PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT FOUNTAIN SQUARE RALLY,

CINCINNATI, OCTOBER 28, 1976

- Thanks, Gov. Jim Rhodes
- Senator Taft - looking forward to having you in Washington during our next 4 years!

- It's great to see so many old and dear friends here from the House of Representatives (Grady, Clancy, Kindness, Brown, Harsha, Inouye)

- Also my old friends: Amb. John Sherman Cooper and the many fine celebrities and athletes, and our great M.C.: Johnny Grant

I love you all!!

GREAT M.C.: JOHNNY GRANT
IT'S GREAT TO BE IN CINCINNATI -- THE HOME OF
THE BIG RED MACHINE, WHO won back to
back World Series.

YOU DIDN'T CONCEDE A SINGLE GAME IN THE WORLD SERIES --
AND WE WON'T CONCEDE A SINGLE STATE OR A SINGLE VOTE
ON NOVEMBER SECOND.
A FEW DAYS AGO YOU HAD A BIG CELEBRATION HERE IN FOUNTAIN SQUARE TO CELEBRATE THAT GREAT VICTORY IN THE WORLD SERIES.

I AM PROUD TO HAVE SOME OF THE MEN WHO MADE THAT CHAMPIONSHIP POSSIBLE JOINING ME TODAY -- TED KLUGEWSKJ, TONY PEREZ (peh-REZ)

KEN GRIFFEI AND PETE ROSE.

who can drive in that big man when you need it.
WE ALSO HAVE THE MAN WHO ADDED SO MUCH COLOR TO THAT SERIES, AS HE DID TO THE GAME OF BASEBALL -- JOE GARAGIOLA.

LET ME THANK THEM FOR HELPING TO MAKE SURE WE WILL ALL HAVE ANOTHER VICTORY TO CELEBRATE -- WHEN THE FORD-DOLE TICKET WINS ON NOVEMBER 2ND.
WE HAVE SOME OTHER GREAT ATHLETES HERE TODAY, HELPING US TO ACHIEVE THAT VICTORY -- CHAMPIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM, FROM THE BENGALS AND FROM THE CINCINNATI STINGERS.

ALONG WITH THESE CHAMPION ATHLETES WE HAVE SOME CHAMPION POLITICAL FIGURES -- YOUR DISTINGUISHED SENATOR BOB TAFT AND YOUR GREAT GOVERNOR JIM RHODES.
WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER SO THE PEOPLE OF CINCINNATI, THE PEOPLE OF OHIO AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA WILL HAVE FOUR YEARS OF EXPERIENCED, RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP.

TODAY AMERICA IS AT PEACE. NO AMERICAN IS FIGHTING OR DYING ON ANY FOREIGN BATTLEFIELD.

YOUR LIVES TODAY ARE NOT BEING THREATENED BY WAR OR INTERRUPTED BY THE DRAFT. THAT MEANS THAT AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE, LIKE THE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE I SEE HERE TODAY, CAN GO TO SCHOOL AND GET A GOOD EDUCATION.

I am determined to keep America out of war.
THAT MEANS THEY CAN PLAN THEIR CAREERS CONFIDENTLY, BUY A HOME, RAISE A FAMILY, AND LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD LIFE.

IN MY ADMINISTRATION, WE WILL KEEP AMERICA AT PEACE.

I PLEDGE THAT IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WE WILL KEEP AMERICA AT PEACE, BY KEEPING OUR DEFENSES STRONG.

WE NEED TO KEEP OUR ECONOMY STRONG, TOO. I KNOW OHIO BELIEVES AS I DO, IN JOBS IN GROWTH IN PROGRESS.

I HAVE ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING A MAJOR DECISION ON NUCLEAR POLICY WHICH IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR SOUTHERN OHIO.
My new policy is designed to keep America number one in the field of nuclear energy. In order to maintain our world leadership in that area, we must maintain our position as a major, reliable supplier of fuel for nuclear power plants.

The diffusion plant near Portsmouth, Ohio, has played a leading role in supplying enriched uranium for electric power plants in the United States and the rest of the world.
LAST MAY I ANNOUNCED THAT WE WILL BUILD THE ADD-ON PLANT AT PORTSMOUTH. THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS NOW ASKING FOR BIDS FOR FURTHER DESIGN WORK ON THIS ADD-ON PLANT.

CONSTRUCTION ON THIS IMPORTANT ADDITION AT PORTSMOUTH IS TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR. THIS IS A 4.4 BILLION DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THAT MEANS 6,000 NEW CONSTRUCTION JOBS FOR SOUTHERN OHIO.
AMERICA NEEDS EVEN MORE GOOD, PRODUCTIVE JOBS LIKE THAT, CREATED BY A HEALTHY, GROWING ECONOMY. MY POLICIES HAVE BROUGHT AMERICA UP FROM THE DEPTHS OF ITS WORST RECESSION IN FORTY YEARS, AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE CAN CONTINUE THE MARCH TO A SOUND AND SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT I WILL CONTINUE OUR SENSIBLE APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT, BY KEEPING THE LID ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING, WE HAVE ALREADY CUT INFLATION IN HALF.
I AM GOING TO KEEP UP MY FIGHT AGAINST EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING AND AS WE ACCOMPLISH THAT, I PROMISE YOU WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER FEDERAL TAX CUT.

I BELIEVE THE BEST KIND OF TAX REFORM IS TAX REDUCTION FOR AMERICA'S HARD-PRESSED MIDDLE INCOME TAXPAYERS. YOU DESERVE A BREAK AND I'M GOING TO SEE THAT YOU GET IT. I'M GOING TO SEE YOU GET YOUR PERSONAL EXEMPTION INCREASED BY ONE-THIRD -- FROM 750 DOLLARS TO 1,000 DOLLARS.
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE THAT I SUPPORT: IN MY VIEW WE LOST A GREAT AMERICAN TRADITION WHEN THE SUPREME COURT Ruled OUT PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. I THINK EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN SCHOOL.

I SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN SCHOOLS.

WE HAVE MUCH TO DO IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER. I ASK FOR YOUR HELP. I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE. SO WE CAN KEEP AMERICA STRONG, PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS AND FREE.
IT WOULD BE THE HIGHEST HONOR OF MY LIFE FOR YOU

TO SAY NEXT TUESDAY, "JERRY FORD, YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB.

KEEP RIGHT ON DOING IT."

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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