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BEFORE THE 15TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN
WOMEN, WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL,
WASHINGTON, D.C., 7 P.M. SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 1969.

Mrs. Eisenhower

MRS. NIXON, MAMIE, TRICIA, JULIE,
DAVID, MADAM PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN, HONORED
GUESTS, AND LEADERS OF THE WORLD:

I CALL YOU LEADERS OF THE WORLD
BECAUSE I HAVE LONG FELT THAT IT IS REALLY
THE WOMEN WHO ARE RUNNING THE SHOW. MAYBE
IT'S A BEHIND-THE-SCENES SORT OF OPERATION
IN MANY CASES, BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION
THAT THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD...AND
PARTICULARLY WOMEN IN AMERICA...WIELD
TREMENDOUS POWER.

IT COULD BE YOU DON'T QUITE KNOW
JUST HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE, AND THAT'S A
LUCKY CIRCUMSTANCE FOR US MEN.



YOU TAKE INTELLIGENCE, FOR INSTANCE.
WOMEN ARE SMARTER THAN MEN, AND THEY HAVE
THE FIGURES TO PROVE IT.

YOU OUTLIVE THE MEN, AND THAT GIVES
YOU GREATER STAYING POWER.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT FIGURES SHOW
THAT YOU OUTNUMBER MEN, SO YOU HAVE THE
EDGE THERE, TOO.

AMERICAN WOMEN ARE GETTING MARRIED
YOUNGER NOW, WHICH MEANS THEY START RUNNING
THE MEN SOONER THAN THEY USED TO.

WOMEN HAVE TAKEN AN INCREASINGLY
PROMINENT PLACE IN THE WORLD OF WORK, TOO.
TODAY NEARLY FOUR OUT OF 10 AMERICAN WOMEN
ARE EMPLOYED OUTSIDE THE HOME. IN 1920
IT WAS ONLY TWO OUT OF 10. TODAY THE
AVERAGE WOMAN WORKER IS MARRIED AND
41 YEARS OLD. IN 1920 SHE WAS SINGLE AND 28.
NO WONDER THAT YEARS AGO SOMEBODY WROTE A
SONG CALLED, "HEAVEN HELP THE POOR WORKING
GIRL."

AMERICAN WOMEN HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN THE LAST HALF CENTURY. AND IT SEEMS ALTOGETHER AMAZING THAT IT IS LESS THAN 50 YEARS THAT WOMEN HAVE HAD THE VOTE IN THIS COUNTRY.

OF COURSE THE LACK OF NATIONWIDE WOMAN SUFFRAGE DIDN'T STOP JEANETTE RANKIN OF MONTANA FROM WINNING ELECTION TO CONGRESS. SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE HOUSE IN 1916, THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO WIN A SEAT IN CONGRESS. AND SHE WAS A REPUBLICAN.

THAT IS HOW/IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITH REPUBLICAN WOMEN. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF EVERY FORWARD-LOOKING MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN HAVEN'T COME UP WITH A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF THEIR OWN SEX ^{so far} YET. BUT, THEN, / NEITHER HAS THE OTHER MAJOR PARTY PRODUCED A WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY THREE



WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT. THE EQUAL RIGHTS PARTY FIELDDED WOMEN CANDIDATES IN 1872 AND 1884. AND IN 1952 MRS. LINEA JENSEN WAS THE CANDIDATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PEACE PARTY, WHICH CLAIMED TO BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE CAN LAUGH ABOUT SOME OF THE FOIBLES IN POLITICS, BUT I SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THE DAY IS NOT TOO DISTANT -- IT WON'T BE 1972 -- WHEN WE WILL SEE A BONA FIDE WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

I hope it won't be with understandable apologies

A REVOLUTION HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE AMONG AMERICAN WOMEN, NOW THAT THEY HAVE FINISHED STEPPING DOWN FROM THEIR PEDESTALS -- FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE.

ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT REVOLUTION/IS THAT WOMEN TODAY TEND TO HAVE THEIR LAST CHILD BY THE AGE OF 30. THIS MEANS THAT BY THE TIME THE YOUNGEST CHILD IS

The Fords were an exception



IN SCHOOL, A MOTHER MAY LOOK FORWARD TO
30 OR 35 MORE ACTIVE YEARS AND MUCH OF THAT
TIME CAN BE SPENT IN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT.

~~THIS IS~~ ONE ASPECT OF THE WOMEN'S
REVOLUTION I THOROUGHLY AGREE WITH -- GIVING
WOMEN THE PLACE THEY DESERVE IN AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT AND IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE.

