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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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- CONGRESSMAN CHUCK WIGGINS
- PHIL RILEY                       (President, Mission Viejo Co.)
- WENDY EDGREN                   (Committee Chairman)
- HONORED GUESTS
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN   THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. . .

I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING HERE WITH YOU TODAY:

MISSION VIEJO (VEE-A-HO) IS AN EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY:

WHAT A GREAT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND DRILL TEAM!

I HOPE TO HEAR THE DIABLOS AGAIN IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH:

BEING A SWIMMER MYSELF, I'M IMPRESSED BY THE  
NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMERS THAT MISSION VIEJO (VEE-A-HO)  
PRODUCES. I'LL BET YOU WILL PROVE THAT AGAIN IN THE UPCOMING  
OLYMPIC TRIALS.

AS ONE OF THE NEW TOWNS IN THE UNITED STATES;

MISSION VIEJO (VEE-A-HO) STANDS OUT BECAUSE YOUR COMMUNITY

WAS BUILT ENTIRELY WITH PRIVATE FUNDS. DURING THE TEN YEARS

THAT YOU HAVE GROWN, YOU HAVE HANDLED YOUR OWN PROBLEMS WITH

YOUR OWN MONEY AND ~~THAT~~ YOU CAN BE PROUD OF IT.

WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED HERE IS WHAT

I HAVE BEEN DOING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT --

KEEPING GOVERNMENT FROM INTERFERING WITH OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM,

AND ALLOWING PEOPLE TO DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THEIR OWN LIVES.

A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, OUR ECONOMY WAS

IN THE WORST RECESSION IN 40 YEARS.

UNEMPLOYMENT WAS CLIMBING, ~~AND~~ INFLATION WAS RUNNING AS HIGH  
AS 12 PERCENT•

THE PROPHETS OF DOOM AND DISASTER ~~ARGUED~~

THAT ONLY MASSIVE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND SPENDING WOULD SAVE US•

I DIDN'T AGREE.

I OPPOSED SPENDING MORE AND MORE

AND CREATING BIGGER AND BIGGER DEFICITS, ~~FOR~~ THAT WOULD HAVE LED

TO EVEN HIGHER PRICES AND MORE LAY-OFFS.

~~BECAUSE~~ WE KEPT THE LID ON SPENDING, <sup>Because</sup> ~~BECAUSE~~ WE HAD

FAITH IN OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, WE HAVE REDUCED THE ANNUAL

RATE OF INFLATION BY MORE THAN HALF.



WE HAVE INCREASED NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BY

THREE MILLION, 300 THOUSAND JOBS SINCE THE LOW OF LAST YEAR.

WE HAVE BROKEN THE BACK OF THE RECESSION,

~~AND~~ WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO RISING PROSPERITY, RENEWED TRUST

AND A LASTING PEACE.

~~WHEREVER POSSIBLE~~, OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD SPEND <sup>less</sup> ~~LESS~~

AND TAX LESS. LAST YEAR, WE REDUCED FEDERAL INCOME TAXES.

I ~~HAVE~~ PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL TAX CUT OF TEN BILLION DOLLARS

TO GO INTO EFFECT JULY FIRST. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD INCREASE

EACH OF THE EXEMPTIONS ON YOUR PERSONAL INCOME TAX

FROM 750 DOLLARS TO 1,000 DOLLARS.

~~A COUPLE WITH TWO CHILDREN WOULD BE ABLE TO DEDUCT AN ADDITIONAL  
1,000 DOLLARS FROM THEIR GROSS INCOME.~~

A TIGHT CONTROL ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING,

A BALANCED BUDGET, LESS TAXES.

I WANT TO MAKE VERY SURE

THAT YOUR TAX DOLLARS WORK AS HARD FOR YOU AS YOU DID FOR THEM.

THERE IS NO REASON WHY GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE

TO GROW: THE LARGER IT GETS, THE MORE DISTANCE BETWEEN IT

AND THE CITIZENS IT IS SUPPOSED TO SERVE. MOST OF US WORK HARD

FOR OUR LIVINGS.

~~NOBODY WANTS TO GIVE MONEY AWAY.~~

THE FINANCIAL DECISIONS AFFECTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES SHOULD

BE MADE RIGHT HERE - NOT BY SOME DISTANT BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.

I AM WORKING TO RESTORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO

LOCAL PEOPLE.

IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR; OUR CHALLENGE IS TO

FOSTER THE BASIC APPRECIATION WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD FOR THE

AMERICAN HOME, THE AMERICAN FAMILY, AND MODERATION IN THE

RELATIONSHIP OF GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNED AND CONTINUED

AMERICAN STRENGTH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE FIRST CENTURY OF OUR GOVERNMENT WAS DEVOTED

TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A <sup>*strong*</sup> ~~VIA~~BLE, STABLE GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS A UNIQUE EXPERIMENT IN SELF-GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

THE SECOND CENTURY OF OUR COUNTRY WAS A CENTURY

OF INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS IN WHICH AMERICA BECAME THE MOST

POWERFUL NATION IN HISTORY.

AS WE BECAME THE WORLD'S MOST PRODUCTIVE NATION ~~—~~ WE FOUND  
*the*  
THAT OUR GROWTH CREATED PROBLEMS OF BIGNESS. IN THE PROCESS,  
THE INDIVIDUAL BECAME DOMINATED BY HUGE INSTITUTIONS OF ALL  
KINDS ~~—~~ MASS GOVERNMENT, MASS LABOR, MASS INDUSTRY AND  
MASS EDUCATION.



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I SEE THE THIRD CENTURY OF OUR COUNTRY AS ONE

IN WHICH WE RETURN RESPONSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL --

TO ENCOURAGE ALL AMERICANS TO HELP THEMSELVES.

AS I TRAVEL AROUND AMERICA, IT'S EASY TO SEE MOST

OF US WANT A RENEWED PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO EACH OTHER AND

TO THE NATION AS A WHOLE. AN ACTIVE CITIZENRY MAKES A VITAL

NATION. IT MAY SOUND TRITE, BUT WE'VE BEEN LETTING UNCLE SAM

DO IT.

I'M FOR CUTTING OUT THE WASHINGTON RED TAPE, ROLLING UP OUR

SLEEVES AND DOING IT FOR OURSELVES. SOME AMERICANS HAVE

*disillusioned*  
BECOME DISAFFECTED AND SKEPTICAL, BUT I HAVE FOUND THAT THE

GREAT MAJORITY OF US WANT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT IN AMERICA.

WE WANT TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR SOCIETY AND

OUR COUNTRY. WE WANT TO LIVE UP TO OUR HERITAGE AS A FREE

AND INDEPENDENT PEOPLE.

WE'LL WORK TOGETHER, / YOU AND I. / WHAT I PROMISE

YOU / - I WILL DELIVER TO YOU. / IN RETURN, / I NEED YOUR HELP.

YOUR SIMPLE STRENGTHS - / DISCIPLINE, / MATURITY, / AND TRUTH.

IN RESPONSE TO THAT DESIRE, I WANT TO DEVOTE MY  
EFFORTS TO CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, A TASK  
THAT MUST SUCCEED IF WE ARE TO REBUILD OUR FAITH IN OUR  
FUTURE.

WE HAVE MADE A GOOD START.

AND I WILL RESIST FEDERAL LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD  
UNWITTINGLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF RAISING TAXES AT THE STATE  
AND LOCAL LEVEL●

Before departing . 3 day  
Calif trip /

Heavily encouraged

1) Done some talking  
but also I've listened  
to many Californians.

a) Agree with one TAXES  
too high - too much  
expenditure.

Assured 2 would insist  
Congress cut spending  
& reduce taxes.

\$17 billion  
Personal exemption.

b) Revenue Sharing  
Some Pres. candidates - NO  
54¢ on each \$100 assessed  
value.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FOR THE RECORD

The President used several parts of the combined speeches enclosed for his remarks at Mission Viejo, California.

After the P's remarks he presented a U.S. Flag which had flown over the White House to Mission Viejo Associated Student President Thomas K. "Kelly" Cox.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. ....

PUBLIC RALLY

MISSION VIEJO, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976

1.

GOOD MORNING●

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED THE PAST  
THREE DAYS VISITING IN CALIFORNIA● I'VE DONE AN AWFUL LOT OF  
TALKING -- AN AWFUL LOT OF LISTENING● THE CITIZENS OF THIS  
STATE FEEL THAT THEIR TAXES ARE TOO HIGH●

2.

IN ANSWER TO THIS, I WANT TO SAY MY PROGRAMS TO REDUCE YOUR

TAXES HAVE MET A GREAT DEAL OF RESISTANCE FROM THE CONGRESS.

FOR EXAMPLE, CONGRESS WANTS TO SPEND 17 BILLION

DOLLARS MORE THAN MY PROPOSED BUDGET.

ALSO THEY HAVE NOT ENACTED MY ADDITIONAL, PERMANENT

TEN BILLION DOLLAR TAX CUT AND INCREASE IN PERSONAL

EXEMPTIONS.

