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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE IN "COLORADO WEST" AGAIN.

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT COLORADO IS A LAND OF BREATH-TAKING  
BEAUTY -- AND AFTER CROWNING YOUR HOMECOMING QUEEN, I MIGHT  
ADD "BREATH-TAKING BEAUTIES!" AS WELL.

*Don  
Vanderbilt  
Franklin  
Jim Jones  
Wagner*

A COLLEGE HOME-COMING IS ALWAYS A HAPPY TIME AND I  
WANT TO WISH THE MESA COLLEGE MAVERICKS GOOD LUCK IN THEIR GAME  
THIS AFTERNOON. I UNDERSTAND THIS HAS NOT BEEN ONE OF THEIR  
BETTER YEARS AND, AS A FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER, I KNOW WHAT A  
1 - 5 - 1 SEASON MEANS.

IN MY SENIOR YEAR AT MICHIGAN, OUR TRADITIONAL RIVAL  
OHIO STATE BEAT US 34 TO NOTHING. TO MAKE IT EVEN WORSE, FOR THE  
SEASON WE LOST SEVEN OUR OF OUR EIGHT GAMES. BUT WHAT REALLY  
HURT IS WHEN THEY VOTED ME THEIR MOST VALUABLE PLAYER!.....I DIDN'T  
KNOW WHETHER TO SMILE OR SUE!

AS SOME OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, COLORADO IS THE FORD  
FAMILY'S SECOND HOME. WE HAVE A SMALL CONDOMINIUM OVER IN VAIL  
AND WE JUST CAN'T WAIT UNTIL OUR HOLIDAY VACATION AND THE CHANCE TO  
PUT ON OUR SKIS AGAIN. BELIEVE ME, IF THE SNOW IS RIGHT, YOU  
COME OVER TO VAIL AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF FORDS GO BY!

BUT EVEN IF I DIDN'T HAVE SUCH CLOSE PERSONAL TIES TO THIS GREAT STATE WHERE BETTY, THE KIDS AND I HAVE SPENT SO MANY HAPPY HOURS TOGETHER, IT WOULD STILL BE A SPECILA PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN GRAND JUNCTION TODAY.

GRAND JUNCTION. YOU KNOW, AS WE WERE FLYING HERE ON AIR FORCE ONE, SOARING OVER SO MUCH BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND SO MUCH AMERICAN HISTORY, IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT GRAND JUNCTION WAS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER NAME ON THE MAP.

IT IS A PHRASE, AN IDEAL, THAT GOES TO THE ROOT OF  
THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. AND PERHAPS IT HOLDS THE KEY TO  
SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY.

UNIQUE AMONG NATIONS, AMERICA HAS ALWAYS FOUND  
STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY. SO MANY DIFFERENT RACES, NATIONALITIES  
AND FAITHS HAVE GONE INTO BUILDING OUR COUNTRY -- AND EACH ONE  
HAS CONTRIBUTED SOMETHING SPECIAL OF ITS OWN.

AMERICA WAS, AND IS, A "GRAND JUNCTION" --  
A FOCAL POINT FOR ALL OF THEIR DIFFERENT HOPES AND PRAYERS  
AND DREAMS.

WE ARE A BIG COUNTRY, FULL OF CONTRASTS IN CLIMATE AND  
GEOGRAPHY. WE ARE A DIVERSE COUNTRY. IT IS A LONG WAY FROM  
ALASKA TO FLORIDA, FROM NEW ENGLAND TO CALIFORNIA.

BUT THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE DOES NOT DIVIDE OUR COUNTRY.  
AS LONG AS WE REMAIN ONE PEOPLE IN SPIRIT, AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE  
TO SHARE THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND OPPORTUNITY THAT  
BROUGHT US TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE WILL REMAIN UNITED.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS "GRAND JUNCTION" OF INTERESTS  
AND IDEALS THAT I AM STILL AN OPTIMIST WHEN IT COMES TO AMERICA.  
THERE ARE PLENTY OF BIG PROBLEMS, OUT THERE WAITING TO BE SOLVED --  
INFLATION, ENERGY, CRIME AND POLLUTION, TO NAME ONLY A FEW.