OUR WHOLE SOCIETY TODAY CALLS FOR
WOMEN TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN NEARLY
EVERY WAY -- NOT JUST AS WIVES AND MOTHERS
BUT INTELLECTUALLY AND POLITICALLY.

WHO SHAPES THE AMERICAN POINT OF
VIEW TODAY. WOMEN DO, AS MUCH AS MEN.

THAT'S WHY I AM PLEASED THAT
PRESIDENT NIXON HAS NAMED 118 WOMEN TO
POSITIONS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR
RELATED POSTS.

THOSE APPOINTED TO POSITIONS OF
PROMINENCE INCLUDE SUCH WOMEN AS
MRS. PATRICIA REILLY HITT, ASSISTANT



SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, MRS. RITA HAUSER AND MRS. SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, BOTH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS' ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, MRS. ELIZABETH KOONTZ, DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN'S DIVISION, MRS. C. WAYLAND BROOKS, DIRECTOR OF THE MINT, MRS. DOROTHY ELSTON, TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, MRS. VIRGINIA KNAUER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MRS. ELIZABETH FARRINGTON, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, NANCY HANKS, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, AND MRS. HELEN BENTLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL MARITIME COMMISSION.

THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF THE NEW AMERICAN WOMAN, THE KIND OF WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH IN

AMERICAN POLITICS. WOMEN LIKE YOU NEED
NEVER TAKE A BACK SEAT TO A MAN. IN FACT,
I HAVE NEVER KNOWN YOU TO MAKE EXCUSES OF
ANY KIND -- OR TO HAVE TO, FOR THAT MATTER.

THAT REMINDS ME OF THE FELLOW WHO RAN
FOR CONGRESS AND GOT BEAT. HE TOOK HIS
DEFEAT LIKE A MAN. HE BLAMED IT ON HIS
WIFE.

YES, WOMEN HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN
THIS COUNTRY SINCE THAT DAY A CENTURY AGO
WHEN THE MENFOLK IN MONTANA TERRITORY HAD
THE GOOD SENSE TO GIVE WOMEN THERE THE
RIGHT TO VOTE.

AND THIS COUNTRY HAS COME A LONG WAY
SINCE JAN. 20, 1969, WHEN RICHARD NIXON
WAS SWORN IN AS THE 37TH PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

~~WHY DO I SAY THIS NATION HAS COME A
LONG WAY SINCE LAST JAN. 20?~~

TO SEE THE STRONG PROOF FOR THAT



STATEMENT WE NEED ONLY LOOK AT THE
DEMOCRATIC LEGACY -- THE SITUATION THAT
RICHARD NIXON INHERITED WHEN HE ENTERED THE
WHITE HOUSE. LOOK / AND COMPARE.

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU AN ASSESSMENT OF
OUR COUNTRY IN JANUARY 1969 THAT NO AMERICAN
CAN QUARREL WITH, REGARDLESS OF HIS POLITICAL
AFFILIATION.

DICK NIXON ASSUMED THE LEADERSHIP OF
A COUNTRY DEEPLY ENMESHED IN A JUNGLE WAR
HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, / A COUNTRY WHICH HAD
SUFFERED ESCALATING INFLATION FOR NEARLY
FOUR YEARS, / A COUNTRY IN WHICH THE CRIME
RATE HAD CLIMBED NEARLY 10 TIMES AS FAST AS
THE POPULATION, / A COUNTRY WHERE PEOPLE WERE
PUTTING THE TORCH TO SOME OF AMERICA'S
GREATEST CITIES, / A COUNTRY IN WHICH THE
HAVE-NOTS CONTINUED TO BE THE HAVE-NOTS
DESPITE BILLIONS UPON BILLIONS OF FEDERAL
AID AND THE WELFARE SYSTEM WAS LIKE A FESTERING

SORE. / A COUNTRY IN WHICH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES HAD DRIVEN TAXPAYERS TO THE WALL AND THE POINT OF REVOLT ALTHOUGH TAX REVENUES WERE NOT SOLVING THE HORRENDOUS PROBLEMS RUSHING IN ON OUR CITIZENS FROM ALL SIDES.

