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GOP FUNDRAISER

CLEVELAND, OHIO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1974

Jack Danger
Paul Humphrey

Bob Tate
Ralph Park

BEFORE I BEGIN, I WANT TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO

VIRGINIA COY FOR CREATING THIS MARVELOUS BUTTON FOR TONIGHT.

IT SAYS: "PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD -- MODEL A-I FORD!"

THAT'S VERY KIND. BECAUSE IF YOU REMEMBER THE MODEL A FORD,

IT WAS BRAND-NEW, ECONOMICAL, DEPENDABLE, UNCOMPLICATED, AND

IT GOT US TO WHERE WE WANTED TO GO. AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND

OF FORD I WANT TO BE!

Paul
Bob
Carl
Del
Brown
Marston

Kent Mc Gee

*I would love to see that
great, classic contest between
Ohio State + my alma mater, Univ.
of Mich. After accepting I found
Henry Kissinger had arranged for a
trip to Japan that*

VIRGINIA AND FRANK COY, LET ME THANK YOU FOR THIS
WONDERFUL TRIBUTE.

~~I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'M NO STRANGER TO THE~~
STATE OF OHIO. IN FACT, I WAS HERE IN CLEVELAND JUST A FEW
MONTHS AGO TO GIVE A SPEECH AT THIS VERY SAME HOTEL. NOW I KNOW
THAT YOU OHIOANS HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BEING HONEST AND DIRECT --
BUT I NEVER KNEW JUST HOW HONEST AND DIRECT UNTIL THAT VISIT.

WELL, I GAVE MY LITTLE TALK AND THEN I WAS TAKEN TO A
RECEPTION IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY. AND AT THE RECEPTION A
SWEET LITTLE GRANDMOTHER CAME UP TO ME, PUT A GLOVED HAND INTO
MINE, AND SAID, "I HEARD YOU GAVE A SPEECH HERE TONIGHT."
AND TRYING TO BE A LITTLE MODEST, I SAID, "OH -- IT WAS NOTHING."
AND SHE SAID, "YES, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I HEARD."

YOU KNOW, IT WAS SUCH A WARM, PERSONAL TOUCH FOR

BUD HUMPHREY TO INTRODUCE ME TONIGHT. BUD WAS A QUARTERBACK

ON THE YALE FOOTBALL TEAM WHILE I WAS THE LINE COACH ~~HERE~~.

Asst. For the Elec.
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AND BELIEVE ME, BUD ~~REALLY~~ WAS ONE OF YALE'S BRIGHTEST STARS.

~~AND AS I LISTENED TO HIS WORDS TONIGHT,~~ IT'S EVIDENT HE STILL

With all that Bud has done & done so well

KNOWS HOW TO CARRY THE BALL!

THEN AGAIN, OHIO REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS HAD A
REPUTATION FOR CARRYING THE BALL AND WINNING. ALL YOU HAVE TO
DO IS LOOK AT OHIO'S REPUBLICAN TEAM IN THE CONGRESS. YOU JUST
CAN'T ARGUE WITH THE SCOREBOARD!

AND COME NOVEMBER 5TH, WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR CHANGES

IN THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

IN COLUMBUS. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE IN OHIO ARE TRYING TO COUNT

He's a Winner / not a Loser.

JIM RHODES OUT. I COUNT HIM IN. AND I KNOW YOU CAN COUNT ON

HIM AS YOUR NEXT GOVERNOR.

CANDIDATES WITH PROVEN EXPERIENCE IN CONDUCTING THE

2 in still of Sports Fan + 2 like politics/

AFFAIRS OF THE PUBLIC ARE FAR TOO SCARCE. YOU MIGHT SAY THAT

JIM RHODES IS THE CORNELIUS GREEN OF POLITICS. *Genie* HE ALSO KNOWS

HOW TO CARRY THE BALL AND SCORE!

RALPH PERK IS ANOTHER GREAT TEAM PLAYER WHO DESERVES

TO BE ELECTED THE NEXT UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THIS STATE.

AS AN OUTSTANDING MAYOR, HE WILL BE AN EQUALLY OUTSTANDING SENATOR.

I URGE YOU TO SEND HIM TO WASHINGTON TO HELP ME IN THE BIGGEST

ECONOMIC BATTLE WE HAVE EVER WAGED IN THIS COUNTRY -- THE ONE AGAINST

PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1.

