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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

REMARKS TO THE MAINE GOP FUNDRAISER

PORTLAND, MAINE

Stay the Course

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1975

Paul Sarbanes

*Steve Tupper
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Red Cross*

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200 mile limit
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Dave Emory*
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I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING THIS

GREAT STATE OF MAINE FOR SOME TIME.

Steve Tupper Conference

IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE TODAY TO SEE SO MANY
YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE -- AND THAT TYPIFIES THE SPIRIT
AND THE ACTUALITY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN MAINE.

YOU HAVE TWO YOUNG CONGRESSMEN; \ A YOUNG STATE CHAIRMAN; \ A YOUNG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; \ AND A STATE SENATE MAJORITY THAT IS 15 YEARS
YOUNGER ON AVERAGE THAN THE DEMOCRATIC MINORITY! HERE IN MAINE,
WE CAN ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, REPUBLICANS HAVE THEIR EYES FIRMLY FIXED
ON THE FUTURE -- INSTEAD OF THEIR FEET FROZEN IN THE PAST.

75 YEARS AGO, THE SPEAKER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
THOMAS BRACKETT REED, CAME TO THIS LOVELY CITY OF PORTLAND AND SAID,
"HERE'S TO THE STATE OF MAINE, THE LAND OF THE BLUEST SKIES, THE
GREENEST EARTH, THE RICHEST AIR, THE STRONGEST, AND WHAT IS BETTER,
THE STURDIEST MEN; THE FAIREST, AND WHAT IS BEST OF ALL, THE TRUEST
WOMEN UNDER THE SUN."

TODAY, I HAVE COME TO PORTLAND TO SECOND THAT MOTION.

THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE THAN PORTLAND, AND NO BETTER
WAY THAN A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED CLAMBAKE, TO CELEBRATE THE LAST
WEEKEND OF SUMMER. I APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN YOU
TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME.

IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT MAINE REPUBLICANS

ARE ENTHUSIASTIC.

THAT ENTHUSIASM MUST

BE VERY CONTAGIOUS.

I'VE SEEN IT AT REPUBLICAN MEETINGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

IN RECENT WEEKS.

I LIKE WHAT I SEE.

IF WE CAN KEEP THIS KIND OF ENTHUSIASM GOING FOR
THE NEXT 14 MONTHS, I PREDICT THAT 1976 WILL BE A YEAR OF
VICTORY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- IN MAINE AND
THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

BECAUSE MAINE HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A BELLWETHER
STATE IN POLITICS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HERE HAS NOT ONLY A
GREAT OPPORTUNITY BUT A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY -- TO FIELD THE
BEST CANDIDATES, TO RAISE THE REQUIRED FUNDS, TO DEVELOP WINNING
ISSUES AND TO CONVINCING THE VOTERS THAT THEIR INTERESTS AND THE
INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ARE ALIKE.

IF YOU ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES HERE IN THE PINE TREE
STATE, I PREDICT THAT THE OLD SAYING, "AS MAINE GOES, SO GOES
THE NATION" WILL ONCE AGAIN TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE
LANGUAGE OF POLITICS AS THE ACCURATE BAROMETER OF AMERICA'S
ELECTION CONTESTS.

WHAT MAKES THE 1976 ELECTION SO IMPORTANT?

FOR ONE THING, IT WILL PROVIDE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THAT IT HAS THE STRENGTH
TO SURVIVE SETBACKS, THE RESOLUTION TO ROUSE THIS NATION TO
GREATNESS AND THE WILL TO WIN ELECTIONS. WITH YOUR HELP,
WE CAN -- WE WILL -- DO IT.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, THE 1976 ELECTION WILL ENABLE THE
PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY TO SEND US MORE REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSMEN LIKE BILL COHEN AND DAVE EMERY WHO TYPIFY THE
DEDICATED, HARDWORKING, INTELLIGENT LEGISLATORS WE NEED MORE OF
IN WASHINGTON -- TO HELP US SOLVE SUCH MASSIVE PROBLEMS AS THE
ENERGY SHORTAGE.

