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THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
TO THE  
GOP/PFC RECEPTION GUESTS

ROOM 205  
THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER

9:25 A.M. EDT

I want to thank very, very deeply Governor Jim Rhodes for his all-out efforts. I want to thank the Republican organization from the top down to the person that gets people to the polls and tell them how to vote for the good of the country, and I want to thank all of the Republican members of the United States Congress, Bob Taft and my former colleagues in the House.

I want to thank the State Legislators. They have done a super job on my behalf. I never thought I could get this many Buckeyes to help a Wolverine. (Laughter) Of course, the epitomy was when Woody Hayes came out for a Wolverine.

But, let me give you a message in capsule form that I gave a comparable group in New Jersey yesterday. Here is a group of people in the great State of New Jersey who remember very vividly the clobbering they took in 1964, where they lost virtually the whole ticket from top to bottom. They lost what they call freeholders, which are the courthouse people.

They lost the State ticket -- it was just decimated -- and they are not going to let that happen by having the wrong person leading the Republican ticket in November.

I just can't believe that in Hamilton County or in the other counties of Ohio you are going to let the wrong person lead the ticket for the Republican party in 1976. We can win. I can be elected and I can help elect more Republican members of the House and the Senate at the State Legislature and in the local courthouses.

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That is the way you build a party. That is the way you maintain a political philosophy. That is the way you make headway in trying to keep America on the right path economically, militarily, diplomatically, morally, spiritually and everything else.

All I am saying to you is we have got about 24 hours to make the difference in what you do here in Hamilton County. We are in the last minute of the last quarter and this is when you really turn on the steam. This is when you convince people and you get people to the polls.

We did a pretty good job in Michigan a few weeks ago and, as I said in the other meeting, this is one time I would love to see Ohio beat Michigan's record.

Thank you very much.

END (AT 9:28 A.M. EDT)