OHIO HAS CONSISTENTLY DONE ITS PART IN PROVIDING THE
NATION WITH EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS, WITH DEDICATED,
HARD-WORKING AND HONEST LEGISLATORS -- THE KIND WHO WILL VOTE IN
WASHINGTON LIKE THEY TALK IN OHIO.

I KNOW RALPH PERK WILL FOLLOW IN THIS TRADITION.

IN FACT, I WISH THERE WERE A CHAMBERFUL OF SENATORS LIKE HIM

AND LIKE BOB TAFT IN WASHINGTON. BOB CONTINUES THE MAGNIFICENT

TRADITION OF HIS GREAT OHIO FAMILY. ~~AND~~ WE NEED MORE LIKE HIM.

I WISH WE HAD A HOUSEFUL OF CONGRESSMEN LIKE CHUCK MOSHER OF
OBERLIN AND BILL STANTON OF PAINESVILLE, WHO ARE WITH US HERE
TONIGHT, AND LIKE MY OTHER OUTSTANDING FORMER COLLEAGUES IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES -- DEL LATTA, DAM DEVINE, DON CLANCY,
JOHN ASHBROOK, BILL HARSHA, BUD BROWN, CHUCK WHALEN,
CHALMERS WYLIE, CLARENCE MILLER, RALPH REGULA AND
TENNY GUYER.

I URGE YOU TO ALSO ELECT YOUR FOUR REPUBLICAN
CHALLENGERS FOR CONGRESS FROM THIS AREA -- ALL OF WHOM WILL BE
WELCOME ADDITIONS TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL. LET'S SEND
GEORGE MASTICS, BILL FRANZ, BILL MACK AND BOB FRANTZ TO WASHINGTON
ALONG WITH THE OTHER GOOD REPUBLICANS RUNNING FOR THE U. S.
HOUSE ACROSS THE STATE.

Bill Marshall

THE BATTLE FOR THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS A TIGHT

ONE. I AM ADVISED WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE TO WIN THE STATE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES AND TO PRESERVE AND EVEN INCREASE OUR MAJORITY IN

THE STATE SENATE. WE CAN DO IT BY RE-ELECTING SUCH EFFECTIVE

CLEVELAND AREA SENATORS AS TOM CORTS (CORTZ), PAUL MATIA (MAH-TIA)

AND CHARLIE BOLTON, THE SON AND GRANDSON OF MY DEAR FRIENDS AND

FORMER COLLEAGUES, THE LATE OLLIE BOLTON AND MRS. FRANCES BOLTON.

THESE ARE OHIOANS WHO ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF
THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE THE KIND OF PROBLEM-SOLVERS THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY IS PROUD TO SUPPORT AND WORK TO ELECT. ~~I URGE YOU TO DO SO!~~

I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE LATELY BEEN SAYING
THAT MY SPEECHES ARE GETTING PARTISAN -- THAT I AM USING THE WORD
"REPUBLICAN." WELL, THEY ARE RIGHT!

I ADMIT TO BEING RELATIVELY RESTRAINED SO FAR IN THIS
CAMPAIGN.

"THERE IS, HOWEVER, A LIMIT AT WHICH FOREBEARANCE
CEASES TO BE A VIRTUE," AS THE GREAT ENGLISH PARLIAMENTARIAN
EDMUND BURKE ONCE OBSERVED. WE ARE NOW CLOSE TO THAT POINT.

I WANT THE VOTING PUBLIC TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT I AM

SAYING SO THERE IS NO DANGER OF MISUNDERSTANDING. THE MESSAGE IS

THIS: INFLATION IS THE CHIEF PROBLEM WE FACE IN THIS COUNTRY AND

THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD. BUT RISING PRICES AND ~~INTEREST~~

~~RATES~~ IN AMERICA WILL NOT BE STOPPED BY A FREE-SPENDING CONGRESS.

THIS CONGRESS IS CONTROLLED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- AND HAS BEEN
FOR 38 OUT OF THE LAST 42 YEARS AND FOR THE PAST 20 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

NOW SOME ELEMENTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY SEEM TO SEEK MORE THAN

MAJORITY CONTROL. THEY WANT DOWNRIGHT DOMINATION. THEY

WANT -- AND HAVE SAID SO OPENLY -- TO ELECT A "VETO-PROOF CONGRESS" --

ONE WHICH HAS THE OVERWHELMING NUMBERS TO OVERRIDE ANY

PRESIDENTIAL VETO. IN MY VIEW, THAT WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO A

LEGISLATIVE DICTATORSHIP IN THIS COUNTRY.