NIXON HAS COOLED IT. IN BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, ~~THE FIRES HAVE BEEN DAMPENED DOWN.~~

DOMESTICALLY, THE PRESIDENT HAS SUCCEEDED IN GETTING PEOPLE TO LOWER THEIR VOICES. / AND THEIR ARMS, TOO. WE HAVE ENTERED INTO A PERIOD OF HEALING AND RENEWAL, ~~ALTHOUGH NOBODY CAN SAY THAT ALL STORMS AND UPHEAVAL ARE PAST.~~

AGAIN IN QUEST OF DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS LAUNCHED A STRONG CRACKDOWN AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME. THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT CONGRESS A DETAILED PROGRAM FOR DEALING

WITH ORGANIZED CRIME AND THE NEED FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE COURTS. THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME ONE OF ITS CENTRAL CONCERNS. WHILE OTHER DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS HAVE BEEN CUT IN A HOLD-DOWN ON FEDERAL SPENDING, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET HAS BEEN INCREASED AND THE LEVEL OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AND NARCOTICS CONTROL HAS BEEN STEPPED UP. **AT THE SAME TIME, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION HAS REVISED ITS PROCEDURES THE BETTER TO ASSIST THE STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN FIGHTING STREET CRIMES AS WELL AS ORGANIZED CRIME.**

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES,
AS DO ALL OF YOU, THAT THE FIRST CIVIL
RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN -- BLACK OR WHITE --
IS THE RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM CRIME AND
VIOLENCE.

IT IS SAID THAT THERE CAN BE NO



PROGRESS WITHOUT ORDER. I SUBSCRIBE TO THAT. I WOULD ADD/THAT THERE CANNOT LONG BE ORDER WITHOUT PROGRESS. AND I BELIEVE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS PROMOTING THE KIND OF ORDER AND THE KIND OF PROGRESS WHICH WILL OPERATE TOGETHER TO MOVE THIS COUNTRY FORWARD.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ADOPTED A RESPONSIBLE COMMON-SENSE APPROACH TO OUR URBAN PROBLEMS. HIS ANSWER IS JOBS AND JOB TRAINING. THE ACCENT IS ON THE SOLID AMERICAN ETHIC OF WORKING FOR A LIVING. THE PRESIDENT'S APPROACH IS BASED ON THE IDEA THAT A MAN NEVER STANDS SO TALL AS WHEN HE STANDS ON HIS OWN TWO FEET. WORKFARE / INSTEAD OF WELFARE. THAT IS THE AMERICAN WAY. THAT IS DICK NIXON'S WAY. A HAND UP INSTEAD OF A HANDOUT. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE HAVES AND THE HAVE-NOTS IN AMERICA.



PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MANAGED TO PROMOTE ORDER IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE HE HAS BROUGHT ORDER TO THE PRESIDENCY. THE DAYS OF GOVERNMENT BY CRISIS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY CRISIS PREVENTION. THE SCATTER-GUN APPROACH IS YIELDING TO AN ASSEMBLING OF NEW PRIORITIES.

BUT THE OBSTACLE TO THE NEW PRIORITIES REMAINS. VIETNAM REMAINS.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DONE MUCH TO MOVE THE VIETNAM PROBLEM TOWARD THE PEACE TABLE. UNFORTUNATELY HIS MOVES HAVE NOT BEEN MATCHED EVEN IN SMALL DEGREE BY THE OTHER SIDE.

WE ARE ENGAGED IN WINDING DOWN THE WAR, ^{replacing Americans with South Vietnamese, lower draft calls,} IN VIETNAMIZING IT. ALREADY THIS HAS RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DRAFT CALLS AND A STRETCHOUT OF THE OCTOBER CALL OVER THREE MONTHS. YET THERE ARE THOSE IN THE CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE WHO

BY THEIR ACTIONS ARE ENCOURAGING THE ENEMY TO BELIEVE THAT IF THEY CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE AT PARIS AND CONTINUE TO DRAG OUT THE WAR WE WILL ABANDON ALL WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR IN VIETNAM AND GO HOME.

I PERSONALLY BELIEVE -- AND I SAY THIS KNOWING THERE ARE MOTHERS OF YOUNG MEN IN THIS AUDIENCE -- I PERSONALLY BELIEVE A MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BACKS PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS RESOLVE THAT THE FATE OF SOUTH VIETNAM BE SETTLED THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS AND NOT THROUGH CAPITULATION TO COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

MR. NIXON'S CRITICS ARE NOT CHARGING HIM WITH MAKING THE MESS -- ONLY/WITH NOT CLEANING IT UP OVERNIGHT.

IN VIETNAM,/ON THE CRIME FRONT,/IN FIGHTING ESCALATING PRICES,/PRESIDENT NIXON CANNOT CORRECT OVERNIGHT WHAT PILED UP FOR YEARS UNDER A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

THE TRAGIC CONDITIONS MR. NIXON FACES ARE DUE TO MISTAKES OF THE PAST -- AND THE PRESENT EFFECTS OF THOSE MISTAKES ARE DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME.