9.

SOME HAVE SUGGESTED THAT A SHORT CUT TO REDUCING THE  
FEDERAL TAX BURDEN IS TO CUT FEDERAL SERVICES AND SHIFT  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANY PROGRAMS BACK TO STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS. THIS IS A SLEIGHT OF HAND MANEUVER THAT I FEEL  
IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

10.

CURRENTLY, THERE IS A GROWING DANGER THAT THIS MAY  
HAPPEN THROUGH INACTION, OR CONTINUED DELAY BY THE CONGRESS.

I REFER TO THE LONG OVERDUE RE-ENACTMENT OF FEDERAL REVENUE

SHARING.





13.

WHILE RE-ENACTMENT OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING WOULD BE  
A BENEFIT TO THE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX PAYER, ANOTHER PROPOSED  
FEDERAL LAW COULD RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF LOCAL PROPERTY  
TAXPAYERS TO CONTROL THEIR LOCAL TAX BURDEN.

14.

SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS HAVE RECENTLY SUGGESTED  
NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
AND THEIR EMPLOYERS -- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE TO BE SETTLED BY THOSE CLOSEST  
TO THE PROBLEM AND THOSE WHO MUST PAY THE COST OF MUNICIPAL  
AND STATE SERVICES●

THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO CAN ATTEST THAT IT IS BETTER  
TO RESOLVE SUCH MATTERS THROUGH LOCAL AND STATE INITIATIVE.  
I FULLY AGREE WITH THAT VIEW AND I OPPOSE LEGISLATION SUCH AS  
THAT INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO IMPOSE STANDARDS ON PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS. AT THE STATE AND  
LOCAL LEVEL.

TO SUMMARIZE, MY PROGRAM TO LIGHTEN PEOPLE'S TAX

BURDENS IS THIS: WHILE INSURING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FULL AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICES, I WANT

TO REDUCE THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

BY CUTTING THE GROWTH OF SPENDING AND BALANCING THE  
FEDERAL BUDGET, WE CAN ENACT PERMANENT TAX REDUCTIONS BOTH  
IN 1976 AND AGAIN IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS●

I WILL MAKE FULL USE OF MY VETO POWER TO HOLD DOWN THE  
COST OF GOVERNMENT●

I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE RE-ENACTMENT OF  
REVENUE SHARING SO THAT LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT  
SUDDENLY BE PROPELLED INTO FISCAL CRISIS●

I SEE THE THIRD CENTURY OF OUR COUNTRY AS ONE

*return responsibility to*  
IN WHICH WE ~~MUST FOCUS UPON~~ THE INDIVIDUAL -- TO PROTECT *encourage*

*the All Americans to help themselves.*

~~THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY.~~



AS WE BECAME THE WORLD'S MOST PRODUCTIVE NATION --

~~IN BOTH INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE~~ -- WE FOUND THAT OUR GROWTH

CREATED PROBLEMS OF BIGNESS. IN THE PROCESS, THE INDIVIDUAL

*became*

~~TENDED TO BECOME~~ DOMINATED BY HUGE INSTITUTIONS OF ALL KINDS --

MASS GOVERNMENT, MASS LABOR, MASS INDUSTRY AND MASS EDUCATION.

CERTAIN THINGS ARE TEMPORARY. SOME THINGS ARE

PERMANENT. IN TWO HUNDRED YEARS OUR BELIEFS HAVE NOT

CHANGED. THIS IS STILL A COUNTRY WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SERVES

AND THE PEOPLE RULE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

*Kelly Cox*  
*FLAG*

PUBLIC RALLY  
MISSION VIEJO, CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976

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I LOOKED FORWARD TO BEING HERE WITH YOU TODAY,

~~BECAUSE~~ MISSION VIEJO (VEE-A-HO) IS AN EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY.

WHAT A GREAT

BAND & DRILL TEAMS

YOU HAVE ONE OF THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING ~~BANDS~~ AND ~~DRILL~~ TEAMS

~~I~~ ~~SEE~~, AND I HOPE TO HEAR THE DIABLOS AGAIN

IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH.

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BEING A ~~BANKY~~ SWIMMER MYSELF, I'M A ~~SWIMMER~~ IMPRESSED BY

THE NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMERS THAT MISSION VIEJO (VEE-A-HO)

*PRODUCES. I THINK YOU'LL PROVE THAT AGAIN*  
~~HAS PRODUCED.~~ ~~I WISH YOU LUCK~~ IN THE A.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS

HERE NEXT YEAR.

