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PRESIDENT'S SCRIPT

IOWA REPUBLICAN TOWN MEETING

RADIO PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1975

PRESIDENT FORD:

THANK YOU, MARY LOUISE.

MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW REPUBLICANS:

OUR PARTY AND OUR NATION ARE AT A CROSSROADS.

THE DIRECTION WE TAKE, THE DECISIONS WE WILL MAKE, AND THE

LEADERSHIP WE DEMONSTRATE WILL BE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR

THE FUTURE.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WATCHING US IN THE GRAND

OLD PARTY AS WE PREPARE FOR THE 1976 ELECTIONS -- TO SEE IF WE

HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MEET THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE INTRUDED

IN THEIR DAILY LIVES.

THEY ARE WONDERING IF ANYONE IN POLITICAL LIFE STILL
LISTENS TO THEM AND CARES ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK.

I AM CONVINCED WE CAN SHOW THE PEOPLE OF IOWA --
AND THEIR NEIGHBORS THROUGHOUT THE NATION -- THAT THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY DESERVES THEIR CONFIDENCE, THEIR TRUST, AND THEIR
SUPPORT. REPUBLICANS DO LISTEN AND WE DO CARE.

AS WE BEGIN THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR AND MOVE

TOWARD THE 1976 CAMPAIGNS, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT

WE REMIND THE PEOPLE OF IOWA -- AND OF EVERY STATE -- THAT

THE HISTORY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A HISTORY OF RESPONSIVE

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBLE PROGRESS. IT IS -- AND HAS

BEEN -- THE PROBLEM-SOLVING PARTY.

IN THIS SPIRIT, WE MUST BUILD A RECORD THAT REFLECTS
THE CONCERNS AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE FACTORY WORKERS
IN DUBUQUE AND WATERLOO, THE INSURANCE EXECUTIVES IN DES MOINES,
AND THE FARMERS IN BOONE COUNTY AND MOUNT PLEASANT.

OUR MESSAGE -- THAT REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT

IS COMMON-SENSE GOVERNMENT -- CAN HAVE GREAT APPEAL FOR

THE VOTERS OF IOWA. ALREADY, REPUBLICANS LIKE GOVERNOR

RAY, CHUCK GRASSLEY, MARY LOUISE AND JOHN MCDONALD

HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THIS PHRASE IS NOT MERELY A SLOGAN,

BUT AN ACTIVE COMMITMENT.

THE COMMITMENT IS FLOURISHING IN YOUR TOWN

MEETINGS TONIGHT. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

AND CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON YOUR SUCCESS.

AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALWAYS BE AS PROUD OF YOUR

PARTY AS YOU MUST BE OF YOUR GREAT STATE OF IOWA.

THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING.

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