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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *RF*

LOS ANGELES GOP FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1974

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IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN CALIFORNIA AGAIN --

THE STATE THAT PUTS TOGETHER SUCH GREAT FOOTBALL TEAMS AS THE U.C.L.A.

BRUINS AND THE U.S.C. TROJANS. AS A FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER

FROM THE BIG TEN, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GRATEFUL FOR THE PRACTICE THESE

TEAMS HAVE GIVEN US. WELL, WE CALL IT PRACTICE -- I THINK YOU

CALL IT THE ROSE BOWL.

(NOTE -- IF THE AUDIENCE GROANS AS EXPECTED, FOLLOW WITH THIS LINE)

THAT'S THE LAST TIME I BUY A JOKE FROM WOODY HAYES!

TEAR

Hugh

I WANT TO THANK ~~HOUSTON~~ FLOURNOY FOR HIS FINE INTRO-

DUCTION. YOU KNOW, SINCE I BECAME PRESIDENT, I'M USUALLY

INTRODUCED IN A VERY STATELY AND DIGNIFIED MANNER -- SUCH AS

TONIGHT. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT ONE DINNER WHEN I

WAS INTRODUCED BY A FORMER TEAM MATE OF MINE FROM MY OLD,

MICHIGAN FOOTBALL TEAM.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT INTRODUCTION.

HE SAID, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT MIGHT INTEREST YOU TO

KNOW THAT I PLAYED FOOTBALL WITH JERRY FORD FOR TWO YEARS --

AND IT MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON ME. I WAS A QUARTERBACK.

JERRY FORD WAS THE CENTER. AND YOU MIGHT SAY, IT GAVE ME

A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT!"

I GUESS IT'S EVIDENT HOW MUCH I ENJOY BEING HERE
IN CALIFORNIA -- THE STATE THAT'S GOVERNED BY RONALD REAGAN,
SERVED BY HUGH FLOURNOY -- 'AND OWNED BY BOB HOPE.

I THINK IT WAS VERY KIND OF BOB TO MENTION MY

GOLF GAME, BUT IT REALLY ISN'T WORTH MENTIONING.

Bob never will ever carry such a heavy pants again.

FRANKLY,

I HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM WITH GOLF THAT GEORGE FOREMAN HAD WITH

MOHAMMED ALI.

MY SWING IS GOOD.

I JUST DON'T CONNECT

ENOUGH.

I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE BOB'S BEING HERE, BECAUSE

AT TEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT, THE DEAN MARTIN "ROAST" OF BOB HOPE WILL

BE SHOWN ON TELEVISION. DEAN AND BOB HAD INVITED ME TO BE

ON THIS SHOW BUT UNFORTUNATELY, AT ALMOST THE LAST MINUTE, A

in the Oval Office

VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE PREVENTED ME FROM PARTICIPATING. WHICH IS

A SHAME BECAUSE LATELY IF THERE'S ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ABOUT

ROASTS -- IT'S ME.

IN FACT, IN ONE WAY, BOB HOPE AND I HAVE A LOT IN
COMMON. FOR THE LAST 24 YEARS, BOB'S BEEN IN TELEVISION --
AND FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS, I'VE BEEN IN POLITICS. SO WE
BOTH KNOW HOW TO LIVE DANGEROUSLY -- BY THE RATINGS.

Bob's done very well.

BUT I DO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO COME
VISIT YOU IN CALIFORNIA. HERE IN CALIFORNIA YOU ACHIEVED
A UNIQUE FIRST IN POLITICS. YOU ELECTED A GREAT GOVERNOR WHO
IS AN ACTOR TURNED POLITICIAN. BACK IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE
THE REVERSE PROBLEM: TOO MANY POLITICIANS WHO HAVE TURNED
ACTOR. I'M TALKING ABOUT CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WHO
PLAY THE ROLE OF FISCAL CONSERVATIVES AT HOME -- AND
DIAMOND JIM BRADY IN WASHINGTON.