IF THAT HAPPENS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BUCKLE YOUR
SEAT BELTS -- IT'S GOING TO MAKE THE INFLATION RATE LOOK LIKE IT'S
TIED TO THE MOON SHOT.

A RECENT GALLUP POLL INDICATES THAT A MAJORITY OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE BLAME BIG-GOVERNMENT SPENDING FOR THE RAMPANT
INFLATION WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING. 2 agree.

*One point often overlooked / every
penny, every dollar spent by the
Federal Treasury is appropriated by the
Congress.*

IF THAT BE TRUE, I AM CHALLENGING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
TONIGHT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THEIR BELIEF -- TO MAKE THEIR VOTES
CONSISTENT WITH THEIR VIEWS, TO ELECT TO THE CONGRESS MEN AND
WOMEN WHO ARE COMMITTED TO CURBING FEDERAL SPENDING AND TO
CHECKING INFLATION.

TO QUOTE EDMUND BURKE AGAIN:

"THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS

FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING." THAT SAYING APPLIES TO THE

ELECTORATE IN GENERAL AND TO REPUBLICANS IN PARTICULAR.

THE WORD IS OUT -- IT HAS EVEN REACHED WASHINGTON --

OHIO REPUBLICANS ARE NOT GOING TO VOTE THIS YEAR. THEY ARE

TURNED OFF BY POLITICS. THEY ARE GOING TO SIT THIS ONE OUT.

I FRANKLY DO NOT BELIEVE IT. THAT KIND OF AN ATTITUDE

IS AKIN TO SETTING FIRE TO YOUR HOUSE TO KEEP WARM.

I CALL ON REPUBLICANS IN OHIO AND IN THE REST OF THE
COUNTRY TO TURN OUT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5TH LIKE YOU NEVER HAVE
BEFORE. CONFOUND THE DOOM SAYERS. FOOL THE PESSIMISTIC
POLLSTERS.

I ALSO URGE YOU TO WORK AS YOU NEVER HAVE BEFORE

FOR THE CANDIDATES YOU BELIEVE IN. WORK ON THOSE THOUGHTFUL

INDEPENDENTS AND WISE DEMOCRATS WHO BELIEVE AS YOU DO OR ARE AT

LEAST SUFFICIENTLY OPEN TO BE CONVINCED. WORK AT PRESERVING

THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY WHICH HAS HELPED PROVIDE

US WITH NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OF FREEDOM AND STABILITY UNLIKE

ANYTHING SEEN ON THIS EARTH BEFORE.

WITHOUT QUESTION, APATHY IS THE CHIEF VILLAIN IN

THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE. ~~SOME~~ PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK IT

JUST HAPPENED THIS YEAR. I SUGGEST THAT THE STATISTICS HAVE

Tragically

BEEN REFLECTING IT SINCE 1960.

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FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE THE NATIONAL PERCENTAGES OF VOTES
CAST IN CONGRESSIONAL OFF-YEAR ELECTIONS LIKE THIS ONE COMING UP.
BASED ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS, ONLY 46.3 PERCENT
TURNED OUT TO CAST BALLOTS IN 1962; ONLY 45.6 PERCENT TOOK THE TIME
TO DO SO IN 1966. AND THE PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLES WHO VOTED
IN THE LAST OFF-YEAR ELECTION -- 1970 -- WAS EVEN LOWER -- 43.8 PERCENT.

ON THE BASIS OF THOSE FIGURES, ONE COMPUTER PROGRAM

SUGGESTS THAT ONLY 42.7 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WILL CAST

BALLOTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY.

*We should be ashamed. Think of those at Bellini Works / 200
negotiation*

IF THAT HAPPENS, IT MEANS THAT THE COMPOSITION OF

THE 94TH CONGRESS WILL BE DECIDED BY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FOUR

*Just
Korea
Viet
Nam*

OUT OF EVERY TEN ELIGIBLE VOTERS. IN SHORT, THE MAJORITY WOULD

LET THE MINORITY DECIDE.

The sacrifice they make.

WHAT CONCERNS ME GREATLY -- IS THE INCLINATION OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO CONSIDER POLITICS SOMETHING THEY WOULD RATHER
NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN. ~~I THINK~~ THIS IS WRONG. LET'S NOT
MAKE POLITICS A SPECTATOR SPORT.

