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MAYOR TAFT

JIM FIELD (STATE CHAIRMAN)

JIM DIPRETE (DINNER CHAIRMAN)
(PHONETIC: DI PREET)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

John Chafee
John Chafee

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

RHODE ISLAND GOP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1975

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AS I LOOK AROUND ME, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PLEASED
I AM TO SEE SO MANY GOOD, LOYAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC REPUBLICANS
HERE TONIGHT -- PARTICULARLY AFTER THE LAST ELECTION. THE
LETTERS R.I. MAY MEAN RHODE ISLAND TO YOU -- BUT TO ME THEY
MEAN REPUBLICANS INDESTRUCTIBLE!

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I UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR PARTY CHAIRMAN JIM
FIELD THAT THIS IS THE BIGGEST TURN-OUT OF REPUBLICANS IN
RHODE ISLAND HISTORY.

I'M HAPPY I COULD BE HERE TO SHARE THIS
WONDERFUL DINNER, THIS GREAT REPUBLICAN EVENT, AND THE
LAST HOLIDAY OF SUMMER WITH YOU TONIGHT.

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AS I TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND MEET WITH
REPUBLICANS IN OTHER STATES, I'M FINDING A GREAT DEAL OF
ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR PARTY'S ELECTION PROSPECTS IN 1976.
LET ME MAKE THIS PREDICTION RIGHT NOW:

WE WILL HAVE THE ISSUES, THE CANDIDATES, THE
WORKERS, THE MONEY AND THE VOTES TO MAKE 1976 A GREAT
YEAR FOR REPUBLICANS HERE IN RHODE ISLAND AND ALL
ACROSS AMERICA.

BUT THESE PROPHECIES OF VICTORY ARE NOT SELF-
FULFILLING. THEY ARE MAJOR CHALLENGES REQUIRING
MOUNTAINS OF WORK. I CAN SEE TONIGHT THAT THE
REPUBLICANS OF RHODE ISLAND ARE READY TO WORK, AND
READY TO WIN IN 1976.

JIM FIELD IS DOING A GREAT JOB OF ORGANIZING THIS PARTY AND GETTING IT IN SHAPE FOR NEXT YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.

IT'S OBVIOUS FROM THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT THAT YOU ARE READY TO MOVE -- THAT YOU WILL ELECT REPUBLICANS ACROSS THIS STATE FOURTEEN MONTHS FROM NOW.

THERE'S NO REASON IN THE WORLD WHY A VIGOROUS TWO-PARTY SYSTEM CAN'T FLOURISH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

NOTHING CONTRIBUTES TO GOOD GOVERNMENT MORE THAN THE FREE COMPETITION OF IDEAS AND VIEWPOINTS IN THE MARKETPLACE OF PUBLIC OPINION.

JUST AS IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, COMPETITION IN THE
POLITICAL ARENA IS THE STIMULUS THAT LEADS BOTH PARTIES ---
REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS --- TO CONSTANTLY REFINE AND
IMPROVE THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES WE OFFER THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE.

AS A RESULT, IT IS THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WHO BENEFIT
MOST FROM THE VIGOROUS COMPETITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH HAVE FOUND IN RECENT DECADES

THAT ONE-PARTY DOMINATION CANNOT SERVE THEM AS WELL AS

TWO-PARTY COMPETITION. THE PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE AND

CRANSTON HAVE MADE THAT SAME DISCOVERY. I AM CONFIDENT

THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND WILL MAKE IT IN 1976.

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WE CAN SHOW THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE THAT WE AS

REPUBLICANS SHARE THEIR CONCERNS, THAT WE WANT THE SAME

THINGS THEY WANT, AND THAT WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF

SERVING THEM THAN OUR FRIENDS IN THE OPPOSITION PARTY CAN

DO.

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 RHODE ISLANDERS.

OUR JOB IN THE NEXT FOURTEEN MONTHS IS TO TAKE
THAT MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE AND TO ALL OF
AMERICA. IT'S A BIG JOB, AND BY NO MEANS AN EASY ONE.

AS REPUBLICANS , WE START OUT AS A POLITICAL
MINORITY. ADD TO THAT THE FACT THAT VOTERS ARE PAYING LESS
AND LESS ATTENTION AND ALLEGIANCE TO PARTY LABELS. AND
FINALLY, AND MOST SERIOUSLY, BOTH WE AND OUR OPPOSITION
ARE BEING CONFRONTED WITH A GROWING DEGREE OF VOTER APATHY.

AS PRESIDENT, THIS LAST OBSTACLE IS THE MOST
TROUBLING TO ME. RECENT ELECTION TRENDS INDICATE THAT
THERE IS A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER OF LETTING APATHY CHOKE
THE LIFE OUT OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN THIS COUNTRY.

NO MORE THAN 39 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WENT

TO THE POLLS IN THE ELECTION YEAR OF 1974. THIS ABDICATION

OF OUR PRECIOUS RESPONSIBILITY AS FREE CITIZENS CANNOT

CONTINUE VERY LONG WITHOUT SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES TO THE

NATION.

FOR ALL ITS FAULTS, THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS

THE KEY TO GREAT POWER IN THIS COUNTRY, AND THAT POWER

CAN BE USED FOR THE PEOPLE'S GOOD OR TO THEIR DETRIMENT.

IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN WHO MUST MAKE THAT
DECISION FOR HIMSELF AND FOR HIS COUNTRY. THIS IS A
GOOD COUNTRY. WE ARE A GOOD PEOPLE. WE CAN MAKE
POLITICS IN AMERICA REFLECT THAT BASIC GOODNESS AND THE BASIC
HONESTY AND DECENCY WHICH ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR PEOPLE.

BUT TO DO THIS, WE MUST PLEDGE INCREASED
DEVOTION, NOT LESS, TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS. WE MUST
DEMAND THAT THE PROCESS BE IMPROVED. WE MUST DEMAND
THAT THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT BE MANAGED BETTER.

WE MUST DEMAND THAT THE NEEDS AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE
PEOPLE BE BETTER REFLECTED IN THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE MUST GET PERSONALLY
INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS TO SEE THAT ALL OF THESE DEMANDS ARE
SATISFIED.

YOU ARE HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE INVOLVED,
BECAUSE YOU CARE. YOU CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF YOUR
STATE AND THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTRY.

YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE, AS I DO,
THAT REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IS THE BEST POSSIBLE KIND OF
GOVERNMENT -- RESPONSIBLE, SOUNDLY PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT
THAT RESPONDS TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS BUT DOES NOT ORDER PEOPLE'S
LIVES.

WE KNOW THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT
AMERICANS SHOULD HAVE, AND WE AS REPUBLICANS INTEND TO
GIVE THE PEOPLE THIS KIND OF GOVERNMENT AT EVERY LEVEL --
FROM THE COURTHOUSE TO THE STATE HOUSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

THAT WILL BE OUR MESSAGE, THAT WILL BE OUR APPEAL,

THAT WILL BE OUR ONLY PLEDGE IN THE NEXT FOURTEEN MONTHS.

WE ARE GOING TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THEIR

NEIGHBORS ALL ACROSS AMERICA THAT A VICTORY FOR REPUBLICANS

IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR THEM, TOO.

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