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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ~~THE~~ PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . . .

FORMER  
GOV. WARREN  
KNOWLES

THANK YOU, BILL ( Messinger State Fin. Chm. introduces you)

CONGRESSMAN BILL STEIGER

CONGRESSMAN BOB KASTEN

GEORGE PARKER (State Chairman)

~~LIZ PFEIFER (National Committeewoman)~~

~~ODY FISH (National Committeeman)~~

BILL MESSINGER

FRANCIS FURGESON

DISTINGUSIHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

PAUSE

THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS FOR THIS EVENING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Thank you, Bill

Former Governor Warren Knowles

Congressman Bill Steiger

Congressman Bob Kasten

Chairman George Parker

National Communitarian Ody Fish

Finance chairman Bill Messinger

Dinner Chairman Fran Ferguson

Former Lt. Gov. Jack Olson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice chairman Alie Reed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice chairman Curtis McKay

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Pause

Dorothy  
Mac Donald  
Reed Coleman  
Hank Olson

That concludes my speech —

Thank you and good night

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

DINNER DROP BY

THANK YOU, FRAN.

(Fran Furgeson, Dinner Chairman, introduces you)

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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THANK YOU FOR THAT MARVELOUS RECEPTION.

IT IS TRULY GREAT TO BE BACK IN WISCONSIN AGAIN AND

PARTICULARLY FOR THIS VERY MEMORABLE EVENING.

*Only Frank  
Thompson*

*It brought back great memories - 1965  
as a newly elected Minority Leader - Milwaukee  
But then I've been to Oshkosh / Janesville / Madison /  
La Crosse / Beaver Bay / Wausau /  
Obviously, I know your great State / LOVE all  
your Beliefs*

JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, YOUR OUTSTANDING STATE  
FINANCE CHAIRMAN, BILL MESSINGER, TOLD ME THAT AS A RESULT OF  
YOUR EFFORTS AND YOUR GENEROSITY TONIGHT -- THE REPUBLICAN PARTY  
OF WISCONSIN WILL BE ABLE TO PAY OFF ALL ITS LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS AND  
IS NOW VIRTUALLY DEBT FREE!

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WHEN IT COMES TO REALLY DIGGING IN AND TAKING HOLD UNDER VERY  
DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, I DON'T KNOW OF ANYONE WHO DESERVES  
MORE CREDIT OR MORE PRAISE THAN BILL MESSINGER. LET'S ALL  
OF US SHOW HIM RIGHT HERE AND NOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE  
AND RECOGNIZE THE GREAT JOB HE HAS DONE.

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AND WHILE IT WASN'T POSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND THE  
ENTIRE DINNER, I CAN SEE BY YOUR SMILES, YOUR GOOD CHEER, AND  
YOUR ENTHUSIASM - THAT FRAN FERGUSON, YOUR DINNER CHAIRMAN,  
REALLY DID A SENSATIONAL JOB AS WELL. FRAN, STAND UP AND  
TAKE A WELL DESERVED BOW.

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE SO MANY OLD AND NEW FRIENDS  
HERE TONIGHT. I JUST WISH MY BUDDY AND GOLFING PARTNER  
OF SO MANY YEARS, MEL LAIRD, COULD HAVE MADE IT.

BUT I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT MEL IS BEING KEPT SO BUSY AT

THE READER'S DIGEST -- BECAUSE THE READER'S DIGEST AND WE

REPUBLICANS HAVE A LOT IN COMMON. THE READER'S DIGEST

TAKES THINGS AND CUTS THEM DOWN TO SIZE -- AND THAT'S JUST

WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN 1976!

SO I JUST WANTED TO STOP IN TO SHARE A LITTLE OF THIS

HAPPY OCCASION WITH YOU --- AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING

*in a few minutes*  
TO YOU AT GREATER LENGTH WHEN WE MOVE INTO THE OTHER HALL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

END OF TEXT

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

PRESIDENTIAL GOP FUNDRAISER ADDRESS

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

OCTOBER 30, 1975



(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

LET ME THANK GEORGE PARKER -- MORE AFFECTIONATELY  
KNOWN AS THE STATE PEN -- FOR THAT VERY FINE INTRODUCTION.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN MILWAUKEE AGAIN --

PARTICULARLY ON THE DAY BEFORE A FAVORITE AMERICAN EVENT --

HALLOWEEN. IN FACT, ON THE WAY IN FROM THE AIRPORT, I

ASKED ODY FISH IF THERE WAS ANY SPECIAL WAY PEOPLE IN

WISCONSIN CELEBRATED TRICK OR TREAT.

