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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

GOP FUNDRAISER - NEW YORK CITY

OCTOBER 12, 1976

- THANK YOU, NELSON
- SENATOR JAVITS
- SENATOR BUCKLEY
- GOV. WILSON -- ATY. GEN. LEFKOWITZ
- DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
- MARY LOUISE
- DICK ROSENBAUM
- GUS LEVY
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

OPTIONAL: THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS; GOOD NIGHT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT GENEROUS INTRODUCTION,

MR. VICE PRESIDENT.

IT'S GOOD TO BE HIDING OUT IN THE WHITE HOUSE HERE IN

NEW YORK. I SPENT LAST WEEK HIDING OUT IN THE WHITE HOUSE

IN CALIFORNIA, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS. / I PLAN TO SPEND THE THE

REST OF THE WEEK IN THE WHITE HOUSE IN MISSOURI, IOWA AND

ILLINOIS. /

WHAT I'M ACTUALLY DOING IS PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK.

I'M LOOKING ALL OVER TRYING TO FIND THAT CANDIDATE WHO USED

TO RUN AROUND THE COUNTRY SAYING: "I'LL NEVER LIE TO YOU."

HE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

BUT WHEREVER I GO, I DO HEAR GOOD THINGS ABOUT
ANOTHER FORMER GOVERNOR. I HEAR THAT HE'S ONE OF THE MOST
ENTHUSIASTIC, ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE, ONE OF THE MOST
ENERGETIC CAMPAIGNERS FOR THE REPUBLICAN CAUSE IN THIS CRUCIAL
1976 ELECTION. / I HEAR HE DESCRIBES WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
IN MY 26 MONTHS AS PRESIDENT A WHOLE LOT BETTER THAN I DO. /

Ides

~~HIS NAME IS~~ NELSON ROCKEFELLER AND HIS MIDDLE NAME

IS "LOYALTY."

IN POLITICS YOU CAN HAVE CHARISMA, YOU CAN HAVE

ELOQUENCE, YOU CAN HAVE LEADERSHIP, YOU CAN HAVE CHARACTER,

YOU CAN HAVE EXPERIENCE -- AND NELSON HAS ALL THESE THINGS.

BELIEVE ME THOUGH, THE ONE THING THAT YOU REALLY LOOK FOR

MOST IS LOYALTY -- AND NELSON HAS IT.



I WANT TO THANK YOU TONIGHT, NELSON, NOT ONLY FOR
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AS VICE PRESIDENT, NOT ONLY FOR WHAT YOU
HAVE DONE FOR MY CANDIDACY AND ARE DOING IN THIS CAMPAIGN,
BUT FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COUNTRY ALL OF YOUR
PUBLIC LIFE.

NOBODY WILL EVER SURPASS THE DEDICATION AND DEVOTION TO
AMERICA THAT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED OVER THE YEARS BY THE
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, NELSON ROCKEFELLER. /

(Pause)

NOW, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOUR GREAT
STATE CHAIRMAN, DICK ROSENBAUM, ONE OF THE PILLARS OF
STRENGTH IN THE FORD CAMPAIGN. /

HE IS A SUCCESSFUL CHAMPION OF THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK STATE

AND THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY, AS WELL AS

A TRUE BELIEVER IN THIS GREAT CITY. AND BELIEVE ME,

WHEN DICK HAS SOMETHING TO SAY HE GETS LISTENED TO IN

WASHINGTON.

I HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED AND IMPRESSED BY WHAT I HAVE
HEARD AND SEEN HERE IN NEW YORK TODAY.

THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY ARE SORTING OUT SOME
OF THE MOST DIFFICULT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ANY CITY IN THIS
COUNTRY HAS EVER FACED.

I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM

RESTED WITH YOU AND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. TIME IS

PROVING THAT THIS CITY WILL SUCCEED.

