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Chogy Chase - Saturday Night Show.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

I'm Gerald Ford & you are not.

Can you imagine in one week -

NK & Chogy Chase.

Oh What a Beautiful Morning
Oh what a beautiful day
If I had a few photos in my pocket
I would be going my way

REMARKS AT FUND-RAISING DINNER

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976

- THANK YOU, JOHN (MR. McCONE INTRODUCES YOU)
- CONGRESSMEN CLAIR BURGNER AND JOHN ROUSSELOT
- ZV YOUNGER
- ED CARTER
- BOB MOSBACHER
- REVEREND CLERGY
- I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK CARY GRANT FOR SERVING AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND LEONA MITCHELL OF THE METROPOLITAN OPERA COMPANY AND HOWARD KEEL FOR PROVIDING THE ENTERTAINMENT.

Chuck Wilson
Chogy Wiggins

I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU,

OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS, FOR COMING HERE THIS EVENING

AND GIVING ME YOUR SUPPORT. *Betty + I* I APPRECIATE IT VERY,

VERY MUCH. *& Steve also. We won't let you
down on the next 4 yrs.*

I AM GLAD TO BE ABLE TO COME HERE THIS EVENING

simple, straightforward
WITH A MESSAGE THAT IS IN KEEPING WITH THIS HAPPY OCCASION.

THAT MESSAGE IS SIMPLY THIS ~~-~~ 1976 IS GOING TO BE
A GREAT YEAR FOR THE REPUBLIC, AND A GREAT YEAR FOR THE
REPUBLICANS.

I CAN SEE THE GOOD SIGNS, AND SO CAN THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY ARE THE SIGNS OF REJUVENATION,
THE SIGNS OF HEALTH AND VITALITY RETURNING TO A COUNTRY THAT
NOT TOO LONG AGO SEEMED FROZEN INTO A LONG, COLD WINTER.

I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER WHAT OUR ECONOMY WAS

LIKE LAST YEAR } ALTHOUGH I'M SURE WE'D ALL LIKE TO FORGET IT.

BUT YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER WHAT SOME OF OUR

OPPONENTS WERE SAYING A YEAR AGO }- AND I'M SURE THEY

WOULD LIKE US TO FORGET THEIR DOOM AND GLOOM PREDICTIONS, TOO.

For sample
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IN FEBRUARY OF 1975, GEORGE MEANY WARNED THAT

EVERYTHING WAS POINTING DOWNWARD, DOWN TO A DEPRESSION.

HE FORECAST THAT A TEN PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY JULY

WAS INEVITABLE.

AND IN FEBRUARY OF 1975 A LEADING SPOKESMAN OF

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY SAID,

AND I QUOTE, "UNLESS WE TAKE SOME VERY CONCRETE AND EFFECTIVE

ACTION, / AND VERY QUICKLY, WITHIN THE NEXT 60 TO 90 DAYS, /

I THINK WE WOULD BE APPROACHING WHAT YOU WOULD CALL THE

DIMENSIONS OF A DEPRESSION."

THOSE PROPHECIES WERE FALSE, AND WE KNEW THEN THEY

WERE FALSE. WE HAD MORE FAITH THAN THEY DID IN THE GREAT

AMERICAN ECONOMIC MACHINE. WE WEREN'T ABOUT TO GIVE IN

TO THE TEMPTATION OF QUICK-FIX GIMMICKS AND EMPTY PROMISES.

I PURSUED A STEADY, BALANCED POLICY AIMED AT

Long term
ENSURING OUR NATION'S ECONOMIC HEALTH. NOT JUST FOR A WEEK

OR A MONTH -- NOT JUST FOR AN ELECTION YEAR -- BUT OVER

THE LONG TERM.

hard + against some tough odds
I FOUGHT AGAINST THE SHORTSIGHTED APPROACH THEN,

AND I'M GOING TO KEEP ON FIGHTING AGAINST IT NOW, AND FOR
THE NEXT FOUR YEARS AS WELL.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, THEY'RE COOKING UP

legislators with an attractive label.

A NEW MIRACLE POTION NOW.

