS I RELEASED THREE WEEKS

AGO INCLUDED MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEARLY MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEARLY

IN THIS STATE.

-10A-I'VE SAID IT BEFORE BUT PERHAPS IT BEARS

REPEATING -- ONE OF THE THINGS I WILL NOT DO IS ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON GASOLINE. WE WANT TO KEEP AMERICA ROLLING --

NOT PARKED ON A DEAD END STREET!

MUCH IN MIND IN DECIDING WHAT TO PROPOSE TO CONGRESS LAST

TUESDAY. YOU KNOW VERY WELL HOW INFLATION STRIKES CITIZENS

UNEVENLY. TO HELP THE JOBLESS, FOR INSTANCE, I ASKED CONGRESS

TO ENACT A TWO-STEP PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, NOT NOW

AVAILABLE, AND A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPS TO PROVIDE USEFUL

WORK.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR BILL MILLIKEN'S COUNSEL AND
ASSISTANCE ON SO MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS FACING US.

TO HELP BILL CONTINUE HIS EXCELLENT SERVICE TO MICHIGAN,
YOU SHOULD ALSO ELECT OUR ABLE AND AGGRESS IVE CANDIDATE FOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, JIM DAMMAN.

ONE OF OUR GUESTS OF HONOR THIS EVENING IS AN OLD

AND CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, AS WELL AS A FORMER COLLEAGUE.

BOB GRIFFIN AND I GO BACK A LONG TIME TOGETHER, TO THE DAYS WHEN TOGETHER

WE SERVED/IN THE HOUSE TO SET ABOUT THE ONLY THING BOB AND I

DIDN'T DO TOGETHER WAS PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL --- AND YET BOB IS

ONE OF THE FIRST TEAM PLAYERS I KNOW.

AS A SENATOR, HE HAS ADDED TO HIS RECORD OF LEADERSHIP

SENATE

AS/REPUBLICAN WHIP. BOB IS A MAN WHO MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE

FROM MICHIGAN, AND PROUD TO BE A REPUBLICAN. YEAR AFTER YEAR,

WEEK AFTER WEEK, HE HAS WORKED TO BUILD A BIGGER, BETTER

REPUBLICAN PARTY. RIGHT NOW, HE IS WORKING TIRELESSLY TO HELP

RE-ELECT BILL MILLIKEN AND THE REST OF OUR FINE CANDIDATES.

I AM ALSO PLEASED TO BE ON THIS PLATFORM WITH THE

CHARMING WIVES OF SIX OF MY FORMER MICHIGAN DELEGATION COLLEAGUES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARV ESCH, CHUCK CHAMBERLAIN, AL CEDERBERG, PHIL RUPPE,

AND BILL BROOMFIELD.

YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHERE YOUR WANDERING

CONGRESSMEN ARE TONIGHT AND THE ANSWER IS -- LATE AT WORK BACK

IN WASHINGTON WHERE YOU SENT THEM. | NEEDED THEIR VOTES AND

THEY STAYED ON THE JOB. THIS PROVES THAT MICHIGAN SENDS PLENTY

OF MEN TO CONGRESS WHO DON'T PUT ELECTIONS AHEAD OF THE NATION'S

BUSINESS. BUT IT DOES GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PAY A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

TO PEG CEDERBERG, VAN HUTCHINSON, CHARLOTTE CHAMBERLAIN,

LORETTE

JANE BROOMFIELD, OLGA ESCH, AND LORET RUPPE. THEY HAVE ALL

BEEN A CREDIT TO MICHIGAN AND TO OUR PARTY. AND CHARLOTTE,

MY SPECIAL BEST WISHES AND WARM REGARDS TO CHUCK CHAMBERLAIN

WHO IS RETIRING AFTER NUMBERS 18 YEARS OF SUPERB SERVICE TO DOWN HIS DISTRICT, OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY, NEXT YEAR WE WILL MISS HIM BUT WE NEED HIM NOW.

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME GOOD NEWS WITH YOU

TONIGHT. IT SOFTEN BEEN SAID THAT BEING PRESIDENT OF THE

UNITED STATES IS THE LONLIEST JOB IN THE WORLD. FOR ME,

TOMORROW, THAT JOB BECOMES A LOT LESS LONELY. BETTY IS COMING

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL.

SHE ASKED ME TO THANK ALL OF YOU DEEPLY FOR ALL

AND LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS THAT HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO BOOST HER

SPIRITS AND CARRY US THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD.

WE ARE BOTH VERY GRATEFUL AND VERY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR CONCERN AND YOUR PRAYERS.

I HAVE ALSO LEARNED THESE LAST TWO MONTHS THAT THE

PRESIDENCY IS A LONELY JOB BECAUSE THE TOUGHEST DECISIONS

OF GOVERNMENT COME TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK/ ONE THE CAN

THE PRESIDENT CAN
MAKE THOSE HARD DECISIONS.

