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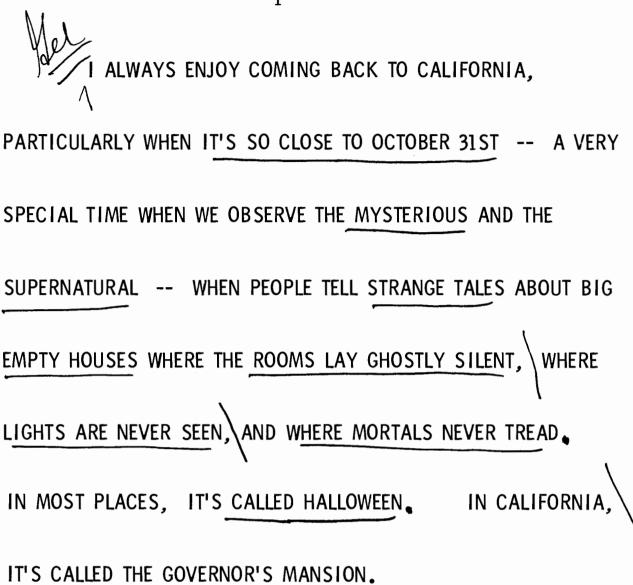
LOS ANGELES GOP FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1975

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- THANK VOU, CHUCK REED
- · CONGRESSMEN ANDY HINSHAW AND DON CLAUSEN
- Ev Ydunger
- · PAUL HAERLE
- CALIFORNIA'S FINE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAN + WOMAN BILL BANOWSKY AND MARGARET BROCK
- · LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS IN TENDERING THIS

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"SALUTE TO THE PRESIDENT DINNER."

) It does me great honor

BUT I WOULD PREFER TO DESIGNATE THIS EVENING AS A SALUTE TO

ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN CALIFORNIA --

AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION -- WHO ARE WORKING TO PROVE THAT

THE ELEPHANT HAS NOT FORGOTTEN HOW TO WIN ELECTIONS OR TO

PROVIDE GOOD GOVERNMENT.

-3 -LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR <u>REPUBLICAN</u> ELEPHANT WILL BE NEITHER STAMPEDED NOR EXTERMINATED. WE ARE FULL OF <u>ENERGY</u> AND <u>FIGHT</u>. WE WILL PROVE THAT <u>RUMORS</u> OF OUR <u>POLITICAL EXTINCTION HAVE BEEN GREATLY</u> EXAGGERATED AND CERTAINLY <u>HAVE NO FOUNDATION IN THE</u> GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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CALIFORNIA AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY STARTED GOING TOGETHER WITH FREE SOIL, FREE SPEECH AND JOHN C. FREMONT /856OF CALIFORNIA. UNFORTUNATELY, IN EIGHTEEN-FIFTY-SIX, CALIFORNIA HAD ONLY FOUR ELECTORAL VOTES \rightarrow AND FREMONT

DIDN'T GET THEM.

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YOU ARE DOING NOW.

LOSE -- THE VOTES OF OVER ONE MILLION REGISTERED REPUBLICANS WHO DID NOT GO TO THE POLLS LAST NOVEMBER. YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THE DYNAMIC JOB BEING DONE BY WALT SMITH AND ALICE OGEL (O-GULL). THEY AND OTHER CALIFORNIA STALWARTS HAVE RE-REGISTERED NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND VOTERS. YOUR VOTER <u>REGISTRATION DRIVE</u> IS GIVING NEW LIFE TO THE PRECINCTS. YOUR <u>1975 FUNDRAISING</u> -- INCLUDING THE GREAT WORK OF THE <u>GOLDEN CIRCLE CLUB</u> -- IS YOUR BEST YEAR YET. YOU ARE <u>BUILDING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY</u> ON THE LOCAL LEVEL - WHERE IT COUNTS.

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WE APPROACH A YEAR OF DECISION FOR ALL AMERICANS.

AMERICA TO ONE-PARTY RULE.

