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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

CENTURY CLUB RECEPTION

THANK YOU, JOHN (John Sears introduces you)

SENATOR ED BROOKE

CONGRESSWOMAN PEGGY HECKLER

CONGRESSMAN SILVIO CONTE

MARIA RYERSON (Event Chairman)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

2 Points

Mass - not abandoned
because of 1972.

1) Lost several months
Twice in Mass

2) Cabinet - 12 (4)

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Dunlop
Moyinhan
Richardson

Republicans can WIN in 1976.

Will enter Premier's

" stay in any

contest until final vote
is cast

Can WIN in Mass - John Sears
Nancy Bennett

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

I'M JUST DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS AGAIN --

THE HOME OF THE WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON RED SOX. THAT'S RIGHT.

THE WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON RED SOX. LIKE ALL GOOD

REPUBLICANS, I'M THINKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR.

I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING MASSACHUSETTS

BECAUSE THIS IS ONE STATE WHERE I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR THE

DEMOCRATS. YES I DO. OF THE 240 SEATS IN THE

Senate
SENATE HOUSE, 188 ARE HELD BY DEMOCRATS.

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OF THE FORTY SEATS IN THE STATE SENATE, THIRTY-THREE ARE HELD BY
DEMOCRATS. AND EVERY SINGLE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE IN THE
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS IS ALSO HELD BY A DEMOCRAT.

THAT'S WHY I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THE DEMOCRATS. THEY HAVE NO
ONE TO BLAME BUT THEMSELVES!

AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT WE WON'T HAVE ANYBODY
TO BLAME BUT OURSELVES -- IF NEXT YEAR WE DON'T DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT!

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THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE IS AN INTERESTING PLACE TO HOLD
THIS MEETING OF KEY MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS. BUT LET ME
EMPHASIZE: THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MASSACHUSETTS ISN'T ABOUT TO
BECOME A MUSEUM PIECE -- I KNOW IT AND SO DO YOU!

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THIS PARTY HAS WEATHERED SOME STORMY PERIODS HERE IN
RECENT YEARS. BUT I SENSE FROM THE ENTHUSIASM TONIGHT,
THAT IT'S ON ITS WAY TO WELL-DESERVED VICTORIES IN 1976!

YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANTS
AND DISTINGUISHED REPUBLICANS YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE NATION --
LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, HENRY CABOT LODGE, ELLIOT RICHARDSON,
JOHN VOLPE, SENATOR ED BROOKE, AND REPRESENTATIVES
MARGARET HECKLER AND SILVIO CONTE.

YOU HAVE ELECTED PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP IN THIS STATE AS
EPITOMIZED BY FORMER GOVERNORS ROBERT BRADFORD AND FRANK
SARGENT AND THE LATE CHRISTIAN HERTER.

THESE REMARKABLE REPUBLICANS CAME TO POSITIONS
OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU -- DEDICATED,
COMMITTED PEOPLE -- WHO HAVE WORKED HARD AND WORKED TOGETHER
TO GET THEM ELECTED.

YOU HAVE BEEN GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENT, YOUR
ENERGY AS WELL AS YOUR MONEY -- AND YOU HAVE SOME
ILLUSTRIOUS PUBLIC SERVANTS TO SHOW FOR YOUR DEDICATION.

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OUR PARTY IS IN THE MINORITY IN THIS STATE AND THIS
COUNTRY. THAT'S NO SECRET. AND IT'S NO SECRET THAT
REPUBLICANS HAVE WON ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND ACROSS
AMERICA BECAUSE WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO ATTRACT WIDESPREAD
APPEAL AND SUPPORT -- ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

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OUR SECRET WEAPON IS UNITY. SURE, THE DEMOCRATS
OUTNUMBER US BY SUBSTANTIAL MARGINS. BUT WHERE THERE IS
UNITY IN THIS PARTY OF OURS, THERE IS VICTORY.

UNITY REQUIRES NOT THE COMPROMISING OF PRINCIPLES, BUT THE
COMING TOGETHER OF PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES
IN A COMMON CAUSE. WE WILL HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES WITH
ONE ANOTHER -- AND THAT'S FINE.

BUT AS REPUBLICANS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE
GOVERNMENT WHICH COUNTS THE COST AS WELL AS THE BENEFITS OF
GOVERNMENT ACTION. WE LOOK BEYOND THE NEXT ELECTION TO THE
NEXT GENERATION -- AND THIS IS WHAT DISTINGUISHES US FROM OUR
FRIENDS IN THE OPPOSITION PARTY.

I REJECT THE NOTION THAT OURS IS A REGIONAL PARTY,
A RICH MAN'S PARTY, A RURAL PARTY OR A BIG CITY PARTY.
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS AN AMERICAN PARTY, DEDICATED TO
STRENGTH AT HOME AND STRENGTH ABROAD FOR THIS NATION OF OURS.

OUR URGENT TASK IS TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE
OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS THROUGHOUT AMERICA.
THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS ONCE BOASTED REPUBLICAN
LEADERSHIP AND REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES IN YOUR LEGISLATURE.

MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS ONCE CLAIMED A MAJORITY OF THE
STATE'S DELEGATION IN THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
BOTH UNITED STATES SENATORS. YOU CAN DO SO AGAIN.

JOHN SEARS, YOUR DEDICATED, HARD-WORKING
STATE CHAIRMAN, TELLS ME YOU ALREADY HAVE REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES IN SIX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OTHER THAN
THOSE REPRESENTED BY SIL CONTE AND PEGGY HECKLER.

Nancy Bennett

THAT MEANS THAT NEARLY A YEAR BEFORE THE 1976 ELECTIONS,
THERE ARE ALREADY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN EIGHT OF YOUR
STATE'S TWELVE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. I CONGRATULATE
YOU.

EACH OF YOU HERE TONIGHT HAS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO
THE ADVANCEMENT OF YOUR PARTY REBUILDING THEME: "THE GREAT
COMEBACK." I THANK YOU PERSONALLY AND AS PRESIDENT
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND WHAT YOU WILL DO TO MAKE THIS THEME
A REALITY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

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