ONE OF THE TOUGHEST DECISIONS I HAVE MADE SINCE BECOMING

PRESIDENT WAS WHETHER OR NOT TO ASK THE CONGRESS -- FOUR WEEKS

BEFORE AN ELECTION -- TO RAISE TAXES ON SOME INDIVIDUAL INCOMES

AND ON ALL CORPORATION INCOME.

I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT MY DECISION WAS.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PETERALIZADE ON CAPITOL HILL.

I AM NOT GOING TO BLAME ANYONE FOR NOT IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTANDING

HOW PROPOSED FEDERAL TAXES WORK. BUT THE FACTS ABOUT MY PROPOSED

FIVE PERCENT SURCHARGE ARE THESE:

(1) IT WILL AFFECT ONLY 28 PERCENT OF ALL INDIVIDUAL

TAX RETURNS: 72 PERCENT WILL NOT THE ANY ADDITIONAL FEDERAL

INCOME TAX. AT ALL...

(2) A FIVE PERCENT SURCHARGE IS NOT A REPRESSIVE

TAX WHICH WILL DRIVE FAMILIES TO THE WALL IN PAYING THEIR TAXES

NOR WILL IT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THEIR BUYING POWER. IT IS

DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION THAT DOES THAT.

(3) IN FACT, IT WON'T EVEN APPLY TO A FAMILY OF FOUR EARNING \$15,000 A YEAR. A FAMILY OF FOUR EARNING \$20,000 A YEAR WILL ONLY HAVE TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF \$42

A YEAR -- ABOUT 12 CENTS A DAY.

IN THAT CASE, WHY DID I ASK FOR SUCH A TAX?

BECAUSE -- TOGEHTER WITH THE TAX REFORM BILL NOW BEFORE THE

CONGRESS, WHICH I SUPPORT -- IT WILL BRING IN APPROXIMATELY

\$5 BILLION A YEAR IN REVENUE TO PAY FOR THE 30-POINT PROGRAM OF

RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH I HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO ENACT -- A

PROGRAM WHICH IS VITAL IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION.

UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CONPREHENSIVE ANTI-INFLATION

AND ENERGY SAVING PROGRAM IS NOT ONE I CAN PUT INTO EFFECT WITH

MY SIGNATURE OR BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDER. IT IS

A COOPERATIVE VENTURE WHICH DEMANDS THE TOTAL COMMITTMENT OF

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. IT DEMANDS PROMPT ACTION FROM THE

CONGRESS. IT DEMANDS SELF-DISCIPLINE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AND IT DEMANDS LEADERSHIP FROM THE PRESIDENT. AT WILL PROVIDE

THAT LEADERSHIP.

IF THIS CONGRESS AND THE NEXT ONE ACTS RESPONSIBLY

AND RAPIDLY ON THESE PROPOSALS, THE COUNTRY WILL BE WELL

ON ITS WAY TO WHIPPING OUR MOST PRESSING DOMESTIC PROBLEM,—
INFLATION - PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE.

SPEED IS ESSENTIAL TO THIS EFFORT. SO IS

RESPONSIBILITY. SO IS STICKING TO IT UNTIL WE WIN.

SO IS RESPONSIBILITY.

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LET ME SPEAK ABOUT ANOTHER KIND OF

RESPONSIBILITY.

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YOU ARE AWARE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CUT OFF

ALL AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO OUR NATO ALLY, TURKEY.

THIS CONGRESS ACTED AGAINST THE STATESMANLIKE OPPOSITION OF

 $_{\text{O}}\omega\,\text{N}$ ITS/BI-PARTISAN LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE. IT IS

MY UNALTERABLE CONVICTION THAT SUCH A DRASTIC CHANGE IN OUR

LONG-STANDING BI-PARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY WOULD SEVERLY DAMAGE

THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE

FREE WORLD.

TF THIS ACTION IS NOT REVERSED, HISTORY COULD WELL

THIS
RECORD THAT CONGRESS HAS EMBARKED ON A DANGEROUS AND MISGUIDED

COURSE OF ACTION WHICH MOST LIKELY WILL DAMAGE GREECE AND UNDERMINE

THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT IS NOT THE

MOST
OF CONGRESS
INTENTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE

WOULD BE THE FRUSTRATION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC FLEXIBILITY IN

HELPING TURKEY, GREECE, AND CYPRUS FIND A JUST AND PEACEFUL

SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC AND VOLATILE CYPRUS SITUATION.

THE UNITED STATES MUST HAVE THE TOOLS NECESSARY

TO THE TASK. THE CONGRESS DENYS THEM AT GREAT RISK.