IT IS A YEAR TO STOP THE ANNUAL GROWTH OF A FEDERAL BUDGET THAT ALREADY AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN WE SPENT TO WIN WORLD WAR TWO. IT IS A YEAR REPUBLICANS MUST STRESS OUR <u>DIFFERENCES WITH DEMOCRATS RATHER THAN WITH OTHER</u> <u>REPUBLICANS.</u> IT IS A YEAR TO WIN ELECTIONS INSTEAD OF <u>ARGUMENTS.</u> IT IS, ABOVE ALL, THE YEAR TO BUILD A PLATFORM BIG <u>ENOUGH TO HOLD ALL WHO CARE ABOUT AMERICA AND BELIEVE IN</u>

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, OUR FOREBEARS SET OUT TO BUILD <u>A NEW KIND OF NATION</u> WHICH COULD GOVERN ITSELF THROUGH THE POLITICAL MECHANISM OF A SELF-CORRECTING BALANCE. THE GOVERNMENTAL <u>BALANCE OF POWERS</u> WHICH THEY ENVISIONED AND <u>WHICH WE HAVE PERFECTED</u> OVER THE YEARS IS NOT <u>LIMITED</u> TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. NOR ARE THE BALANCE SCALES OF JUSTICE THE PROPERTY OF THE JUDICIARY ALONE -- JUSTICE, AS HAMILTON AND JEFFERSON FOR ONCE AGREED -- IS THE GOAL OF ALL GOVERNMENT. BALANCE IS ESSENTIAL AMONG THE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT AND THE FEDERAL COURTS. BUT SO IS BALANCE AMONG THE STATES AND THE CITIES AND THE FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT. SO IS BALANCE AMONG THE CONFLICTING NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE RICH AND THE POOR AND THE MAJORITY IN THE MIDDLE. SO IS BALANCE AMONG ALL THE CONFLICTING CLAIMS OF PRESSURE GROUPS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS WITHIN OUR COMPLEX SOCIETY. AND IF FREEDOM IS TO ENDURE, SO IS BALANCE

BETWEEN OUR TWO GREAT POLITICAL PARTIES.

AND SO IS BALANCE IN OUR BOOKKEEPING. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, JUST LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING

IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH NEW YORK CITY IS THAT TOO MANY THINGS THERE HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF BALANCE - INCLUDING TOO MANY BUDGETS. THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH THIS COUNTRY IS THAT TOO MANY THINGS HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF BALANCE -- INCLUDING TOO

MANY BUDGETS.

THE BALANCE HAS SHIFTED AGAINST BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO THE DEGREE THAT BOTH THE FREEDOM AND THE ENTERPRISE ARE BEING TAXED AND REGULATED RIGHT OUT OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

THE BALANCE HAS SHIFTED AGAINST THE DISADVANTAGED, THE POOR AND THE PENSIONERS ON FIXED INCOMES, AS THE CONGRESS FIRES UP INFLATION BY VOTING BENEFITS FOR MANY WHO DON'T NEED THEM AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE WHO DO. THE BALANCE HAS SHIFTED AGAINST THE STATES, COUNTIES

AND CITIES THAT PRACTICE SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND IN FAVOR

OF COMMUNITIES WHICH SPEND BEYOND THEIR MEANS AND LOOK TO

WASHINGTON TO BAIL THEM OUT.

THE BALANCE ON CRIME HAS SHIFTED SO HEAVILY TO

CONCERN FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINALS THAT THE RIGHTS OF

THEIR VICTIMS ARE ALMOST FORGOTTEN. THIS MUST STOP.

THE BALANCE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS SHIFTED

AGAINST OUR ARMED SERVICES TO THE POINT WHERE MANY MEMBERS

OF THE CONGRESS WOULD RATHER SPEND YOUR MONEY FOR

CONTROVERSIAL SOCIAL EXPERIMENTS THAN FOR THE ESSENTIAL

INSURANCE OF A DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE.

YOU AND I KNOW THAT AMERICA'S STRENGTH IS THE ONLY SOLID BASIS FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND THAT WEAKNESS IS THE SUREST WAY TO WAR. THE BALANCE OF WORLD POWER MUST NOT BE SHIFTED AGAINST US AND THE FREE WORLD, BECAUSE WITHOUT FREEDOM, NOTHING ELSE IS OF VALUE. FREEDOM must

ALWAYS COMES FIRST.

