Jim Broyhill was among the first members of Congress to recommend me for the vice-presidency back in 1973. I have never forgotten that demonstration of trust and confidence -- and I never will.

Jim Broyhill has represented the people of North Carolina's Tenth District faithfully and well for 14 years. He is a man of integrity, a man of responsibility, a
MAN HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM
BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE
CONGRESS AND BY HIS WONDERFUL
NEIGHBORS HERE IN HICORY.

HIS RECORD OF LEGISLATIVE
ACCOMPLISHMENT REFLECTS HIS
DEEP CONCERN FOR YOUR BEST
INTERESTS.

I'M DARN PROUD TO BE HERE
IN JIM BROYHILL'S HOMETOWN.
REMARKS AT LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE,

HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1976
THANK YOU FOR THIS VERY WARM AND WONDERFUL WELCOME. IT'S REALLY A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN CATAWBA COUNTY, AT THE GATEWAY TO THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M NO STRANGER TO
THIS GREAT TAR HEEL STATE. IN THE LAST TEN YEARS
ALONE, I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF COMING DOWN TO SPEAK
AND VISIT IN NORTH CAROLINA AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES --
AND TONIGHT I FEEL I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS RIGHT HERE
IN LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE.
AND BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, AS A FORMER WOLVERINE FROM MICHIGAN, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOUR OWN GREAT FOOTBALL TEAM, THE BEARS IN FOOTBALL, AS IN POLITICS, WINNING ALWAYS FEELS REAL GOOD.
THIS AREA HAS SO MANY OF THE FINE QUALITIES I'VE ALWAYS LIKED BEST ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA. NOT ONLY CATAWBA COUNTY BUT BURKE, CALDWELL, IRE-DELL, LINCOLN AND ALEXANDER COUNTIES ARE FULL OF GOOD PEOPLE -- PEOPLE AS STRONG AND STURDY AS HICKORY.
AND THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE ONE
OF MY FAVORITE PARTS OF THE STATE. THEY ARE NOT ONLY
GREAT TO LIVE IN, THEY PRODUCE GREAT MEN LIKE YOUR
GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHouser.
RIGHT HERE AT LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE, I CAN SEE
THE SAME SIGNS OF DRIVE AND INITIATIVE THAT ARE TYPICAL
OF YOUR STATE. YOUR PRESIDENT EMERITUS, DR. CROMER,
LAUNCHED A CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM THAT GAVE YOU THIRTEEN
MAJOR CAMPUS BUILDINGS.
AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR CURRENT DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT, DR. BOST, YOU HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED YOUR COLLEGE'S ENDOWMENT AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING ITS ACADEMIC PROGRAM.
HAVING HAD SOME EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE MYSELF,

LET ME SAY THAT ANY PRESIDENT WOULD BE PROUD OF DYNAMIC

PROGRESS LIKE THAT.

AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE GOING TO VITALIZE

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JUST AS DRAMATICALLY AS

DR. CROMER AND DR. BOST HAVE ENERGIZED LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE.
THAT'S TYPICAL OF THE SPIRIT OF THIS REGION.

AND OF THIS STATE AND OF THIS NATION.

I KNOW THAT IN 1968 HICKORY WON THE TITLE

OF "ALL-AMERICAN CITY." I CAN SEE THAT WASN'T JUST A TITLE

FOR ONE YEAR. BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF HICKORY TODAY

SHOW THE SAME SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE THAT HAS ALWAYS HELPED

MAKE AMERICA GREAT.

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Ball's Lunch

Phil Fry
THAT'S WHAT HELPED YOU TO MAKE YOUR REMARKABLE
RECOVERY FROM THE RECENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. AND THAT'S
WHAT HAS BEEN HELPING ALL AMERICA TO MAKE ITS RECOVERY TOO.

WE CAN SEE THE SIGNS OF YOUR HEALTHY ECONOMY NOT
JUST IN HICKORY BUT IN NEWTON-CONOVER AS WELL. AND WE CAN
SEE THE SIGNS OF AMERICA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AS EACH NEW SET
OF STATISTICS IS RELEASED.
ONE PIECE OF GOOD NEWS IN THOSE STATISTICS IS THAT

HOUSING STARTS IN FEBRUARY SHOWED A RECORD INCREASE OF

27 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THAT IS A MOVEMENT

IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THAT IS GOING TO MEAN A LOT MORE

BUSINESS FOR THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY.

AND THAT'S ONLY PART OF THE STORY. UNEMPLOYMENT

IS DOWN, AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT GOING DOWN.
The rate of inflation is down too -- way down. In February, the consumer price index showed its smallest increase in more than four years. The rate of inflation is half of what it was, and we're going to keep it down too!
AND THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE FUTURE IS:

The confidence of American consumers is up; and we're going to keep America's confidence up.