IF WE CAN GET 85,000 PEOPLE TO COME OUT ON A SATURDAY
which they always do.
TO WATCH OHIO STATE WIN, WHY CAN'T WE GET 5 MILLION BUCKEYES TO
COME OUT ON NOVEMBER 5TH TO HELP ALL OF AMERICA WIN!

THE SAD FACT IS THAT LESS THAN ONE AMERICAN IN THIRTY
HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS -- WITH THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES,
WITH WORKING IN A CAMPAIGN, WITH RESEARCHING THE ISSUES, WITH
RAISING OR CONTRIBUTING FUNDS FOR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES,
OR EVEN WITH RUNNING FOR OFFICE.

WHAT THIS NATION NEEDS LESS THAN TWO YEARS FROM THE
CELEBRATION OF ITS 200TH BIRTHDAY IS NOT LESS BUT MORE CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS.

TO THOSE WHO SAY POLITICS IS A DIRTY WORD WHICH SHOULD
BE ELIMINATED FROM GOVERNMENT, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT POLITICS IS
GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNMENT IN ACTION, AND THERE IS NOTHING WRONG
WITH THIS POLITICAL SYSTEM OF OURS THAT A MASSIVE INJECTION OF
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT WILL NOT CURE.

HAVING SPENT A QUARTER CENTURY ON CAPITOL HILL AS A
MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I AM CONVINCED OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF GETTING OUT AND AWAY FROM WASHINGTON -- TO FIND
WHAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS VAST LAND BEYOND THE POTOMAC ARE THINKING
AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. THAT IS WHY I AM HERE TONIGHT.

I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA NOT ONLY HAVE A RIGHT TO
SEE AND HEAR THEIR PRESIDENT IN PERSON, BUT I BELIEVE IT IS THE DUTY OF
THE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS HIS PROGRAMS AND POLITICS WITH THE PEOPLE.

WITH ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS
WHICH I CONSIDER CRUCIAL TO AMERICA, I URGE YOU TO SEND TO
WASHINGTON CONGRESSMEN WHO ARE WILLING TO JOIN IN THIS MASSIVE
FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. YOU NEED SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES
ON CAPITOL HILL WHO WON'T GO OVER THE HILL IN THE BATTLE AGAINST
INFLATION. YOU NEED CONGRESSMEN WHO CAN CUT THE RED TAPE,
CUT THE BUDGET -- AND CUT THE MUSTARD!

YOU KNOW, CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS ARE WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT. EVERY TWO YEARS IN THE HOUSE AND EVERY SIX IN THE SENATE, MEMBERS OF THOSE TWO BODIES MUST ACCOUNT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR STEWARDSHIP. SOME DESERVE RE-ELECTION; OTHERS DO NOT. I URGE YOU TO MAKE THAT DISTINCTION IN ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION AND EXERCISE IT AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 5TH.

LET ME REMIND YOU OF THIS SIMPLE FACT OF LIFE:

THERE IS NO WEAPON SO MIGHTY, NO FORCE SO POWERFUL, AS THE QUIET

SYMBOLIC VOICE OF THE AMERICAN CITIZEN SPOKEN IN THE PRIVACY

OF THE VOTING BOOTH ON ELECTION DAY. AND THAT VOICE IS NOT ONLY

HEARD BUT HEDED BY YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, I URGE YOU TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON -- THAT YOU, THE AMERICAN CONSUMER, THE WORKING MAN AND WOMAN, THE HOUSEWIFE, THE PLAIN CITIZEN ARE SICK AND TIRED OF RISING PRICES AND WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT IT. LET THE CONGRESS KNOW THAT YOU WANT ACTION ON THE 31-POINT PROGRAM WHICH I REQUESTED TWO WEEKS AGO TO HELP US WHIP INFLATION AND CONSERVE ENERGY.

WHAT THIS NATION NEEDS IN WASHINGTON -- WHAT YOU NEED
AND WHAT I NEED -- IS A RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE CONGRESS.

WE NEED MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL, IN THE WORDS OF ONE TELEVISION
COMMENTATOR, "PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE LEGISLATION."

ELECT THIS GREAT TEAM OF REPUBLICANS HERE TONIGHT AND
ACROSS THE OHIO -- AND WATCH THE ACTION.

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One final word /
In Jan 1949 -

We have a chance, the best
chance for PEACE.