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SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN STATE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE RALLY
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, OCTOBER 16, 1974

IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK IN SOUTH DAKOTA. I ESPECIALLY
ENJOY IT HERE BECAUSE OF MOUNT RUSHMORE. THERE ARE FOUR FACES
SCULPTED ON THAT GREAT NATIONAL MONUMENT. ONE IS A FEDERALIST.
ONE IS A DEMOCRAT. AND TWO ARE HISTORICAL PILLARS OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY. *scorecard* THIS IS THE KIND OF POLITICAL BREAKDOWN THAT
I LIKE IN SOUTH DAKOTA. DON'T YOU AGREE?

I AM MOST PLEASED TO BE ON THE SAME PLATFORM WITH
SOME TRULY FINE PEOPLE WHO FIT THE TRADITION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
AND TEDDY ROOSEVELT -- PEOPLE LIKE JIM ABDNOR, LEO THORSNESS,
JOHN OLSON, AND LARRY PRESSLER.

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WELL -- THERE THEY WERE STUCK FOR AN ANSWER.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH JIM ABDNOR AS
WE FLEW OUT HERE ON AIR FORCE ONE -- AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT
SOUTH DAKOTA IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE HIM IN CONGRESS. HE IS A
FIGHTER -- FOR THE FARMERS AND FOR THE TAXPAYERS. HE STANDS
FOR HIGH PRINCIPLES AND ENERGETIC EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
SOUTH DAKOTANS. I'M GLAD TO BE IN HIS CORNER. I KNOW HE IS IN
MINE. I URGE YOU TO SEND HIM BACK TO WASHINGTON.

ONE THING WE KNOW ABOUT LEO THORSNESS. HE IS NOT

ONLY A FIGHTER -- HE IS A STRONG MAN WITH A STRONG BACKGROUND TO

SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE. AND I KNOW THIS, TOO:

I CAN COUNT ON HIM TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE WAY YOUR MONEY WILL BE

SPENT IN WASHINGTON -- TO BE A FULL-TIME FIGHTER AGAINST INFLATION

ON A YEAR-IN AND YEAR-OUT BASIS INSTEAD OF ONCE EVERY SIX YEARS --

AT ELECTION TIME.

THERE'S ANOTHER SOUTH DAKOTAN WE NEED IN CONGRESS --

LARRY PRESSLER, YOUR CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE FROM THE FIRST

DISTRICT. THE ELECTION OF LEO AND LARRY WILL BRING ~~US~~ TO FULL

STRENGTH THIS STATE'S REPUBLICAN CONTINGENT IN THE CONGRESS.

AT THE STATE LEVEL, JOHN OLSON WILL MAKE ~~YOU~~ AN
OUTSTANDING GOVERNOR. HIS EXPERIENCE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AND
EARLIER AS STATE HIGHWAY DIRECTOR HAS PROVIDED HIM WITH A
KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW-HOW THAT MAKES HIM UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO LEAD
THIS STATE FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. I URGE YOU TO ELECT HIM.

NOW LET ME GET INTO WHY I AM HERE TODAY. I AM HERE

TODAY FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A

RIGHT TO SEE THEIR PRESIDENT OUT DEFENDING WHAT HE BELIEVES IN.

THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO SEE HIM EXPLAINING TO THE PEOPLE OF

SOUTH DAKOTA IN SOUTH DAKOTA WHAT HAPPENS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

I CAN ASSURE YOU IT IS REFRESHING FOR ME TO SEE THE NATION

OUT OF SOME OTHER WINDOW THAN THE ONE IN WASHINGTON.

~~THE SECOND REASON THAT I AM HERE IS CONNECTED WITH~~

~~THE FIRST REASON.~~ I AM PROUD TO DEFEND MY PROGRAMS AND TO

MEET THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. BUT I NEED ~~SOME~~ HELP. I NEED THE

HELP OF INFLATION-CUTTERS LIKE JIM ABDNOR. I NEED THE HELP OF

TOUGH-MINDED MEN LIKE LEO THORSNESS WHO WILL HELP BRING A

BIPARTISAN TONE TO AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY. AND SO I AM HERE

TO ASK YOU -- AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA -- TO HELP OUR

CANDIDATES THIS YEAR.

I NEED HELP IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF HIGH PRICES,
OF UNEMPLOYMENT, OF ASSURING ADEQUATE ENERGY SUPPLIES.
THAT IS WHY I ADDRESSED THE CONGRESS JUST OVER A WEEK AGO AND
SUBMITTED A DETAILED 31-POINT PROGRAM WHICH REPRESENTS
COMBINATIONS OF THE BEST THINKING THAT AMERICA HAS TO OFFER.

