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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

REMARKS BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA GOP LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1975

GOP LUNCHEON

Thank you, ~~MAAAA PILLBURY~~

Representative Al Quie

Representative Bill Frenzel

Representative Tom Hagedorn

SENATOR GEORGE PILLBURY
Mr. McElhenny (State Finance Chairman)

Mrs. Lang (State Finance Chairwoman)

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ancha Nelson
Peg Smith

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

YOU KNOW, EVERY VISIT I'VE EVER MADE TO
MINNESOTA HAS BEEN MEMORABLE AND THIS IS NO EXCEPTION.

AS I WAS GETTING OFF THE PLANE AT TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, AN AMAZING THING HAPPENED. SOMEBODY

ASKED ME HOW TO GET TO THE STATE CAPITOL IN ST. PAUL.

WHAT MADE IT SO AMAZING -- IT WAS GOVERNOR ANDERSON.

IT'S A REAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE FOR THIS
GREAT RALLY OF MINNESOTA REPUBLICANS.

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MANY OF YOU "EARNED"
YOUR WAY HERE THROUGH YOUR SUCCESS IN RAISING MONEY
FOR THE PARTY IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

THAT'S A GREAT PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR EACH OF

YOU, AND I COMMEND YOU FOR IT. I JUST HOPE YOU

DON'T HAVE TO GIVE TWO-THIRDS OF THAT MONEY TO THE D-FL,

TOO.

BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOUR INDIVIDUAL

ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A GREAT INDICATION THAT THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY HERE IN MINNESOTA IS ALIVE AND WELL AND READY TO WIN

IN 1976.

I'M FINDING A GREAT DEAL OF ENTHUSIASM FOR
THIS PARTY'S MISSION IN THE NEXT 15 MONTHS, AND A GREAT
DEAL OF OPTIMISM FOR THE PARTY'S ELECTION PROSPECTS FOR
NOVEMBER OF 1976.

I LIKE WHAT I SEE. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE
THIS SPIRIT HERE TODAY IN MINNESOTA.

YOU HAVE A FINE NEW STATE CHAIRMAN IN CHUCK

SLOCUM -- A YOUNG MAN WITH ENERGY TO BURN, TALENT

TO SPARE AND NO TIME TO WASTE. I KNOW HE'S GOING

TO DO A GREAT JOB, JUST AS BOB BROWN DID BEFORE HIM.

YOU HAVE SOME OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
IN AL QUIE, WITH WHOM I WAS PROUD TO SERVE IN THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS; BILL FRENZEL, THE
VERY ABLE AND OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE FROM MINNESOTA'S
THIRD DISTRICT; TOM HAGEDORN, WHO IS DOING A REALLY
FINE JOB IN HIS FIRST TERM IN THE CONGRESS, REPRESENTING
THE SECOND DISTRICT.

YOU HAVE A VERY INDUSTRIOUS, VERY DEDICATED
AND VERY TALENTED REPUBLICAN DELEGATION IN THE STATE
LEGISLATURE OVER IN ST. PAUL, AS WELL, AND I'M HAPPY
TO SEE SO MANY OF THEM HERE TODAY. BUT I WANT TO
SEE MORE REPUBLICANS JOIN THEM IN THE LEGISLATURE
AFTER THE NEXT ELECTION.

IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT MINNESOTA IS BLESSED
WITH SOME OF THE BEST "GRASS-ROOTS" REPUBLICANS OF
ANY STATE IN THE UNION. YOU ARE REALLY THE PEOPLE
WHO WIN THE ELECTIONS, AS EVERY CANDIDATE KNOWS,
AND WE'RE GOING TO BE COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP A LOT OF
REPUBLICANS GET ELECTED AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL
LEVEL IN 1976.

BUT MINNESOTA HAS MORE THAN GREAT REPUBLICANS --

YOUR STATE IS BLESSED WITH GREAT PEOPLE.

YOU ARE KNOWN FOR YOUR PIONEERING SPIRIT,

YOUR TASTE FOR CHALLENGE AND YOUR ABILITY TO EXCEL IN A

WIDE RANGE OF ENDEAVORS.

AND YOU'RE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
FOR BEING VERY INDEPENDENT-MINDED.

I'M CONVINCED THAT THIS YEAR AND NEXT, THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN APPEAL TO THE INDEPENDENT-MINDED
VOTER HERE IN MINNESOTA AND ALL ACROSS AMERICA.

I'M CONVINCED THAT THE INDEPENDENT VOTER IS
READY FOR A FRESH START AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE
PREPARED TO OFFER.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS A SOUND AND
PROSPEROUS NATIONAL ECONOMY, WITHOUT RECESSION OR
INFLATION -- AND SO DO WE.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS JOBS FOR THOSE WHO
CAN WORK, AND SENSIBLE HELP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T --
AND SO DO WE.

HE WANTS HIS COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE -- AND SO DO WE.

HE WANTS A GOOD EDUCATION, GOOD HOUSING,
GOOD HEALTH CARE AND GOOD FOOD FOR HIS FAMILY --
AT PRICES HE CAN AFFORD -- AND SO DO WE.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS THE SCALES OF
JUSTICE TO BALANCE THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL DEFENDANT
WITH THE RIGHTS OF A LAW-ABIDING SOCIETY -- AND SO DO WE.

HE WANTS AN AMERICA AT PEACE WITH ITSELF AND
WITH ALL THE WORLD. BUT THE INDEPENDENT VOTER KNOWS
THAT PEACE IS TOO EASILY BROKEN, AND HE KNOWS THAT THE
SUREST GUARANTEE OF PEACE IS A STRONG AND READY NATIONAL
DEFENSE -- AND SO DO WE.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS RELIEF FROM HIGHER
AND HIGHER TAXES, FROM MORE AND MORE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS
INTRUDING INTO HIS BUSINESS AND HIS PRIVATE LIFE -- FROM
BIGGER AND BIGGER FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICITS -- AND SO DO WE.

BUT THIS ABOVE ALL, THE INDEPENDENT VOTER

WANTS AMERICA ON THE MOVE AGAIN, MOVING IN NEW DIRECTIONS

WITH A VISION OF WHAT CAN BE -- AND SO DO WE.

AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, NONE OF US CAN

SEE WHAT IT HOLDS IN STORE. BUT IF WE APPROACH THE

FUTURE WITH FAITH IN OURSELVES, IN EACH OTHER, AND IN

OUR COUNTRY, WE NEED NOT FEAR THE FUTURE'S MYSTERY NOR

MISS ITS OPPORTUNITIES.

WE, AS REPUBLICANS, AND MILLIONS MORE, AS
INDEPENDENTS, CAN HELP CREATE A FUTURE -- BRIGHT WITH
PROMISE -- BY OUR DECISION ON ELECTION DAY, 1976.

I HAVE COME TO ASK YOUR HELP IN GETTING OUR
MESSAGE OF COMMON-SENSE GOVERNMENT AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE
TO THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA.

IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, ALL OF YOU HAVE
DISTINGUISHED YOURSELVES AS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS
OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD NOT
BE HERE TODAY.

BUT NOW, I'M ASKING ALL YOU GOOD REPUBLICANS
TO GO THAT EXTRA MILE FOR OUR PARTY. INDEED, IF IT'S
NECESSARY, THAT EXTRA THOUSAND MILES FOR OUR PARTY.
WE HAVE THE PRINCIPLES, THE PROGRAMS AND THE PEOPLE TO DO IT.
AND WHAT'S MORE, WE HAVE THE YEAR TO DO IT -- 1976.
LET'S MAKE IT A REPUBLICAN YEAR TO REMEMBER!

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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