ODY SAID, "WELL, FOR THE TREAT WE PRETTY MUCH GIVE OUT THE  
TRADITIONAL ITEMS LIKE CANDY, \ APPLES, \ POPCORN -- THINGS  
LIKE THAT." I SAID, "AND HERE IN WISCONSIN, DO YOU  
EVER HAVE ANY TRICKS?" HE SAID, \ "MR. PRESIDENT, ONLY  
WHEN THE DEMOCRATS IN THE LEGISLATURE WORK ON THE STATE  
BUDGET!"

ODY SAID, "THIS IS ONE YEAR WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS

COULD HAVE USED HOUDINI.

HE WAS AN EXPERT ON GETTING

THROUGH LOCKED DOORS."

I COMMEND EVERYONE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY --  
PARTICULARLY THE REPUBLICAN STATE LEGISLATORS -- FOR THE  
BATTLE YOU HAVE FOUGHT THIS YEAR WITH THE DEMOCRATS AGAINST  
SECRECY AND FOR OPENNESS IN GOVERNMENT.

SINCE THIS IS OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR, LET'S

REMEMBER THAT THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE

REPUBLICAN PARTY ARE CLOSELY LINKED. NO HISTORY OF

AMERICA CAN BE WRITTEN WITHOUT THAT OF OUR PARTY.

We have Over 150 yrs - of sound  
principle + good people.

YOU HERE IN WISCONSIN KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE --

FOR MUCH OF THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS

LAI D HERE IN RIPON IN 1854. OF COURSE, I'D BETTER

MENTION JACKSON, MICHIGAN, AS WELL ~~AS~~ FOR SOMEWHAT

OBVIOUS REASONS.

TONIGHT, I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU NOT ONLY OF OUR  
COMMON HERITAGE BUT OF OUR COMMON JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE --  
NOT ONLY OF THE PROUD PRINCIPLES OF OUR NATION'S PAST BUT  
OF THOSE UPON WHICH WE MUST BUILD IN THE FUTURE.



THERE IS INCREASING EXPRESSION IN AMERICA TODAY THAT  
THE BELIEFS AND VALUES OF OUR PAST ARE NO LONGER RELEVANT TO  
OUR PRESENT NOR PART OF OUR FUTURE. SOME SUGGEST THAT  
AMERICA HAS SEEN ITS BEST DAYS - THAT OUR DECLINE HAS  
STARTED, THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AMERICA IS SLIDING  
DOWNHILL, THAT OUR ECONOMY IS ON THE SKIDS, THAT THE VALUES  
MOST OF US HOLD HIGH ARE OUT AND THE NEW COUNTERCULTURE IS IN.

TO THAT, I SAY: NONSENSE! AND TO THOSE WHO

WOULD WRITE A SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY OF DOOM FOR THIS

COUNTRY, I SAY: YOU'RE OUT OF STEP WITH THE VAST MAJORITY

OF AMERICANS AMERICANS WHO BELIEVE IN THIS COUNTRY AND

IN THEMSELVES.

LET ME MAKE CERTAIN THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING:

I DID NOT TAKE THE SACRED OATH OF PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE OVER

THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I

REJECT THE SCENARIOS OF PESSIMISM. ~~I will have~~

~~no part~~  
I have no sympathy with those  
who have a self destruct attitude  
for America.

INSTEAD, I LOOK TO AMERICA'S FUTURE -- A FUTURE WHICH WILL  
BE BUILT UPON A PROUD PAST. I LOOK TO A NATION THAT NOT  
ONLY CONQUERS ITS CHALLENGES, BUT PROVIDES ITS CITIZENS  
WITH UNMATCHED PERSONAL FULFILLMENT.

BY THE YEAR 2000 -- ONLY A SHORT 25 YEARS FROM

NOW -- I SEE AN AMERICA WHOSE CITIZENS:

--RESIDE IN A COMMUNITY OF PEACE WITH OTHER

NATIONS;

--SHARE THE STILL-HIGHEST STANDARD OF LIVING IN

THE WORLD;

--LIVE LONGER BECAUSE KILLER DISEASES HAVE

BEEN CONQUERED AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCED;

--ENJOY OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND HOUSING AND  
JOBS LIMITED ONLY BY THEIR PERSONAL INITIATIVES AND LONG-RANGE  
OBJECTIVES;

*if persons*  
--~~RELEASH~~ INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND FREEDOMS WHICH HAVE  
BEEN NOT ONLY SECURED BUT EXPANDED; AND

--WHOSE CITIZENS SHARE A NATIONAL WILL AND SPIRIT

WHICH IS STILL CLIMBING AS THIS NATION MOVES WELL INTO ITS

THIRD CENTURY.

TO MAKE THIS VISION COME TRUE, WE MUST RETURN  
GOVERNMENT TO SOUND, { RESPONSIBLE REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES.  
WE MUST ELECT TO YOUR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICES AND TO THE  
CONGRESS RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES  
WHO BELIEVE AS WE DO AND WHO SHARE OUR OBJECTIVES.