THIS ONE HAS SOME FAMILIAR

NAMES ON IT, THOUGH -- AUGUSTUS HAWKINS AND HUBERT

HUMPHREY.

IF THERE WAS EVER A BILL THAT PROMISED MORE

proposed legislation

THAN IT CAN DELIVER

- THIS IS IT.

THERE IS A CURIOUS CONSENSUS THAT THIS BILL

IS BAD NEWS.

CONSERVATIVES SAY IT WOULD LEAD TO A PLANNED

ECONOMY SIMILAR TO THOSE IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

SOME LIBERALS SAY THEY DOUBT WHETHER THE
GOVERNMENT CAN SIMPLY WAVE ITS MAGIC WAND AND ACHIEVE
SPECIFIC NUMERICAL GOALS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, INTEREST RATES
AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE.

A LABOR ECONOMIST WHO SUPPORTS THE BILL SAYS

IT "WILL DO VERY LITTLE FOR THE WORKING POOR."

AND PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY SAYS THAT THIS BILL

DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ITS OWN INFLATIONARY IMPACT ON

THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

YOU CAN'T GET HUBERT HUMPHREY OR GUS HAWKINS

TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH THIS BILL WILL COST. MAYBE EVEN THEY

DON'T KNOW, OR MAYBE THEY'RE JUST AFRAID TO TELL US.

BUT WHATEVER IT COSTS, IT'S PROBABLY TOO MUCH,

much

in the Oval Office

AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IF THIS BILL GETS TO MY DESK,

I'VE GOT MY VETO STAMP READY FOR ACTION.

WE'RE ON THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY IN THIS COUNTRY,

AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY WRONG TURNS NOW.

THE FACT IS THAT TODAY THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS GOOD

AND GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME.

INFLATION IS WAY, WAY,

DOWN

LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS

AND WE'RE GOING

TO KEEP IT GOING DOWN.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS GOING DOWN, TOO.

WE'VE RECOVERED ALL THE JOBS THAT HAD BEEN LOST TO THE
numerically
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RECESSION -- AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP AMERICA WORKING.

I'M GOING TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE *in the right way* UNTIL EVERY AMERICAN WHO
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WANTS A JOB, HAS A JOB.

THE FACT IS THAT PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE MORE
CASH AND THEY HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE THAN THEY DID WHEN
I BECAME PRESIDENT 19 MONTHS AGO.

AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE THAT RENEWED CONFIDENCE
IN THEMSELVES AND IN THEIR COUNTRY, THEY ARE USING THAT CASH.

THAT'S WHY RETAIL SALES HAVE RISEN STEADILY.

THAT'S WHY WE'VE SEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NEW-CAR

SALES, AND IN THE PURCHASE OF DURABLE GOODS. AND THAT

NEW CONFIDENCE IS WHY AMERICAN CONSUMERS ARE GOING TO KEEP

UP THEIR DEMAND FOR ALL THE GREAT PRODUCTS THAT AMERICA

HAS TO OFFER.

ONE RECENT SURVEY LOOKED AT HOW MANY AMERICANS

PLAN TO BUY A CAR IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS / AND FOUND

THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IN NINE YEARS.

THE SAME SURVEY LOOKED AT HOW MANY AMERICANS

EXPECT THEIR PERSONAL INCOME TO RISE IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS /-

AND FOUND THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN SEVEN YEARS.

ANOTHER SURVEY LOOKED AT HOW MANY AMERICANS

ARE IN THE MARKET FOR STOCKS, BONDS AND MUTUAL FUNDS --

AND FOUND THE FIRST CLEAR INCREASE IN OVER TWO YEARS.

THESE ARE ALL THE SIGNS OF A SPRINGTIME ECONOMY.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE SIGNS THAT SHOW OUR RECOVERY IS GOING

TO BE FULL AND COMPLETE, AND THAT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

IS GOING TO BE JUST AS STRONG AND HEALTHY IN THE FUTURE

AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE BEST YEARS OF THE PAST.

I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE OUR ECONOMY STAYS ON

THE RIGHT TRACK.

