

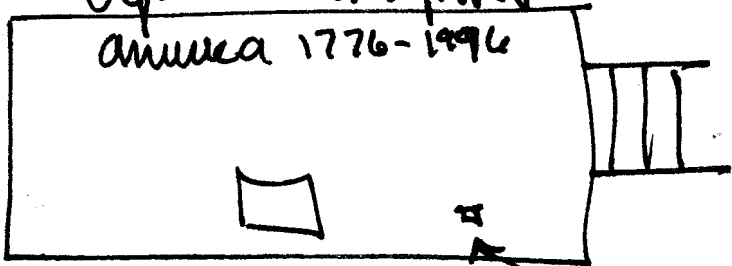
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- Thanks you, Bart
- Governor Knowles
- Cong. Steiger
- Mel Laird
- Ladies and Gentlemen

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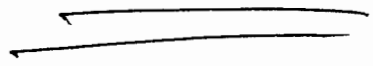
REMARKS AT BROWN COUNTY MUNICIPAL ARENA
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN, APRIL 3, 1976

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON
IN GREEN BAY, HOME OF THE GREEN BAY PACKERS.

BART AND I JUST CAME FROM DEDICATING THE
GREEN BAY PACKERS HALL OF FAME.

LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT I REALLY DON'T
MIND IF THE GREEN BAY PACKERS HAVE A LINEBACKER BY THE NAME
OF JIMMY CARTER -- IT'S A GREAT TEAM ANYWAY.



YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS, BUT IN MY COLLEGE
DAYS -- A FEW YEARS AGO -- THE COACH OF A PRO FOOTBALL
TEAM ASKED ME TO PLAY FOR HIM. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF
THAT COACH -- HIS NAME WAS CURLY LAMBEAU (LAM-BO).
I DECIDED NOT TO JOIN THE GREEN BAY PACKERS.
BUT I JOINED ANOTHER GREAT TEAM -- THE REPUBLICAN PARTY --
AND I'VE BEEN PLAYING HARD ON THAT TEAM FOR THE LAST 27 YEARS.

*Don Hutson
Curly Lambeau
Bart Starr
Tony Dilwig*

I LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS

THIS AFTERNOON -- BUT FIRST, LET ME MAKE A FEW BRIEF

REMARKS.

LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I SEE AS I LOOK AT THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SPRING OF ITS BICENTENNIAL

YEAR.

OF COURSE / SPRING IS ALWAYS A GOOD TIME OF YEAR.

IT'S A TIME WHEN NATURE SEEMS TO COME ALIVE AGAIN, AND THE
WEATHER TURNS MILD AND PLEASANT.

BUT THIS YEAR THERE IS A LOT MORE TO IT THAN THAT.

PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE FEELING A WHOLE LOT BETTER THIS
SPRING THAN THEY DID LAST SPRING.

A YEAR AGO, AT ABOUT THIS TIME, SOME PEOPLE
THOUGHT WE WERE HEADED STRAIGHT DOWN TO A DEPRESSION•

OTHERS SAID UNEMPLOYMENT WAS GOING TO REACH 10 PERCENT

BY JULY, AND GAS WOULD BE SELLING FOR A DOLLAR A GALLON•

BUT YOU KNOW AND I KNOW / THAT ISN'T THE WAY

THINGS TURNED OUT•

INSTEAD OF A COLD, HARD DEPRESSION, WE'VE GOT A BRIGHT
SPRINGTIME ECONOMY.

WE'VE CUT INFLATION TO HALF OF WHAT IT WAS IN
1974, AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT DOWN TOO.

WE'VE RECOVERED ALL THE JOBS THAT WERE LOST TO
THE RECESSION / AND THEN SOME.

AND JUST YESTERDAY, WE HAD SOME REAL GOOD
NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. IT WAS ANNOUNCED
IN WASHINGTON THAT WE GAINED 375 THOUSAND MORE JOBS
IN THE MONTH OF MARCH ALONE.

TODAY 86.7 MILLION AMERICANS ARE GAINFULLY
EMPLOYEED -- THE MOST AMERICANS EVER EMPLOYED IN
THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION --- AND I'D SAY THAT'S A
PRETTY GOOD COME-BACK.

THE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS GOING DOWN, AND WE'RE GOING
TO MAKE SURE IT KEEPS GOING DOWN. I'M GOING TO KEEP UP
THE MOMENTUM UNTIL EVERY AMERICAN WHO WANTS A JOB,
HAS A JOB.

JUST THIS LAST WEEK WE SAW THE FOURTH STRAIGHT
MONTHLY IMPROVEMENT IN OUR LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS.

IN FEBRUARY, RETAIL SALES GREW, AND NEW ORDERS RECEIVED
BY MANUFACTURERS REACHED THE HIGHEST DOLLAR LEVEL IN OUR
HISTORY.