FORTUNATELY, THERE IS A WAY TO CORRECT ALL THESE <u>IMBALANCES</u>. WE HAVE WEIGHTS WITH WHICH TO RIGHT EVERY <u>BALANCE</u>; WE DO NOT CALL THEM WEIGHTS, WE CALL THEM BALLOTS. FOR TOO LONG MANY AMERICANS HAVE BEEN

PUTTING THEIR WEIGHTS -- THEIR VOTES -- ONTO THE

WRONG SIDE OF THE SCALES.

BALANCE CAN BE RESTORED TO THIS COUNTRY'S

AFFAIRS. I AM HERE TO ASK YOUR HELP. WITH ALL

OF OUR WEIGHTS PUT TOGETHER, WE WILL DO THE JOB.

THE JOB STARTS WITH THIS CONGRESS.

A CONGRESS THAT REFUSES TO CUT TAXES AND SPENDING IS

DRASTICALLY OUT OF BALANCE - AND DRASTICALLY OUT OF TUNE

WITH YOU AND OTHERS WHO WILL GO TO THE POLLS NEXT YEAR.

AMERICA'S VITALITY AND PROSPERITY IS BEING SAPPED BY THE IRRESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF THE CONGRESS \neq A CONGRESS DOMINATED TWO-TO-ONE BY DEMOCRATS \neq A CONGRESS CONTROLLED and 2 might add, BY DEMOCRATS FOR 38 OUT OF THE LAST 42 YEARS. FOR 33 OF

THOSE 38 YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN FEDERAL DEFICITS.

AND WHAT HAVE THOSE DEFICITS BOUGHT?

YOU ARE PAINFULLY AWARE OF HOW A MASSIVE BUREAUCRACY IS

RUNNING MORE AND MORE OF YOUR DAILY LIFE.

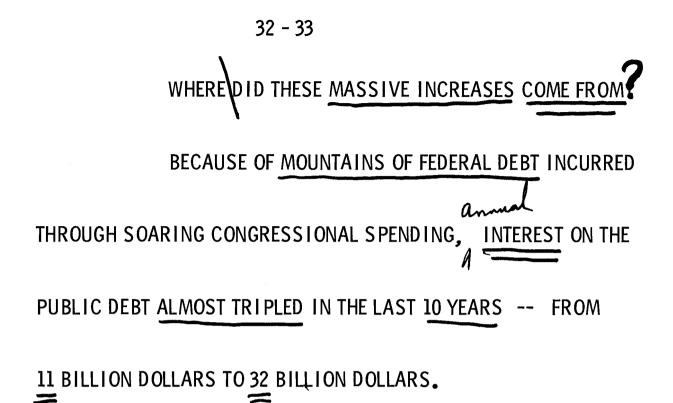
YOU KNOW HOW DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESSES

HAVE DISCOURAGED YOUR ENTERPRISE AND YOUR INITIATIVE,

ENCOURAGED AND ENFORCED THE UNFAIR REDISTRIBUTION OF YOUR

INCOME TO OTHERS.

FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS, CONGRESS AFTER CONGRESS --ALL CONTROLLED BY DEMOCRATS -- HAS SPENT AND SPENT TO ELECT AND ELECT. IN 1962, THE FEDERAL BUDGET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY EXCEEDED 100 BILLION DOLLARS. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSES THEN DOUBLED THE BUDGET TO 200 BILLION DOLLARS IN ONLY EIGHT YEARS. UNLESS WE <u>BRING SANITY</u> TO THE SPENDING MADNESS OF THE PRESENT CONGRESS, THE FEDERAL BUDGET IN THE <u>COMING FISCAL YEAR</u> WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE AGAIN--TO AN ESTIMATED 423 BILLION DOLLARS!