I KNOW IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY FOR NEW YORK CITY TO

PULL THROUGH THESE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

DURING OUR TRAVELS TODAY THROUGH BROOKLYN AND
MANHATTAN, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SENATOR JAVITS
AND SENATOR BUCKLEY AND I TOLD THEM:

AS NEW YORK CITY CONTINUES TO MEET ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES, I FAVOR THE CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL CASH
FLOW ASSISTANCE. / ALSO, I TOLD THEM
I SUPPORT REBUILDING THE WEST
SIDE HIGHWAY. AS SOON AS
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ~~■~~ IMPACT
STATEMENT IS READY, WE'LL
GO AHEAD. *The Sec. of Transportation
told me that's less than —*

WHEN I WAS HERE LAST FOURTH OF JULY TO SEE THE TALL
SHIPS, MORE THAN BEAUTIFUL SAILS CAME TO THIS CITY•

PROMISE, CONVICTION AND HOMETOWN PRIDE WAS CLEARLY

RETURNING TO NEW YORK CITY. / THIS NEW SPIRIT IS

HARD-EARNED AND WELL-DESERVED•

STICK WITH IT.

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU, IN THE

PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY AND IN THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK CITY.

Pause
IT'S BEEN 8 WEEKS SINCE KANSAS CITY.

WE'VE COME A LONG, LONG WAY!

WE'VE GOT THE FACTS AND THE ISSUES, WE'VE GOT THE
MOMENTUM, AND WE'VE GOT THREE MORE WEEKS TO WIN A GREAT
VICTORY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE .

I SAID IN KANSAS CITY THAT WE WOULDN'T CONCEDE
A SINGLE VOTE OR A SINGLE STATE -- WE HAVEN'T . /

NELSON, YOU AND I ARE HERE TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO CARRY

NEW YORK WITH ITS 41 ELECTORAL VOTES, RE-ELECT JIM BUCKLEY

AS UNITED STATES SENATOR AND A NUMBER OF NEW REPUBLICAN

CONGRESSMEN AMERICA CAN BE PROUD OF.

I TOLD YOU IN KANSAS CITY THAT I WAS READY

AND EAGER TO DEBATE MR. CARTER FACE TO FACE ON THE

REAL ISSUES.

I STILL AM, IF YOU CAN EVER PIN HIM DOWN.

~~TO THEM~~

WE HAVE HEARD A LOT OF DOUBLE TALK FROM MR. CARTER,

A LOT OF MAKE-BELIEVE MATHEMATICS, / A LOT OF FUZZY AND

CONTRADICTORY POLICY PROPOSALS. / I STILL DON'T KNOW

WHERE MR. CARTER STANDS ON MOST ISSUES, / AND I DON'T

THINK HE DOES.

ONE THING IS PRETTY CLEAR:

MR. CARTER WANTS

TO BE PRESIDENT, !! WHATEVER HE HAS TO SAY TO GET THERE.

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I CAN SYMPATHIZE WHEN HE SAYS HE'LL HAVE TO TAKE

A FEW YEARS TO STUDY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS

AND GET ALL THE FACTS. / LET'S GIVE MR. CARTER A FEW MORE

YEARS TO PREPARE HIMSELF -- BUT NOT ON THE TAXPAYER'S

TIME. /

YOU KNOW WHAT I'LL DO BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE
DONE FOR THE PAST 26 MONTHS.

YOU KNOW WHERE WE WERE THEN AND YOU KNOW WHERE
WE ARE NOW -- AT PEACE, RECOVERING FROM RECESSION,
REBUILDING PRIDE IN AMERICA'S 200 YEARS OF FREEDOM.

YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE DONE AS PRESIDENT DESPITE THE
IN
PARTISAN OBSTRUCTION OF A CONGRESS STACKED 2-TO-1 AGAINST
ME.