I NEED ASSISTANCE TO GET THESE PROGRAMS THROUGH THE
CONGRESS. EVERY DAY THAT WE WAIT IS JUST ONE MORE DAY THAT
WE HAVE ALLOWED INFLATION TO CREEP AHEAD.

THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO. I HAVE ASSURED THE
FARMERS OF THIS AND EVERY STATE THAT THEY WILL HAVE ALL THE FUEL
AND FERTILIZER THEY NEED TO HARVEST THEIR BOUNTIFUL FARM CROPS.

I WOULD LIKE TO REASSURE YOU ON ANOTHER POINT:

I AM VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED TO ANY ADDITIONAL FEDERAL TAX ON

GASOLINE. WE WANT TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY ROLLING -- NOT PARKED

ON A DEAD-END STREET.

*This proposal would have handicapped
all of you who have to travel many miles to a D.V.
or to a farm implement dealer.*

*Some of our theoretical thinkers.
some " " environmentalists*

*Don't understand your practical
problems.*

I do

*That's why - I said no
new gas tax*

WE ALL KNOW THAT PRODUCTIVITY IS THE KEY TO GETTING
A STRANGLE-HOLD ON INFLATION. IF ALL ASPECTS OF OUR ECONOMY
FUNCTIONED WITH THE EFFICIENCY AND ALMOST MIRACULOUS OUTPUT
OF THE AMERICAN FARMER, I AM CONVINCED THAT INFLATION WOULD
BE A PROBLEM OF MUCH SMALLER PROPORTIONS.

RURAL AMERICA HAS BLAZED THE WAY TO A HIGHER STANDARD
OF LIVING FOR THE UNITED STATES, IF NOT THE ENTIRE WORLD.

AND YET, THIS GREEN REVOLUTION HAS NOT SPREAD ITS BENEFITS

EVENLY ACROSS THE VAST FARMLANDS OF AMERICA. THERE MUST BE

ANOTHER GREEN REVOLUTION FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DRAW

THEIR LIVELIHOOD FROM THE SOIL -- A GREEN REVOLUTION THAT

PROMISES THEM ^{a fully} ~~AN~~ ADEQUATE RETURN AND A FAIR PROFIT ON THEIR TIME,

LAND, INVESTMENT AND LABOR.

I PROMISE YOU THAT THE PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS OF
THE PEOPLE OF RURAL AMERICA WILL NOT BE BURIED UNDER THE CONCRETE
OF BIG-CITY INTERESTS.

I AM PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE WASTEFUL PROTEST
SLAUGHTERING OF CALVES IN WISCONSIN AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE TRYING
TO INCREASE THE FOOD SUPPLY. YET I RECOGNIZE THE FRUSTRATION
THAT PROMPTED THIS SHOCKING DEMONSTRATION. BUT THEIR ACTIONS
CONTRIBUTE NOTHING TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM OR TO THE
PROBLEM OF INFLATION WHICH WE ALL FACE.

I AM AWARE OF THE COST-PRICE SQUEEZE IN WHICH
LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND FEEDERS FIND THEMSELVES. I HAVE

REQUESTED A FULL REPORT ON THIS SITUATION.

I WILL MEET WITH ^{very} IN

^{shortly} THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH FARMERS AND

RANCHERS TO SEEK THEIR SOLUTION.

I AM DISTURBED BY THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE REDUCED EARNINGS OF THE CATTLE GROWERS AND THE HIGHER PRICES CHARGED TO CONSUMERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. I AM ASKING THE NEW COUNCIL ON WAGE-PRICE STABILITY TO EXAMINE THE REASONS BEHIND THIS GAP BETWEEN WHAT IS PAID TO THE FARMER AND WHAT MUST BE PAID ON THE OTHER END OF THE LINE BY THE INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER. SOMETHING IS OBVIOUSLY WRONG. I INTEND TO DO WHAT I CAN TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION.

THE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS OBVIOUSLY CANNOT TOLERATE
A SITUATION IN WHICH CALVES COST MORE TO RAISE THAN THEY BRING
AT THE MARKET. BUT THERE IS CERTAINLY A BETTER WAY OF
REDRESSING GRIEVANCES THAN BY THE DRASTIC AND WASTEFUL
DESTRUCTION OF OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS ME GREATLY --
THE TREMENDOUS COST-PRICE SQUEEZE IN WHICH AMERICA'S DAIRYMEN
FIND THEMSELVES. I MET LAST FRIDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH A
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF DAIRY FARMERS AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS
WHO OUTLINED THE PROBLEM VERY EFFECTIVELY.

I AM VERY SYMPATHETIC WITH THEIR PROBLEM.