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AS ONE OF THE DOZEN OR SO "NEW TOWNS"

IN THE UNITED STATES, MISSION VIEJO (VEE-A-HO) STANDS OUT BECAUSE

YOUR COMMUNITY WAS BUILT ENTIRELY WITH PRIVATE FUNDS.

DURING THE TEN YEARS THAT YOU HAVE GROWN, YOU HAVE HANDLED

YOUR OWN PROBLEMS WITH YOUR OWN MONEY.

THAT'S SOMETHING TO BE ~~TRULY~~ PROUD OF.

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THE MORE DISTANCE

~~AND GROW.~~ THE LARGER IT GETS, THE MORE REMOTE IT IS

BETWEEN IT AND THE CITIZENS ITS

~~FOR THE CITIZENS THAT GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO SERVE.~~

SUPPOSED TO SERVE

LIKE MOST OF US I WORKED HARD TO MAKE A LIVING

I LEARNED THIS BASIC TRUTH LONG AGO: A GOVERNMENT BIG

AND ~~IT REMOVED WHAT PAYING TAXES DO TO THE~~

~~ENOUGH TO GIVE US EVERYTHING WE WANT IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH~~

~~AVERAGE CITIZEN~~

~~TO TAKE FROM US EVERYTHING WE HAVE.~~

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE DECISIONS AFFECTING YOU AND

YOUR FAMILIES SHOULD BE MADE RIGHT HERE AND NOT BY SOME DISTANT

BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT OR ITS BUREAUCRACY. I AM WORKING

TO RESTORE THE PRINCIPLE OF LOCAL CONTROL BY LOCAL PEOPLE.



IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, I BELIEVE OUR CHALLENGE --

~~YOURS AND MINE~~ -- IS TO FOSTER A NEW APPRECIATION

OF THE AMERICAN HOME, NEW COHESION IN THE AMERICAN FAMILY,

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~~THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY.~~  
TO HELP HIMSELF.

I FIND MOST OF US WANT  
AS I TRAVEL AROUND AMERICA, ~~I HAVE FOUND THAT MANY AMERICANS~~  
~~PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO EACH OTHER~~  
~~HAVE A YEARNING -- A NEED TO KNOW HOW THE INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN~~  
~~AND TO THE NATION AS A WHOLE~~  
~~CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE -- HOW THE AVERAGE MAN OR WOMAN CAN~~  
~~AN ACTIVE CITIZENRY MAKES A VITAL~~  
~~INFLUENCE THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THEM.~~

NATION. IT MAY SOUND TIRING, BUT WE'VE  
BEEN ~~SAID~~ LET MUNCIE SAM DO IT, NOW WE'RE  
THE TRAUMAS OUR NATION HAS UNDERGONE DURING THE PAST  
CUTTING OUT THE WASHINGTON RED TAPE, ROLLING

DECADE HAVE NOT DRAINED AMERICA OF ITS STRENGTH.

UP OUR SLEEVES AND DOING IT FOR OURSELVES

~~THEY HAVE CAUSED SOME AMERICANS TO BECOME DISAFFECTED~~

~~AND SKEPTICAL, BUT I HAVE FOUND THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY~~

~~OF OUR CITIZENS STILL WANT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT IN AMERICA.~~

~~WE STILL WANT TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR SOCIETY AND OUR COUNTRY.~~

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IN RESPONSE TO THAT YEARNING, I HAVE DEVOTED  
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IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, A TASK I CONSIDER VITAL IF WE ARE TO REBUILD  
OUR FAITH IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR FUTURE.

WE'VE MADE A FRESH START.

WE'LL WORK TOGETHER, YOU AND I ILL  
~~SEEK TO~~ MAKE GOOD MY PROMISES  
AND ~~WE~~ WE'LL REBUILD OUR SOCIETY

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I AM STANDING BY MY PLEDGE TO PROMISE NO MORE  
THAN I CAN DELIVER, AND TO DELIVER EVERYTHING I PROMISE.

FOR I AM DETERMINED TO RESTORE UNITY TO OUR NATION . . .

TO REBUILD OUR SOCIETY UPON A FOUNDATION OF THE SIMPLE

BUT ENDURING VALUES OF TRUTH, DECENCY AND INTEGRITY.

~~THESE~~ OUR BELIEFS HAVE NOT CHANGED

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IS

~~AND TO MAKE~~ THIS A COUNTRY WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SERVES,

BUT THE PEOPLE RULE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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