THE GRADUALISM OF LYNDON JOHNSON DID NOT WORK IN VIETNAM, BUT I BELIEVE THE CONSTRUCTIVE GRADUALISM OF RICHARD NIXON WILL WORK ON INFLATION. IF WE FIGHT INFLATION IN THE NIXON WAY WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF COOLING DOWN THE ECONOMY WITHOUT A RECESSION -- AND THE COOLING-OFF PROCESS IS ALREADY TAKING HOLD.

MR. NIXON INHERITED A MESS WHEN HE TOOK OVER THE WHITE HOUSE. HE HAS PLOWED INTO AND ANALYZED THAT MESS, AND THE RESULT IS A BATCH OF REFORM PROPOSALS.

NOW IT IS NOT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT IS ON TRIAL, IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS LAID AN



EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF REFORMS BEFORE THE
91ST CONGRESS -- WELFARE REFORM WHICH WILL
TURN ALL ABLE-BODIED AMERICANS FROM WELFARE
TO WORKFARE; / DRAFT REFORM WHICH WILL MAKE
THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM AS FAIR AS
POSSIBLE UNTIL WE CAN ESTABLISH A TRULY
VOLUNTEER ARMY; / POSTAL REFORM WHICH WILL
CREATE A GOVERNMENT-OWNED SELF-SUPPORTING
POSTAL CORPORATION IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT
IMPOSSIBLE SYSTEM; / POVERTY PROGRAM REFORM
WHICH KEEPS THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY AS AN INNOVATIVE AGENCY BUT
SPINS OFF SUCCESSFUL ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS
TO OLD-LINE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS; /
MANPOWER TRAINING REFORM WHICH CONSOLIDATES
FEDERAL MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN FUNDING AND OFFERS
THE ADMINISTRATION OF MANPOWER TRAINING
CENTERS TO THE STATES AS THEY ARE READY
TO HANDLE IT; / TAX REFORM WHICH TAKES MILLIONS

OF POOR CITIZENS OFF THE TAXROLLS, REDUCES TAXES FOR MILLIONS OF OTHER LOW-INCOME AMERICANS AND PREVENTS THE WEALTHY FROM ESCAPING TAXATION; / A NEW FEDERALISM WHICH PROVIDES A PERCENTAGE SLICE OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX REVENUE FOR CITIES AND STATES WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

THIS PROMISES TO BE THE AGE OF REFORM IN AMERICA, BUT MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS MAY BE BLOCKED BY THE OPPOSITION PARTY IN CONGRESS. THESE ARE PEOPLE'S PROGRAMS AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS A PEOPLE'S ADMINISTRATION. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE GOOD REASON TO EXPECT THE DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS TO RESPOND TO REFORM PROPOSALS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION WHICH ARE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

THE PRESIDENT CANNOT IMPLEMENT HIS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. THAT IS UP TO THE CONGRESS. THAT IS WHY WE ARE LOOKING HERE

TONIGHT TO 1970. WE ARE LOOKING TO 1970
BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT NEEDS MORE REPUBLICANS
IN THE CONGRESS AND THAT / IS WHEN THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN PASS JUDGMENT. PRESIDENT
NIXON NEEDS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CONGRESS
WHO WILL HELP HIM ACHIEVE THE GOALS HE HAS
SO PROPERLY ADVANCED.

NOW, THE WOMEN! AH, YES, THE WOMEN!
WHAT A TREMENDOUS FORCE YOU CAN BE IN 1970!
LATEST CENSUS BUREAU FIGURES SHOW THAT YOUR
POTENTIAL VOTER TURNOUT TOPS THE MEN BY
7 1/2 MILLION.

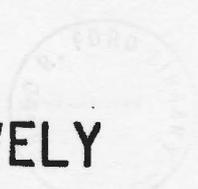
LET'S HELP RICHARD NIXON AND THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY.

WE CAN APPROACH THE VOTERS WITH
CONFIDENCE IN 1970. WE WILL BE LAYING
THE NIXON PROGRAM ALONGSIDE THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY'S RECORD -- A LONG CHAOTIC RECORD
OF BROKEN PROMISES, / SPENDTHRIFT FAILURES /
AND BUNGLED FOREIGN ADVENTURES.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS NOT A PARTY OF PROMISES, NOT A PARTY OF IDLE CONVERSATION, BUT A PARTY OF ACTION. OURS IS NOT ONLY A PARTY OF ACTION, BUT A PARTY OF IDEAS. IT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS ALIVE AND WELL BECAUSE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS FAILED AMERICA -- AND WE ARE NOW APPROACHING THE SEVENTIES, A DECADE OF DECISION.

HERE'S WHAT WE MUST REMEMBER AS WE APPROACH 1970, WE ARE FOR; THE DEMOCRATS ARE AGAINST. WE ARE COOPERATING WITH EACH OTHER, NOT CONDEMNING FELLOW REPUBLICANS. AND IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT WE WILL CAMPAIGN -- AND CAMPAIGN TO WIN.

WE ARE LOOKING TO PRESIDENT NIXON FOR LEADERSHIP -- AND WE ARE GETTING IT. AS FOR US, WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP HIM CORRECT THIS NATION'S PAST FAILURES BY INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY



SEEKING THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER.

THE GREAT ENGLISH POET JOHN DONNE DECLARED THAT "NO MAN IS AN ISLAND UNTO HIMSELF."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW PUT IT ANOTHER WAY. "WE ARE ALL DEPENDENT ON ONE ANOTHER, EVERY SOUL OF US ON EARTH."

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOLDING THE FUTURE OF AMERICA LIES WITH ALL OF US, WITH YOU AS WELL AS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ALL LIVE THE GOOD LIFE, THE UNSELFISH LIFE, THE LIVES OF ALL OTHERS WILL BE ENRICHED.

SO IN KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF YOUR CONVENTION, I SAY, WE ALL BELIEVE IN THE AMERICAN DREAM...NOW LET US LIVE SO THAT ALL MAY SHARE IN IT."



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OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
AT THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Mrs. Nixon, Mamie, Tricia, Julie, David, Madam President, Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Republican Women, honored guests, and leaders of the world:

I call you leaders of the world because I have long felt that it is really the women who are running the show. Maybe it's a behind-the-scenes sort of operation in many cases, but there's no question that the women of the world...and particularly women in America...wield tremendous power.

It could be you don't quite know just how powerful you are, and that's a lucky circumstance for us men.

You take intelligence, for instance. Women are smarter than men, and they have the figures to prove it.

You outlive the men, and that gives you greater staying power.

Official government figures show that you outnumber men, so you have the edge there, too.

American women are getting married younger now, which means they start running the men sooner than they used to.

Women have taken an increasingly prominent place in the world of work, too. Today nearly four out of 10 American women are employed outside the home. In 1920 it was only two out of 10. Today the average woman worker is married and 41 years old. In 1920 she was single and 28. No wonder that years ago somebody wrote a song called, "Heaven Help the Poor Working Girl."

American women have made tremendous strides in the last half century. And it seems altogether amazing that it is less than 50 years that women have had the vote in this country.

Of course the lack of nationwide woman suffrage didn't stop Jeanette Rankin of Montana from winning election to Congress. She was elected to the House in 1916, the first woman ever to win a seat in Congress. And she was a Republican.

That is how it has always been with Republican women. They have always been in the forefront of every forward-looking movement in America.

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Republican women haven't come up with a presidential candidate of their own sex yet. But, then, neither has the other major party produced a woman candidate for the White House. There have been only three women candidates for President. The Equal Rights Party fielded women candidates in 1872 and 1884. And in 1952 Mrs. Linea Jensen was the candidate of the George Washington Peace Party, which claimed to be in communication with the Father of our Country.

We can laugh about some of the foibles in politics, but I seriously believe the day is not too distant -- it won't be 1972 -- when we will see a bona fide woman candidate for the Presidency.

A revolution has been taking place among American women, now that they have finished stepping down from their pedestals -- for better or for worse.

One of the developments in that revolution is that women today tend to have their last child by the age of 30. This means that by the time the youngest child is in school, a mother may look forward to 30 or 35 more active years and much of that time can be spent in politics and government.

This is one aspect of the women's revolution I thoroughly agree with -- giving women the place they deserve in American government and in the political sphere.

Our whole society today calls for women to play a significant role in nearly every way -- not just as wives and mothers but intellectually and politically.

Who shapes the American point of view today? Women do, as much as men.

That's why I am pleased that President Nixon has named 118 women to positions in the Federal Government or related posts.

Those appointed to positions of prominence include such women as Mrs. Patricia Reilly Hitt, assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Mrs. Rita Hauser and Mrs. Shirley Temple Black, both U.S. representatives to the United Nations' Economic and Social Council, Mrs. Elizabeth Koontz, director of the Labor Department's Women's Division, Mrs. C. Wayland Brooks, director of the Mint, Mrs. Dorothy Elston, treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Virginia Knauer, special assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Elizabeth Farrington, director of territories for the Department of Interior, Nancy Hanks, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Mrs. Helen Bentley, chairman of the National Maritime Commission.