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WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE FAR FROM A SETTLEMENT CONSIS-

TENT WITH GREECE'S HONOR AND DIGNITY. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXERT

IT IS MY DUTY TO SAY THAT ANY

OUR EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION. BUT RECKLESS ACTS THAT PREVENT

PROGRESS TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT HARM GREEK. FOR IT IS THE

GREEK GOVERNMENT AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO HAVE THE MOST TO

GAIN FROM A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT, AND IT IS THEY WHO HAVE THE

MOST TO LOSE FROM CONTINUED DEADLOCK.

WENT
WHEN I CAME TO CONGRESS A QUARTER-CENTURY AGO, A

BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY HAD BEEN LAUNCHED BY A GREAT DEMOCRATIC

PRESIDENT FROM INDEPENDENCE, HARRY S. TRUMAN, SUPPORTED BY A

GREAT REPUBLICAN FROM GRAND RAPIDS, SENATOR ARTHUR VANDENBERG.

IT INCLUDED OUR FIRST CRUCIAL AID TO GREECE AND TURKEY.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF AMERICA'S RECOGNITION

THAT IT HAD AN OBLIGATION TO HELP THE FRIENDLY NATIONS WHICH SHARED

OUR DESIRE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN PROGRESS. IT WAS THE

BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF HOPE AND PEACE. IT WAS THIS BIPARTISAN

SPIRIT THAT WAS REFLECTED IN THE SENATE APPROVAL YESTERDAY OF THE and, 2 think In. Manifull

MANSFIELD RESOLUTION. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE HOUSE WOULD

BIRA PARTISAN AND

ACT PROMPTLY IN THE SAME STATESMANLIKE MANNER.

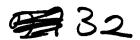
IF WE ACT TOGETHER WISELY TODAY WE CAN, PERHAPS,

HELP BRING PEACE TO CYPRUS AND REBUILD THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN

TWO OF AMERICA'S CLOSE ALLIES. BUT IF WE ACT OUT OF BITTERNESS

AND FRUSTRATION WE HURT NOT ONLY OUR FRIENDS BUT OURSELVES

MILLIONS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRAVEW AND WE CONDEMN THOUSANDS TO FURTHER BLOODSHED AND SUFFERING.



IF NOTHING ELSE, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH

THIS MESSAGE TONIGHT: WE LIVE IN CRITICAL TIMES, BOTH AT HOME

AND ABROAD -- TIMES THAT DEMAND OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN PUBLIC

LIFE MORE THAN HAS EVER BEEN ASKED OF THEM BEFORE.

THE THAT MAKES THE ELECTION COMING UP NEXT MONTH A CRITICAL ONE.

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IN OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENCY REQUIRES

THE COOPERATION OF THE CONGRESS. I MUST HAVE THE HELP AND

ASSISTANCE OF THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE TO DO THE JOB YOU AND ALL

AMERICANS WANT ME TO DO.

SOME POLITICAL ANALYSTS CONTEND THAT THE PEOPLE

DELIBERATELY VOIE FOR THE PRESIDENT/OF ONE PARTY AND THEN/FOR

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM THE OTHER PARTY TO BE SURE THAT NEITHER

PARTY DOMINATES. IF WE ARE TO MARSHALL ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S

ARGUMENT RESOURCES AGAINST INFLATION, THAT KIND OF LOGIC SIMPLY WON'T

WASH.

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THE SUPPOSED ODDS AGAINST OUR PARTY IN THE

ELECTION DO NOT DISMAY ME. INSTEAD, THEY MAKE ME DETERMINED

TO FIGHT HARDER FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IS ESSENTIAL AND RIGHT FOR

AMERICA.

FOR THAT REASON, I PLAN TO VISIT AT LEAST 17

STATES BETWEEN NOW AND ELECTION DAY. I WILL NOT BE CAMPAIGNING

IN THE ORDINARY SENSE. I WILL BRING TO AMERICANS ALL OVER THE

COUNTRY MY CONVICTION THAT WE CAN DEFEAT INFLATION BY ELECTION

CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS WHO WILL JOIN ME IN MAKING THE HARD

CHOICES.

AND I WILL LISTEN TO OTHER

AMERICANS EVERY TIME I GET

I BELIEVE

OUT OF WASHINGTON × / THAT IS

PART OF MY JOB ×

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AMERICA'S VOTERS BY NOW ARE CLEARLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM. IT IS UP TO US AND OTHERS LIKE US TO SHOW THAT ... WE HAVE THE SOLUTION.

WITH THE SUPPORT AND DEDICATION OF LOYAL REPUBLICANS

LIKE YOU WHO HAVE ASSEMBLED HERE TONIGHT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT

WE CAN WIN.

THANK YOU.

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