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PRESIDENTIAL VIDEOTAPE MESSAGE

TRI-STATE FUNDRAISER, JUNE 13, 1975

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU TONIGHT.

THIS SPECIAL THREE-STATE FUNDRAISER SHOWS THE
LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE OF NORTHWEST REPUBLICANS. IT
DEMONSTRATES YOUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE
BETTERMENT OF THE PARTY IN YOUR REGION AND PREPARES THE WAY
FOR WINNING CAMPAIGNS IN 1976.

IN APRIL, I WAS PRIVILEGED TO PARTICIPATE BY
TELEPHONE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE OPENING MEETING OF THE
NORTHWEST COMPACT IN PORTLAND. TODAY, IT IS ENCOURAGING
TO SEE THE RESULTS THAT SESSION PRODUCED. YOU ARE ON THE
WAY TO MAKING THE "COMPACT" WORK.

ALASKA, OREGON AND WASHINGTON HAVE ELECTED STRONG
AND EFFECTIVE REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE PRODUCED
RESPONSIVE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION.
SENATORS TED STEVENS OF ALASKA, MARK HATFIELD AND BOB PACKWOOD
OF OREGON AND GOVERNOR DAN EVANS OF WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN
OUTSPOKEN AND EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING THE QUALITY OF DEVELOPMENT
IN THE NATURALLY RICH NORTHWEST REGION.

THE BALANCING OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND ENERGY

DEMANDS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE CRUCIAL IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS STILL FACING US MUST BE HIGH

ON OUR NATIONAL AGENDA.

REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND
NATIONAL LEVEL MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO HELP SOLVE THESE IMMEDIATE
PROBLEMS AND SEEK LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO OTHERS. WE NEED
IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL MORE SOUND REPUBLICAN VOICES FROM YOUR
PART OF THE COUNTRY. WE NEED BACK EAST MORE OF THE SPIRIT
OF THE WEST WHICH HELPED TO MAKE THIS REGION OF AMERICA SO GREAT.

WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE COMMON PROBLEMS WILL

BENEFIT THE NORTHWEST REGION. IT WILL BENEFIT AMERICA.

I COMMEND YOUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE REGIONAL UNITY. I ASK

YOUR HELP IN EXTENDING YOUR CONCEPT TO OTHER PARTS OF THE

COUNTRY.

I HOPE THIS FUNDRAISER IS THE FIRST OF MANY SUCCESSFUL
EVENTS OF THIS THREE-STATE UNION. YOUR SUCCESS CAN INSPIRE
OTHER REPUBLICANS IN OTHER AREAS TO NEW METHODS OF COMMUNICATION
AND COOPERATION FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

I AM SORRY I CAN'T BE WITH YOU TONIGHT. BUT MY
BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT EVENING GO WITH YOU -- ESPECIALLY THE
STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN JACK COGHILL OF ALASKA,
DAVID GREEN OF OREGON AND ROSS DAVIS OF WASHINGTON.
THANK YOU.

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