TOWN-HALL FUNDRAISER

DES MOINES, IOWA

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1975
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR RAY
REPRESENTATIVE GRASSLEY
MARY LOUISE SMITH
JOHN McDONALD (STATE CHAIRMAN)
MARGARET McDONALD (STATE VICE CHAIRMAN -- NO RELATION TO JOHN McDONALD)
BILL GOODRICH (STATE FINANCE CHAIRMAN)
TOM STONER (STATE CHAIRMAN-ELECT)
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
I'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVENING AND
IN PARTICULAR, TO THE ENTERTAINMENT PART OF THE PROGRAM THAT
FOLLOWS THIS SPEECH. I UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNOR BOB RAY AND
ATTORNEY GENERAL DICK TURNER ARE GOING TO SING A DUET TOGETHER . . .
IT'LL BE THEIR FAVORITE SONG: "COME JOSEPHINE IN MY FLYING
MACHINE."

IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE, TO ENJOY YOUR WONDERFUL
HOSPITALITY AND TO ASK FOR YOUR SPECIAL HELP IN MAKING NEXT YEAR
A BANNER YEAR FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN IOWA AND ACROSS
THE COUNTRY.
WITHOUT QUESTION, 1976 OFFERS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL TO THE SKEPTICS THAT IT HAS THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE SETBACKS, THE RESOLUTION TO ROUSE THE NATION TO GREATNESS, AND THE WILL TO WIN ELECTIONS.

YOUR VERY FINE GOVERNOR, BOB RAY, WHO IS NEARLY A YEAR INTO HIS FOURTH TERM AND WHO IS ALSO SERVING WITH DISTINCTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE, HAS DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB OF PUTTING THE "COMMON SENSE" PHILOSOPHY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO WORK HERE IN IOWA.
HIS SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION IS A TESTAMENT TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH HIS LEADERSHIP AND THE SOUND REPUBLICAN APPROACH HE BROUGHT TO GOVERNMENT.

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LET ME THANK YOU FOR GIVING US MARY LOUISE SMITH, WHO IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB AS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

AS YOU KNOW, THE IOWA STATE SLOGAN IS, "IOWA -- A PLACE TO GROW!!"

MARY LOUISE HAS DEFINITED APPLIED THIS THINKING TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY NATIONALLY.
SHE TYPIFIES THE HARDWORKING ENTHUSIASM THAT WILL MAKE 1976 A MEMORABLE COME-BACK YEAR FOR OUR PARTY.

WE NEED MORE LIKE HER. WE ALSO NEED MORE LIKE CHUCK GRASSLEY -- YOUR FINE NEW MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM NEW HARTFORD.

CHUCK HAS ALREADY IMPRESSED HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE, AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON, INCLUDING ME, WITH HIS TOTAL COMMITMENT TO SERVING HIS CONSTITUENTS AND HIS COUNTRY, FAITHFULLY AND EFFECTIVELY. CHUCK, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US!
LET ME ALSO COMPLIMENT EACH OF YOU FOR THE DYNAMIC
AND VITAL WORK YOU'RE DOING FOR THE PARTY. I'VE HEARD SO
MANY FINE REPORTS -- I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT REPUBLICAN
ORGANIZATIONS IN EVERY STATE WILL PROVE TO BE AS ENERGETIC AND
EFFECTIVE AS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF IOWA.

IF WE ARE TO CAPITALIZE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD OF US,
WE MUST REACH OUT TO THAT GREAT AMERICAN MAJORITY THAT DOES THE
NATION'S WORK, PAYS THE NATION'S BILLS, PROVIDES FOR THE NATION'S
DEFENSE AND OBEYS THE NATION'S LAWS.
NO MATTER THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, THE RELIGION THEY PROFESS, THE POLITICS THEY VOTE, THESE SOLID AMERICANS -- WHO MAKE UP THIS VAST MIDWEST HEARTLAND -- ARE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S NATURAL CONSTITUENCY.

THEY ARE THE PEOPLE TO WHOM WE MUST TELL OUR STORY -- OVER AND OVER AGAIN -- THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR.

ONCE AGAIN IN OUR PARTY'S HISTORY, OUR PRINCIPLES AND GOALS MATCH THE BELIEFS AND ASPIRATIONS OF A MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT SPENDING HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF INFLATION. DAILY, MORE AND MORE AMERICANS AGREE -- AND THEY LOOK TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AS THEIR ONLY HOPE.