ANOTHER EXAMPLE -- BETWEEN 1965 AND 1975,

DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESSES INCREASED SPENDING

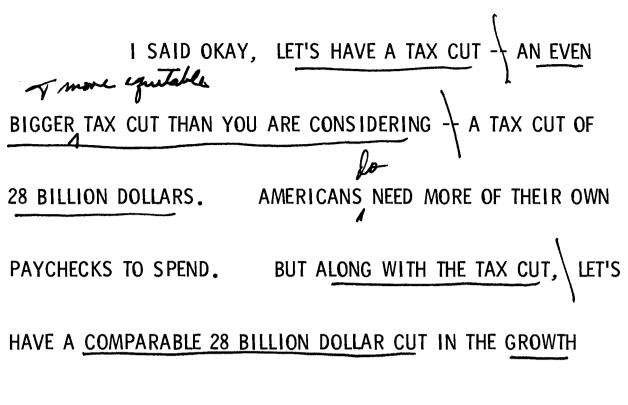
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

BY NEARLY 400 PERCENT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HOW CAN THIS DEMOCRATIC

CONGRESS NOW TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT IT CANNOT HOLD DOWN ANTICIPATED SPENDING FOR FISCAL 1977 BY A MERE SEVEN PERCENT? JUST OVER THREE WEEKS AGO, I MADE THE CONGRESS

A PERFECTLY REASONABLE PROPOSITION. THE CONGRESS WANTED TO CUT INCOME TAXES AGAIN NEXT YEAR, BUT GO RIGHT ON SPENDING TO THE TUNE OF ANOTHER 60 BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT.



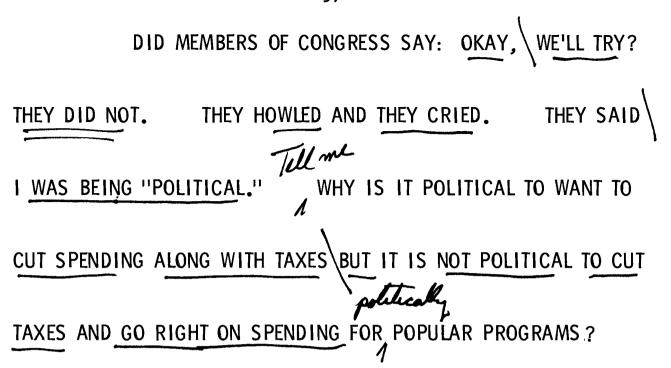
OF FEDERAL SPENDING.

LET'S SET A SPENDING CEILING OF 395 BILLION DOLLARS INSTEAD

OF THE PROJECTED 423 BILLION DOLLARS AND START RIGHT NOW

TO CUT BACK OUR ANNUAL DEFICITS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A

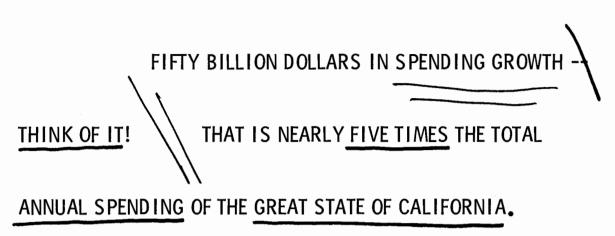
BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET WITHIN THREE YEARS.



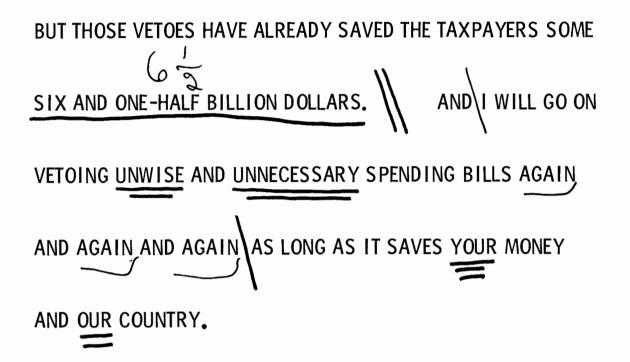
DO YOU KNOW THAT, UNDER THE LAWS DEMOCRATIC

CONGRESSES HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN -- WITHOUT A SINGLE NEW <u>APPROPRIATION OR PROGRAM AND</u> <u>DESPITE EVERYTHING I CAN DO</u> AS PRESIDENT BY VETOING FURTHER INCREASES - <u>OUR FEDERAL</u> <u>EXPENDITURES WILL AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE NEXT YEAR BY</u>

50 BILLION DOLLARS?



THE MAJORITY IN CONGRESS DIDN'T LIKE MY VETOES.