THE BATTLE LINES FOR 1976 ARE BEING DRAWN BETWEEN

THESE OPPOSING FORCES:

--BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE EVERY PROBLEM WILL GO AWAY IF WE JUST

THROW ENOUGH TAX MONEY AT IT.

--BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN STRONG NATIONAL  
DEFENSE AS THE BEST INSURANCE OF PEACE AND THOSE WHO WOULD  
SPEND YOUR TAX MONEY INSTEAD FOR CONTROVERSIAL SOCIAL  
EXPERIMENTS.

--BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN LOCAL CONTROL OVER  
LOCAL PROBLEMS AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE UNCLE SAM SHOULD  
HELP SOLVE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS.

--BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS SHOULD BE UNSHACKLED FROM GOVERNMENT OVER-REGULATION SO IT CAN EXPAND THE ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS ~~AND~~ THOSE WHO BELIEVE FEDERAL PAPER-SHUFFLERS KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR AMERICA AND FOR BUSINESS.

-- BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE EXPANSION OF  
INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND LIBERTY AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE BIG  
GOVERNMENT SHOULD DIRECT PEOPLE'S LIVES.

LET ME EMPHASIZE: 1976 IS MORE THAN AN ELECTION

YEAR. IT IS ALSO A YEAR OF DECISION FOR ALL REPUBLICANS.

IT IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE TO

ALL THAT IT HAS THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE SETBACKS, THE

RESOLUTION TO ROUSE THE NATION'S GREATNESS, AND THE WILL TO

WIN ELECTIONS.

WE CAN DO IT.

*and*

WE WILL DO IT!

BUT TO MAKE SURE, WE REPUBLICANS MUST MAKE  
SOME PRACTICAL CHANGES IN OUR POLITICAL WAYS -- NOT IN  
PRINCIPLES, BUT IN APPROACHES.

WE MUST DISCARD THE ATTITUDE OF EXCLUSIVENESS THAT  
HAS KEPT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S DOOR CLOSED WHILE WE MAKE  
SPEECHES ABOUT KEEPING IT OPEN.



WE MUST INVITE INTO OUR RANKS ALL WHO CARE ABOUT THIS GREAT  
COUNTRY AND ALL WHO SHARE OUR GOALS ENOUGH TO WORK THROUGH  
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO ACHIEVE THEM. WE MUST BUILD A  
PARTY THAT WORKS YEAR-AROUND AND NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME.

AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL -- WE MUST  
EMPHASIZE OUR DIFFERENCES WITH DEMOCRATS RATHER THAN  
WITH EACH OTHER. WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON WINNING  
ELECTIONS -- INSTEAD OF ARGUMENTS!

AS WE LOOK TOWARD 1976, THE APATHY AND CYNICISM  
WHICH HAVE OVERTAKEN SOME AMERICANS MUST BE OVERCOME BY  
OFFERING CANDIDATES OF OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND ROCKHARD  
INTEGRITY. WE MUST DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT ARE FORWARD-  
LOOKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING -- AND WE MUST ELECT A CONGRESS  
THAT WILL CARRY THEM OUT.

~~AS YOU KNOW~~, I PROPOSED TO THE 94TH CONGRESS

A PERMANENT ANNUAL CUT IN YOUR FEDERAL TAX BILL OF 28 BILLION

DOLLARS AND A CUT IN THE GROWTH IN FEDERAL SPENDING OF THE

SAME AMOUNT.

BUT ALL I GET SO FAR FROM THIS DEMOCRATIC-  
DOMINATED "CAN'T-DO" CONGRESS IS THAT IT "CAN'T BE DONE."

I SAY IT CAN -- AND IT WILL -- BE DONE. IF THIS

CONGRESS ISN'T CAPABLE OF ACTING, LET'S ELECT A REPUBLICAN

CONGRESS WHICH CAN AND WILL ACT!

AMERICA'S VITALITY AND PROSPERITY HAVE BEEN SAPPED

BY THE IRRESPONSIBLE SPENDING OF THIS CONGRESS WHICH IS

CONTROLLED TWO-TO-ONE BY THE DEMOCRATS AND OF PREVIOUS

CONGRESSES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED BY DEMOCRATS FOR

38 OUT OF THE LAST 42 YEARS. AND I MIGHT ADD --- FOR 33

OF THOSE 38 YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN DEFICITS WHICH HAVE RUN

UP THE COST OF LIVING AND RUN DOWN THE VALUE OF THE DOLLARS

YOU EARN.