*Even though they are independent in protecting
Maine's unique energy problems they understand
the ENERGY CRISIS*

SINCE NEW ENGLAND RELIES MORE HEAVILY ON IMPORTED
FUEL THAN ANY OTHER REGION OF THE COUNTRY, YOUR REGIONAL
ECONOMY FEELS THE EFFECTS OF ENERGY DISRUPTIONS MORE RAPIDLY
AND MORE SEVERELY THAN ANY OTHER.

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YOU KNOW BETTER THAN OUR NEIGHBORS IN OTHER AREAS
OF THE COUNTRY, THE IMPORTANCE -- THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY --
OF ACHIEVING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FOR AMERICA.

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YOU KNOW THAT ENERGY IS ESSENTIAL, NOT JUST
FOR RUNNING THE MACHINES OF INDUSTRY, BUT FOR FUELING
THE WHOLE ECONOMY OF THIS REGION AND THE NATION.

YOU KNOW THAT A HEALTHY ECONOMY MEANS MORE JOBS FOR
MORE PEOPLE -- ONE OF OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERNS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

YOU KNOW THE DANGER OF BEING AT THE MERCY OF FOREIGN
ENERGY SUPPLIES AND PRICE WHIMS.

YOU KNOW FIRST-HAND THE INCONVENIENCE, THE
UNCERTAINTY, EVEN THE SUFFERING THAT KIND OF SITUATION CAN
CREATE -- AND HAS ALREADY CREATED RIGHT HERE IN MAINE.

AND YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND
BALANCES WHICH THIS NATION'S FOUNDERS WROTE INTO THE
CONSTITUTION TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO WASN'T DESIGNED AS A
ROADBLOCK TO PROGRESS.

WHEN I SAID A YEAR AGO THAT I WANTED A "GOOD MARRIAGE"
WITH CONGRESS, I MEANT IT. BUT A GOOD MARRIAGE REQUIRES
THE BEST EFFORTS OF BOTH PARTNERS TO MAKE IT WORK. IT
REQUIRES COMPROMISE AND IT REQUIRES MODERATION.

SO FAR, I HAVE SEEN LITTLE COMPROMISE AND LESS
MODERATION IN THE POLICIES AND LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF THE
DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS.

WHAT WE NEED MORE OF IS THE POLITICS OF
COOPERATION -- NOT THE POLITICS OF CONFRONTATION.
WHAT WE NEED IS TO CARVE SOLUTIONS OUT OF OUR PROBLEMS --
NOT CAMPAIGN ISSUES.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION -- NOT DEBATE
AND DELAY. THEY WANT A RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT COMMITTED
TO RESPONSIBLE PROGRESS. THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE IN THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY ARE PREPARED TO OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

PERHAPS MORE THAN AT ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY,
OUR PARTY'S PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES MATCH THE HOPES AND
ASPIRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

OUR REPUBLICAN COMMITMENTS TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN

GOVERNMENT, \ TO A VIGOROUS FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, \ TO A STRONG

NATIONAL DEFENSE, \ TO LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL CONCERNS, \ AND TO

PERSONAL FREEDOM FOR THE INDIVIDUAL -- ARE COMMITMENTS SHARED BY

THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS AND DOWN EASTERERS.

LET'S OPEN THE PARTY'S DOOR TO ALL AMERICANS WHO

BELIEVE AS WE DO \ RATHER THAN OPENING IT JUST A CRACK FOR A

FEW. LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON VICTORY RATHER THAN

WORKING AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR SURE DEFEAT.

THE VICTORY WE SEEK IS NOT JUST A REPUBLICAN
VICTORY. IT IS ONE WE CAN SHARE WITH ALL THE PEOPLE OF
MAINE AND WITH ALL AMERICANS.

IT CAN BE A VICTORY OF ACTION OVER APATHY,
DECISIVENESS OVER DELAY, CONFIDENCE OVER CONFUSION. IT CAN
BE A VICTORY OF RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT THAT SEES
TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS BUT DOES NOT ORDER PEOPLE'S LIVES.

THIS IS THE VICTORY WE SEEK -- THE VICTORY WE MUST
WORK HARD FOR -- THE VICTORY WE WILL WIN ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976.

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