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THE PRESIDENT HAS SPOKEN...

CENTURY CLUB RECEPTION

THANK YOU, JOHN (John Sears introduces you)

SENATOR ED BROOKE

CONGRESSWOMAN PEGGY HICKLOR

CONGRESSMAN SILVIO CONTE

MARTHA RYERSON (Event Chairman)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
2. Points

Mass - not abandoned. 

1) Last several months twice in Mass.

2) Paid 12-20

Handwritten:

Republicans can win in 1976.

Will enter primaries

Stay in any

Contact until final vote is cast

Can win in Mass - John Kerry

Maggie Hassan
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 HOUSE, 188 ARE HELD BY DEMOCRATS.
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!
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!

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.
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.

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 S. I. CONTE AND PEGGY HECKLER.
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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