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## REMARKS AT PENDLETON PUBLIC RALLY

## PENDLETON, OREGON

## SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976

## HAPPY CANYON ARENA ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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THE PRESIDENT LAS SHEW

THANK YOU, VICER. (Victor Atiyeh introduces you.)

MY OLD FRIEND, LEN JORDAN. AND LEN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING A NUMBER OF PEOPLE OF IDAHO TO GREET ME HERE AT PENDLETON. I ONLY WISH I HAD MORE TIME ON THIS TRIP SO I COULD VISIT YOUR GREAT STATE. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

FELLOW AMERICANS

AT THE OUTSET, LET ME THANK YOUR FINE PENDLETON BAND. YOU'RE GREAT! AND I APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION VERY MUCH. A.

I FLEW OUT HERE YESTERDAY MORNING TO SPEND

FOUR DAYS CAMPAIGNING ON THE WEST COAST, AND MY VERY

FIRST STOP WAS RIGHT HERE IN OREGON.

I'M GLAD TO BE HERE. I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS

GLAD TO BE HERE. THIS IS GOD'S COUNTRY.

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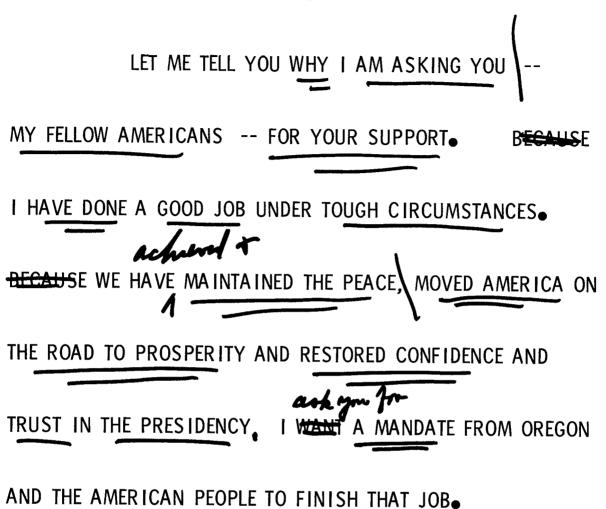
#### SOME STATES HAVE MOUNTAIN RANGES. SOME

BORDER ON THE OCEAN. SOME HAVE FERTILE AND PRODUCTIVE LANDS, BROAD FORESTS AND SPARKLING RIVERS. IN SOME YOU CAN SKI - IN OTHERS YOU CAN SWIM. BUT HERE IN OREGON, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL.

#### MY MESSAGE TODAY CAN BE SUMMED UP

IN JUST A FEW WORDS:

# AS MUCH AS I BELIEVE IN A STRONG AND PROSPEROUS AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY, I HAVE COME HERE TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR $\checkmark$ THERE IS <u>ABSOLUTELY NO</u> REASON TO TRADE IN YOUR RELIABLE FORD $\checkmark$ FOR A FLASHIER MODEL



PEACE, PROSPERITY AND TRUST ARE MY RECORD

OF PERFORMANCE SINCE I BECAME PRESIDENT. IT IS A RECORD

ACHIEVED AGAINST WHAT SEEMED LIKE INSURMOUNTABLE

OBSTACLES -- NOT-THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS A SO-CALLED

VETO-PROOF CONGRESS.

#### CONSIDER FOR-A-MOMENT WHERE WE WERE

IN THE VERY FIRST MONTHS OF MY PRESIDENCY. YOU WILL RECALL SOME WELL-KNOWN ECONOMISTS, LABOR AND POLITICAL LEADERS WERE PREDICTING THAT WE WERE HEADING INTO A DEEP DEPRESSION, THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD SOON EXCEED TEN PERCENT, THAT ONLY MASSIVE ACTION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

COULD AVERT CATASTROPHE.

