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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION -- ACCEPTANCE SPEECH AUGUST 14, 1980

FELLOW DEMOCRATS, FELLOW CITIZENS:

I THANK YOU FOR THE NOMINATION YOU HAVE OFFERED ME.

AND I ESPECIALLY THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING AS MY RUNNING MATE
THE BEST PARTNER ANY PRESIDENT HAS EVER HAD --
OUR FIRST & ONLY CHOICE -- FRITZ MONDALE.

WITH GRATITUDE & WITH DETERMINATION,
I ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION.

I AM PROUD TO RUN ON A SOUND & PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM.

FRITZ & I WILL WAGE A CAMPAIGN
THAT DEFINES THE REAL ISSUES --
A CAMPAIGN THAT RESPECTS THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE --
A CAMPAIGN THAT TALKS SENSE --
AND WE ARE GOING TO WHIP THE REPUBLICANS IN NOVEMBER!

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1. WE WILL WIN
2. BECAUSE WE ARE THE PARTY OF A GREAT PRESIDENT
3. WHO KNEW HOW TO GET RE-ELECTED --

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT./

4. WE ARE THE PARTY OF A COURAGEOUS FIGHTER
5. WHO KNEW HOW TO GIVE 'EM HELL --

HARRY TRUMAN./

6. AS TRUMAN SAID, HE JUST TOLD THE TRUTH
& THE REPUBLICANS THOUGHT IT WAS HELL.
7. WE ARE THE PARTY OF A GALLANT MAN OF SPIRIT --

JOHN F. KENNEDY./

8. AND A LEADER OF COMPASSION --

LYNDON JOHNSON./

9. AND A BIG-HEARTED MAN WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT
10. AND WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST PRES. OF ALL TIME --

HUBERT HUMPHREY./

11. AND WE ARE THE PARTY OF GOV. JERRY BROWN
& SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY./

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LET ME SAY A PERSONAL WORD TO SEN. KENNEDY.

TED, YOU'RE A TOUGH COMPETITOR & A SUPERB CAMPAIGNER --
I CAN ATTEST TO THAT.

YOUR SPEECH BEFORE THIS CONVENTION
WAS A MAGNIFICENT STATEMENT
OF WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS MEANT TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY --
& WHY A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IS SO IMPORTANT THIS YEAR.

I REACH OUT TONIGHT TO YOU & TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED YOU
IN YOUR VALIANT & PASSIONATE CAMPAIGN.

TED, YOUR PARTY NEDS -- & I NEED --
YOUR IDEALISM & DEDICATION WORKING FOR US.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT EVEN GREATER SERVICE LIES AHEAD OF YOU --

& WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR STRONG PARTNERSHIP NOW
IN THE LARGER CAUSE TO WHICH YOUR OWN LIFE HAS BEEN DEDICATED. //

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WE'RE DEMOCRATS.

WE HAVE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES,
BUT WE SHARE A BRIGHT VISION OF AMERICA'S FUTURE --
A VISION OF GOOD LIFE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE --
A VISION OF A SECURE NATION,
A JUST SOCIETY,
A PEACEFUL WORLD,
A STRONG AMERICA --
CONFIDENT & PROUD & UNITED. //

40 YEARS AGO PRES. FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT
SAID THAT THERE ARE TIMES IN OUR HISTORY
WHEN CONCERNS OVER OUR PERSONAL LIVES
ARE OVERSHADOWED BY CONCERN
FOR "WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE COUNTRY WE HAVE KNOWN."
THIS-IS-SUCH-A-TIME --
AND I TELL YOU THAT THE CHOICE TO BE MADE THIS YEAR
CAN TRANSFORM BOTH OUR PERSONAL LIVES
& THE LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY! //