WE HEARD BEFORE THE CONVENTION THAT OUR PARTY WAS
SICK AND DYING. NOW WE HEAR THE VOTERS ARE OVERCOME
WITH APATHY AND DON'T REALLY CARE WHO WINS.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO CARE, THEY HAVE A CLEAR
CHOICE, AND OUR JOB IS TO GET THEM TO THE POLLS,
~~NOVEMBER 2nd~~ TO REGISTER THAT CHOICE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

MAKE NO MISTAKE: THIS ELECTION WILL DECIDE THE
DIRECTION AMERICA IS GOING TO TAKE IN ITS THIRD CENTURY
OF INDEPENDENCE.

MR. CARTER MAY BE DEFICIENT ON DETAILS, / BUT THE
GENERAL DIRECTION OF HIS PHILOSOPHY IS VERY PLAIN /-- IT IS
THE SAME DIRECTION IN WHICH HIS PARTY HAS BEEN LEADING US
FOR THE LAST 44 YEARS. /

DON'T FORGET, / HIS PARTY HAS CONTROLLED CONGRESS
AND WRITTEN ALL THE LAWS FOR 40 OF THOSE 44 YEARS. /

THAT'S REALLY WHAT'S WRONG IN WASHINGTON!

MR. CARTER WANTS MORE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I WANT LESS.

MR. CARTER WANTS HIGHER FEDERAL TAXES FOR

MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS. I WANT LOWER TAXES FOR

EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY THE OVERBURDENED MAN-IN-THE-MIDDLE.

MR. CARTER WANTS LESS DEFENSE INSURANCE. I WANT

THE STRONGEST AND BEST MILITARY CAPABILITY SCIENCE AND

MONEY CAN PROVIDE.

MR. CARTER WANTS TO REDUCE OUR COMMITMENTS TO OUR

ALLIES. I WANT TO MAINTAIN AMERICA'S WORLD LEADERSHIP

FOR PEACE.

THESE ARE ~~THE~~ REAL DIFFERENCES, SERIOUS CHOICES

TO BE MADE.

MR. CARTER AND HIS PARTY'S PLATFORM CHART ONE

COURSE FOR THIS COUNTRY; NO MATTER HOW HE ZIG ZAGS,

THERE'S NO DOUBT WHERE HE WANTS TO GO.

THE DIRECTION MR. CARTER WOULD TAKE US IS THE SAME
ONE THAT BROUGHT US HEAVY INFLATION, A TAX LOAD THAT KILLS
INITIATIVE AND SLOWS ECONOMIC EXPANSION, A SLOWDOWN IN
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND OPPRESSIVE INTERFERENCE BY
A KNOW-IT-ALL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I STAND FOR A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

THIS YEAR MY BUDGET REDUCED THE RATE OF GOVERNMENT
GROWTH BY HALF• / CONGRESS EXCEEDED IT BY MORE THAN
18 BILLION DOLLARS, BUT I STILL MEAN TO SUBMIT A BALANCED
FEDERAL BUDGET BY 1978•

I HAVE CUT 11,000 JOBS FROM THE FEDERAL

BUREAUCRACY.

MY 60 VETOES SAVED THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS

9.4 BILLION DOLLARS; MR. CARTER CONSTANTLY CRITICIZES

THEM. IF HIS PARTY'S CONGRESS HAD NOT OVERRIDDEN

12 OF MY VETOES, I WOULD HAVE SAVED YOU 16 BILLION DOLLARS

MORE. /

WHEN I SAY I STAND FOR SMALLER GOVERNMENT,
MY PERFORMANCE PROVES IT. / MR. CARTER SAYS HE IS FOR
REFORMING AND REORGANIZING BUREAUCRACY, BUT HIS
PERFORMANCE TELLS A FAR DIFFERENT STORY. / ASK THE
TAXPAYERS OF GEORGIA!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'LL GET FROM A DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENT AND ANOTHER 2-TO-1 DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS?

ONE THING YOU CERTAINLY WILL GET IS MORE SPENDING
AND BIGGER DEFICITS.

ANOTHER THING YOU WILL GET IS MORE RUNAWAY INFLATION.

ONE THING YOU CERTAINLY WON'T GET IS LOWER FEDERAL
TAXES.