YOU MIGHT CALL THEM METHOD POLITICIANS. THEY'LL

TRY ANY METHOD TO GET ELECTED -- AND, IF INDEED, YOU DO ELECT

THEM TO THE CONGRESS, THEY'RE LIKE A LITTLE CHILD YOU SEND TO THE

GROCERY STORE. *Many* *Sometimes times they don't*
~~THEY RARELY~~ REMEMBER WHAT YOU SENT THEM FOR.

ONE HALLOWEEN A YEAR IS ENOUGH. WHAT WE NEED THE
REST OF THE TIME IN WASHINGTON, IN SACRAMENTO, IN STATE CAPITOLS
AROUND THE COUNTRY AND IN OUR COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE
SERIOUS-MINDED, DEDICATED INFLATION-FIGHTERS AND ENERGY SAVERS.

I AM TOLD THAT ^{Hugh}~~HOUSTON~~ FLOURNOY'S OPPONENT IN THIS
CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL RACE CLAIMS THAT THE STATE ALONE CANNOT
DO MUCH ABOUT INFLATION -- ~~THAT~~ IT IS MAINLY A FEDERAL PROBLEM.

WELL, I FOR ONE, CONSIDER CALIFORNIA A PART OF THE

UNION AND A VERY IMPORTANT PART. ONE OUT OF EVERY 10 AMERICANS,

~~APPROXIMATELY~~, LIVES HERE. YOU HAVE THE LARGEST OF ALL

DELEGATIONS IN CONGRESS AND THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE

VOTERS OF ANY STATE IN THE NATION. YOU ^{excel} ~~LEAD~~ IN SO MANY FIELDS,

IN INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, AUTOMOBILES, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES,

EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE ARTS,

RECREATION, CONSERVATION, NATURAL RESOURCES, THAT EVEN YOUR OWN

BOOSTERS HAVE RUN OUT OF SUPERLATIVES.

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CALIFORNIA NOT INVOLVED IN THE INFLATION PROBLEM?

NONSENSE. YOU ARE NOT ONLY ONE-TENTH OF THE PROBLEM, YOU ARE

ALSO ONE-TENTH OF ITS POTENTIAL SOLUTION. THIS STATE HAS SHOWN

THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD THAT THERE IS NOTHING

CALIFORNIANS CANNOT DO WHEN THEY WANT TO.

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IT OUTSTRIPS

ALL BUT A HANDFUL OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN WEALTH AND

PRODUCTIVITY.

NOTHING CALIFORNIA CAN DO ABOUT INFLATION? NONSENSE.

IF INFLATION WERE ONLY A PROBLEM FOR WASHINGTON I WOULD BE
STAYING IN WASHINGTON TRYING TO SOLVE IT. BUT THE STATE OF OUR
ECONOMY IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM AND, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS A
PROBLEM OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IT IS A POLITICAL PROBLEM.
THAT'S WHY I AM TRAVELLING HERE AND TO SIX OTHER CITIES THIS LAST
WEEKEND OF THE CAMPAIGN TO DO MY SHARE IN THIS 1974 POLITICAL
ELECTION. I AM ASKING CALIFORNIANS TO DO THEIR SHARE AS WELL.

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YOU HAVE 10 PERCENT OF THE POLITICAL CLOUT IN THE
CONGRESS AND ONE OF THE ABLEST, AS WELL AS THE LARGEST, OF
REPUBLICAN DELEGATIONS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FOR EIGHT YEARS, YOU HAVE HAD A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR AND A
REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IN SACRAMENTO WHICH HAS PRACTICED AS
WELL AS PREACHED A PROGRESSIVE BUT FISCALLY SOUND POLICY OF GOOD
GOVERNMENT. IN POLITICAL TERMS, THERE USED TO BE A SAYING THAT