INFLATION HAD SOARED TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF OVER TWELVE PERCENT. INTEREST RATES WERE GOING THROUGH THE ROOF. FAR TOO MANY AMERICANS WERE LAID OFF AND COULD NOT FIND NEW JOBS. JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO WE HIT THE BOTTOM

OF OUR WORST RECESSION IN FORTY YEARS. MANY WERE URGING THAT WE PUSH THE PANIC BUTTON. IN THE CONGRESS, THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN SET OFF A CLAMOR FOR HUGE EMERGENCY FEDERAL SUBSIDIES FOR MORE AND BIGGER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND HIGHER DEFICIT GOVERNMENT SPENDING. THE PROPHETS OF DOOM WERE WRONG --AND I KNEW THEY WERE WRONG. WE DID NOT PANIC. I NEVER LOST SIGHT OF A BELIEF I HAVE HELD FOR ALL OF MY POLITICAL LIFE: THAT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT -- IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE FROM YOU EVERYTHING YOU HAVE. WE RESISTED BIG SPENDING SCHEMES THAT WOULD HAVE

CAUSED LARGER FEDERAL DEFICITS AND EVEN MORE DESTRUCTIVE INFLATION• WE REJECTED THE DISCREDITED TECHNIQUES OF THE OLD POLITICS OF 'TAX AND TAX, SPEND AND SPEND, ELECT AND ELECT•'' INSTEAD, WE PURSUED A CALM, STEADY POLICY TO INSURE AMERICA'S ECONOMIC HEALTH -- NOT FOR JUST AN ELECTION YEAR, BUT FOR THE LONG, LONG PULL•

#### WE HAD FAITH THAT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF

## PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WOULD REGAIN ITS STRENGTH.

## AS A RESULT, WE MEET TODAY NOT IN THE GLOOM OF A

RECESSION -- BUT IN THE FULL SURGE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

ONE MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE STRONG

ECONOMIC RECOVERY WE ARE EXPERIENCING IS THE SUCCESS OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE - AND THE STATE OF OREGON HAS <u>PLAYED</u> A MAJOR ROLE IN THAT SUCCESS.

IN SUCH AREAS AS BEEF PRODUCTION. WE STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO BEFORE EVERYTHING IS WHERE IT SHOULD BE AND WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE. BUT OVERALL FARM EXPORTS ARE BEING TRADED IN RECORD VOLUME. FARM INCOME IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH. WE HAVE REACHED A MAJOR AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION WHICH WILL ENSURE A SIGNIFICANT SOVIET MARKET FOR OREGON WHEAT FOR YEARS TO COME. Just year we aported 22 billion dellars of agricultures products. This year we will sell move from products

TO MAKE SURE THAT <u>GOOD OREGON WHEAT</u> AND OTHER <u>FARM PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED IN FUTURE GENERATIONS</u>, I HAVE <u>PROPOSED LEGISLATION RAISING THE ESTATE-TAX EXEMPTION</u> FROM <u>60,000 TO 150,000 DOLLARS</u>, <u>STRETCHING OUT THOSE</u> <u>ESTATE-TAX PAYMENTS AT LOW INTEREST OVER A 25-YEAR PERIOD</u>, AND <u>MAKING THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE</u> TAX-FREE

IAX-FREE

# THAT WILL HELP NOT ONLY THE FAMILY FARMS OF OREGON,

BUT FAMILY BUS INESSES AS WELL. THERE IS NO REASON THESE FAMILY ENTERPRISES THERE IS NO REASON THESE FAMILY ENTERPRISES SHOULD BE SACRIFICED JUST TO PAY THE TAX COLLECTOR, THE I HAVE MY WAY, THEY WON'T BE.

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THESE ENTERPRISES HAVE HELPED US TURN OUR ECONOMY

AROUND IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OVER THE PAST 21 MONTHS.

AMERICA'S NEW PROSPERITY CUTS ACROSS EVERY SEGMENT

OF OUR ECONOMY.

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EIGHTY-SEVEN MILLION, 400 THOUSAND AMERICANS

ARE ON THE JOB TODAY -- THAT IS AN ALL-TIME RECORD.

