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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

WASHINGTON GOP LUNCHEON (\$500)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975

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THANK YOU, GOVERNOR DAN EVANS

SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD

CONGRESSMAN PRITCHARD

CHAIRMAN ROSS DAVIS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS A DELIGHT AND A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN SEATTLE  
AGAIN. I ALWAYS ENJOY COMING BACK TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF  
YOUR GREAT ~~WASHINGTON~~ <sup>-- ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT MOIST, WEATHER . . . .</sup> AND IF YOU'RE IN POLITICS, IT  
REALLY IS GREAT. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE I KNOW WHERE YOU CAN BE  
ALL WET AND STILL GET ELECTED . . . . SCOOP, IF YOU'RE  
LISTENING, I'M ONLY KIDDING.

I'VE VISITED A NUMBER OF STATES IN RECENT WEEKS,  
MEETING WITH REPUBLICANS, AND TRYING TO ASSESS OUR  
PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

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I CAN REPORT TO YOU THAT, IN EVERY STATE I HAVE VISITED THUS FAR, THE PROSPECTS FOR REPUBLICAN VICTORIES IN 1976 ARE EXCELLENT. AND THAT'S PARTICULARLY TRUE HERE IN WASHINGTON.

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FIRST OF ALL, I UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, DEMONSTRATED SO CONVINCINGLY BY YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY, THE PARTY WILL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF ITS REMAINING DEBTS AND MOVE INTO THE BLACK THIS YEAR.

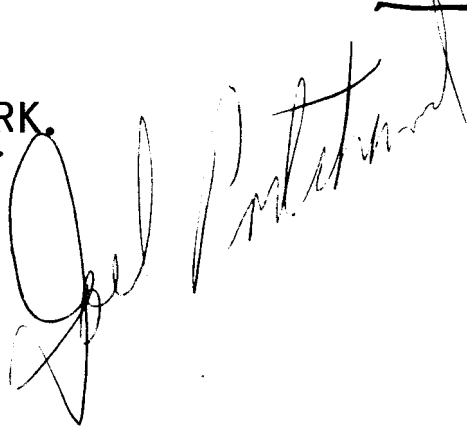
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THAT'S GOOD NEWS. I WANT TO PERSONALLY  
COMMEND YOU AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE AID OF YOUR PARTY  
IN SUCH A GENEROUS AND MAGNIFICENT WAY. THIS IS THE  
KIND OF SUPPORT IN '75 WHICH WILL FIRE THE SPIRIT OF '76.

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I ALSO WANT TO COMPLIMENT MY GOOD FRIEND, DAN EVANS,  
FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB HE HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO AS GOVERNOR  
OF THIS STATE. I'M VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON  
WILL WANT TO CONTINUE IN 1976 THE SAME KIND OF DYNAMIC REPUBLICAN  
LEADERSHIP WHICH DAN EVANS HAS SO SKILLFULLY PROVIDED IN THE LAST  
ELEVEN YEARS.

YOUR FINE STATE CHAIRMAN, ROSS DAVIS, ADVISES ME  
THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PICK UP A SEAT IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE  
NEXT YEAR, PARTICULARLY IF MY GOOD FRIEND, SCOOP JACKSON,  
DECIDES TO LOOK FOR OTHER WORK.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scoop Jackson", is written over the underlined text "SCOOP JACKSON" and "DECIDES TO LOOK FOR OTHER WORK." The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat slanted style.

AND DON'T FORGET THOSE DEMOCRATIC-HELD SEATS IN THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WE NEED MORE GOOD REPUBLICANS  
TO FILL THEM. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP IN THAT EFFORT.

THE SAME FOR THOSE STATE LEGISLATURE SEATS WHICH I  
UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE TARGETED FOR 1976.

I SEE NEXT YEAR AS POTENTIALLY A GREAT REPUBLICAN YEAR.

WITH THE ISSUES GOING OUR WAY, WITH TOP NOTCH CANDIDATES, WITH  
DEDICATED WORKERS AND WITH SUFFICIENT RESOURCES -- WE WILL ACHIEVE  
THE VOTES WE NEED TO WIN A LOT OF ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

THREE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES WE'LL BE  
ADDRESSING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS -- ENERGY, ECONOMY AND  
FOREIGN POLICY -- HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF  
SEATTLE AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

FIRST OF ALL, SEATTLE SERVES AS A VITAL LINK TO THIS  
NATION'S NUMBER ONE ENERGY-PRODUCING PROJECT -- CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE ALASKA PIPELINE.

BEGINNING IN 1974 AND CONTINUING THROUGH NEXT YEAR,  
MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE PIPELINE PROJECT WILL HAVE GONE FROM THE PORT OF SEATTLE  
TO ALASKA.            ANOTHER 500 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH IS BEING  
SHIPPED IN BARGES DIRECTLY TO THE NORTH SLOPE THROUGH THE  
ARCTIC OCEAN.



22,000 PEOPLE WORKING ON THE PIPELINE SYSTEM DEPEND

ON THIS GREAT PORT CITY FOR ALMOST ALL OF LIFE'S ESSENTIALS.

YOU ARE SERVING THEM -- AND SERVING YOUR COUNTRY -- IN A  
VERY EFFECTIVE AND ADMIRABLE WAY.

