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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
AT THE
WINROCK FARM RECEPTION ON PETTY JEAN MOUNTAIN
MORRILTON, ARKANSAS

(AT 8:40 P.M. CDT)

To Win Paul and Debbie and to Lynn and to all of you, I just want to tell you what a nostalgic evening this is for me. We in the family -- I don't have to tell you -- loved Win; we respected him; we admired him.

We are proud of what he has done in this great State of Arkansas, and what you did for him: your affection, your confidence in him was the most important thing in his life. He loved this State and he loved the land and he loved the people.

I want to tell you the thing that makes me and all of the family -- and I just talked to Happy on the phone before coming over here; she is having dinner with my brother, Laurance and his wife, and she just sent their love to everybody here -- I want to tell you we are so thrilled that Win Paul and Debbie and their two children are here and carrying on the tradition, and have the same love and affection for the State and for the people of this great State that Win did, that I can't tell you, and to Odel and Leona, and to all of you who are members, all of us who are members of the Golden Tusk, I would just like to say thank you because, let's face it, the greatest strength this country has is the two-party system.

This is something Lynn really devoted himself to. You all are carrying this to new heights under the leadership of Lynn, and no political organization, no matter how good it is, can really function without some financial support. Let's put it very simply.

So the fact that you would come all the way here tonight, that you have joined this little group, is making possible the building of an organization.

I had the pleasure this afternoon of meeting with many of the County chairmen and the workers of the Party, and I must say it is a tremendously impressive group; people who care, who are concerned, who want to see coming into politics because they believe in good government.

That is really the essence of democracy. Politics is a great thing. But politics is a means to an end and not an end in itself, and the end is good government.

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That is what Win tried to do; that is what you are doing; that is what you are making possible, and there is no question that competition is a very healthy thing, whether it is in business or whether it is in politics.

We need the two-party system; we need to keep everybody on their toes, and you are doing it. More and more, you are going to be electing more and more officials and you are going to have the kind of political vitality which makes for the strength in the government of the great State like yours.

As one who had the privilege of being Governor for a good many years, I am just thrilled to be here.

We have got tough times in the world; we have got tough times at home, but I happen to feel -- and I think a great many people are feeling more all the time that we -- maybe it is sort of hand of God or destiny, but events have brought and placed in the presidency of the United States a man who did not seek the office; a man who, because he didn't seek it, feels that he is there to serve this country and he is one of the most courageous, one of the most dedicated people it has been my privilege to meet.

I didn't know him before he asked me. I knew him but not at all well, before he asked me to come down and be his Vice President. After some struggle with the Congress -- the real problem was they postponed it because Carey, who is a friend of mine, who was in the Congress and helped me get through Revenue Sharing, was running for Governor of New York.

He knew if I got confirmed and I could get around the campaign, he didn't want to come up and campaign against me because my Lieutenant Governor was running. Of course, I am immobilized in the Senate of the United States because I can't speak without the unanimous consent of all the Senators. It is very rarely that I get that job.

If I talk a little long tonight, you will know it is just because of the excitement and enthusiasm. But this man that we have as our leader is a man who deeply believes in the heritage of this country, in basic values on which this country was built, individual responsibilities, freedom of the individual, the worth and dignity of the individual, equal opportunity for all individuals.

He believes very strongly that the strength of America is in the free enterprise system, whether it is in agriculture, industry or business or the professions. He recognizes that we have serious problems and that we have overpromised and underdelivered now for the last 10 or 15 years and we are in financial trouble.

Maybe you are not, but I won't speak for New York City or the Federal Government which has got a deficit of \$60 billion. He is trying to hold it down. He is vetoing measures which are very popular, housing, education, jobs for unemployed.

He knows that if our deficit goes beyond a certain point, it is going to refuel the fire of inflation and inflation is the most serious and insidious tax that can be placed on anybody.

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It destroys the savings of those who retire. It destroys the earnings of those who are working. Therefore, his number one objective is to hold down the forces of inflation.

He just figures out what is right and then he does it. He does it because he thinks it is in the best interest for American for the long term and the short term political conversations he just doesn't pay attention to them.

This is a gutsy guy. After they tried to take a potshot at him the other day, he was on his way to see Governor Brown of California. He went into his office, sat down and talked to him 45 minutes and never mentioned it.

Some of the party were so upset, some of them couldn't stay in the room.

That man is a man of courage, a man of conscious and a man of total dedication and all he wants to do is the best job. He said, I did not seek this office; I am here. I will do my best. If the country wants me, I will serve again. If they don't that is fine with me.

If he can restore the fiscal integrity of this country, believe me I am glad to help him, and go through some of these programs in the Federal Government and they are all well meaning and all designed to try to help somebody, but we have got 863 categorical grants and those of you in government know how difficult it is for State and local governments to try to cope with this, and you all know in private life the regulations we have got, all well meaning, all designed to protect people and help people but if we destroy the basic system which has given us our strength, and which has provided the money for the government to do the things we are doing, then we destroy the society.

That is what he understands. So I am thrilled to be back here because Win loved this State and he started out trying to help attract industry here.

He used to come into New York and raid us. Down in South Carolina, they were telling me all about these wonderful industries they got. I said, "You should tell me about them. You got most of them from New York."

We have supplied a lot of fine industries to other States. We are trying to struggle along on our own now having lost these. But that is part of the democratic system.

I would just like to say thanks to all of you for coming here; thanks for supporting the Party; thanks for your courage because it takes courage to stand for a two-party system, in a State where that hasn't been the tradition. I would like to say, especially to Win, Paul and Debbie, thanks for having us all here and for what it means to all of us to be back in a place where the tremendous personality, the tremendous dedication, the tremendous devotion of Winthrop Rockefeller is felt and will always live on.

Win would be awful happy about tonight, happy that his son is here and his son's wife and two beautiful children are standing here. This is a happy night.