THE CONGRESS DOESN'T LIKE MY COMBINATION

TAX CUT-SPENDING CUT PROPOSAL. I KNOW WHY.

SOME CALL THIS A SPEND-THRIFT CONGRESS. BUT IT IS

SURE A LOT MORE "SPEND" THAN 'THRIFT."

I CALL IT A "CAN'T-DO" CONGRESS.

"WE CAN'T CUT THE BUDGET!" CONGRESS COMPLAINS.

"TELL US WHERE WE CAN CUT IT. TELL US WHERE TO START."

VERY WELL, I'LL TELL THEM.

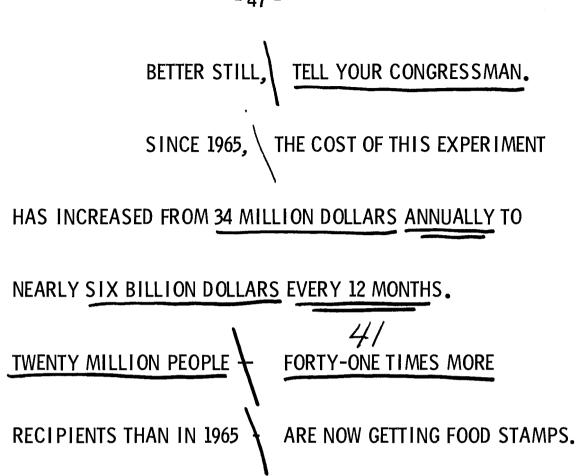
FOR A STARTER, CONGRESS CAN BEGIN BY EVERY CONGRESSM SLASHING THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. KNOWS THE ABUSES DEMOCRAT AS WELL AS REPUBLICAN OF FOOD STAMPS ARE NOTORIOUS! CONGRESS HAS NO EXCUSE WHATSOEVER NOT TO BEGIN THE 28 BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS CAN SAVE TAXPAYERS **REDUCTION RIGHT HERE.** MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BY PASSING MY PROPOSED FOOD STAMP REFORM.

THIS DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS KNOWS AS WELL AS

I DO THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE OUT OF EVERY FIVE AMERICANS

HAS NOW BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS.

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CONGRESS KNOWS THAT FIFTY-SEVEN PERCENT
OF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS ARE ABOVE THE NATIONALLY-
DEFINED POVERTY LINE. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS
43,000 CALCULATED THAT 43 THOUSAND AMERICAN FAMILIES WITH
ANNUAL INCOMES ABOVE 18 THOUSAND DOLLARS RECEIVED
FOOD STAMPS LAST YEAR. WHY? YOU TELL ME.
WHY DOES A FAMILY EARNING 18 THOUSAND DOLLARS NEED
FOOD STAMPS?



MY POLICY ON FOOD STAMPS IS <u>SIMPLE</u> AND <u>FAIR</u>. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD, WITHIN LIMITS OF ITS FISCAL RESOURCES, <u>HELP AMERICANS IN NEED</u> WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES. WE <u>SHOULD NOT GIVE</u> FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO ABLE-BOD IED ADULTS, WITHOUT DEPENDENTS, WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO WORK.

I SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC OF THIS

DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS.	IF EVERY HOUSEWIFE
CAN REVISE HER BUDGET AND EVERY BUS	SINESSMAN CAN CUT OFFICE
FRILLS TO PUT LIMITS ON SPENDING,	WHY CAN'T THE
FREE-SPENDING CONGRESSIONAL DEMOC	RATS?

I WILL WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO DESERVE THE HELP OF OUR NATION CONTINUE TO RECEIVE IT $- \frac{1}{2}$ THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BORNE OUR NATION'S ARMS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST MEET ITS JUST OBLIGATIONS. BUT WE MUST NOT PAY ONE MORE CENT OF TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR FRILLS WE CANNOT AFFORD OR DO NOT NEED. I <u>ALSO WILL KEEP FAIT</u>H WITH THOSE WHO INNOVATE AND INVEST, THOSE WHO WORK, THOSE WHO PAY THEIR TAXES, THOSE WHO OBEY THE LAW, AND THOSE WHO SAVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE.