AS MAINE GOES, SO GOES THE NATION. BUT THE FACT IS, DURING MY
LIFETIME, IT IS TO THE POLLS IN CALIFORNIA THAT THE NATION HAS TURNED

192 EVERY ELECTION NIGHT. AND THAT WILL BE TRUE NEXT TUESDAY.

IF IT IS TRUE THAT THERE IS GREAT VOTER APATHY ACROSS
THE COUNTRY THIS YEAR, AS THE POLLS INDICATE, THERE IS STILL TIME
TO CHANGE THAT. IF ONLY 42 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS ARE
GOING TO TURN OUT NEXT TUESDAY, AS SOME HAVE PREDICTED, THAT MEANS
A FRACTION OF A LITTLE OVER 21 PERCENT CAN DETERMINE HOW THIS NATION
OPERATES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. DO YOU WANT THAT KIND OF
MINORITY RULE IN AMERICA?

I SAY TO MY FRIENDS IN CALIFORNIA -- TO REPUBLICANS AND
INDEPENDENTS AND WHAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER USED TO CALL "DISCERNING
DEMOCRATS" -- AND YOU HAVE PLENTY OF THEM HERE -- LET'S PROVE THE
PESSIMISTIC POLLS WRONG. LET'S PROVE YOU CARE WHAT KIND OF
GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE IN SACRAMENTO AND IN WASHINGTON -- THAT YOU
APPRECIATE THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP RON REAGON, JOHN HARMER AND HUGH
FLOURNOY AND EV YOUNGER HAVE GIVEN CALIFORNIA FOR THE PAST EIGHT
YEARS AND THAT YOU WANT AN EVEN STRONGER CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO REPRESENT YOU AND PROTECT YOUR PAYCHECK AND YOUR SAVINGS IN
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

IF YOU DO THAT, CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE WON ONE-TENTH

OF THE BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION AND WILL, ONCE AGAIN, SET AN

EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE NATION.

AS I INDICATED IN MY ECONOMIC MESSAGE A FEW WEEKS AGO,

IF WE ARE TO WIN AGAINST INFLATION, WE MUST ENLIST THE EFFORTS

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OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN, AND EVERY UNIT OF GOVERNMENT ACROSS

THIS NATION.

WE NEED TEAMWORK.

WE NEED COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND STATES LIKE CALIFORNIA, COOPERATION
BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL STATES AND THEIR COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES.

IF WE ARE GOING TO WIN THIS WAR AGAINST INFLATION, WE MUST EXERCISE

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PRUDENCE AT EVERY LEVEL -- FROM THE HOUSE-

WIFE MAKING BETTER USE OF HER BUDGET TO THE CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON

uncontrolled
CURBING ITS APPETITE FOR SPENDING.

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YOU ARE FORTUNATE HERE IN CALIFORNIA IN THAT YOU
ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED A TRADITION OF FISCAL PRUDENCE IN YOUR
STATE GOVERNMENT. WHEN MY OLD FRIEND, RONALD REAGAN, REPLACED
A DEMOCRAT IN SACRAMENTO NEARLY EIGHT YEARS AGO, CALIFORNIA
WAS SUFFERING FROM A 365 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT.

During the last Brown Adm. you could do real well in
~~FOR A WHILE THERE, I UNDERSTAND A REAL GOOD JOB IN~~

Sacramento

~~CALIFORNIA~~ WAS SELLING RED INK TO THE STATE HOUSE. IT WASN'T

MUCH -- BUT IT WAS STEADY!

FORTUNATELY, GOVERNOR REAGAN CLEANED UP THE MESS

HE INHERITED. USING MODERN MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY THAT IS

NOW BEING COPIED BY GOVERNORS ELSEWHERE, HE WAS ABLE TO GET

THE STATE OUT OF ITS FINANCIAL GRIEF.