BUT THERE ISN'T A ONE OF THEM THAT WE CAN'T LICK IF WE  
WILL ONLY PULL TOGETHER AND ACT RESPONSIBLY.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONE THING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST  
ALWAYS REMEMBER. NO GOVERNMENT CAN EXPECT THE PEOPLE TO ACT  
RESPONSIBLY WHEN IT FAILS TO DO SO ITSELF.

WE CANNOT ASK OR EXPECT THE PEOPLE TO WHIP INFLATION  
IF A CONGRESS DOMINATED BY BIG SPENDERS KEEPS ON STOKING THE  
FIRES OF INFLATION WITH EXCESSIVE SPENDING.

AND WE CANNOT EXPECT THE PEOPLE TO SET ASIDE THEIR  
DIFFERENCES AND PULL TOGETHER AS LONG AS A SPIRIT OF IRRESPONSIBLE  
PARTISANSHIP AND WRANGLING PREVAILS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM HERE TODAY. I WANT  
TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR HELP -- YOUR HELP IN GIVING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
THE KIND OF GOOD PROBLEM-SOLVING GOVERNMENT THEY WANT AND  
DESERVE.

AND BELIEVE ME, AS COLORADANS, THERE IS PLENTY THAT  
YOU CAN DO TO ACHIEVE THIS.

AGAIN AND AGAIN AS I HAVE TRAVELLED AROUND THE  
COUNTRY IN RECENT WEEKS, I HAVE TRIED TO WAKE PEOPLE UP NOT  
ONLY TO THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE, BUT TO SOME OF THE THINGS THEY  
CAN DO TO SOLVE THEM.

AND THE BIGGEST SINGLE THING THAT EACH OF YOU CAN DO  
IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS IS WORK YOUR HARDEST TO ELECT THE RIGHT  
KIND OF LEADERSHIP -- LEADERSHIP THAT WILL HELP YOU AND ME AND  
MILLIONS OF OTHER AMERICANS TO WHIP INFLATION NOW.

HERE IN COLORADO YOU KNOW BETTER THAN MOST PEOPLE  
WHAT A DIFFERENCE GOOD LEADERSHIP CAN MAKE AT THE STATE LEVEL.

COLORADO HAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY HEALTHY ECONOMY AND  
AN EXCEPTIONALLY HEALTHY STATE GOVERNMENT. LAST YEAR GOVERNOR  
JOHN VANDERHOOF'S ADMINISTRATION GAVE THE TAXPAYERS A SPECIAL  
DIVIDEND, 36 MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX REBATES.

THIS YEAR, GOVERNOR VANDERHOOF IS PUSHING AHEAD WITH  
A REORGANIZATION OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT THAT WILL YIELD EVEN  
GREATER DIVIDENDS TO THE PEOPLE OF COLORADO IN THE FUTURE. THE  
VOTERS OF COLORADO KNOW A GOOD MAN WHEN THEY SEE HIM. THAT IS  
WHY, IN MY OPINION, THEY ARE GOING TO REELECT GOVERNOR VANDERHOOF  
AND HIS REPUBLICAN TICKET NEXT TUESDAY.

THE VOTERS OF COLORADO CAN ALSO BE PROUD OF THE QUALITY OF THEIR REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. THEY ARE ALL INFLATION FIGHTERS INCLUDING JIM JOHNSON WHO REPRESENTS THIS DISTRICT. JIM IS A WINNER OF THIS YEAR'S "WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY" AWARD. I WILL NEED HIM IN WASHINGTON AGAIN NEXT YEAR GUARDING AGAINST THE BIG SPENDERS.

BILL ARMSTRONG IS ANOTHER FRESHMAN MEMBER OF THE HOUSE WHO HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE FIGHT FOR A BALANCED BUDGET, COSPONSORING A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CUT BACK OVERALL SPENDING.

DON BROTZMAN IS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING INFLATION FIGHTER.  
HE IS ALSO A RECOGNIZED EXPERT IN THE HOUSE ON TAX REFORM, PENSION  
REFORM, AND TRADE REFORM -- I GUESS WE MIGHT CALL HIM A REFORM  
CANDIDATE -- AND HE HAS ALSO SERVED ON SPECIAL TASK FORCES ON  
ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISARMAMENT. AND WHATEVER  
DON DOES, HE DOES WELL.

IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, THE VOTERS HAVE A CHANCE TO  
SEND ANOTHER DEDICATED INFLATION FIGHTER TO THE CONGRESS,  
KEITH RECORDS. KEITH IS ALSO A STRONG AND SOUND ADVOCATE OF  
A BALANCED APPROACH TO PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

AND, IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS  
A GREAT CANDIDATE IN FRANK SOUTHWORTH, A MAN WITH A REMARKABLE  
RANGE AND BREADTH ~~AND BREADTH~~ OF EXPERIENCE. WHAT INTERESTS ME  
MOST ABOUT FRANK IS THE WORK HE HAS DONE TO BRING BETTER QUALITY  
EDUCATION TO THE CHILDREN OF DENVER. WE NEED HIS KNOWHOW  
IN WASHINGTON.

AND IN THE SENATE, COLORADO NEEDS PETE DOMINICK.  
AMERICA NEEDS HIM TOO. PETE'S COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE WILL TELL  
YOU THAT; THEY HAVE CHOSEN HIM AS SENIOR REPUBLICAN ON THE NEW  
SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE. PETE IS A SENATOR'S SENATOR, AND THAT  
APPOINTMENT IS A TRIBUTE HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE PAID TO HIS  
**COURAGE**  
TOUGHMINDEDNESS, ~~SETS~~ AND INTEGRITY.

PETE DOMINICK HAS THE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES THAT COUNT --

NOT JUST FOR TODAY, BUT FOR TOMORROW. ON PROBLEMS OF THE

ENVIRONMENT, PETE DOESN'T JUST TALK. HE GETS RESULTS. HE

KNOWS HOW CONGRESS WORKS AND HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN

BEST HELP ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS.

HE HAS WORKED HARD AND SUCCESSFULLY IN THE SENATE

~~TO ESTABLISH NEW WILDERNESS AREAS IN COLORADO.~~ TO ESTABLISH NEW WILDERNESS AREAS IN COLORADO.

AT HIS URGING, THE E.P.A. HAS AUTHORIZED THE MONEY AND MANPOWER

TO MONITOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES DUE TO SHALE OIL

DEVELOPMENT.

PETE IS A MAN OF FORESIGHT. TAKE THE ISSUE OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR INSTANCE. SINCE 1964 PETE DOMINICK HAS BEEN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR LEGISLATION TO MAKE MINERAL LEASING REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW URBAN PROBLEMS MINERAL DEVELOPMENT WILL PRODUCE. JIM JOHNSON HAS NOW JOINED HIM IN THIS FIGHT. I EXPECT THEM TO GET RESULTS.

COLORADO NEEDS MEN IN WASHINGTON LIKE PETE AND JIM WHO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF CONGRESS, MEN WHO HAVE THE KNOW-HOW IT TAKES TO GET THINGS DONE -- NOT JUST TALK ABOUT THEM.

PETE DOMINICK IS ALSO A STRONG CHAMPION OF THE MANY  
COLORADANS WHO EARN THEIR LIVINGS IN RANCHING AND LIVESTOCK.  
I VALUE HIS ADVICE IN THIS FIELD AND I THINK SOME OF MY RECENT  
ACTIONS HAVE PROVED THIS.

COLORADO IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR RANCHING STATES,  
AND JUST A FEW MINUTES FROM NOW I WILL BE MEETING WITH FOUR  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

ADJUSTING TO HIGHER FEED COSTS AND INCREASED SUPPLY OF

BEEF ANIMALS IS A PAINFUL PROCESS. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I INTEND TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP AMERICAN CATTLEMEN THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.

IN ORDER TO DO SO I MADE THREE IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS WHICH I ANNOUNCED LAST THURSDAY.