These are examples of the New American Woman, the kind of women who have made the National Federation of Republican Women a force to be reckoned with in

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American politics. Women like you need never take a back seat to a man. In fact, I have never known you to make excuses of any kind -- or to have to, for that matter.

That reminds me of the fellow who ran for Congress and got beat. He took his defeat like a man. He blamed it on his wife.

Yes, women have come a long way in this country since that day a century ago when the menfolk in Montana Territory had the good sense to give women there the right to vote.

And this country has come a long way since Jan. 20, 1969, when Richard Nixon was sworn in as the 37th President of the United States.

Why do I say this Nation has come a long way since last Jan. 20?

To see the strong proof for that statement we need only look at the Democratic legacy -- the situation that Richard Nixon inherited when he entered the White House. Look and compare.

I'm going to give you an assessment of our country in January 1969 that no American can quarrel with, regardless of his political affiliation.

Dick Nixon assumed the leadership of a country deeply enmeshed in a jungle war halfway around the world, a country which had suffered escalating inflation for nearly four years, a country in which the crime rate had climbed nearly 10 times as fast as the population, a country where people were putting the torch to some of America's greatest cities, a country in which the Have-Nots continued to be the Have-Nots despite billions upon billions in Federal aid and the welfare system was like a festering sore, a country in which local, state and Federal taxes had driven taxpayers to the wall and the point of revolt although tax revenues were not solving the horrendous problems rushing in on our citizens from all sides.

Nixon has cooled it. In both foreign and domestic affairs, the fires have been dampened down.

Domestically, the President has succeeded in getting people to lower their voices...and their arms, too. We have entered into a period of healing and renewal, although nobody can say that all storms and upheaval are past.

Again in quest of domestic tranquillity, the Nixon Administration has launched a strong crackdown against organized crime. The President has sent Congress a detailed program for dealing with organized crime and the need for reorganization of the courts. The Nixon Administration has made the fight against

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crime one of its central concerns. While other departmental budgets have been cut in a hold-down on Federal spending, the Justice Department budget has been increased and the level of enforcement activity and narcotics control has been stepped up. At the same time, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has revised its procedures the better to assist the states and local governments in fighting street crimes as well as organized crime.

The Nixon Administration recognizes, as do all of you, that the first civil right of every American -- black or white -- is the right to protection from crime and violence.

It is said that there can be no progress without order. I subscribe to that. I would add that there cannot long be order without progress. And I believe the Nixon Administration is promoting the kind of order and the kind of progress which will operate together to move this country forward.

President Nixon has adopted a responsible common-sense approach to our urban problems. His answer is jobs and job training. The accent is on the solid American ethic of working for a living. The President's approach is based on the idea that a man never stands so tall as when he stands on his own two feet. Workfare instead of welfare. That is the American way. That is Dick Nixon's way. A hand up instead of a handout. That's the only way to bridge the gap between the Haves and the Have-Nots in America.

President Nixon has managed to promote order in this country because he has brought order to the Presidency. The days of government by crisis have been replaced by crisis prevention. The scatter-gun approach is yielding to an assembling of new priorities.

But the obstacle to the new priorities remains. Vietnam remains.

President Nixon has done much to move the Vietnam problem toward the peace table. Unfortunately his moves have not been matched even in small degree by the other side.

We are engaged in winding down the war, in Vietnamizing it. Already this has resulted in cancellation of the November and December draft calls and a stretchout of the October call over three months. Yet there are those in the Congress and elsewhere who by their actions are encouraging the enemy to believe that if they continue to refuse to negotiate at Paris and continue to drag out the war we will abandon all we have fought for in Vietnam and go home.

I personally believe -- and I say this knowing there are mothers of young men in this audience -- I personally believe a majority of the American people

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backs President Nixon in his resolve that the fate of South Vietnam be settled through free elections and not through capitulation to Communist aggression.

Mr. Nixon's critics are not charging him with making the mess -- only with not cleaning it up overnight.

In Vietnam, on the crime front, in fighting escalating prices, President Nixon cannot correct overnight what piled up for years under a Democratic administration. The tragic conditions Mr. Nixon faces are due to mistakes of the past -- and the present effects of those mistakes are difficult to overcome.