WHEN RON LEAVES OFFICE, I AM TOLD, CALIFORNIA WILL
BE ENJOYING A 400 MILLION DOLLAR SURPLUS. ~~NOW IT IS~~ THAT
KIND OF FISCAL PRUDENCE ~~THAT~~ CAN MAKE A BIG DENT IN INFLATION.
CALIFORNIA CAN'T AFFORD TO RISK LOSING WHAT IT NOW HAS GOING
FOR IT BY ELECTING A NEW ROUND OF BIG SPENDERS, STATE-WIDE OR
NATION-WIDE.

knows
HUGH FLOURNOY ~~UNDERSTANDS~~ THIS. JOHN HARMER,

knows
YOUR OUTSTANDING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ~~UNDERSTANDS~~ THIS.

a great Senator for
SO DOES BILL RICHARDSON WHO WILL MAKE ~~CALIFORNIA A GREAT SENATOR~~.

SO DO BRIAN CAMP, BILL BAGLEY, *↑* EVELLE YOUNGER AND JOHN KEHOE --

ALL TOP-FLIGHT REPUBLICANS WHO WILL CONTINUE THE KIND OF

GOVERNMENT ~~HERE~~ WHICH HAS MADE CALIFORNIA NO. 1 IN SO MANY AREAS.

AND UNLIKE HUGH'S OPPONENT, THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND
THE CONCEPT OF TEAMWORK IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION, AND THE
BENEFITS THAT CAN BE DERIVED FROM COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE
AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND BETWEEN THE STATE AND LOCAL
COMMUNITIES.

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FROM ~~HOUSTON~~ FLOURNOY ON DOWN, CALIFORNIA HAS
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A REPUBLICAN SLATE OF EXPERIENCED PUBLIC SERVANTS -- MEN

OF PROVEN PERFORMANCE AND INTEGRITY, MEN WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED

THAT THEY CAN DO THE JOB THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. ~~URGE YOU TO~~

~~ELECT THEM NEXT TUESDAY.~~

WE NEED MORE TEAMWORK IN WASHINGTON, TOO.

I FIRST LEARNED HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS 25 PLUS YEARS AGO WHEN I

ENTERED THE CONGRESS. EARLIER, A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS HAD

WORKED CLOSELY WITH A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT, HARRY TRUMAN,

TO BUILD A STRONG BI-PARTISAN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

AND BECAUSE THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT DID WORK TOGETHER,

WE SUCCEEDED IN MOUNTING THE MARSHALL PLAN THAT REBUILT EUROPE

AND NATO -- AN ALLIANCE WHICH HAS PROTECTED THE FREE WORLD FROM

THE THREAT OF AGGRESSION EVER SINCE.

TODAY, THAT BIPARTISANSHIP IN FOREIGN POLICY WHICH
HAS CARRIED THIS NATION THROUGH SOME OF ITS ROUGHEST TIMES,
IS BEING ERODED BY THE IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS OF SOME MEMBERS.

WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THIS -- IF THE RANKS OF THE
SHORTSIGHTED ARE SWELLED BY THE ELECTIONS NEXT TUESDAY, NOT ONLY
THE BIPARTISANSHIP WHICH SERVED THIS COUNTRY SO WELL FOR OVER A
QUARTER CENTURY BUT THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY MAY BE UNDERMINED.

AND AT HOME, WE HAVE ANOTHER THREAT -- CERTAINLY THE
GREATEST WE FACE DOMESTICALLY IN THIS COUNTRY -- AND THAT IS
INFLATION. AND IN ITS WAY, THIS DEADLY DOMESTIC ENEMY IS
EVERY BIT AS SERIOUS A THREAT AS ANY MENACE FROM ABROAD.

AGAIN, WHAT CONCERNS ~~ME IS THIS~~ -- IF THE RANKS OF THE
BIG SPENDERS IN CONGRESS ARE INCREASED NEXT TUESDAY, THE
INFLATION-FIGHTING PROGRAM I ASKED FOR WILL BE SWAMPED BY MASSIVE
NEW DEFICITS.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS NOT A VETO-PROOF CONGRESS, AS
SOME HAVE PROPOSED, BUT AN INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS. NOW I
WANT TO BE VERY PRECISE ABOUT WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT ~~HERE~~.

I DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO MISUNDERSTAND ~~ME~~. I DO NOT BELIEVE
total
THAT EITHER OF OUR GREAT MAJOR PARTIES HAS ANY MONOPOLY ON
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WISDOM OR ON SOLUTIONS TO THE NATION'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

WE HAVE MEMBERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WHO

but some of the staunchest Democrats are retiring this year.

ARE INDISPENSIBLE TO AN INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS. ~~AND~~ I AM
A

SURE THAT VIRTUALLY EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS HAS ONLY THE VERY

BEST INTEREST OF THE NATION AT HEART, AS HE OR SHE SEES IT.

GENERALLY, WHEN WE DIFFER, IT IS NOT SO MUCH OVER THE GOALS AS TO

HOW TO ACHIEVE IT.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO BEAT INFLATION? A LOT OF
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DIFFERENT PEOPLE HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT IDEAS, AND I HAVE

CONSIDERED THEM ALL WITH AN OPEN MIND. I PROVED THAT BY HOLDING

OUR ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETINGS NOT TOO LONG AGO.

THERE WAS ONE POINT, HOWEVER, ON WHICH THERE WAS
SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT AND ON WHICH A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SEEM
TO AGREE: THAT EXCESS GOVERNMENT SPENDING HAS BEEN AND WILL
CONTINUE TO BE A ROOT CAUSE OF INFLATION. NO GOVERNMENT CAN
KEEP SPENDING MORE THAN IT TAKES IN WITHOUT DRIVING DOWN THE
BUYING POWER OF ITS CURRENCY AND DRIVING UP THE COST OF LIVING
FOR ITS PEOPLE.

IN THE SHORT HAUL, IT IS EASY FOR GOVERNMENT TO

YIELD TO THE TEMPTATION TO GIVE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT. BUT KEEP

THIS IN MIND: IN THE LONG HAUL, A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO

GIVE US EVERYTHING WE WANT IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE

FROM US EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

SO, IF WE ARE GOING TO WIN THIS BATTLE, WE MUST

FIRST CURB ^{Federal} ~~GOVERNMENT~~ SPENDING.

IN MY ECONOMIC MESSAGE, I PROPOSED THAT WE

ESTABLISH A SPENDING CEILING THIS YEAR OF 300 BILLION DOLLARS

OR SOME ^{1/2} 5 BILLION DOLLARS BELOW THAT PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS IN

JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. BUT THE CURRENT CONGRESS HAS SO FAR NOT

APPROVED THIS APPEAL -- ^{so most of the} ~~OR A NUMBER OF~~ OTHER MEASURES I PROPOSED

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. THE TEAMWORK

JUST ISN'T THERE.

I AM NOT GOING TO SUGGEST TO YOU THAT ALL OF THE BIG

altho percentages the tilt is pretty bad

SPENDERS BELONG TO THE OPPOSITION PARTY, BUT I WOULD LIKE

TO NOTE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS CONTROLLED THE UNITED STATES

CONGRESS FOR 38 OUT OF THE LAST 42 YEARS -- AND FOR THE LAST

20 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, FEDERAL SPENDING HAS

SHOT UP FROM JUST OVER 4.5 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN 1934 TO

305 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN 1974. ~~THAT IS A SIMPLE FACT OF LIFE.~~

IT IS ~~ALSO~~ A SIMPLE FACT THAT NO PRESIDENT AND NO
ADMINISTRATION CAN SPEND A SINGLE DOLLAR -- NOT ONE PENNY --
THAT CONGRESS HAS NOT FIRST APPROPRIATED. I CANNOT

EMPHASIZE THAT ENOUGH: CONGRESS APPROPRIATES THE MONEY;

authorizes
CONGRESS ~~DOES~~ THE SPENDING.