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FIRST, I ~~ANNOUNCED MY DETERMINATION~~ <sup>MEAN</sup> TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE MEAT IMPORT LAW. IF IMPORTS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE MEAT IMPORT LAW THREATEN TO PICK UP MARKEDLY DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE OF 1975 IMPORTS EXCEEDS THE TRIGGER LEVEL UNDER THE MEAT IMPORT LAW, I WILL EITHER IMPOSE QUOTAS OR NEGOTIATE VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN SUPPLIERS.

SECOND, I INTEND TO TAKE NO ACTION 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.

THIRD, I WILL NOT PERMIT FOREIGN DAIRY PRODUCERS TO COMPETE AGAINST AMERICAN DAIRYMEN IN THE U.S. MARKET WITH SUBSIDIZED PRODUCTS. IF THE EUROPEANS REINSTITUTE THEIR EXPORT SUBSIDIES ON DAIRY PRODUCTS DIRECTED AT THIS MARKET, I INTEND TO IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON THESE PRODUCTS.

IN ADDITION, I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY BUTZ TO  
INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR INCREASING U.S.D.A. PURCHASES  
OF GROUND BEEF FOR USE IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

~~THESE PURCHASES WOULD PROVIDE MORE HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO  
SCHOOLS FOR USE IN THIS PROGRAM.~~

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NOW I WOULD LIKE TO TURN TO ANOTHER AREA -- ONE THAT  
CONCERNS ALL COLORADANS, WHATEVER THEY DO FOR A LIVING.

IN FACT, IT IS THE ONE <sup>A</sup>PARAMOUNT PROBLEM THAT THREATENS ALL

AMERICANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE: INFLATION. AND, UNLESS WE DO

SOMETHING ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW, <sup>THE RATE OF INFLATION</sup> IT COULD DOUBLE BETWEEN NOW

AND 1976.

WE CAN FIGHT INFLATION. WE CAN BEAT IT.

BUT ONLY WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF CONGRESS. AND HERE IN COLORADO

AND IN A LOT OF OTHER STATES, THERE ARE A LOT OF BIG SPENDERS

RUNNING HARD FOR CONGRESS.

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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 THAT  
EITHER OF OUR GREAT MAJOR PARTIES HAS ANY MONOPOLY ON WISDOM OR ON  
SOLUTIONS TO THE NATION'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE HAVE MEMBERS ON  
BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WHO ARE GOOD INFLATION-FIGHTERS.

BUT THE BULK OF THE BIG SPENDERS -- THE MAJORITY  
THAT HAS RUN THE CONGRESS AND DRIVEN AMERICA FARTHER AND  
FARTHER INTO DEBT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN A ROW -- IS THE  
DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

AND THE PLAIN FACT IS 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.

THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT AND  
THAT IS APATHY. DON'T STAY AT HOME NEXT TUESDAY. DON'T  
ABANDON OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM WHEN YOU ARE MOST NEEDED.

FOR IF ONLY 42 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS TURN  
OUT NEXT TUESDAY, AS SOME ANALYSTS HAVE PREDICTED, THAT MEANS  
THAT A FRACTION OF A LITTLE OVER 21 PERCENT WILL DETERMINE HOW THIS  
NATION OPERATES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

DO WE WANT THAT KIND OF MINORITY RULE IN AMERICA?

I DON'T, AND I DON'T THINK YOU DO EITHER.

SO I URGE ALL OF MY FRIENDS IN COLORADO --

REPUBLICANS, INDEPENDENTS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE: PROVE THAT THE  
POLLSTERS HAVE SOLD YOU SHORT.

PROVE THAT YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THE KIND OF  
GOVERNMENT YOU HAVE IN DENVER AND IN WASHINGTON BY ELECTING  
THE BEST MEN FOR THE JOB. .

I URGE YOU -- NOT FOR THE SAKE OF ONE PARTY OR THE  
OTHER BUT FOR THE SAKE OF AMERICA -- **CAST YOUR BALLOT**  
~~ATTEND~~ NEXT TUESDAY.

USE YOUR VOICE AND YOUR VOTE TO REELECT THE KIND OF MEN AND WOMEN  
TO PUBLIC OFFICE **WHO WILL WORK TO**  
~~CAN WORK WITH AND SERVE WITH,~~ TO BRING OUT  
THE BEST IN THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS.