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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. . . .

LOS ANGELES GOP FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1975

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

Members of State Legislatures

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I ALWAYS ENJOY COMING BACK TO CALIFORNIA,  
PARTICULARLY WHEN IT'S SO CLOSE TO OCTOBER 31ST -- A VERY  
SPECIAL TIME WHEN WE OBSERVE THE MYSTERIOUS AND THE  
SUPERNATURAL -- WHEN PEOPLE TELL STRANGE TALES ABOUT BIG  
EMPTY HOUSES WHERE THE ROOMS LAY GHOSTLY SILENT, WHERE  
LIGHTS ARE NEVER SEEN, AND WHERE MORTALS NEVER TREAD.  
IN MOST PLACES, IT'S CALLED HALLOWEEN. IN CALIFORNIA,  
IT'S CALLED THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

*Reply*

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.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, \ OUR REPUBLICAN

ELEPHANT WILL BE NEITHER STAMPEDED NOR EXTERMINATED.

WE ARE FULL OF ENERGY AND FIGHT. WE WILL PROVE THAT

RUMORS OF OUR POLITICAL EXTINCTION HAVE BEEN GREATLY

EXAGGERATED \ AND CERTAINLY HAVE NO FOUNDATION IN THE

GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY STARTED GOING

TOGETHER WITH FREE SOIL, FREE SPEECH AND JOHN C. FREMONT

OF CALIFORNIA. UNFORTUNATELY, IN 1856 EIGHTEEN-FIFTY-SIX,

CALIFORNIA HAD ONLY FOUR ELECTORAL VOTES - AND FREMONT

DIDN'T GET THEM.

*But,*  
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I CAN ASSURE YOU WE REPUBLICANS ARE GOING TO DO

A LOT BETTER IN CALIFORNIA AND THE REST OF THE NATION IN

*1856*

1976 THAN WE DID IN EIGHTEEN-FIFTY-SIX.

MORE IMPORTANTLY,

*1974.*

WE WILL DO MUCH BETTER THAN WE DID IN NINETEEN-SEVENTY-FOUR!

*is*

THE REASON I AM CONFIDENT IS THE HARD SPADEWORK

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YOU ARE DOING NOW.

YOU ARE RESCUING VOTES WE WOULD OTHERWISE

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.



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YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IS GIVING NEW LIFE TO THE  
PRECINCTS. YOUR 1975 FUNDRAISING -- INCLUDING THE  
GREAT WORK OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE CLUB -- IS YOUR BEST  
YEAR YET. YOU ARE BUILDING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON  
THE LOCAL LEVEL - WHERE IT COUNTS.

WE APPROACH A YEAR OF DECISION FOR ALL AMERICANS.

IT IS A YEAR ~~TO~~ SAVE THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM OR ~~ABANDON~~  
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  
DIFFERENCES WITH DEMOCRATS RATHER THAN WITH OTHER  
REPUBLICANS. IT IS A YEAR TO WIN ELECTIONS INSTEAD OF  
ARGUMENTS.

IT IS, \ ABOVE ALL, \ THE YEAR TO BUILD A PLATFORM BIG  
ENOUGH TO HOLD ALL WHO CARE ABOUT AMERICA AND BELIEVE IN  
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, OUR FOREBEARS SET OUT TO  
BUILD A NEW KIND OF NATION WHICH COULD GOVERN ITSELF THROUGH  
THE POLITICAL MECHANISM OF A SELF-CORRECTING BALANCE. THE  
GOVERNMENTAL BALANCE OF POWERS WHICH THEY ENVISIONED AND  
WHICH WE HAVE PERFECTED OVER THE YEARS IS NOT LIMITED 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 ON TAXES HAS SHIFTED TO PENALIZE

HARD-WORKING, LAW-ABIDING AMERICANS -- ESPECIALLY

TAXPAYERS WITH MIDDLE INCOMES -- AND TO REWARD

ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WHO WANT BENEFITS WITHOUT WORK.

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

IMBALANCES. WE HAVE WEIGHTS WITH WHICH TO RIGHT EVERY

BALANCE; 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 - A CONGRESS

DOMINATED TWO-TO-ONE BY DEMOCRATS - A CONGRESS CONTROLLED

BY DEMOCRATS FOR 38 OUT OF THE LAST 42 YEARS. *And I might add,* 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 BRING SANITY TO

THE SPENDING MADNESS OF THE PRESENT CONGRESS, / THE FEDERAL

BUDGET IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE AGAIN--

TO AN ESTIMATED 423 BILLION DOLLARS!



WHERE DID THESE MASSIVE INCREASES COME FROM?

BECAUSE OF MOUNTAINS OF FEDERAL DEBT INCURRED

THROUGH SOARING CONGRESSIONAL SPENDING, <sup>annual</sup> INTEREST ON THE  
A                     

PUBLIC DEBT ALMOST TRIPLED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS -- FROM

11 BILLION DOLLARS TO 32 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.

I SAID OKAY, LET'S HAVE A TAX CUT - AN EVEN  
*more equitable*  
BIGGER TAX CUT THAN YOU ARE CONSIDERING - A TAX CUT OF  
28 BILLION DOLLARS. *do* AMERICANS NEED MORE OF THEIR OWN  
PAYCHECKS TO SPEND. BUT ALONG WITH THE TAX CUT, LET'S  
HAVE A COMPARABLE 28 BILLION DOLLAR CUT IN THE GROWTH  
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.