1. DURING THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN,
2. I CROSS-CROSSED OUR COUNTRY
3. & LISTENED TO MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE --
4. HOUSEWIVES & FARMERS...TEACHERS & SMALL BUSINESS LEADERS...
5. WORKERS & STUDENTS...THE ELDERLY & THE POOR --
5. PEOPLE OF EVERY RACE & BACKGROUND & WALK OF LIFE.
6. IT WAS A POWERFUL EXPERIENCE --
7. A TOTAL IMMERSION IN THE VAST HUMAN REALITY OF AMERICA. /
8. I HAVE NOW HAD ANOTHER KIND OF TOTAL IMMERSION --
9. BEING PRES. OF THE UNITED STATES. //
10. LET ME TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT WHAT THAT JOB IS LIKE —
& WHAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM IT. //

I HAVE LEARNED
THAT ONLY THE MOST COMPLEX & DIFFICULT TASKS
END UP IN THE OVAL OFFICE.
NO EASY ANSWES ARE FOUND THERE --
BECAUSE NO EASY QUESTIONS COME THERE. /
I HAVE LEARNED
THAT FOR A PRESIDENT
EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST GUIDE TO RIGHT DECISIONS. /
I AM WISER TONIGHT THAN I WAS 4 YEARS AGO.
I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE PRESIDENCY IS A PLACE OF COMPASSION.
MY OWN HEART IS BURDENED FOR TROUBLED AMERICANS.
THE POOR, THE JOBLESS & THE AFFLICTED --
THEY HAVE BECOME PART OF ME.
MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS FOR OUR HOSTAGES IN IRAN
ARE AS THOUGH THEY WERE MY OWN SONS & DAUGHTERS. //

THE LIFE OF EVERY HUMAN BEING ON EARTH
CAN DEPEND ON THE EXPERIENCE, JUDGMENT, & VIGILANCE
OF THE PERSON IN THE OVAL OFFICE.
THE PRESIDENT'S POWER FOR BUILDING
& HIS POWER FOR DESTRUCTION
ARE AWESOME.
AND THAT POWER IS GREATEST
EXACTLY WHERE THE STAKES ARE HIGHEST --
IN MATTERS OF WAR & PEACE. //
I HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING ELSE --
SOMETHING THAT I HAVE COME TO SEE WITH EXTRAORDINARY CLARITY.
ABOVE ALL, I MUST LOOK AHEAD --
BECAUSE THE PRES. OF THE U.S.
IS THE STEWARD OF THE NATION'S DESTINY. /

HE MUST PROTECT OUR CHILDREN --
& THE CHILDREN THEY WILL HAVE --
& THE CHILDREN OF GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW.
HE MUST SPEAK & ACT FOR THEM. /
THAT IS HIS BURDEN -- & HIS GLORY. //
AND THAT IS WHY A PRESIDENT CANNOT YIELD ↙
TO THE SHORT-SIGHTED DEMANDS OF SPECIAL INTERESTS,
NO MATTER HOW RICH OR POWERFUL THEY ARE.
THAT IS WHY THE PRES. CANNOT BEND ↙
TO THE PASSIONS OF THE MOMENT,
HOWEVER POPULAR THEY MAY BE.
THAT IS WHY
THE PRES. MUST SOMETIMES ASK FOR SACRIFICE
WHEN HIS LISTENERS WOULD RATHER HEAR THE PROMISE OF COMFORT. //

THE PRESIDENT IS THE SERVANT OF TODAY.
BUT HIS TRUE CONSTITUENCY IS THE FUTURE.
THAT IS WHY THIS ELECTION OF 1980 IS SO IMPORTANT. /

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SOME HAVE SAID IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS ELECTION. /
THEY ARE WRONG! /
THIS ELECTION IS A STARK CHOICE
BETWEEN 2 MEN
2 PARTIES
2 SHARPLY DIFFERENT PICTURES OF AMERICA & THE WORLD. /
BUT IT IS MORE THAN THAT.
IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN 2 FUTURES. //
THE YEAR 2000 IS LESS THAN 20 YEARS AWAY --
JUST 4 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AFTER THIS ONE.
CHILDREN BORN THIS YEAR WILL COME OF AGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY. /

THE TIME TO SHAPE THE WORLD OF THE YEAR 2000 IS NOW.
THE DECISIONS OF THE NEXT FEW YEARS
WILL SET OUR COURSE, PERHAPS AN IRREVERSIBLE COURSE --
& THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL CHOICES
WILL BE MADE BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AT THE POLLS LESS THAN 3 MONTHS FROM TONIGHT./
THE CHOICE COULD NOT BE MORE CLEAR --
NOR THE CONSEQUENCES MORE CRUCIAL.//

