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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
AT THE PRESIDENT FORD HEADQUARTERS
2ND FLOOR, 545 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

AT 5:35 P.M. EDT

Dick Rosenbaum doesn't have to stand on this; I don't know why I have to.

(Laughter)

I want to tell you, this is one hell of a guy.

Dick, what a job you have done!

The President sends his best to everybody, and he wanted to send a special thanks to the delegates of the New York delegation who supported him at the convention. This was a key factor in the victory. And he especially wanted me to thank Dick Rosenbaum for his leadership, his inspiration not only with our delegation but with the convention. He is a tower of strength.

Second, I have been saying about Bob Dole that we are so fortunate in the party to have as President Ford's running mate a man of his courage, his integrity. He has a knowledge of local government. He served in local government, State government. He was a legislator, then in the House of Representatives, Senate, ~~three~~ and-a-half years in World War II.

He is a man who has got tremendous courage, tremendous forthrightness, but also a man of deep human concern, a man who has stood for civil rights all his life. He is a man who has been a great supporter of Israel, a man who has been concerned and became a cosponsor with McGovern of a revision of the food stamp plan that would assure getting food stamps to those who need it and keep those off who don't need it.

And not only that, but he has been one who has supported the handicapped, because he himself has suffered tremendous casualties or wounds during the war and lost the use of one arm. He has a tremendous understanding of this. And wherever we have been, there has been somebody translating for the deaf mutes. He is thoughtful, kind and understanding, but he has guts. It is a wonderful combination that America needs.

As I have described him with these qualities, I have just paused to say he has one great asset, and that is his brilliant and beautiful wife.

(Applause)

She is a member of the Federal Trade Commission. So what we are doing is really getting two for one.

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So here we are with an outstanding young, dynamic leader, the next Vice President of the United States. He will be a tremendous help to the President with his knowledge of government in this country, a man who has the qualities that if the circumstances happened, he could lead America.

I give you the next Vice President of the United States, Bob Dole.

(Applause)

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(AT 5:40 P.M. EDT)