ANOTHER THING YOU WON'T GET IS LESS FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT.

SO, THE CHOICE BEFORE OUR COUNTRY IS CLEAR●

YOU KNOW WHERE I STAND●

I HAVE CAMPAIGNED EVER SINCE 1948 ON THE PRINCIPLE
THAT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE US EVERYTHING WE WANT
IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE FROM US EVERYTHING WE
HAVE●

AS PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN COURAGEOUSLY SAID

TWO WEEKS AGO -- 'WE HAVE LIVED FOR TOO LONG ON

BORROWED TIME, BORROWED MONEY, AND EVEN BORROWED IDEAS ...

NOR WILL WE SUCCEED IF WE USE CONFETTI MONEY TO PAY

OURSELVES MORE THAN WE PRODUCE."

AND THEN THE PRIME MINISTER CONTINUED, "EACH TIME WE
DID THIS THE TWIN EVILS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION HAVE
HIT HARDEST THOSE LEAST ABLE TO STAND THEM -- THE POOR,
THE OLD AND THE SICK."

ALL AMERICANS SHOULD LEARN A LESSON FROM
JIM CALLAGHAN'S PLAIN TALK TO HIS LABOUR PARTY.

THE CURRENT CRISIS IN GREAT BRITAIN TELLS US MORE
THAN ANY WORDS CAN ABOUT THE DANGER OF TOO MUCH
GOVERNMENT, TOO MUCH SPENDING ON BORROWED MONEY.

THE BRITISH POUND HAS SUNK TO ITS LOWEST VALUE IN
HISTORY. INFLATION HAS BEEN RUNNING OVER 25 PERCENT.
GOVERNMENT SPENDING NOW ACCOUNTS FOR 60 PERCENT OF THE
ENTIRE BRITISH ECONOMY.

AS REPUBLICANS, WE ARE NOT MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE OF
GOVERNMENTAL POWER BUT BY THE FEAR OF IT. WE SPEAK FOR
THOSE WHO WORK HARD, PAY THEIR TAXES, OBEY THE LAWS,
AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THEIR GOD-GIVEN LIBERTIES.

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WE ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF PEACE

THROUGH STRENGTH IN A WORLD WHERE FREEDOM IS STILL

THREATENED BY AGGRESSIVE ADVERSARIES. THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA MUST REMAIN NUMBER ONE!

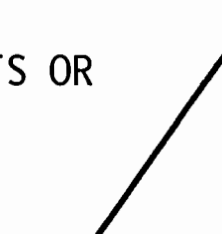


I KNOW HOW DEEPLY ALL OF YOU ARE DEVOTED TO THESE
PRINCIPLES, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEADFAST SUPPORT.



BUT THERE IS ONE MORE EFFORT I ASK OF YOU.


REPUBLICANS ALONE CANNOT WIN THIS ELECTION.

THE PRINCIPLES WE HOLD ARE JUST AS DEAR TO MILLIONS OF OUR
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO PREFER TO BE DEMOCRATS OR
INDEPENDENTS.



BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 2nd, I HOPE EVERY
REPUBLICAN WILL PERSUADE JUST ONE INDEPENDENT AND ONE
DEMOCRAT -- TWO CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO FEEL AS WE DO
ABOUT THE NEW DIRECTION THIS COUNTRY MUST TAKE -- TO GO
TO THE POLLS AND VOTE THEIR TRUE CONVICTIONS.

IF YOU DO THIS  PERSON-TO-PERSON AND FRIEND TO
FRIEND  WE CAN AND WILL WIN A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE ONLY WAY TO GO FORWARD IS TOGETHER.
THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN LOSE EXCEPT BY RESTING BEFORE THE
LAST POLL CLOSES. 

AND TOGETHER, NOT AS PARTISANS BUT AS PROUD

AMERICANS, WE'LL GET AMERICA OFF TO A GOOD START ON OUR
THIRD CENTURY OF FREEDOM.

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