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IN ONE OF THE FUTURES WE CAN CHOOSE --
THE FUTURE WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING TOGETHER --
I SEE SECURITY, JUSTICE & PEACE. /

I SEE A FUTURE OF ECONOMIC SECURITY --
SECURITY THAT WILL COME
FROM TAPPING OUR OWN GREAT RESOURCES
OF OIL & GAS...COAL & SUNLIGHT --
& FROM BUILDING THE TOOLS, TECHNOLOGY & FACTORIES
FOR A REVITALIZED ECONOMY
BASED ON JOBS & STABLE PRICES FOR ALL.
I SEE A FUTURE OF JUSTICE --
THE JUSTICE OF GOOD JOBS, DECENT HEALTH CARE & QUALITY EDUCATION,
& THE FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE,
REGARDLESS OF COLOR OR LANGUAGE OR RELIGION;
THE SIMPLE HUMAN JUSTICE OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL MEN --
& FOR ALL WOMEN,
GUARANTEED EQUAL RIGHTS AT LAST, IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.

& I SEE A FUTURE OF PEACE --
A PEACE BORN OF WISDOM
& BASED ON FAIRNESS TOWARD ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD --
A PEACE GUARANTEED
BOTH BY AMERICAN-MILITARY-STRENGTH
& BY AMERICAN-MORAL-STRENGTH. //
THAT IS THE FUTURE I WANT FOR ALL PEOPLE --
A FUTURE OF CONFIDENCE & HOPE & A GOOD LIFE.
IT IS THE FUTURE AMERICA MUST CHOOSE --
& WITH YOUR HELP & YOUR COMMITMENT,
IT IS THE FUTURE AMERICA WILL CHOOSE. //

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BUT THERE IS ANOTHER POSSIBLE FUTURE./

IN THAT OTHER FUTURE, I SEE DESPAIR --

THE DESPAIR OF MILLIONS
WHO WOULD HAVE TO STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & A BETTER LIFE --
AND STRUGGLE ALONE.//

I SEE SURRENDER --

THE SURRENDER OF OUR ENERGY FUTURE
TO THE MERCHANTS OF OIL;

THE SURRENDER OF OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE
TO A BIZARRE PROGRAM OF MASSIVE-TAX-CUTS-FOR-THE RICH;
MASSIVE-SERVICE-CUTS-FOR-THE-POOR
& MASSIVE-INFLATION-FOR-EVERYONE.

I SEE RISK --

THE RISK OF INTERNATIONAL CONFRONTATION;

THE RISK OF AN UNCONTROLLABLE,
UNAFFORDABLE,
& UNWINNABLE
NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

NO ONE, DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN,
CONSCIOUSLY SEEKS SUCH A FUTURE.
I DO NOT CLAIM THAT MY OPPONENT DOES.
BUT I DO QUESTION
THE DISTURBING COMMITMENTS & POLICIES
ALREADY MADE BY HIM & BY THOSE WITH HIM
WHO HAVE NOW CAPTURED CONTROL OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE COMMITMENTS & POLICIES
WOULD DRIVE US DOWN THE WRONG ROAD.
IT IS UP TO ALL OF US
TO MAKE SURE AMERICA REJECTS THIS ALARMING, EVEN PERILOUS, DESTINY. //

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THE ONLY WAY TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE
IS TO START WITH THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT.
BUT WHILE WE DEMOCRATS GRAPPLE WITH THE REAL CHALLENGES OF A REAL WORLD,
OTHERS TALK ABOUT A WORLD OF TINSEL & MAKE-BELIEVE. /
LET'S LOOK FOR A MOMENT
AT THEIR MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD. //
IN THEIR FANTASY AMERICA,
INNER-CITY PEOPLE, FARM WORKERS & LABORERS ARE FORGOTTEN.
WOMEN, LIKE CHILDREN, ARE TO BE SEEN BUT NOT HEARD.
THE PROBLEMS OF WORKING WOMEN
SIMPLY-DO-NOT-EXIST.
THE ELDERLY DO NOT NEED MEDICARE.
THE YOUNG DO NOT NEED MORE HELP FOR A BETTER EDUCATION.
WORKERS DO NOT REQUIRE THE GUARANTEE
OF A HEALTHY & SAFE PLACE TO WORK. //

