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IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE WHITE HOUSE  
TODAY. I WANT TO COMMEND DAVE PACKARD FOR THE FINE JOB  
HE DID IN SETTING UP THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND I WANT TO THANK  
\_\_\_\_\_ FOR ACCEPTING THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

I KNOW \_\_\_\_\_ WILL DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB,  
AS ALL OF YOU ARE DOING IN YOUR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES.

MORE THAN A HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS AGO, ONE  
OF MY PREDECESSORS IN THIS OFFICE -- JAMES BUCHANAN --  
WROTE THAT "TO BE LIBERAL WITH THEIR OWN MONEY BUT SPARING  
OF THAT OF THE REPUBLIC WAS THE GLORY OF DISTINGUISHED  
PUBLIC SERVANTS IN ANCIENT ROME."

IN MODERN AMERICA, REPUBLICANS IN OFFICE ARE  
STILL TRYING TO BE SPARING OF THE MONEY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
BUT WE DO WANT OUR FELLOW REPUBLICANS TO BE AS GENEROUS  
AS POSSIBLE WITH THEIRS.

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MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE GENEROUS IS THE JOB  
WHICH EACH OF YOU HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO ACCEPT.

I AM SINCERELY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR PLAYING SUCH  
AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR CAMPAIGN.

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WE ARE GEARING UP FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN  
EXCITING AND CHALLENGING CAMPAIGN. THE NEXT FIFTY WEEKS  
ARE CRITICAL, NOT ONLY FOR THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF ONE MAN  
OR ONE PARTY, BUT FOR THE FUTURE OF AMERICA.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE,  
WE ARE OFFERING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE --  
A CHOICE BETWEEN REDUCING THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN THEIR  
LIVES, OR EXPANDING THAT ROLE.

WE HAVE MADE OUR CHOICE. IT IS TO REDUCE THE  
HEAVY BURDEN THAT GOVERNMENT IMPOSES THROUGH TAXATION,  
INFLATIONARY SPENDING, BUREAUCRATIC INTERFERENCE, AND THE  
STIFLING OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE AND FREEDOM.

A RECORD OF STRENGTH AT HOME AND STRENGTH  
ABROAD -- A RECORD OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND PEACE --  
WILL BE THE STANDARD BY WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
ASSESS OUR PERFORMANCE.

LESS GOVERNMENT -- AND BETTER GOVERNMENT -- WILL  
BE OUR PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE.

WE HAVE THE BASIS FOR ATTRACTING WIDESPREAD  
SUPPORT FROM AMERICANS OF EVERY WALK OF LIFE.

I BELIEVE THE WORKING MAN AND WOMAN, THE FARMER,  
THE HOMEMAKER, THE PROFESSIONAL, THE BUSINESSMAN --  
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS -- WILL BE WILLING TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE  
TO INSURE THAT THEIR INCOME IS PROTECTED IN THE FUTURE  
FROM HIGH TAXES, RUNAWAY INFLATION, AND RECKLESS  
GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

WE HAVE MANY OLD AND FAITHFUL FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE AIDED THE CAUSE OVER THE YEARS. WE APPRECIATE  
THEIR CONTINUING GENEROSITY. BUT WE SHOULD ALSO  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND ENLIST NEW SUPPORTERS WHO SHARE  
OUR VISION OF AMERICA'S FUTURE. WE SHOULD DO IT RIGHT NOW.

I'VE BEEN IN POLITICS FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS. I'VE RUN SUCCESSFULLY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE THIRTEEN TIMES. I INTEND TO CONTINUE THIS TREND.

IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, I'VE HELPED RAISE MORE THAN 4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATIONS IN 23 STATES. WE'VE PAID OFF A LOT OF DEBTS, PUT 5 STATE PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BLACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS AND SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF MANY OTHERS.



THEY ARE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGNS

NEXT YEAR.

SOME FRIENDS KID ME ABOUT ACTUALLY ENJOYING

MYSELF WHEN I ATTEND REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISING DINNERS.

I ADMIT IT -- I DO ENJOY MYSELF. I'VE BEEN ENJOYING MYSELF

FOR 27 YEARS. I ENJOY MEETING GOOD REPUBLICANS, EATING

GOOD REPUBLICAN CHICKEN AND PEAS AND RAISING GOOD

REPUBLICAN MONEY.

BUT THE PRESS OF BUSINESS IN THE COMING MONTHS WILL DEMAND THAT I STAY A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND DO LESS TRAVELING THAN I'VE DONE IN THE PAST. THAT MEANS I WILL HAVE TO RELY VERY HEAVILY ON MY SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO CARRY ON THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR CAMPAIGN EFFORT.

ALMOST A FULL YEAR BEFORE THE ELECTION IS NOT THE EASIEST TIME TO GET PEOPLE EXCITED ABOUT POLITICS. AFTER THE CONVENTION, THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

BUT WE'RE 28 PRIMARIES AWAY FROM THE CONFIDENCE.

THAT'S WHY YOUR WORK AND YOUR SUCCESS IN THE IMMEDIATE  
FUTURE IS CRITICAL.

IF WE CAN WAGE A VIGOROUS AND EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN,  
AND GET OUR MESSAGE THROUGH TO THE PEOPLE, I HAVE NO DOUBT  
THAT THEY WILL RESPOND WITH OVERWHELMING APPROVAL AT THE  
POLLS NEXT NOVEMBER.

FOR OUR CAMPAIGN TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED A  
GOOD PROGRAM, A GOOD ORGANIZATION, A GOOD CANDIDATE,  
AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO COMMUNICATE OUR STRENGTHS  
TO THE PEOPLE.

WE HAVE THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE A GOOD  
ORGANIZATION. BETTY SAYS WE HAVE A GREAT CANDIDATE.  
I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE THE  
RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR A GREAT VICTORY AT THE CONVENTION  
NEXT AUGUST AND AT THE POLLS NEXT NOVEMBER.

END OF TEXT



You might  
want to invite  
everyone to drop-by  
the Green Room to  
see Jim Lynn's  
chart.