I'M NOT GOING TO RISK OUR RECOVERY BY

GIVING WAY TO ANOTHER ONSLAUGHT OF THE BUDGET-BUSTERS

IN THE CONGRESS.

I'VE ALREADY USED MY PRESIDENTIAL VETO 46 TIMES

wise & strong members of

IN THE LAST 19 MONTHS.

WE GOT THE CONGRESS TO SUSTAIN

39 OF THOSE VETOES, WHICH MEANS WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE YOU

AND ALL AMERICAN TAXPAYERS 13 BILLION DOLLARS -- AND

THAT'S NOT BAD.

Thanks

*Wiggins
Burgener
Rouselout*

AND IF THIS SPEND-THRIFT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS

COMES BACK TO ME WITH MORE RECKLESS SPENDING BILLS,

THEN I'M GOING TO USE MY VETO AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN.

WE'RE GOING TO HOLD DOWN THE COST OF LIVING BY

HOLDING DOWN THE COST OF GOVERNMENT. WE'RE GOING TO

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS WORK AS HARD FOR YOU,

AS YOU DO FOR THEM.

THE DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS HAVE A LITTLE

DIFFERENT IDEA. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO SEND ME

A BUDGET WITH 20 BILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN I RECOMMENDED.

AND ON TOP OF THAT, THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT TAKING

AWAY THE 10 BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT I RECOMMENDED.

THAT MAY BE THE DEMOCRATS' IDEA OF FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY, BUT LET ME TELL YOU | FORD HAS A BETTER IDEA•

MY IDEA IS TO CUT THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING --
AND GIVE YOU THE TAX CUT YOU NEED AND DESERVE | --

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I INTEND TO DO•

OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF HAS
SHOWN US ONCE AGAIN THAT THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS
STRONG, AND CAPABLE OF MEETING GREAT CHALLENGES.

OUR EXPERIENCE HAS CONFIRMED OUR BELIEF IN THE GREAT FREE
ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND THE GREAT FREE SOCIETY ESTABLISHED BY
OUR FOREFATHERS 200 YEARS AGO.

AND THE RETURNING STRENGTH OF OTHER FREE ECONOMIES --

IN EUROPE, IN JAPAN AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

AS WELL -- IS NOW ADDING TO THE MOMENTUM OF OUR OWN

RECOVERY.

OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF HAS

ALSO SHOWN THAT MY ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES HAVE BEEN

THE RIGHT ONES.

THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST HAVE TAUGHT US TO RECOGNIZE

SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS FOR WHAT THEY ARE.

QUICK-FIX

SOLUTIONS CAN LOOK VERY ATTRACTIVE / ESPECIALLY TO A

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IN AN ELECTION YEAR.

BUT ONLY A STEADY, LONG TERM POLICY WILL LEAD

US TO A SOUND AND PROSPEROUS ECONOMY, WITH FULL EMPLOYMENT

UNBURDENED BY A HIGH RATE OF INFLATION.

OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE NOT LICKED ALL OUR PROBLEMS YET.

FRANKLY, THE FIGURES LATELY HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER THAN WE HAD

EXPECTED, AND WE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED OR DISCOURAGED

IF WE OCCASIONALLY SEE A FEW FIGURES THAT AREN'T QUITE THAT GOOD

IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

BUT THE TREND IS RIGHT AND

THE TREND IS STRONG

AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

THE FIGURES ARE GOOD / BUT THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA ISN'T COMPOSED OF STATISTICS / IT'S COMPOSED
OF PEOPLE• AND WHEN THOSE PEOPLE FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHERE
THEY ARE GOING / AS THEY DO NOW / THEN THIS COUNTRY
IS CLEARLY HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION•

AND WHEN THE PEOPLE FEEL THAT WAY, IT MEANS

THEY WANT CONTINUITY AND STABILITY. THEY DON'T WANT

TO CHANGE HORSES IN MID-STREAM. I DON'T THINK THEY

WANT TO TRADE IN THEIR FORD FOR ANOTHER MODEL IN 1976.