DID MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SAY: OKAY, WE'LL TRY?

THEY DID NOT.      THEY HOWLED AND THEY CRIED.      THEY SAID

I WAS BEING "POLITICAL."      *Tell me*  
1      WHY IS IT POLITICAL TO WANT TO

CUT SPENDING ALONG WITH TAXES BUT IT IS NOT POLITICAL TO CUT

TAXES AND GO RIGHT ON SPENDING *politically*  
1      FOR POPULAR PROGRAMS?

*realize*  
DO YOU ~~KNOW~~ THAT, UNDER THE LAWS DEMOCRATIC

CONGRESSES HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN -- WITHOUT A SINGLE NEW

APPROPRIATION OR PROGRAM AND DESPITE EVERYTHING I CAN DO

AS PRESIDENT BY VETOING FURTHER INCREASES -- OUR FEDERAL

EXPENDITURES WILL AUTOMATICALLY INCREASE NEXT YEAR BY

50 BILLION DOLLARS?



FIFTY BILLION DOLLARS IN SPENDING GROWTH -

THINK OF IT!

THAT IS NEARLY FIVE TIMES THE TOTAL

ANNUAL SPENDING OF THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THE MAJORITY IN CONGRESS DIDN'T LIKE MY VETOES.

BUT THOSE VETOES HAVE ALREADY SAVED THE TAXPAYERS SOME

$6\frac{1}{2}$   
SIX AND ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS. // AND I WILL GO ON

VETOING UNWISE AND UNNECESSARY SPENDING BILLS AGAIN

AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AS LONG AS IT SAVES YOUR MONEY

AND OUR COUNTRY.

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

SLASHING THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

EVERY CONGRESSMAN

DEMOCRAT AS WELL AS REPUBLICAN

KNOWS THE ABUSES

OF FOOD STAMPS ARE NOTORIOUS!

CONGRESS HAS NO

EXCUSE WHATSOEVER NOT TO BEGIN THE 28 BILLION DOLLAR

REDUCTION RIGHT HERE.

CONGRESS CAN SAVE TAXPAYERS

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.

57<sup>9</sup>%

CONGRESS KNOWS THAT FIFTY-SEVEN PERCENT

OF THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS ARE ABOVE THE NATIONALLY-

*under Sec. Bill Simon*

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?

BETTER STILL, TELL YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

SINCE 1965, THE COST OF THIS EXPERIMENT

HAS INCREASED FROM 34 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO

NEARLY SIX BILLION DOLLARS EVERY 12 MONTHS.

TWENTY MILLION PEOPLE

<sup>41</sup>  
FORTY-ONE TIMES MORE

RECIPIENTS THAN IN 1965

ARE NOW GETTING FOOD STAMPS.



MY POLICY ON FOOD STAMPS IS SIMPLE AND FAIR.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD, WITHIN LIMITS OF ITS

FISCAL RESOURCES, HELP AMERICANS IN NEED WHO CANNOT

HELP THEMSELVES. WE SHOULD NOT GIVE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

TO ABLE-BODIED 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 BUSINESSMAN CAN CUT OFFICE  
FRILLS TO PUT LIMITS ON SPENDING, WHY CAN'T THE  
FREE-SPENDING CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS?

I WILL WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO ENSURE THAT  
THOSE WHO DESERVE THE HELP OF OUR NATION CONTINUE TO  
RECEIVE IT { 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 ALSO WILL KEEP FAITH 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  
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 ~~STILL~~ A "WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY" IN

THE WHITE HOUSE.

YOU KNOW, SOME OF MY FRIENDS 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.

WELL, I PREFER TO GET MY INFORMATION

*4 Speak ~~face~~ to face.*

FIRST-HAND.

AS PRESIDENT,

I CAN ADVANCE PROGRAMS.

I CAN PROD THE CONGRESS.

BUT I NEED YOUR VOICES,

LOUD AND CLEAR,

TELLING ME WHERE YOU STAND, WHERE

YOU WANT TO GO.



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  
THE FOREIGN OIL CARTEL DRAINS OFF <sup>plus</sup> 25 BILLION DOLLARS A  
YEAR FROM OUR ECONOMY.

AND YOUR PRESIDENT WILL NEVER STAND IDLY BY  
WHILE THE CONGRESS DOWNGRADES AMERICA'S DEFENSES AND  
DISMANTLES AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE!

I BELIEVE AMERICA WANTS A PRESIDENT WHO'S

A FIGHTER, ~~NOT A PATSY!~~

AS PRESIDENT, I WILL JOIN WITH YOU TO FIGHT FOR  
THE ENDURING PRINCIPLES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS ALWAYS  
STOOD FOR -- FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT, LOCAL  
CONTROL OVER LOCAL AFFAIRS, THE FREEING OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE  
SYSTEM, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE, AND THE  
REALIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE  
OF US.

WITH YOUR TALENT, WITH YOUR ENTHUSIASM, AND  
WITH YOUR HELP -- WE CAN MAKE 1976 A YEAR ALL REPUBLICANS  
AND INDEPENDENTS WILL REMEMBER -- AND DEMOCRATS MAY  
NEVER FORGET.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

END OF TEXT