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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON DEPARTURE
FROM THE ARENA
TO THE CROWDS OUTSIDE

2:00 P.M. CDT

Let me thank all of you -- the young ones, the old ones, the middle-aged ones, the boys and girls, mothers and dads, grandmas and grandpas.

Well, it is just nice to be out here in this typical South Dakota weather in October, on October 15. Don't you always have it this way this time of the year?

Well, I am out here with some very good friends of mine -- Jim Abnor, who is your darned good Congressman, Leo Thorsness, Larry Pressler, and your candidate for Governor. And I appreciate your thoughtfulness concerning them.

But the main thing, I want to say a word or two to all of you. You have got the greatest, greatest country in the world. And all of you know is here in South Dakota just like we do in Michigan and people do in 48 other States.

But if we are going to keep this kind of country, if we are going to maintain everything it stands for and do justice to the sacrifices that were made by your forefathers and mine, then we have to tighten our belts and sacrifice a little for another few months ahead of us.

Now the fact that you are all here gives me hope that in South Dakota you are going to do better than any other of the 50 States in the Union. I know that. Do I have your assurance?

You know, I have a little button here that says "Win". I don't see any buttons on anybody in South Dakota that says "Lose". All you want is to win, not for yourselves, but for your country, and that is what I want, you want, and people in other States want.

So thank you for being here. It has been a tremendous, tremendous experience. I am deeply grateful. Good luck and bless every one of you. Thank you very, very much.

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2:02 P.M. CDT