SO IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE HANDLING OF THE
NATION'S FINANCES OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, IF YOU THINK IT IS
TIME FOR A CHANGE, REMEMBER NEXT TUESDAY WHO THE BIG SPENDERS
ARE -- AND THROW THE SPENDERS OUT. AND IF SOME OF THEM ARE
REPUBLICANS, SO BE IT.

NOW IT IS TIME FOR RESPONSIBLE MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL

POLITICAL PERSUASIONS -- REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS --

TO COME TOGETHER, NOT IN AN EFFORT AT POLITICAL ADVANTAGE ,

BUT IN A SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM TO WHIP PROBLEMS LIKE INFLATION,

ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT, TO STRENGTHEN OUR SUCCESSFUL

FOREIGN POLICY BY THE RESTORATION OF BIPARTISANSHIP.

AND IT IS ALSO TIME FOR THE AMERICAN VOTER --

WHATEVER HIS VIEWS -- TO DEMONSTRATE BY HIS BALLOT THAT HE
SUPPORTS A RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE ANTI-INFLATION POLICY --
THAT HE OPPOSES WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING; THAT HE DEMANDS
A STRONG, SECURE NATIONAL DEFENSE. AND MOST IMPORTANT,
THAT HE WANTS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY.

AND IN CONGRESS, THAT DOES NOT MEAN A ONE-PARTY
MONOPOLY. IT DOES MEAN A CONGRESS IN WHICH REASONABLE MEN
OF BOTH PARTIES CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH THE ADMINISTRATION IN A
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL AMERICANS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF CONGRESS I HAVE BEEN CAMPAIGNING
FOR UP AND DOWN THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS. AND WITH YOUR
HELP, IT IS THE KIND OF CONGRESS WE CAN ELECT.

IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL NEXT TUESDAY, THE AVERAGE HARD-
WORKING AMERICAN CITIZEN WILL BE THE BENEFICIARY. JUST A
FEW WEEKS AGO, WHILE I WAS OUT ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL I MET A
LOVELY LADY WHOSE HUSBAND IS NOW RETIRED. AFTER WORKING HARD
ALL THEIR LIVES, THEY ARE LIVING ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND A SMALL
PENSION. *They were beautiful people.*
AFTER I SHOOK HANDS WITH HER, SHE REACHED IN HER PURSE
AND HANDED ME A LITTLE SLIP OF PAPER. IT WAS A SUPERMARKET CASH
REGISTER RECEIPT -- LIKE THIS ONE I AM HOLDING RIGHT HERE.

SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE APPRECIATED MANY OF THE SUGGESTIONS

I HAD MADE ON TELEVISION ON WHAT INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS COULD DO TO

HELP FIGHT INFLATION. BUT SHE SAID BOTH ^{of them} ~~HER AND HER HUSBAND~~

ALREADY WERE DOING MOST OF THOSE THINGS AND MORE. YET THE TOTAL

EACH WEEK ON THE LITTLE GROCERY SLIP KEPT GOING UP AND UP.

SHE SAID, "MR. PRESIDENT, CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT

THIS?"



IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT IS
WHAT THIS NATIONAL ELECTION IS ALL ABOUT: TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A
RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE CONGRESS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS --
RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS.

LET ME SUGGEST THIS TO YOU: WHEN YOU GO INTO THE
VOTING BOOTH NEXT TUESDAY, TAKE WITH YOU YOUR LATEST GROCERY
CHECKOUT RECEIPT. AND BEFORE YOU VOTE, TAKE A GOOD HARD
LOOK AT THE BOTTOM LINE TOTAL.

THEN VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES WHO WILL REALLY MAKE
SURE YOUR PAYCHECK BUYS AS MUCH ON THE DAY YOU SPEND IT AS ^{on} THE DAY
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YOU EARNED IT.

THANK YOU.

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