WE WILL CREATE MORE JOBS BY FOLLOWING YOUR

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FINE LOCAL EXAMPLE AND GENERATING NEW JOBS IN PRIVATE

ENTERPRISE -- WHERE FIVE OUT OF EVERY SIX JOBS ARE FOUND

IN AMERICA.

INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF DURING THE PAST 21 MONTHS, AND WE WILL KEEP THE PRESSURE ON SO THAT 3 Junt 1 1 WON'T EVER THREATEN OUR ECONOMIC STABILITY AGAIN 1 VETOED 49 BILLS THAT THE CONGRESS SENT ME, AND 42 OF THOSE VETOES WERE SUSTAINED, SAVING

THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER 13 BILLION DOLLARS.

THAT'S ABOUT 200 DOLLARS FOR EVERY FAMILY

IN AMERICA -- AND IF THE CONGRESS KEEPS SENDING ME

THESE BIG-SPENDING, BUDGET-BUSTING BILLS, I WILL USE MY

VETO AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN.

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT TO SPEND YOUR MONEY

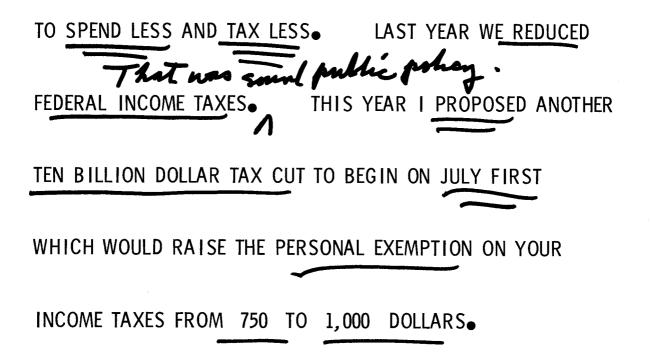
THE WAY YOU WANT TO SPEND IT, INSTEAD OF LETTING THE

CONGRESS SPEND IT FOR YOU.

## I AM DETERMINED THAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS

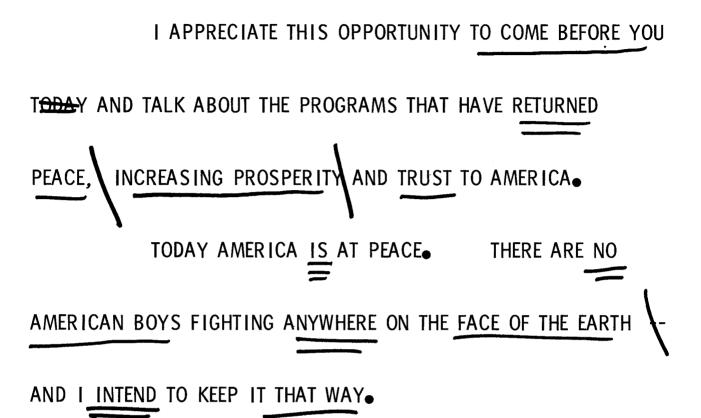
WORK AS HARD FOR YOU AS YOU WORKED FOR THEM.

WHEREVER POSSIBLE, I WANT THE GOVERNMENT



RIGHT NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE THE <u>CONGRESS</u> WOULD RATHER <u>SPEND</u> THAT TEN <u>BILLION DOLLARS</u> - AND <u>ALMOST</u> <u>EIGHT BILLION MORE</u> - RATHER THAN LET YOU KEEP IT. LET ME ASSURE YOU <u>I WILL FIGHT</u> THE <u>CONGRESS</u> EVERY <u>STEP OF THE WAY</u> TO GET YOU THE <u>TAX RELIEF</u> YOU <u>DESERVE</u>. It will fight for Amurica.

