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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON HIS ANNOUNCING
NELSON ROCKEFELLER
AS
VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

THE OVAL OFFICE

10:04 A.M. EDT

Mr. Speaker, Members of the leadership of the House and Senate, members of the Cabinet:

After a great deal of soul searching, after considering the advice of Members of the Congress, Republicans as well as the Democratic leadership, after consulting with many, many people within the Republican Party, and without, I have made a decision which I would now like to announce to the American people.

This was a difficult decision, but the man who I am selecting as nominee for Vice President is a person whose long record of accomplishment in the Government and outside is well-known. He comes from a family that has long been associated with the building of a better America. It is a family that has contributed significantly to many accomplishments, both at home and abroad, for the American people.

His achievements in Government are well, well-known. He served in the Department of State under former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He served under the Presidency of Harry Truman. He served in the Department of HEW under President Eisenhower.

He has served as Governor of the great Empire State, the State of New York, for 15 years, the longest period of time in the history of the State of New York. He is known across the land as a person dedicated to the free enterprise system, a person who is recognized abroad for his talents, for his dedication to making this a peaceful world.

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It was a tough call for a tough job. The number of people who were considered by me in the process were all men and women of great quality. They came from those suggested to me who serve in the Congress, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The names included individuals who had served their respective states with great credit. The names included individuals who were in Government, but not in Washington. The names included individuals who were not connected with Government.

But after a long and very thoughtful process, I have made the choice and that choice is Nelson Rockefeller of New York State. It is my honor and privilege to introduce to you a good partner for me and I think a good partner for our country and the world.

So I announce officially that I will send the name of Nelson Rockefeller to the Congress of the United States for confirmation.

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(AT 10:09 EDT)