WE EXPECT THE FIRST OIL TO COME THROUGH THE PIPELINE

IN 1977. BY THE END OF THAT YEAR, WE EXPECT TO BE GETTING

1.2 MILLION BARRELS A DAY FROM THE RICH RESERVES ON THE NORTH

SLOPE. WE HOPE EVENTUALLY TO GET 2 MILLION BARRELS A DAY

OR MORE.

THE SUCCESS OF THIS PIPELINE PROJECT WILL  
REPRESENT A TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE  
FOR AMERICA, AND SEATTLE IS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN  
ASSURING THE PROJECT'S SUCCESS. THIS ENERGY PARTNERSHIP  
IS AN EXCITING PROSPECT -- ONE THAT YOU SHOULD PURSUE TO  
THE FULLEST.

BUT YOUR ROLE IN AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE IS NOT THE  
ONLY THING THAT MAKES THIS CITY AND THIS STATE SO IMPORTANT TO  
THE NATION.

AS A MAJOR CENTER FOR WORLD TRADE, ESPECIALLY TRADE  
WITH ASIA, SEATTLE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN OUR NATIONAL  
ECONOMY.

IN 1974, WE SOLD MORE THAN 22 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH  
OF GOODS TO THE NATIONS OF ASIA, AND WE PURCHASED MORE THAN  
24 BILLION DOLLARS IN ASIAN MERCHANDISE AND RAW MATERIALS IN  
RETURN. AND NEARLY 20 PERCENT OF THAT TRADE CAME THROUGH  
THE GREAT PORT OF SEATTLE.

THIS PORT WON THE PRESIDENT'S "E" AWARD LAST APRIL  
FOR ITS EXCELLENCE IN EXPORT ACTIVITIES, AND IT IS ONE OF SEVERAL  
FACILITIES WHICH MAKES SEATTLE SUCH A LOVELY AND DYNAMIC CITY.

YOU CERTAINLY MADE A STRONG AND FAVORABLE IMPRESSION  
ON JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER MIKI LAST MONTH WHEN HE VISITED SEATTLE  
ON HIS WAY TO THAT OTHER WASHINGTON ON THE EAST COAST.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SPECIAL PRAISE FOR SEATTLE'S BEAUTY AND  
ITS VITALITY, AND FOR THE FRIENDLINESS OF ITS PEOPLE.  
I COULDN'T AGREE WITH HIM MORE.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE THE  
WARM WELCOME YOU GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER, AND I AM VERY HAPPY  
TO REPORT TO YOU THAT HE AND I HAD SOME VERY INTERESTING AND  
FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT TOPICS.

JAPAN, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, IS THE NUMBER ONE OVERSEAS  
CONSUMER OF AMERICAN EXPORTS, AND SEATTLE, AS I MENTIONED A  
MOMENT AGO, HAS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MAKING THAT TRADING  
RELATIONSHIP THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE IT IS TODAY.

IT IS MY DESIRE AND MY GOAL TO EXPAND OUR TRADE,  
NOT ONLY WITH JAPAN BUT WITH THE OTHER NATIONS OF ASIA.

AS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD THAT GOAL, AND TOWARD OUR OVERALL GOAL  
OF PEACE AND STABILITY AND NORMAL RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS  
IN THE WORLD, I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA LATER THIS YEAR TO CONTINUE THE LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES INITIATED FOUR YEARS AGO.

ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES OF PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY CONTINUE TO

EXIST BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, WE KNOW IT IS

FAR WISER TO SEEK RESOLUTION OF THOSE DIFFERENCES THROUGH

NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE OF 1972 REMAINS THE BASIC CHARTER OF OUR

EFFORTS TO BUILD A MORE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A NATION

EMBODYING A QUARTER OF MANKIND.

IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS WE HAVE BUILT A CONSTRUCTIVE  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH PEKING, AND A TRADING RELATIONSHIP THAT  
BENEFITS BOTH COUNTRIES. THE PEOPLE OF SEATTLE EXPERIENCED  
THOSE BENEFITS DIRECTLY WITH THE SALE OF TEN BOEING 707'S TO THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN 1973.

I WANT THIS KIND OF COMMERCIAL COOPERATION TO GROW,  
WITH CHINA AND OTHER NATIONS, AND TO BE ENHANCED BY POLITICAL,  
CULTURAL, AND DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION AS WELL.

I WANT OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS -- AND ALL NATIONS --  
TO LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS BOTH PROSPEROUS AND SECURE.



THIS NEED NOT BE AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM. IT IS A  
REALISTIC, ATTAINABLE GOAL WHICH WE CAN ACHIEVE WITH THE  
RIGHT KIND OF POLICIES AND WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF  
LEADERSHIP.

FROM MY TRAVELS ACROSS THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY,  
I HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF THIS: REPUBLICAN POLICIES,  
BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, ARE IN TUNE WITH THE NEEDS AND  
THE ASPIRATIONS OF MOST AMERICANS.

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

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.

WE NEED TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE: WE CARE

ABOUT THEM AND ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK. WE WANT TO DO OUR

BEST TO MAKE THE LIFE OF THIS NATION AND THE LIVES OF ITS

CITIZENS THE BEST THEY CAN BE.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THIS MESSAGE ACROSS.

YOU'VE HELPED US IN THE PAST, YOU'VE HELPED US IN A VERY

GENEROUS WAY TODAY. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP US IN

THE NEXT FOURTEEN CRITICAL MONTHS.

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TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE 1976 A GREAT YEAR FOR THE

REPUBLICAN PARTY -- AND THE FUTURE GREAT FOR AMERICA.

THANK YOU.

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