The gradualism of Lyndon Johnson did not work in Vietnam, but I believe the constructive gradualism of Richard Nixon will work on inflation. If we fight inflation in the Nixon way we have an excellent chance of cooling down the economy without a recession -- and the cooling-off process is already taking hold.

Mr. Nixon inherited a mess when he took over the White House. He has plowed into and analyzed that mess, and the result is a batch of reform proposals.

Now it is not the Nixon Administration that is on trial, it is the Democratic-controlled Congress.

President Nixon has laid an excellent program of reforms before the 91st Congress -- welfare reform which will turn all able-bodied American from welfare to Workfare; draft reform which will make the selective service system as fair as possible until we can establish a truly volunteer army; postal reform which will create a government-owned self-supporting postal corporation in place of the present impossible system; poverty program reform which keeps the Office of Economic Opportunity as an innovative agency but spins off successful anti-poverty programs to old-line Government departments; manpower training reform which consolidates Federal manpower training programs for greater flexibility in funding and offers the administration of manpower training centers to the states as they are ready to handle it; tax reform which takes millions of poor citizens off the taxrolls, reduces taxes for millions of other low-income Americans and prevents the wealthy from escaping taxation; a New Federalism which provides a percentage slice of Federal income tax revenue for cities and states with no strings attached.

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Mrs. Nixon, Mamie, Tricia, Julie, David, Madam President, Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Republican Women, honored guests, and leaders of the world:

I call you leaders of the world because I have long felt that it is really the women who are running the show. Maybe it's a behind-the-scenes sort of operation in many cases, but there's no question that ~~the women of the world and particularly~~ women in America...wield tremendous power.

It could be you don't quite know just how powerful you are, and that's a lucky circumstance for us men.

You take intelligence, for instance. ~~Women are smarter than men, and they have the figures to prove it.~~

~~They~~ ^{They} outlive the men, and that gives ~~us~~ ^{them} greater staying power.

Official government figures show that ~~we~~ ^{they} outnumber men, so ~~you~~ ^{they} have the edge there, too.

American women are getting married younger now, which means they start running the ~~men~~ ^{men} sooner than they used to.

Women have taken an increasingly prominent place in the world of work, too. Today nearly four out of 10 American women are employed outside the home. In 1920 it was only two out of 10. Today the average woman worker is married and 41 years old. In 1920 she was single and 28. No wonder that years ago somebody wrote a song called, "Heaven Help the Poor Working Girl."

American women have made tremendous strides in the last half century. And ~~It seems altogether amazing that it is less than 50 years that women have had the vote in this country.~~

Of course the lack of nationwide woman suffrage didn't stop Jeanette Rankin of Montana from winning election to Congress. She was elected to the House in 1916, the first woman ever to win a seat in Congress. And she was a Republican.

That is how it has always been with Republican women. They have always been in the forefront of every forward-looking movement in America.

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Republican women haven't come up with a presidential candidate of their own sex yet. But, then, neither has the other major party produced a woman candidate for the White House. There have been only three women candidates for President. The Equal Rights Party fielded women candidates in 1872 and 1884. And in 1952 Mrs. Linea Jensen was the candidate of the George Washington Peace Party, which claimed to be in communication with the Father of our Country.

We can laugh about some of the foibles in politics, but I seriously believe the day is not too distant -- it won't be 1972 -- when we will see a bona fide woman candidate for the Presidency.

A revolution has been taking place among American women, now that they have finished stepping down from their pedestals -- for better or for worse.

One of the developments in that revolution is that women today tend to have their last child by the age of 30. This means that by the time the youngest child is in school, a mother may look forward to 30 or 35 more active years and much of that time can be spent in ~~politics and government~~ *the business and professional world.*

This is ~~one~~ *an* aspect of the women's revolution I thoroughly agree with -- giving women the place they deserve in ~~American government and in the political sphere~~ *the world of work.*

Our whole society today calls for women to play a significant role in nearly every way -- not just as wives and mothers but intellectually and politically.

Who shapes the American point of view today? Women do, as much as men.

That's why I am pleased that President Nixon has named 118 women to positions in the Federal Government or related posts.

Those appointed to positions of prominence include such women as Mrs. Patricia Reilly Hitt, assistant secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Mrs. Rita Hauser and Mrs. Shirley Temple Black, both U.S. representatives to the United Nations' Economic and Social Council, Mrs. Elizabeth Koontz, director of the Labor Department's Women's Division, Mrs. C. Wayland Brooks, director of the Mint, Mrs. Dorothy Elston, treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Virginia Knauer, special assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Elizabeth Farrington, director of territories for the Department of Interior, Nancy Hanks, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Mrs. Helen Bentley, chairman of the National Maritime Commission.

