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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS: TEEN-AGE REPUBLICANS

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975

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(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

1. LET ME WELCOME THE MEMBERS OF THIS SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL T-A-R LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

I KNOW YOUR WEEK IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS LEARNING
EXPERIENCE AND, IN A WAY, IT PARALLELS THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE
THAT MY YOUNGEST SON STEVE HAS JUST COMPLETED OUT WEST. HE
WAS WITH A FORMER CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO RIDER LEARNING
BRONCO-BUSTING.

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2. NOW THAT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE TOO MUCH OF A PARALLEL
TO YOU, BUT A BRONCO IS SOMETHING THAT BUCKS AND KICKS AND
TWISTS AND TURNS AND NEVER GOES IN ONE DIRECTION VERY LONG.
AND WE HAVE THE SAME THING HERE IN WASHINGTON.
IT'S CALLED CONGRESS.

3. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH

SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE. I CONGRATULATE YOU

ON YOUR SUCCESS AS TEEN-AGE REPUBLICANS AND ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS

IN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP WHICH HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE TODAY.

ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE

OF MEETING WITH THE T-A-R LEADERSHIP, IT IS MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY

AS PRESIDENT. I HOPE THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY SUCH

MEETINGS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

4. THERE ARE FEW REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGNERS TODAY WHO ARE

NOT AWARE FIRSTHAND OF THE INVALUABLE WORK OF THE TEEN-AGE

REPUBLICANS. YOUR UNFLAGGING EFFORTS THROUGH THE YEARS --

ORGANIZING RALLIES, DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE TO VOTERS, CANVASSING

DOOR-TO-DOOR, GETTING OUT THE VOTE ON ELECTION DAY -- HAVE PLAYED

AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN REPUBLICAN VICTORIES ACROSS THE NATION.

YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION HAVE HELPED TO SHAPE THE AMERICAN

POLITICAL PROCESS AT ITS MOST BASIC LEVEL: PERSON-TO-PERSON.

5. TO YOUR CREDIT, YOUR EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN LIMITED TO

TO POLITICAL ARENA, BUT HAVE EMBRACED A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY

SERVICES: YOU HAVE REACHED OUT TO THE ELDERLY, THE SICK AND THE

NEEDY. YOU HAVE CAMPAIGNED AGAINST THE MENACE OF DRUG ABUSE.

YOU HAVE WORKED TO CLEAN UP OUR ENVIRONMENT. YOU HAVE HELPED
TO EDUCATE PEOPLE IN THE WORKINGS OF OUR SYSTEM OF FREE ENTERPRISE.
YOU AND THE THOUSANDS OF TEEN-AGE REPUBLICANS YOU REPRESENT,
THROUGH YOUR EXAMPLE AND YOUR COMMITMENT, HAVE HELPED TO BRING
THE VALUES AND GOALS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE
PEOPLE OF AMERICA.

6. THE CHALLENGES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FACES TODAY ARE
TRULY GREAT. I DO NOT NEED TO STRESS THE SOBERING OUTCOME
OF THE 1974 ELECTIONS.

BUT I AM CERTAIN THAT IF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN GET ITS MESSAGE
TO THE PEOPLE -- IF WE CAN CONVINCING THEM THAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE
OUR CONCERNS, THAT WE HEAR THEM AND WILL SPEAK UP FOR THEM --
1976 WILL BE A GREAT YEAR FOR REPUBLICANS THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

7. FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, YOU KNOW THAT WHEN

YOU TALK TO AMERICANS, ISSUE-BY-ISSUE, MOST ARE REPUBLICANS

IN PRINCIPLE -- NO MATTER WHAT THEIR POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

IN PRINCIPLE: THEY WANT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT.

THEY WANT AN END TO WASTEFUL SPENDING BY THE CONGRESS. THEY WANT

CONCRETE PROGRAMS TO MEET AMERICA'S CRITICAL ENERGY NEEDS.

THEY WANT LESS GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN MORE -- YET GOVERNMENT THAT
IS FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS. IN SHORT,
THEY WANT THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT THAT A STRONG AND VIBRANT
REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN PROVIDE.

8. I BELIEVE THAT THE TEEN-AGE REPUBLICANS, THOSE OF YOU
HERE TODAY AND THOUSANDS MORE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, ARE UNIQUELY
QUALIFIED TO FACE THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. YOUR RECORD OF DEDICATED
SERVICE HAS DEMONSTRATED YOUR ABILITY TO REACH THE HEARTS AND MINDS
OF AMERICANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, TO GIVE THEM DIRECTION AND
COMMON PURPOSE.

AS AMERICA ENTERS ITS THIRD CENTURY, YOU BEAR A SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITY -- FOR IT IS YOU WHO WILL WRITE THE PAGES
OF OUR PARTY'S FUTURE -- OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY. I AM
CONFIDENT THAT THOSE PAGES WILL BE FILLED WITH ACHIEVEMENT AND
SUCCESS.

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