I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN OF DOMESTIC DAIRY PRODUCERS THAT

THE UNITED STATES DAIRY SUPPORT PRICE SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE

ALLOWED TO BE UNDERMINED BY EFFORTS OF FOREIGN DAIRY PRODUCERS --

SOME OF WHOM ARE SEEKING TO SHIFT THE BURDEN OF THEIR OWN

COST-PRICE PROBLEMS ONTO THE U. S. MARKET, AIDED BY ARTIFICIAL

INCENTIVES FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN ABOUT THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

DAIRYMEN ARE FACING, I AM TODAY ANNOUNCING THAT NO ACTION WILL

BE TAKEN TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF DAIRY IMPORT QUOTAS

WITHOUT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF MARKET CONDITIONS AND FULL

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR DAIRY PRODUCERS TO BE HEARD AT THAT TIME.

I AM CONVINCED THAT OVER THE LONG HAUL THE AMERICAN
FARMER CAN COMPETE AGAINST ANY FARM PRODUCER IN THE WORLD.
I LOOK FORWARD TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS WHICH WILL
ACHIEVE AN UNDISTORTED AND FAIR DAIRY MARKET WORLD-WIDE.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS I AM HERE -- TO
LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY AND TO DISCUSS MY VIEWS WITH YOU.
I AM ALSO HERE TO ENLIST YOU IN THE WIN PROGRAM. ISN'T IT TIME
TO WHIP INFLATION NOW? THE PEOPLE OF THE PLAINS HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN STRONG. YOUR EFFORTS HELPED PULL AMERICA OUT OF A
DEPRESSION, HELPED DEFEND IT IN WAR, HELPED TO KEEP THE PEACE THAT
WE HAVE NOW ATTAINED AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF CONFLICT. THAT IS
WHY I AM CONVINCED WE ARE GOING TO WIN AGAIN.

THIS IS NOT ANY EASY TIME FOR AMERICA. GREAT
CHALLENGES HAVE NEVER BEEN EASY.

LET ME SHARE ANOTHER CONCERN OF MINE WITH YOU --
THE EROSION OF THE TWO PARTY SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY. THERE MUST
BE BALANCE. THERE MUST BE PERSPECTIVE. THERE MUST BE
COOPERATION AND SHARING. AND ABOVE ALL, THERE MUST BE A
STRONG TWO PARTY SYSTEM.

THAT'S ANOTHER REASON I CAME TO SOUTH DAKOTA --
TO HELP PRESERVE 200 YEARS OF AMERICAN TRADITION, TO HELP
MAINTAIN INTACT OUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES AND TO HELP
MAKE SURE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN AMERICA STAYS
REPRESENTATIVE.

LET ME CONCLUDE TODAY BY JUST REMINDING REPUBLICANS,
DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS ALIKE: CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS ARE
WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT. IT IS THE TIME TO ACCOUNT FOR THE
STEWARDSHIP OF THOSE WHO SERVE THE PEOPLE. THERE IS NO GUN SO
MIGHTY NOR FORCE SO POWERFUL AS THE QUIET SYMBOLIC VOICE SPOKEN
IN THE PRIVACY OF THE VOTING BOOTH. IT IS THE OPPORTUNITY, AND
INDEED THE RESPONSIBILITY, OF EVERY CITIZEN TO BALANCE THE LEDGER
SHEETS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT.

I KNOW WE WILL GET THE JOB DONE. WE WILL LICK
INFLATION. WE WILL STRENGTHEN THE GREAT TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN
THE UNITED STATES. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD THE INTERNATIONAL
PEACE WHICH WILL COME FROM BIPARTISAN COOPERATION IN THE HIGHEST
COUNCILS OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

~~THAT'S WHY I AM HERE TODAY. I AM GLAD I CAME.~~

~~THANK YOU.~~

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AND TO HELP ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS, WE NEED A STRONG,
RESPONSIVE CONGRESS. AS ONE COMMENTATOR PUT IT ON
TELEVISION LAST WEEK -- "I'M LOOKING FOR A CONGRESS THAT'LL
PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE LEGISLATION!"

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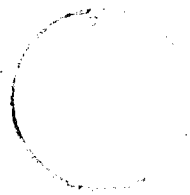
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NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEY GOT THE DOG AND, VERY
APPROPRIATE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BICENTENNIAL, WE'VE NAMED HER
LIBERTY. A REPORTER ASKED MY DAUGHTER SUSAN WHO'S GOING
TO TAKE CARE OF LIBERTY? WHO'S GOING TO FEED HER AND GROOM HER
AND TAKE HER OUT IN THE MORNING AND AT 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 MINE.