THAT MEANS THAT CONSUMERS HAVE ENOUGH
CONFIDENCE TO SPEND THEIR MONEY, AND BUSINESSMEN HAVE
ENOUGH CONFIDENCE TO INVEST THEIR MONEY.

IT MEANS THAT THE SIGNS OF FAITH AND OPTIMISM --
THE SIGNS OF HEALTH AND VITALITY -- ARE RETURNING TO A
COUNTRY THAT NOT TOO LONG AGO SEEMED FROZEN INTO A LONG,
COLD WINTER.

WE'VE COME THROUGH SOME HARD TIMES TOGETHER.
AND NOW WE CAN SEE / THAT NOT ONLY HAS OUR SYSTEM SURVIVED --
IT'S GOING TO BE STRONGER THAN EVER.

MY ADMINISTRATION PLAYED ITS PART BY FOLLOWING

A POLICY OF FIRMNESS AND COMMON SENSE.

COMMON SENSE TOLD US THAT THE WAY TO BEAT

UNEMPLOYMENT WASN'T BY PADDING THE FEDERAL PAYROLL, BUT BY

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S FREE ENTERPRISE ECONOMY, WHICH

EMPLOYS FIVE OUT OF SIX PEOPLE WORKING IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY.

COMMON SENSE TOLD US THAT THE WAY TO HOLD DOWN

THE COST OF LIVING WAS TO HOLD DOWN THE COST OF GOVERNMENT.

I DID THAT WITH 46 VETOES -- THEY TELL ME THAT'S A RECORD.

MANY OF THOSE WERE RECKLESS SPENDING BILLS, / AND THE CONGRESS

SUSTAINED 39 OF MY VETOES, AND MY 39 SUCCESSFUL VETOES

SAVED YOU 13 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S REAL PROGRESS.

WE FOUGHT TO GET YOU OFF THE TREADMILL OF INFLATION,

AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP ON FIGHTING. WE'RE GOING TO KEEP

OUR SOUND AND STABLE POLICIES, AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP

OUR COMMON SENSE.

COMMON SENSE TELLS US WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO

DISMANTLE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND DESTROY GOOD PROGRAMS

ALONG WITH BAD ONES. WE SHOULD IMPROVE THE PROGRAMS

THAT DO WORK -- AND GET RID OF THE ONES THAT DON'T.

COMMON SENSE TELLS US THAT ONE PROGRAM THAT HAS
WORKED FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS OUR SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
WHICH ENSURES A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ELDERLY
AMERICANS. I AM DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF
THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AND I HAVE MADE CONCRETE PROPOSALS
TO DO JUST THAT.

COMMON SENSE TELLS US THAT STATE AND LOCAL

GOVERNMENTS, CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE, FREQUENTLY HAVE A FAR

BETTER SENSE OF THEIR NEEDS THAN SOME FEDERAL AGENCY HUNDREDS

OF MILES AWAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

SO I'VE PROPOSED POSITIVE, CONCRETE STEPS -- SUCH AS
EXTENDING GENERAL REVENUE SHARING, AND CONSOLIDATING FEDERAL
GRANTS -- TO RETURN MORE MONEY AND MORE POWER TO LOCAL
AUTHORITIES.

AND COMMON SENSE TELLS US THAT YOU DON'T SWITCH

QUARTERBACKS JUST WHEN YOUR TEAM IS HITTING ITS STRIDE --

JUST WHEN YOU'RE GAINING GROUND. OR TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY,

THIS IS NO TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR FORD FOR ANOTHER MODEL.

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS NOW IS EXPERIENCE. AMERICA
NEEDS TO CONTINUE THE SOUND AND STABLE POLICIES THAT HAVE PROVEN
THEIR VALUE BY HELPING THIS COUNTRY THROUGH ITS HARD TIMES.

AMERICA NEEDS A GOVERNMENT THAT DOESN'T RAISE
FALSE HOPES, OR CONJURE UP FALSE FEARS.

WHAT WE NEED IS A GOVERNMENT THAT PROMISES ONLY
WHAT IT CAN DELIVER -- AND DELIVERS EVERYTHING IT PROMISES●

THAT'S THE POLICY MY ADMINISTRATION HAS FOLLOWED --
AND THAT'S THE POLICY WE'RE GOING TO KEEP ON FOLLOWING●

AND WITH YOUR HELP NEXT TUESDAY AND NEXT

NOVEMBER, WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT AMERICA CONTINUES TO HAVE THE

SOLID, RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT IT NEEDS -- NOT JUST THIS

SPRING, BUT EVERY SEASON -- AND FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

AS WELL.

AND NOW I'LL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER SOME OF YOUR

QUESTIONS.

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