These are examples of the New American Woman, the kind of women who have made the *Business and Professional* National Federation of ~~Republican~~ Women a force to be reckoned with in

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American ~~politics~~ Women like you need never take a back seat to a man. In fact, I have never known you to make excuses of any kind -- or to have to, for that matter.

That reminds me of the fellow who ran for Congress and got beat. He took his defeat like a man. He blamed it on his wife.

Yes, women have come a long way in this country since that day a century ago when the menfolk in Montana Territory had the good sense to give women there the right to vote.

And this country has come a long way since Jan. 20, 1969, when Richard Nixon was sworn in as the 37th President of the United States.

Why do I say this Nation has come a long way since last Jan. 20?

To see the strong proof for that statement we need only look at the Democratic legacy -- the situation that Richard Nixon inherited when he entered the White House. Look and compare.

I'm going to give you an assessment of our country in January 1969 that no American can quarrel with, regardless of his political affiliation.

Dick Nixon assumed the leadership of a country deeply enmeshed in a jungle war halfway around the world, a country which had suffered escalating inflation for nearly four years, a country in which the crime rate had climbed nearly 10 times as fast as the population, a country where people were putting the torch to some of America's greatest cities, a country in which the Have-Nots continued to be the Have-Nots despite billions upon billions in Federal aid and the welfare system was like a festering sore, a country in which local, state and Federal taxes had driven taxpayers to the wall and the point of revolt although tax revenues were not solving the horrendous problems rushing in on our citizens from all sides.

Nixon has cooled it. In both foreign and domestic affairs, the fires have been dampened down.

Domestically, the President has succeeded in getting people to lower their voices...and their arms, too. We have entered into a period of healing and renewal, although nobody can say that all storms and upheaval are past.

Again in quest of domestic tranquillity, the Nixon Administration has launched a strong crackdown against organized crime. The President has sent Congress a detailed program for dealing with organized crime and the need for reorganization of the courts. The Nixon Administration has made the fight against

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crime one of its central concerns. While other departmental budgets have been cut in a hold-down on Federal spending, the Justice Department budget has been increased and the level of enforcement activity and narcotics control has been stepped up. At the same time, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has revised its procedures the better to assist the states and local governments in fighting street crimes as well as organized crime.

The Nixon Administration recognizes, as do all of you, that the first civil right of every American -- black or white -- is the right to protection from crime and violence.

It is said that there can be no progress without order. I subscribe to that. I would add that there cannot long be order without progress. And I believe the Nixon Administration is promoting the kind of order and the kind of progress which will operate together to move this country forward.

President Nixon has adopted a responsible common-sense approach to our urban problems. His answer is jobs and job training. The accent is on the solid American ethic of working for a living. The President's approach is based on the idea that a man never stands so tall as when he stands on his own two feet. Workfare instead of welfare. That is the American way. That is Dick Nixon's way. A hand up instead of a handout. That's the only way to bridge the gap between the Haves and the Have-Nots in America.

President Nixon has managed to promote order in this country because he has brought order to the Presidency. The days of government by crisis have been replaced by crisis prevention. The scatter-gun approach is yielding to an assembling of new priorities.

But the obstacle to the new priorities remains. Vietnam remains.

President Nixon has done much to move the Vietnam problem toward the peace table. Unfortunately his moves have not been matched even in small degree by the other side.

We are engaged in winding down the war, in Vietnamizing it. Already this has resulted in cancellation of the November and December draft calls and a stretchout of the October call over three months. Yet there are those in the Congress and elsewhere who by their actions are encouraging the enemy to believe that if they continue to refuse to negotiate at Paris and continue to drag out the war we will abandon all we have fought for in Vietnam and go home.

I personally believe -- and I say this knowing there are mothers of young men in this audience -- I personally believe a majority of the American people

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backs President Nixon in his resolve that the fate of South Vietnam be settled through free elections and not through capitulation to Communist aggression.

Mr. Nixon's critics are not charging him with making the mess -- only with not cleaning it up overnight.

In Vietnam, on the crime front, in fighting escalating prices, President Nixon cannot correct overnight what piled up for years under a Democratic administration. The tragic conditions Mr. Nixon faces are due to mistakes of the past -- and the present effects of those mistakes are difficult to overcome.

The gradualism of Lyndon Johnson did not work in Vietnam, but I believe the constructive gradualism of Richard Nixon will work on inflation. If we fight inflation in the Nixon way we have an excellent chance of cooling down the economy without a recession -- and the cooling-off process is already taking hold.

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