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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

~~THE~~ PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

- THANK YOU, CONGRESSMAN ED FORSYTHE
(Master of Ceremonies)

- SENATOR CLIFFORD CASE) ←

- DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

MILLICENT FENWICK
MATHEW RINALDO

- WEBSTER TODD |

- JACK EWING, STEVE DUDIAK AND ALL THOSE WHO WORKED TO
MAKE THIS EVENING SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS

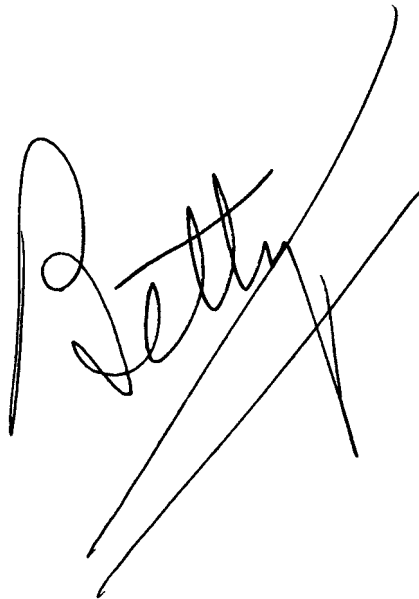
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Frank Dames
Bill W. Smith
Charlie Sandman
John Hunt
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

NEW JERSEY GOP FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 4, 1975

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. S. S. S.", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page and is crossed out with two diagonal lines.

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN NEW JERSEY
AGAIN -- TO JOIN IN YOUR EFFORTS TO CULTIVATE A BUMPER CROP
OF REPUBLICAN VOTES IN THIS GARDEN STATE.

I AM PLEASED TO SEE MAYOR KENNETH GIBSON IS HERE.

MR. MAYOR, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU AS A REPUBLICAN --

IF ONLY FOR TONIGHT.

LET ME SAY, MR. MAYOR, HOW IMPRESSED I AM

WITH WHAT THE PEOPLE OF NEWARK ARE ACCOMPLISHING.

I HAVE SEEN FEW SUCH DRAMATIC EFFORTS

TO REVITALIZE A CITY.

YOUR NEW CONTAINER PORT,

YOUR NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND YOUR EDUCATIONAL

INSTITUTIONS TESTIFY TO THE COMMITMENT TO THIS FINE OLD

COMMUNITY.

I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE --

TOGETHER.

I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND NEW JERSEY'S

REPUBLICANS FOR YOUR CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORTS TO GET TOGETHER

AND WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY. IF

UNIFICATION AND ORGANIZATION ARE THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS,

OUR PARTY IS ON THE WAY TO A VICTORIOUS 1975 AND 1976!

SINCE REPUBLICANS SUFFER A NUMERICAL DISADVANTAGE

NATIONALLY AND IN NEW JERSEY -- WE MUST TRY HARDER.

BY THIS EXTRA EFFORT, I SEE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

BECOMING NUMBER ONE!

WE HAVE A LOT OF MISSIONARY WORK TO DO --

AND ONLY YOU CAN DO IT. CONVERT YOUR FRIENDS --

INDEPENDENTS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE -- TELL THEM WHAT WE

AS REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN. EXPLAIN THAT WE ADVOCATE --

AND WORK FOR -- THE VERY SAME PRINCIPLES THAT MOST

AMERICANS BELIEVE IN. ABOVE ALL, GET YOUR FRIENDS TO

VOTE REPUBLICAN.

SOME VERY IMPORTANT ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

JUST ONE MONTH FROM NOW.

EIGHTY SEATS IN THE NEW JERSEY

ASSEMBLY ARE ON THE LINE.

WE NEED MORE GOOD REPUBLICANS

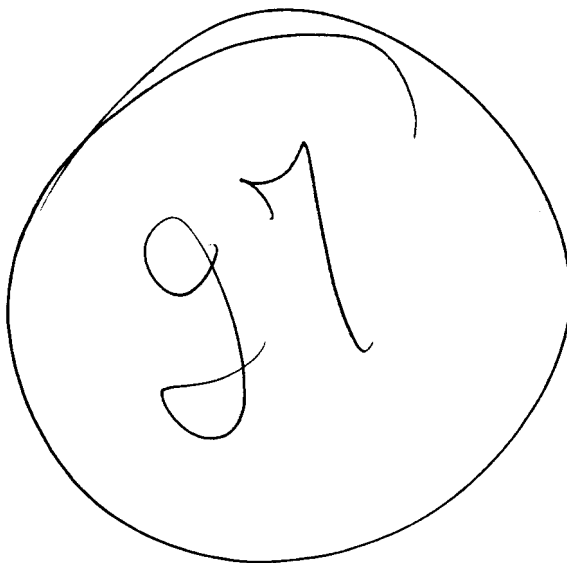
TO FILL THOSE SEATS AND TO PROMOTE GOOD GOVERNMENT IN THIS

STATE.