UNDER THE DEMOCRATIC SPENDERS, THE FEDERAL BUDGET  
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY TOPPED 100 BILLION DOLLARS  
IN 1962. IT DOUBLED TO 200 BILLION DOLLARS EIGHT YEARS  
LATER AND WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE AGAIN TO 423 BILLION DOLLARS  
IN THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR -- UNLESS WE ACT.

LET ME EMPHASIZE: THE 28 BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION  
IN TAXES WHICH I PROPOSED MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY EQUALLY  
SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING.

THIS MEANS THE SPENDING CEILING OF 395 BILLION DOLLARS WHICH  
I PROPOSED MUST BE ADHERED TO.



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 INCREASE NEXT YEAR BY 50 BILLION DOLLARS?

*Democrats on*  
- 34 -  
*don't*

THE CONGRESS ~~DOESN'T~~ LIKE MY VETOES.

*That vetoes*  
BUT ~~THEY~~

HAVE ALREADY SAVED THE TAXPAYERS SOME 6.5 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 NATION'S FUTURE.

WHAT CONCERNS ME MOST IS WHAT I SEE AS GOVERNMENT  
WITHOUT CONSENT -- THE INCREASING ENCROACHMENT OF GOVERNMENT  
IN OUR LIVES AND FUTURES -- THE IRRESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT ACTION  
ON THE LOCAL AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL LEVEL.



AS YOU KNOW, I SPOKE TO THIS PROBLEM YESTERDAY.

I SAID THAT IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GOES ON SPENDING

MORE THAN IT HAS, PROVIDING MORE BENEFITS AND SERVICES

THAN IT CAN PAY FOR -- THEN A DAY OF RECKONING WILL

ULTIMATELY COME TO WASHINGTON AND OUR ENTIRE COUNTRY,

JUST AS IT NOW HAS COME TO NEW YORK CITY.

AND TONIGHT, LET ME ASK YOU THAT SAME OMINOUS  
QUESTION I ASKED IN WASHINGTON: WHEN THAT DAY OF  
RECKONING COMES -- WHO WILL BAIL OUT THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA?

BELIEVE ME, IT IS NEITHER RESPONSIBLE NOR COMPASSIONATE  
TO ERODE THE VALUES OF PEOPLES' HARD-EARNED MONEY THROUGH  
INFLATION BY PILING GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON SPENDING,  
PROGRAM ON PROGRAM, WITHOUT THE REVENUES TO PAY  
FOR THEM. THIS IS NOT COMPASSION. THIS IS PURE AND  
SIMPLE IRRESPONSIBILITY. I KNOW IT. YOU KNOW IT.  
AND BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, WE SHOULD MAKE DARN SURE  
EVERY RESPONSIBLE VOTER KNOWS IT AS WELL!

THE MESSAGE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND WHAT IT  
STANDS FOR MUST BE CARRIED TO ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE MUST LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS THE PARTY OF  
OPENNESS -- AN OPEN PARTY THAT INSISTS ON OPEN GOVERNMENT --  
AND THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE IN WISCONSIN.



FOR YOUNG AND OLD. . . RICH AND POOR. . . BLACK AND WHITE. . .

INDEPENDENTS AND DISCERNING <sup>yes</sup> -- AND DESERTED -- DEMOCRATS. . .  
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FOR ALL OF THESE AMERICANS AND MORE, WE HAVE SOMETHING

TO OFFER.

WE ARE THE PARTY OF PRINCIPLES -- NOT PESSIMISM. . .

THE PARTY OF ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS -- NOT THE DISSEMINATORS

OF DOUBT AND DESPAIR. . . | THE PARTY OF REASON, RESPONSIBILITY

AND RESTRAINT -- NOT THE PURVEYORS OF PROMISES WHICH CAN'T BE

KEPT OR PROGRAMS WHICH CAN'T BE ACHIEVED.

RESPONSIBILITY: THAT'S A KEY WORD -- ONE WE

EQUATE WITH REPUBLICANISM -- AND WE HAVE A RECORD ON THIS

POINT THAT REPUBLICANS CAN STAND ON WITH PRIDE.

BUT WE ARE NOT ONLY A PARTY OF PRINCIPLES, WE ARE  
A PARTY OF PEOPLE. PRINCIPLES CAN BE CONVERTED INTO ACTION  
ONLY WHEN THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE.  
WE MUST BRING PEOPLE AND PRINCIPLES TOGETHER ACROSS OUR LAND,  
THAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE PESSIMISTS AND THE DOOM-PUSHERS  
OF TODAY: PEOPLE AND PRINCIPLES.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S GOAL IS TO UNITE THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE PRINCIPLES THAT MADE OUR NATION GREAT.  
IN 1976, TOGETHER, WE WILL CELEBRATE A JOINT VICTORY --  
NOT MERELY FOR OUR PARTY, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

END OF TEXT