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GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG, S.C. AIRPORT ARRIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1974

THANK YOU.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM THAT SO MANY OF YOU HAVE COME OUT TODAY JUST TO WATCH THIS FORD GO BY. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT CAROLINA HOSPITALITY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FEEL LIKE A STRANGER HERE.

I WILL BE TRAVELING THROUGH THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TODAY, MAKING STOPS AT TWO OTHER CITIES BEFORE RETURNING AT NOON TO GREENVILLE.

I HAVE COME HERE TODAY FOR THREE REASONS:

FIRST, I WANT TO ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT IN THE NATIONAL BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION.

SECOND: I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I THINK OF THE OUTSTANDING SLATE OF CANDIDATES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS FIELDDED THIS YEAR.

AND, THIRD, I JUST WANT TO MEET AS MANY OF THE FINE, PATRIOTIC AND DEDICATED CITIZENS OF THIS STATE AS I CAN.

YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN TALKING A LOT ABOUT INFLATION FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS I HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE. LAST WEEK, I PROPOSED A 31-POINT PLAN TO THE CONGRESS WHICH I BELIEVE WILL HELP US WHIP INFLATION AND CONSERVE ENERGY. I ALSO PROPOSED A 12-POINT PLAN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN KANSAS CITY LAST TUESDAY IN AN EFFORT TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT IN THIS CAMPAIGN. I MUST TELL YOU IN ALL HONESTY THE RESPONSE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAS BEEN MORE HEART-WARMING THAN FROM THE CONGRESS.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT'S A FOURTH REASON I AM
HERE TODAY: I URGE YOU TO SEND TO WASHINGTON CONGRESSMEN WHO
WILL JOIN ME IN THIS WAR ON INFLATION -- WHO WILL VOTE IN WASHINGTON
LIKE THEY TALK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

I'M ASKING YOU TO SEND ME REPUBLICANS WHO CAN DO
THREE THINGS: CUT THE RED TAPE; CUT THE BUDGET; AND CUT THE MUSTARD!

ONE OF THE REQUESTS I MADE TO CONGRESS WAS FOR A
RESOLUTION SETTING A CEILING OF 300 BILLION DOLLARS OF FEDERAL
SPENDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1975. I AM STILL WAITING FOR THE
CONGRESS TO RESPOND TO THAT REQUEST. AND THERE IS NO LONGER
TIME FOR THE LUXURY OF DELAY. WE NEED MEN ON THE HILL WHO WON'T
GO OVER THE HILL IN THE WAR ON INFLATION.

WHAT ALL GOVERNMENT NEEDS -- LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL --

IS THE BEST POSSIBLE PEOPLE TO SERVE. IT IS UP TO YOU TO ELECT

THEM ON NOVEMBER 5 -- MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL MAKE GOVERNMENT

MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE ELECTORATE AND MORE RESPONSIBLE

TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY.

JIM EDWARDS AND CARROLL CAMPBELL, YOUR CANDIDATES

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ARE TWO PEOPLE I AM TALKING

ABOUT. THEY ARE MEN OF HONOR AND INTEGRITY WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE

FOREFRONT OF THOSE DEMANDING REFORMS OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN

SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY HAVE EMPHASIZED AND RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE

ONLY WAY FOR SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROGRESS IS TO GET NEW LEADERSHIP.

OTHERWISE, IT WILL BE BUSINESS AS USUAL ~~IN SOUTH CAROLINA~~.

IS THAT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE WANT?

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN COLUMBIA AND BUSINESS AS USUAL IN

WASHINGTON? THIS STATE AND THIS NATION NEED MORE THAN THAT.

LET ME URGE YOU TO SEND GWEN BUSH, MARSHALL PARKER,

LEN PHILLIPS AND BOB WATKINS TO WASHINGTON AND TO REELECT

FLOYD SPENCE AND ED YOUNG ON NOVEMBER 5.

CONSIDER YOUR VOTE CAREFULLY AND USE IT WISELY.

THE REFORM PROCESS BEGINS WITH YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT
STATE.

I URGE SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO SHOW THE REST OF THE NATION
THAT THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IS, IN FACT, NOT A MYTH HERE IN THE
NEW SOUTH.

IT IS GREAT TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. I LOOK
FORWARD TO SPENDING MOST OF THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY IN YOUR STATE.

THANK YOU.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Douglas Dauster -

President's speech

notes re South Carolina

trip (10/19)

Greenville - Spartanburg
Sen. Thurmond / (Spec. Dist)
" Helms

Intro /

Hospitality - most grateful
no STRANGER here

In South Carolina -

1) Enlist in America's battle
against inflation
WIN - whip inflation
now

2) Speak up for Republican
Party candidates

3) Get acquainted with
more South Carolinians

Within 10 Days -

31 Point Program to whip inflation
across country

12 Point Program to Enlist 213
million Americans in Battle
Against Inflation.

If we are to WIN.

America needs your help:

a) Join the 100,000 plus
who have committed
already to WASTE LESS
+ SAVE MORE.

b) Elect to Congress members
representing YOU who
will VOTE To save,
not spend.

Make sure they
will - cut rate type
" The budget
" " the amount

I asked Congress to limit federal
spending to \$300 billion - a 5.4 saving.

Congress has not responded. WE need members
who will go over the
bill on the budget

(3)

We need good MEN + WOMEN

in Congress, in State + Local government.

Response To You

Our local, state

+ National needs

Jim Edwards - Nov.

Carroll Campbell - 21 Nov.

Experience in State govt.

Recognizing need for Reforms

I am proud of

Allen Bush

Alfred Spence

Marshall Parker

Ed Young

Len Phelps

Bob Watkins

Reform -

Partnership -

They believe in competition -

a Two Party System gives
you a choice

Competition is good for everybody.

Show the Nation a Two Party
System is not a myth
in South Carolina.