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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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- THANK YOU, FRED (Biebel introduces you)
- SENATOR LOWELL WEICKER
- CONGRESSMAN RON SARASIN
- CONGRESSMAN STU McKINNEY
- GOVERNOR JOHN LODGE
- DISTINGUISHED PARTY LEADERS
- DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS

PEARL, I UNDERSTAND YOU GAVE QUITE A SPEECH LAST NIGHT ... AS  
AMERICA'S AMBASSADOR OF LOVE, YOURS WILL BE A TOUGH ACT TO  
FOLLOW ... BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.

*a high honor + rare privilege*

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO ADDRESS THIS GREAT

CONVENTION OF THE CONNECTICUT REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THE LONG SERIES OF PRIMARIES AND STATE DELEGATE

CONVENTIONS COMES TO ITS CONCLUSION TODAY, HERE IN

CONNECTICUT AND ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN UTAH.

It's wonderful to see so many old friends. I did live, work and learn in Connecticut for almost 6 years. Because of those wonderful years in Connecticut I have a very special warmth & friendship toward Connecticut. I thank you for the opportunity to be back.

THIS HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS COMPETITION HAS TAUGHT

US MUCH ABOUT THE MOOD OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1976.

HERE IN CONNECTICUT AS IN ALL 50 STATES, THERE IS

A GROWING FEELING OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE. THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES AND ABOUT THEIR

COUNTRY.

THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION REACHED ITS CLIMAX

TWO WEEKS AGO AND REVEALED A SPIRIT OF HARMONY, GOODWILL

AND OPTIMISM IN AMERICA WHICH HAD BEEN ECLIPSED DURING THE

TURMOIL OF THE LAST DECADE AND A HALF.

IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE TO ME THAT, FOR ALL

OUR PAST TROUBLES, WE HAVE EMERGED AS A STRONGER AND A

WISER PEOPLE.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, DESCENDANTS OF THE HARDEST  
STOCK OF MANY NATIONS, HAVE A DEEP RESERVOIR OF STRENGTH  
WHICH HAS SERVED THE NATION WELL FOR THE PAST 200 YEARS  
AND WILL SERVE US WELL IN THE FUTURE.

THAT POWERFUL AMERICAN SPIRIT BROUGHT US THROUGH  
THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS AMERICA HAS FACED IN FOUR DECADES.

*H. D. Myers*

TWO YEARS AGO, INFLATION WAS RUNNING AT A RATE  
OF MORE THAN TWELVE PERCENT. THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN  
WERE BEING LAID OFF. A CLIMATE OF FEAR THREATENED TO  
ENGULF OUR PEOPLE.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE AUGUST OF 1974?

INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF.



SINCE THE BOTTOM OF THE RECESSION LAST YEAR, THREE MILLION,

400 THOUSAND OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS HAVE FOUND NEW JOBS

OR GOTTEN THEIR OLD <sup>jobs</sup> ONES BACK, AND MORE PEOPLE ARE BEING

ADDED TO PAYROLLS EVERY DAY.

MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB IN AMERICA IN

1976 THAN EVER BEFORE.

WE HAVE BROKEN THE BACK OF THE

RECESSION.

*Everything that is suppose to going up  
is going up / Everything that is suppose to  
going to going down,*



WE ARE IN THE FULL SURGE OF A STRONG RECOVERY, ~~AND~~ WE  
LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE TO AN ERA OF ENDURING PROSPERITY  
WITHOUT THE CRUEL TAX OF RUNAWAY INFLATION.

THAT'S A GOOD RECORD, ~~AND~~ I'M PROUD OF IT.

BUT THERE'S MORE. *good news.*



TWO YEARS AGO, AMERICA WAS MIRED IN WHAT SEEMED  
AN ENDLESS WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. AFTER A DECADE IN WHICH  
THE CONGRESS HAD CONSISTENTLY SHORT-CHANGED AMERICA'S  
DEFENSES, THE FUTURE OF OUR MILITARY STRENGTH WAS ENDANGERED.