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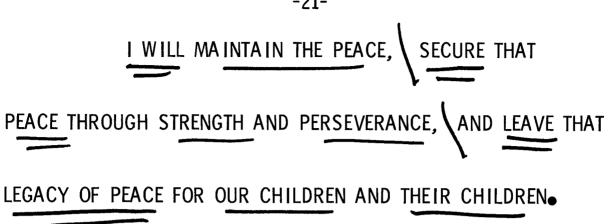


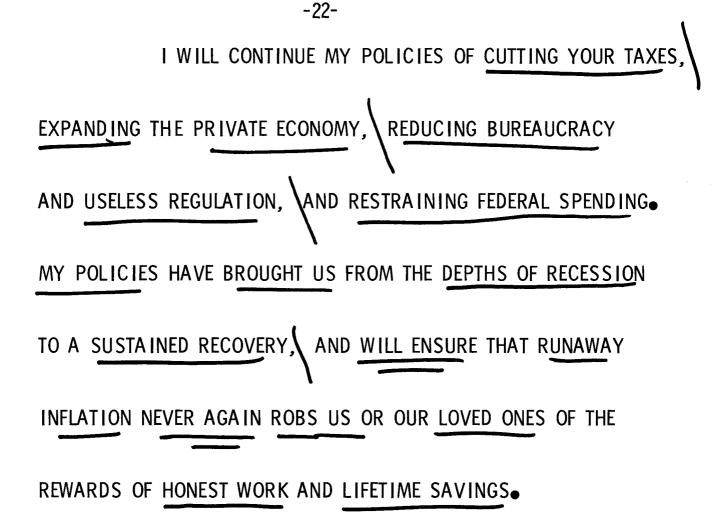
## OUR MILITARY STRENGTH REMAINS UNSURPASSED.

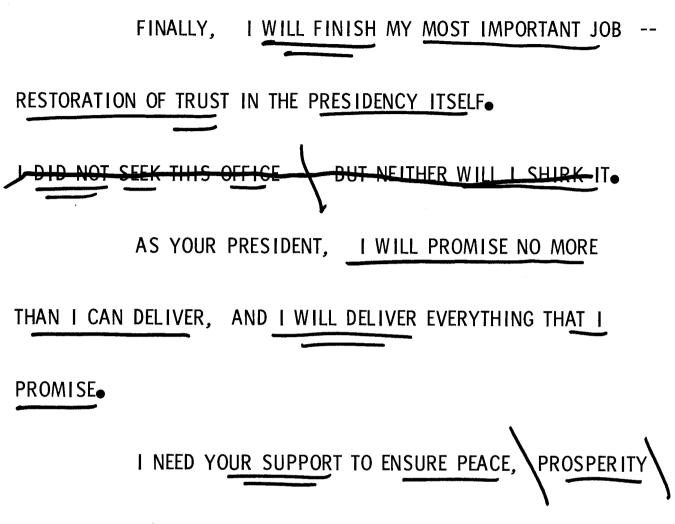
WE HAVE THE BEST EQUIPPED, BEST-TRAINED, BEST LED FIGHTING

FORCE IN THE WORLD -- AND THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS.

YOUR SONS AND HUSBANDS ARE NOT BEING DRAFTED.







AND TRUST FOR THE FUTURE.

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US.
AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS WANTED LIFE TO BE
BETTER FOR OUR CHILDREN THAN IT WAS FOR US + BECAUSE
LIFE FOR US HAS BEEN BETTER THAN IT WAS FOR OUR PARENTS.
WHAT DO I SEE AHEAD FOR THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY

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OF OURS?

I SEE A STRONG AND CONFIDENT AMERICA

SECURE IN A STRENGTH THAT CANNOT ALONE BE COUNTED IN MEGATONS a hation AND REJOICING IN RICHES THAT CANNOT BE ERODED BY INFLATION

OR TAXATION.

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I SEE AN AMERICA WHERE LIFE IS VALUED FOR ITS QUALITY AS WELL AS ITS COMFORT, WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS INVIOLATE IN HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SERVES

AND THE PEOPLE RULE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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