IT'S CLEAR THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE ARE NOW RETURNING TO THE REPUBLICAN VALUES

I HAVE ALWAYS STOOD FOR / AND VOTED FOR / DURING MY QUARTER

OF A CENTURY IN THE CONGRESS. I KNEW THEY WERE

THE RIGHT ONES THEN AND I KNOW THEY'RE THE RIGHT ONES NOW.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT
SOME OF THE POPULAR THEMES BEING TALKED ABOUT BY THE
DEMOCRATS•

JUST LISTEN TO THIS QUOTATION: "THE AVERAGE
AMERICAN IS FED UP WITH FOOTING THE BILL FOR HIGH-FLOWN,
UNPLANNED BUREAUCRATIC SCHEMES WHICH FAIL TO DELIVER
EFFECTIVE SERVICES•"

I DIDN'T SAY THAT / BILL SIMON DIDN'T SAY

THAT - { BARRY GOLDWATER DIDN'T SAY THAT. WE COULD HAVE

SAID IT. BUT THAT PARTICULAR QUOTATION CAME STRAIGHT

FROM JIMMY CARTER, THE DEMOCRATS' LEADING CONTENDER IN

THE PRIMARY RACE.

AND MO UDALL, THE MOST LIBERAL OF THE LEADING
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES, DOESN'T EVEN CALL HIMSELF A LIBERAL
ANY MORE. HE SAYS THE WORD "LIBERAL" IS ASSOCIATED --
AND I QUOTE -- WITH "BIG-SPENDING, WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT."

*I've been saying that for years.
They are a little slow to get the word,
But better late than never.*

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE BORROWED IDEAS THE

DEMOCRATS ARE USING TO APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN VOTER

THIS YEAR, ALONG WITH SOME OTHER IDEAS THAT SOUND AWFULLY

FAMILIAR TO US REPUBLICANS.

AND THAT IS WHY WE'RE GOING TO BEAT THE

DEMOCRATS IN NOVEMBER NO MATTER WHO THEIR NOMINEE IS

WHETHER IT'S JIMMY CARTER, OR SCOOP JACKSON, OR

HUBERT HORATIO HUMPHREY BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A LOT MORE

with + dedication to

EXPERIENCE ~~WITH~~ THOSE IDEAS THAN THEY HAVE.

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THEY'VE JUST CHANGED THEIR TUNE -- BUT WE'VE
BEEN SINGING THE SAME SONG ALL ALONG, AND THAT'S THE SONG
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR IN 1976.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE JUST BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THE
BASIC TRUTH I'VE MAINTAINED FOR A LONG, LONG TIME: THAT A
GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE US EVERYTHING WE WANT IS A
GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE AWAY FROM US EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

I'M GOING TO KEEP ON GIVING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

STRAIGHT TALK INSTEAD OF EMPTY PROMISES.

MY ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF

PROMISING ONLY WHAT WE CAN DELIVER -- AND DELIVERING

EVERYTHING WE PROMISE.

AND THE ONLY PROMISE I'M GOING TO MAKE HERE

TONIGHT IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO WIN AT KANSAS CITY IN AUGUST /

AND WE'RE GOING TO WIN ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN NOVEMBER.

AND FOR THOSE WHO WHO DOUBT THAT PROMISE, LET ME

QUOTE THE WORDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHER,

EDMUND BURKE.

BURKE SAID, "HE THAT WRESTLES WITH US STRENGTHENS

OUR NERVES AND SHARPENS OUR SKILLS.

OUR ANTAGONIST

IS OUR HELPER."

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT HELP IS GOING TO COME

FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU. YOU KNOW THAT OUR REPUBLICAN

BELIEFS -- FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, (DECENTRALIZED POWER,

A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE -- HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE RIGHT

FOR THIS COUNTRY THAN THEY ARE RIGHT NOW. YOU KNOW

THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT CONTINUITY AND STABILITY.

AND WITH YOUR HELP, THE HELP OF ALL IN OUR GREAT
PARTY, AND THE HELP OF A MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STRONG, RESPONSIBLE AND
EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT NOT JUST 1976,

BUT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL BE GREAT YEARS FOR THE REPUBLIC,

AND GREAT YEARS FOR THE REPUBLICANS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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