IN AUGUST OF 1974, AMERICA'S WILL TO RESPOND TO  
INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES WAS BEING CALLED INTO QUESTION BY  
ALLIES AND ADVERSARIES ALIKE.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE AUGUST OF 1974?

|| AMERICA TODAY IS AT PEACE.      THERE ARE NO AMERICAN

BOYS FIGHTING ANYWHERE ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH /-

*will*

|| ~~AND I INTEND TO~~ KEEP IT THAT WAY.

I HAVE PROPOSED THE TWO LARGEST DEFENSE BUDGETS

IN HISTORY, REVERSING THE TREND OF THE LAST DECADE, <sup>to</sup> ~~AND~~

<sup>insure</sup> ~~ENSURING~~ THAT OUR MILITARY CAPABILITY COMMANDS THE

RESPECT OF EVERY NATION.

THIS IS TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS, DESPITE A DEMOCRATIC

CONGRESS THAT FOUGHT US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

TWO YEARS AGO, THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN THEIR  
GOVERNMENT, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE WHITE HOUSE, HAD BEEN  
SHATTERED.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE AUGUST OF 1974?

*The Ford*

~~THIS NEW~~ ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN OPEN, CANDID, AND

FORTHRIGHT. IN MY ADMINISTRATION, ABILITY IS NOT ENOUGH.

EXPERIENCE IS NOT ENOUGH.

DEDICATION IS NOT ENOUGH.

IN ALL THAT WE DO, IN EVERYTHING WE UNDERTAKE, I REQUIRE  
INTEGRITY, DECENCY AND HONESTY. PRIVATE MORALITY AND  
PUBLIC SERVICE CAN - AND MUST - GO HAND IN HAND.

|| IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, ~~THEM~~, WE HAVE PASSED  
FROM WAR TO PEACE, / FROM RECESSION TO RECOVERY, / FROM TRAGEDY  
TO TRUST, / FROM FEAR TO FAITH IN AMERICA.

|| THIS IS PERFORMANCE, NOT PROMISE.

THIS IS A RECORD THAT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE - DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS, AND  
REPUBLICANS -- ~~AND~~ IT WILL LEAD US TO VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

WHAT CHALLENGES WILL

WE DEMAND OF OURSELVES AS WE ENTER THE THIRD CENTURY OF THE  
AMERICAN ADVENTURE?

FIRST OF ALL, WE MUST CREATE A BETTER BALANCE IN

OUR SOCIETY.

WE MUST INTRODUCE A NEW BALANCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP

BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE GOVERNMENT, A BALANCE THAT

FAVORS A GREATER INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND SELF-RELIANCE.

We <sup>can</sup> achieve this better balance by my tax reduction proposals, <sup>to the Congress</sup> that

1] will increase the personal exemption from \$450 per person to \$1,000 per person.

2] by increasing the estate tax exemption from 60,000 to at least \$150,000.

Our middle income tax payers need tax relief - a better break. Congress must act favorably on my proposals



WE MUST STRIKE A NEW BALANCE IN OUR SYSTEM OF

FEDERALISM, *of action* A BALANCE THAT FAVORS GREATER RESPONSIBILITY AND

FREEDOM FOR THE LEADERS OF OUR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

WE MUST INTRODUCE A NEW BALANCE BETWEEN SPENDING ON

DOMESTIC PROGRAMS AND SPENDING ON DEFENSE, A BALANCE THAT

INSURES WE WILL FULLY MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE NEEDY WHILE

ALSO PROTECTING OUR SECURITY IN A WORLD STILL HOSTILE TO FREEDOM.

IN ALL THAT WE DO, WE MUST BE HONEST WITH THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE, PROMISING THEM NO MORE THAN WE CAN DELIVER  
AND DELIVERING ALL THAT WE PROMISE.

ABOVE ALL, WE MUST FACE THE FUTURE TOGETHER, AS  
A PARTY AND AS A PEOPLE. IT IS AS TRUE TODAY AS IT WAS  
IN LINCOLN'S DAY THAT "A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT  
STAND."

FOR OUR PARTY, THAT MEANS JOINING RANKS IN A  
COMMON STRUGGLE. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THIS YEAR HAS  
DEMONSTRATED THROUGHOUT AMERICA THE VIGOR, VITALITY AND  
COMPETITIVE SPIRIT ON WHICH A DYNAMIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATION  
THRIVES.