I think it's high time people started talking about what's good in America.
I stand here tonight and say I'm proud of our great country. Our agricultural and industrial and economic might is second to none -- and so is our ability to defend it. I don't believe those who downgrade America. I never have and I never will.
I didn't believe them when they said we needed a lot of government interference to get out of the recession.

I charted a steady course, and I pursued a balanced policy -- with tax cuts to help people spend, and incentives to help the business community to grow, expand, and create even more jobs.
TO FIGHT INFLATION, I Fought to keep a tight control over federal spending. To control those who would bust the budget, I used my presidential veto. I used it 46 times, and it was sustained 39 times -- and those 39 successful vetoes will save you, the American taxpayer, 13 billion dollars.
I think that's real progress, and if the Congress keeps sending me those reckless spending bills, I'll veto them again and again and again until the big spenders on Capitol Hill finally get the idea.
WE'RE GOING TO HOLD DOWN THE COST OF LIVING, BY HOLDING DOWN THE COST OF GOVERNMENT.

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE YOUR TAX DOLLARS WORK AS HARD FOR YOU, AS YOU DID FOR THEM.
WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A BALANCED APPROACH.

HERE IN HICKORY I KNOW YOU APPRECIATE WHAT THAT MEANS.

BECAUSE YOUR MOTTO IS "BEST-BALANCED CITY."

I THINK THAT MOTTO APPLIES NOT ONLY TO YOUR CITY

BUT TO YOUR WHOLE STATE. NORTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF THE

BEST-BALANCED STATES IN THE UNION.
IT'S A STATE WITH MOUNTAIN RANGES AND OCEAN BEACHES, WITH INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE. IT'S A GREAT STATE TO WORK IN, A GREAT STATE TO RELAX IN, AND A GREAT STATE TO LIVE IN.

WELL, I LIKE THINGS TO BE WELL-BALANCED TOO. I LIKE THE FEDERAL BUDGET. AND WE CAN BALANCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET BY 1979 -- AND WE WILL BALANCE IT BY 1979, WITH YOUR HELP.
THAT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE FURTHER MAJOR TAX CUTS.
WE WANT TO PUT MORE OF YOUR MONEY BACK INTO YOUR HANDS.
I BELIEVE IN A BALANCE BETWEEN FEDERAL AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT THAT WILL GIVE MORE FREEDOM TO YOUR STATE AND
LOCAL AUTHORITIES CLOSE TO HOME, NOT HUNDREDS OF MILES
AWAY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.
I believe we should strike a new balance between government responsibility and private initiative.

A new balance between those who pay taxes, and those who benefit from taxes.

To me, balance means stability, and stability means a firm foundation for the future of the United States of America.
In fact, there's only one place I don't like an even balance — and that's in election results. I like to see solid victories, the same kind of victories that put men like Jim Broyhill and Jim Martin to work for you in the Congress.
THE SAME KIND OF SOLID VICTORIES THAT WE'VE WON

IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, IN VERMONT,

IN MASSACHUSETTS, IN FLORIDA AND IN ILLINOIS, FIVE TIMES

IN A ROW.

AND THE SAME KIND OF SOLID VICTORIES WE'RE GOING

TO KEEP ON WINNING -- AND WINNING FROM MARCH 23rd RIGHT

ON DOWN THROUGH NOVEMBER 2nd.
I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP UP OUR MOMENTUM. TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP A REALISTIC, RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT. A GOVERNMENT THAT PROMISES ONLY WHAT IT CAN DELIVER -- AND DELIVERS EVERYTHING.

IT PROMISES.

I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP SO WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD AN EVEN GREATER AMERICA.
AND I'M ASKING YOU HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA TO GIVE ME YOUR SUPPORT, BECAUSE WHEN A TAR HEEL DECIDES TO DO SOMETHING -- IT GETS DONE.

AND NOW I WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

END OF TEXT
FILL IN PROGRAM:

1. MR. GENE SIGMON, CATAWBA COUNTY PFC CHAIRMAN; FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE; FORMER CAPTAIN OF UNC FOOTBALL TEAM, 1963;

2. BRUCE LENTZ—FORMERLY OF HICKORY AND NOW GOVERNOR HOLSHOUSER'S SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION IN RALEIGH;

3. STATE REP. CASS BALLenger OF HICKORY, WHO SERVES AS 10TH DISTRICT PFC CHAIRMAN;

4. CONG. JIM BROTHILL WHO ISSUED STRONG ENDORSEMENT TO THE CROWD AND WILL INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT VERY BRIEFLY.