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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

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OF THIS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY. ACTUALLY, THIS
IS MY SECOND MEETING WITH YOU. THE FIRST WAS IN 1971 WHEN
I WAS HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER AND CAME TO YOUR CONGRESSIONAL
RECEPTION.

I HAD THE PLEASURE THEN OF MEETING DOCTOR JAMES EDWARDS, WHO
HAS SINCE BECOME GOVERNOR JAMES EDWARDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
AND LEE RICKER OF GRAND RAPIDS, FROM MY OLD CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT.

2. I HAVE MADE IT ONE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S TOP

PRIORITIES TO GET GOVERNMENT WHEREVER POSSIBLE OFF THE BACKS OF

PEOPLE. AT LAST COUNT, THERE WERE SOME 5,200 FEDERAL FORMS

FOR BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AS WELL AS PRIVATE CITIZENS

TO FILL OUT.

3. FEDERAL TAXES AND FEDERAL SPENDING IS ANOTHER

AREA WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. THIS WEEK, I PROPOSED

A SUBSTANTIAL AND PERMANENT REDUCTION IN FEDERAL TAXES

THAT GOES FAR BEYOND THIS YEAR'S TEMPORARY TAX CUT.

4. I HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THAT WE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE

FEDERAL SPENDING IN FISCAL 1977 -- HOLDING THE FEDERAL BUDGET

AT 395 BILLION DOLLARS.

5. THESE ARE NOT TWO SEPARATE PROPOSALS --

THEY ARE PART OF A SINGLE PACKAGE. WHAT I AM SAYING

TO THE CONGRESS IS: "IF YOU WILL JOIN ME IN HOLDING TO A

SPENDING CEILING FOR 1977, I WILL JOIN YOU IN APPROVING

A MAJOR TAX CUT."

6. THREE-QUARTERS OF THIS PERMANENT REDUCTION

IN TAXES WOULD BENEFIT WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, MIDDLE-INCOME
WAGE EARNERS.

SPECIFICALLY, MY PROPOSAL WOULD DO THREE THINGS: IT WOULD RAISE EVERYONE'S PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTION FROM 750 DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; IT WOULD MAKE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR SINGLE PEOPLE 1,800 DOLLARS AND FOR MARRIED COUPLES 2,500 DOLLARS; AND IT WOULD LOWER THE BASIC PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES.

7. THE OTHER QUARTER OF THE TAX REDUCTION WOULD BE TO HELP BUSINESS CREATE MORE JOBS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE A PERMANENT INCREASE IN THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT AND A TWO PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE CORPORATE TAX RATE. THESE TAX CUTS ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO CREATE JOBS.

8. TURNING NOW TO THE FIELD OF HEALTH CARE,

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP MAKE

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS WORK.

THESE P.S.R.O.'S ARE ORGANIZATIONS RUN BY PROVIDERS

OF HEALTH CARE TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE.

9. TOGETHER, WE ALSO NEED TO STUDY WHAT WE CAN DO TO
MAKE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE FOR AMERICANS. AS YOU KNOW,
THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR THE SPECIALIZED SERVICES THAT YOUR
PROFESSION PROVIDES. WE MUST ALL WORK FOR THE DAY WHEN WE
CAN INSURE THAT NO ONE IS DENIED ACCESS TO EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE.

10. BEFORE LEAVING, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE A MAN

YOU HONORED SUNDAY NIGHT WITH A DISTINGUISHED AWARD --

DOCTOR JAMES HAYWARD.

DOCTOR HAYWARD IS FROM ANN ARBOR

AND A DIRECTOR OF ORAL SURGERY IN MY ALMA MATER'S UNIVERSITY

HOSPITAL.

MICHIGAN IS PROUD OF HIM.

11. I SALUTE EACH OF YOU. WHEN YOU COME TO

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS LIKE THIS, YOU ARE HERE FOR ONE PURPOSE --

TO LEARN HOW TO SERVE YOUR PATIENTS BETTER. YOU ARE A

CREDIT TO YOUR PROFESSION AND YOUR PROFESSION IS A CREDIT TO THE

FIELD OF HEALTH CARE IN OUR GREAT COUNTRY. IT HAS BEEN MY

GREAT PLEASURE TO BE WITH YOU.

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TALKING POINTS:

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ORAL SURGEONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1975

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AS A POLITICIAN, LET ME SAY HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO BE HERE

TONIGHT AT THIS RECEPTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ORAL SURGEONS --

AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS ALWAYS FULLY APPRECIATED THE VALUE

AND IMPORTANCE OF AN OPEN MOUTH.

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THAT PUTS A BURDEN ON BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS

LIKE YOURS. AN ESTIMATED 130 MILLION MANHOURS A YEAR

ARE SPENT JUST FILLING OUT FEDERAL FORMS.

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