NOW WE MUST RESOLVE TO STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND  
START HELPING EACH OTHER.

WE MUST RESOLVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTY WITH NOVEMBER

VICTORIES AT EVERY LEVEL, FROM THE COURTHOUSE TO THE

*To the Congress*

STATE HOUSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

WE MUST CENTER OUR ATTACK NOT ON FELLOW

REPUBLICANS, BUT ON ~~THE~~ DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS, THE

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM AND A DEMOCRATIC TICKET WHICH TRIES

TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE.

FOR OUR COUNTRY, THE NEW UNITY WE HAVE FOUND MUST  
BE CHANNELED INTO COMMON SENSE ACTION FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

BUT THE COMMON GOOD IN THIS COUNTRY MUST ALWAYS BE  
REFLECTED IN THE WELL-BEING OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

EVERY AMERICAN MUST HAVE THE CHANCE TO REACH HIS

OR HER FULLEST POTENTIAL, UNFETTERED BY EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRATIC

REGULATION, <sup>*injustices*</sup> BY THE BONDS OF DISCRIMINATION, OR BY

CONFORMING PRESSURES FROM THE GIANT INSTITUTIONS OF OUR

SOCIETY.

AMERICANS ARE READY ONCE MORE FOR AN ERA OF

GOOD FEELING - NOT IN THE BLIND BELIEF THAT ALL OUR PROBLEMS

ARE SOLVED, BUT IN THE CERTAIN CONVICTION THAT WE CAN SOLVE

THESE PROBLEMS TOGETHER.

WE CAN ENSURE THAT OLDER AMERICANS WILL HAVE  
NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE RAVAGES OF RUNAWAY INFLATION,  
FROM FLAWS IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, FROM THE THREAT  
OF CRIME, OR FROM THE COSTLY BURDENS OF CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS.



WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE AMERICAN FARMER WILL

CONTINUE TO PRODUCE RECORD CROPS OF FOOD AND FIBER, AND

GET A FAIR PRICE IN A FREE WORLDWIDE MARKET -- AND ENSURE

AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE AMERICAN CONSUMER WILL HAVE AMPLE

SUPPLIES AND STABLE PRICES.

WE CAN ENSURE THAT EVERY WORKING MAN AND WOMAN

IN AMERICA WHO WANTS A JOB CAN FIND A JOB -- NOT

A HUMPHREY-HAWKINS DEAD-END JOB, BUT A WELL-PAYING JOB

WITH A FUTURE, GENERATED BY AN EXPANDING ECONOMY.

WE CAN ENSURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AN  
EDUCATION OF HIGH QUALITY AND A JOB WORTHY OF THEIR TALENTS.

WE CAN ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT WILL AGAIN BE THE  
CAPABLE SERVANT -- NOT THE MEDDLING MASTER -- OF THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL  
CONTINUE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND IN FREEDOM BY KEEPING AMERICA  
STRONG AND BY STANDING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE WORLD.

WE CAN ACHIEVE THESE GOALS WITHOUT LOOKING TO THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE ANSWERS, AND WITHOUT STICKING  
THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER WITH ALL THE BILLS.

WE CAN DO IT AND STILL BALANCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF CONGRESS -- WITH A FEW MORE

LOWELL WEICKERS AND RON SARASINS AND STU MCKINNEYS --

I PROMISE YOU THAT BY FISCAL YEAR 1979 I WILL DO JUST THAT.

THESE ARE NOT DIM VISIONS OF THE FUTURE•

THEY ARE THE PROUD RECORD OF MY ADMINISTRATION OVER THE PAST

TWO YEARS• THEY WILL BE THE AGENDA FOR MY ADMINISTRATION

IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS•

THESE ARE MY GOALS, ~~AND~~ THIS IS MY PLEDGE:

TO LEAD THIS NATION FORWARD ON THE PATH OF PEACE, PROSPERITY

AND TRUST.

JOIN ME ON THE ROAD TO A GREAT VICTORY FOR

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IN 1976.

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