I SPEAK TO YOU IN THESE FRANK TERMS TONIGHT

TO UNDERSCORE MY DEEPEST CONVICTION AND GREATEST

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CONCERN -- THAT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU

EVERYTHING YOU WANT IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE FROM YOU EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.

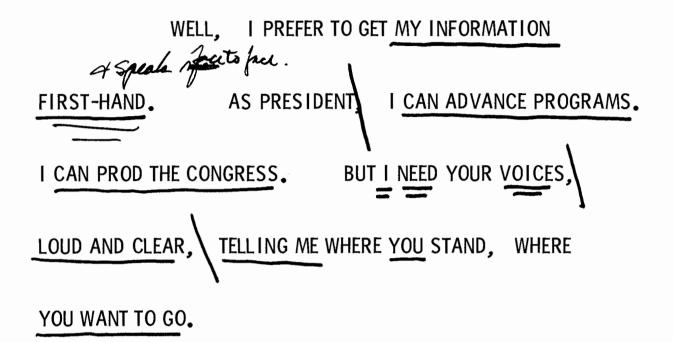
WHILE SERVING IN THE CONGRESS, I WON FIVE

"WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY" AWARDS. I AM VERY PROUD and will be

OF THAT. I AM STHEL A "WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY" IN

THE WHITE HOUSE.

YOU KNOW, SOME OF MY FRIEND'S TOLD ME I SHOULD NOT COME TO CALIFORNIA AGAIN, THEY SAY THERE IS NOTHING A PRESIDENT CAN LEARN BY LEAVING WASHINGTON AND MEETING AMERICANS FACE TO FACE. APPARENTLY, ONLY CONGRESSMEN, COLUMNISTS AND POLLSTERS SHOULD TALK TO THE PEOPLE.



TONIGHT, I WILL TELL YOU WHERE I STAND:

YOUR PRESIDENT WILL NOT CAVE IN TO THE BIG

SPENDERS AND THE BUDGET-BUSTERS IN CONGRESS!

YOUR PRESIDENT WILL NOT FLING OPEN THE U.S. TREASURY TO EVERY CITY WITH A HOLE IN ITS POCKET! YOUR PRESIDENT WILL NOT LET A MASSIVE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY DOMINATE YOUR STATE, YOUR CITIES, YOUR BUSINESS AND YOUR LIVES!

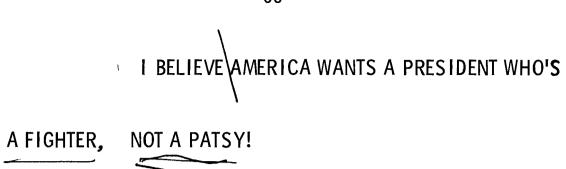
YOUR PRESIDENT WILL NOT PLAY DEAD WHILE

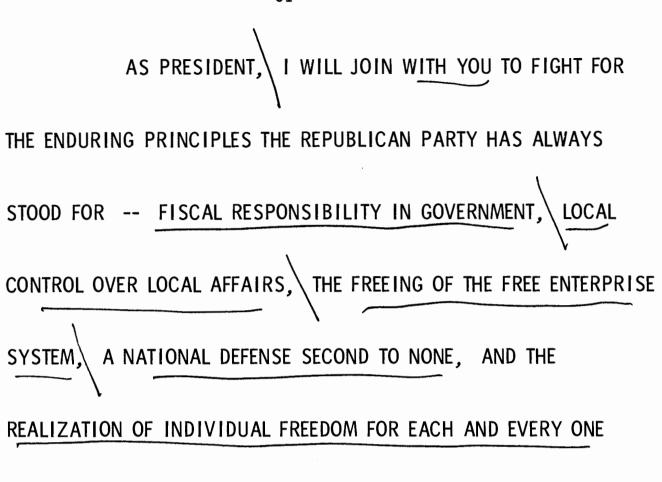
YEAR FROM OUR ECONOMY.

AND YOUR PRESIDENT WILL NEVER STAND IDLY BY

WHILE THE CONGRESS DOWNGRADES AMERICA'S DEFENSES AND

DISMANTLES AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE!





OF US.

WITH YOUR TALENT, WITH YOUR ENTHUSIASM, AND

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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