A UNITED REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NEW JERSEY WILL

ASSURE REPUBLICAN VICTORIES NEXT MONTH -- AND SIGNAL THE

REST OF THE NATION THAT WE ARE MOVING TOWARD VICTORY IN 1976.



WE MUST AT LEAST DOUBLE ~~-~~ AND, HOPEFULLY,

TRIPLE ~~-~~ THE FOURTEEN REPUBLICAN SEATS WE NOW HOLD

IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY. THAT WILL TAKE A LOT OF WORK.

BUT I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.

AS CLIFF CASE SAID TO ME THE OTHER DAY,

THE GREAT THING ABOUT OUR PARTY HERE IN NEW JERSEY AND

ACROSS AMERICA IS THAT WE HAVE WITHIN OUR RANKS

REPUBLICANS OF EVERY IDEOLOGICAL STRIP -- CONSERVATIVES,

MODERATES, LIBERALS AND EVERY SHADE IN BETWEEN.

THIS DIVERSITY IS WHAT GIVES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

ITS VITALITY. BUT UNITY IS WHAT GIVES THE PARTY ITS

VICTORIES. I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE THERE IS GROWING UNITY IN

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW JERSEY. *It must be done -*

MUST
~~I AM PLEASED TO SEE~~ YOU CONCENTRATE YOUR RESOURCES
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ON DEFEATING DEMOCRATS -- NOT DISCREDITING OTHER REPUBLICANS.

WIN
THAT'S THE WAY TO ~~START WINNING~~ ELECTIONS.

~~AS EACH OF YOU KNOWS,~~ THERE ARE CERTAIN BASIC
PRINCIPLES WHICH UNITE REPUBLICANS AND WHICH REFLECT THE
VIEWS OF MOST AMERICANS.

I AM CONVINCED THAT A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WANT

THE THINGS WE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WANT. THEY WANT

FISCAL RESTRAINT BY THEIR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY WANT

UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS REMOVED TO FREE OUR FREE ENTERPRISE

SYSTEM.

THEY WANT LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL PROBLEMS.

THEY WANT

THIS NATION'S DEFENSES SECOND TO NONE.

AND THEY WANT

MORE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY FOR EVERY AMERICAN.

They don't want to be swallowed up

By - massive, impersonal education.

labor.

business.

Government

AS REPUBLICANS, WE NOT ONLY BELIEVE THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SHOULD LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS -- BUT WE FEEL IT IS
OBLIGATED TO EXERCISE THE GREATEST RESTRAINT AND RESPONSIBILITY
IN HOW IT SPENDS YOUR MONEY.

SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THIS IS A BASIC ELEMENT
OF MY POLITICAL FAITH. IT IS BASIC REPUBLICAN
PHILOSOPHY, DATING BACK TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN WHO PUT IT
THIS WAY:

"THE LEGITIMATE OBJECT OF GOVERNMENT IS TO DO FOR
A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHATEVER THEY NEED TO HAVE DONE, BUT
CANNOT DO AT ALL, OR CANNOT SO WELL DO FOR THEMSELVES,
IN THEIR SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES."

TAKE THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY -- WHICH DEMANDS FEDERAL
ACTION TO SOLVE. IF WE ARE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THIS
PROBLEM WE MUST ACT WITH BOLDNESS AND WITH A TRULY NATIONAL
COMMITMENT.

MORE THAN NINE MONTHS AGO I SENT THE CONGRESS
LEGISLATION TO START THIS NATION ON THE ROAD TO ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTION.

JUST LAST WEEK, I PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY TO HELP FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THIS NATION'S RESOURCES AND TO MEET OUR GOAL OF ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE -- IN TEN YEARS OR LESS.