THAT'S ONE REASON I'VE BEEN VETOING BILLS THAT COMPEL EXCESSIVE SPENDING -- AND I'LL KEEP ON DOING IT AS LONG AS THE CONGRESS KEEPS SENDING THESE BUDGET-BUSTERS TO ME. THEY STOP /

I STOP -- IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.
REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE. TODAY, MOST AMERICANS ARE CONVINCED THAT A STRONG DEFENSE IS THE BEST GUARANTEE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD. I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO SEE THAT THE CONGRESS APPROPRIATES SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MAKE SURE THE U.S. ALWAYS HAS A MILITARY CAPABILITY SECOND TO NONE.

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REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE -- NOT A MEDDLING, MUSCLE-BOUND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- ARE WHAT MADE THIS NATION GREAT. TODAY, MORE AND MORE AMERICANS ARE REAFFIRMING THAT VIEW.
THAT'S ONE REASON I'M TRYING TO FREE AMERICAN BUSINESS FROM THE SHACKLES OF GOVERNMENT OVER-REGULATION AND FREE THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN FROM THE PRESSURES OF A FACELESS BUREAUCRACY INSENSITIVE TO PERSONAL DIFFERENCES AND DESIRES.

REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL PROBLEMS IS BETTER THAN TURNING TO WASHINGTON FOR EVERY SOLUTION. TODAY, AFTER NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF SEEING RERUNS OF "WASHINGTON KNOWS BEST" IN THE HALLS OF THE CONGRESS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE READY FOR A FRESH START.
THAT'S WHY I PROPOSE A NEW AGENDA FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE -- AND ASK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO HELP ME WRITE IT.

THERE IS A MESSAGE WE MUST GET ACROSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- A MESSAGE THAT SAYS LOUD AND CLEAR: REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMON-SENSE GOVERNMENT!

A MESSAGE THAT SAYS: REPUBLICANS STAND FOR AND WORK FOR THE SAME THINGS THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS BELIEVE IN. AND FINALLY, A MESSAGE THAT SAYS: WE CAN WIN THE ELECTIONS OF 1976 -- FROM THE COURTHOUSE IN DES MOINES TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON.

LET'S DO IT!
IF WE BROADEN OUR PARTY, AS WE MUST, OPENING OUR DOOR WIDE TO ALL AMERICANS RATHER THAN OPENING IT JUST A CRACK FOR A FEW; IF WE WORK TOGETHER FOR A COMMON VICTORY, AS WE MUST, RATHER THAN WORKING AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR A SURE DEFEAT -- I AM CONVINCED THAT 1976 CAN BE A GREAT ELECTION YEAR FOR US ALL.

TOGETHER, THERE IS SO MUCH WE CAN DO FOR OUR PARTY, FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR OUR COUNTRY.

LET'S GET TO WORK AND GET IT DONE. LET'S MAKE SURE 1976 IS A BANNER YEAR -- AND LET'S MAKE SURE THAT BANNER SAYS "REPUBLICAN."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
AWARDS CEREMONY AFTER PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

FIRST AWARD:

I JOIN IOWA REPUBLICANS IN THANKING CHARLIE WITTENMEYER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO CHARLIE FIRST BEGAN HIS WORK FOR THE PARTY.

HE MOVED UP THE LADDER FROM PRECINCT WORKER TO COUNTY CHAIRMAN TO DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND FINALLY TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAN.
FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS CHARLIE HAS REPRESENTED WELL THE PEOPLE OF IOWA ON THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. MANY OF HIS IDEAS ARE NOW EVERY DAY PROJECTS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL. HIS LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY HIS COLLEAGUES -- AND HE HAS CHAired MANY IMPORTANT NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

CHARLIE, IT IS A PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLICANS OF IOWA.

SECOND AWARD:

LAST MARCH AFTER HE SAW TO IT THAT DICKINSON COUNTY WAS THE FIRST COUNTY IN THE STATE OF IOWA TO MAKE QUOTA FOR 1975, BURT NEWELL WENT SOUTH FOR A LITTLE VACATION. HE THEREFORE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL REPUBLICAN LINCOLN DAY DINNER TO BE FORMALLY WELCOMED INTO THE REPUBLICAN FUND-RAISING HALL OF FAME.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO DO THAT AT THIS TIME. BURT...
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TO: THE PRESIDENT

VIA: ROBERT HARTMANN

FROM: PAUL A. THEIS

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