IF CONGRESS ACTS ON BOTH OF THESE PROGRAMS, WE WILL BE

ON OUR WAY TO A NEW ERA OF INDEPENDENCE -- THIS TIME NOT

FROM FOREIGN RULE BUT FROM FOREIGN OIL.

THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY I HAVE REQUESTED
CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DIRECTION AND COORDINATION TO A
MULTITUDE OF EFFORTS -- PUBLIC AND PRIVATE -- TO ACHIEVE
ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FOR AMERICA. OUR GOAL IS NOT THAT
GOVERNMENT REPLACE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE ENERGY FIELD,
BUT THAT IT BE AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN A GREAT NATIONAL ENDEAVOR.

THIS ENDEAVOR IS AS GREAT -- AND AS URGENT --

AS THOSE WHICH SAW AMERICA MASS PRODUCE SYNTHETIC RUBBER

IN THE HEAT OF WORLD WAR TWO, HARNESS THE ATOM WITH THE

MANHATTAN PROJECT AND PUT THE FIRST MAN ON THE MOON.

AMERICA MUST HAVE AN ADEQUATE, DEPENDABLE
SUPPLY OF ENERGY. NO NATIONAL GOAL IS MORE IMPORTANT.

ENERGY DOES MUCH MORE THAN OPERATE THE MACHINES
OF INDUSTRY OR HEAT OUR HOMES OR POWER OUR AUTOMOBILES.

IT FUELS OUR ENTIRE NATIONAL ECONOMY. ENERGY MEANS JOBS.

IF WE INCREASE OUR ENERGY CAPACITY, THERE WILL
BE MORE JOBS FOR NEW JERSEY AND FOR ALL OTHER STATES.

BUT IF OUR DOMESTIC SUPPLY CONTINUES TO DIMINISH AND OUR
DEPENDENCE ON HIGH-PRICED FOREIGN OIL CONTINUES TO GROW,
THERE WILL BE FEWER AND FEWER JOBS AND HIGHER AND HIGHER
UNEMPLOYMENT.

WE MUST STOP EXPORTING AMERICAN DOLLARS AND
AMERICAN JOBS. WE MUST KEEP THOSE JOBS HERE IN
AMERICA -- IN NEW JERSEY -- AND WE MUST CREATE MORE JOBS.
WE MUST GET UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS IN JOBS AND ON PAYROLLS.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SPECIFICS. THIS STATE, AS ALL
OF YOU KNOW, IS ONE THAT FACES A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM
IN GETTING ENOUGH NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES FOR THIS WINTER,
PARTICULARLY IF THE WEATHER REALLY TURNS COLD.

NEW JERSEY GETS NINETY PERCENT OF ITS NATURAL GAS
DELIVERIES FROM TWO MAJOR PIPELINES. ONE OF THESE
PIPELINE FIRMS WILL CURTAIL SUPPLIES TO SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
BY 52 PERCENT. THE OTHER WILL CURTAIL SUPPLIES TO
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BY MORE THAN 20 PERCENT.

NOW WHAT DO THESE CURTAILMENTS MEAN?

FOR SOME INDUSTRIES, THEY COULD MEAN CUTBACKS IN PRODUCTION

OR WORSE -- AND THAT COULD MEAN PEOPLE OUT OF WORK.

BECAUSE OF ADVANCE PLANNING, NEW JERSEY DOES HAVE
SOME ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY TO FALL BACK ON -- LIKE
"SYNTHETIC GAS." WITH A MILD WINTER, THIS COULD PULL
YOU THROUGH.

*We've been lucky the last several
winters but we can't gamble
forever - when jobs are
involved*

BUT A DEPENDABLE SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS IS VITAL--

FOR THIS IS THE ENERGY SOURCE YOU RELY ON MOST HERE IN

NEW JERSEY. SYNTHETIC GAS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A

HIGH PRICED SUBSTITUTE FOR THE REAL THING.

Cost.

WHY IS THERE A SHORTAGE? BECAUSE THE

under existing law

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION HAS SET ARTIFICIALLY LOW PRICES

↑

AT THE WELLHEAD FOR NATURAL GAS SOLD IN INTERSTATE MARKETS.

THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT GAS PRODUCERS SELL AS MUCH OF THEIR PRODUCT AS THEY CAN LOCALLY OR INSIDE THEIR OWN STATE BORDERS AT FREE MARKET PRICES. STATES LIKE NEW JERSEY THAT DO NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE LOCAL SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS MUST SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.

Michigan

WHAT'S THE ANSWER? THE DEREGULATION OF NATURAL
GAS BY THE CONGRESS TO EXPAND THE SUPPLY NATIONWIDE.

STARTING WITH MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS,

I HAVE REPEATEDLY URGED THE CONGRESS TO DEREGULATE NATURAL

GAS. BUT THE CONGRESS HAS DONE NOTHING. *Attho*

*There is some action stirring in
The Senate & Honor. The time
is short / action is needed.*

THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM OF CONCERN TO THIS
STATE -- AND TO THIS NATION -- AND THAT'S THE MAINTENANCE
OF A DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE.

REPUBLICANS HAVE LONG SUPPORTED THIS CONCEPT
AS THE BEST WAY OF ASSURING PEACE.

BUT THERE'S AN EFFORT UNDERWAY TO CUT BACK

OUR DEFENSES.

House

ALTHOUGH I AM ALL IN FAVOR OF CUTTING UNNECESSARY

FEDERAL SPENDING, I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH THOSE IN THE

CONGRESS WHO SAY WE CAN PROVIDE THE SECURITY WE NEED FOR

FAR LESS MONEY.

WE CAN'T. SLASHING THE DEFENSE BUDGET IS NO WAY TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE NATIONAL DEFENSE. IT'S NO WAY TO KEEP MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OPERATING IN NEW JERSEY OR ANYWHERE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER. BUT IT'S A SUREFIRE WAY TO MAKE US NUMBER TWO IN A WORLD WHERE ONLY NUMBER ONE COUNTS.

I AM DETERMINED TO RESIST UNILATERAL DISARMAMENT.

WITHOUT A FIRST-RATE DEFENSE, WE WILL LACK THE CREDIBILITY TO

SEEK PEACE AND DETER AGGRESSION. [TOO OFTEN OTHER NATIONS

HAVE TALKED PEACE AND SOUGHT CONCESSIONS WHILE PREPARING

FOR WAR.]

I AM EAGER TO TALK PEACE AND SEEK UNDERSTANDING WITH ALL

NATIONS. BUT NO PRESIDENT CAN DO THIS WITH CREDIBILITY

WITHOUT A DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE. [OUR POTENTIAL

ADVERSARIES ARE NOT CUTTING -- BUT RATHER INCREASING --

THEIR DEFENSE BUDGETS. SO WHILE WE HEAR THEIR WORDS, WE

ALSO WATCH THEIR DEEDS.)

ADEQUATE DEFENSE SPENDING REPRESENTS PAYMENTS ON
AN INSURANCE POLICY THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT.
WE OWE IT TO OUR FAMILIES AND TO OUR CHILDREN AND TO FUTURE
GENERATIONS -- SO THAT AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY WILL BE OUR
GREATEST YET.

WHETHER IT'S ENERGY ACTION OR A STRONG DEFENSE,

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT OR MORE FREEDOM IN THE

PRIVATE SECTOR, LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL PROBLEMS OR

MORE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, I'M CONVINCED

THAT MOST AMERICANS WANT THE SAME THINGS WE REPUBLICANS

WANT.

WE ARE PREPARED TO LEAD AND TO SERVE AMERICAN
PEOPLE -- RESPONSIBLY, RESPONSIVELY, EFFECTIVELY.
THAT WILL BE OUR MESSAGE TO THE NATION IN 1976. YOU MUST
TAKE IT TO NEW JERSEY IN 1975.

END OF TEXT

THE PRESIDENT HAS SHEW....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PAUL THEIS *PT*

Attached are talking points for the Elkins, West Virginia, Mountain Festival and the New Jersey GOP Fundraiser in Newark.

Since Cliff Case voted against the Pearson amendment in the Senate, we wrote around an attack on members who voted the same way on the natural gas deregulation issue. Case will be in the audience, as you know.

Since Ed Forsythe voted against final passage of the defense appropriations bill in the House, we wrote around the specifics of closing such New Jersey bases as Fort Dix and Fort Monmouth because of the cutbacks. Ed will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Incidentally, I am advised by our Advance Office that Governor Arch Moore will not be at the Elkins Festival.

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