IN THEIR FANTASY WORLD,
ALL THE COMPLEX GLOBAL CHANGES SINCE WORLD WAR II
HAVE NEVER HAPPENED.
IN THEIR FANTASY AMERICA,
ALL PROBLEMS HAVE SIMPLE SOLUTIONS.
SIMPLE -- AND WRONG!
IT IS A MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD OF GOOD GUYS & BAD GUYS,
WHERE SOME POLITICANS SHOOT FIRST
& ASK QUESTIONS LATER.
NO HARD CHOICES.
NO SACRIFICE.
NO TOUGH DECISIONS.
IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE --
& IT IS!

1. THE PATH OF FANTASY LEADS TO IRRESPONSIBILITY.
2. THE PATH OF REALITY LEADS TO HOPE & PEACE.
3. THE TWO PATHS COULD NOT BE MORE DIFFERENT.
4. NOR COULD THE FUTURES TO WHICH THEY LEAD.
5. LET'S TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR CHOICE. //

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6. YOU & I HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD A SECURE FUTURE
7. BY REBUILDING OUR MILITARY STRENGTH --
8. STEADILY, CAREFULLY, & RESPONSIBLY.
9. THE REPUBLICANS TALK ABOUT MILITARY STRENGTH --
10. BUT THEY WERE IN OFFICE FOR 8 OUT OF THE LAST 11 YEARS --
11. & IN THE FACE OF A GROWING SOVIET THREAT
12. THEY STEADILY-CUT-REAL-DEFENSE-SPENDING BY-MORE-THAN-A-THIRD! //

WE HAVE REVERSED THE REPUBLICAN DECLINE IN DEFENSE.

EVERY YEAR SINCE I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT
WE HAVE MADE REAL INCREASES IN OUR COMMITMENT TO A STRONGER DEFENSE --
INCREASES WHICH ARE PRUDENT & RATIONAL.

THERE-IS-NO-DOUBT
THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN-MEET-ANY-THREAT-FROM-THE-SOVIET-UNION.

OUR MODERNIZED STRATEGIC FORCES,
A REVITALIZED "NATO",
THE TRIDENT SUBMARINE,
THE CRUISE MISSILE,
THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE --
ALL-THESE-GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL NEVER-BE-SECOND-TO-ANY-NATION.

DEEDS NOT WORDS --
FACT NOT FICTION.
WE MUST-&-WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR OWN DEFENSES.
WE MUST-&-WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK BALANCED REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR ARMS.

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THE NEW LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY,
IN ORDER TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THEIR RHETORIC & THEIR RECORD,
HAVE NOW PROMISED TO LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.
THIS WOULD NEGATE ANY FURTHER CHANCE
FOR A MUTUAL & BALANCED REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
THERE CAN BE NO WINNERS IN SUCH AN ARMS RACE --
& ALL-THE-PEOPLE-ON-EARTH COULD BE THE LOSERS.
THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE ADVOCATES ABANDONING ARMS CONTROL POLICIES
WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY EVERY DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT SINCE TRUMAN
& EVERY REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT SINCE EISENHOWER.
THIS RADICAL & IRRESPONSIBLE COURSE WOULD THREATEN OUR SECURITY _-
AND COULD PUT THE WHOLE WORLD IN PERIL.
YOU-&-I-MUST-NEVER-LET-THIS-COME-TO-PASS. //

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IT IS SIMPLE TO CALL FOR A NEW ARMS RACE.

BUT WHEN ARMED AGGRESSION THREATENS WORLD PEACE,
TOUGH-SOUNDING TALK IS NOT ENOUGH.
A PRESIDENT MUST ACT -- RESPONSIBLY!

WHEN SOVIET TROOPS INVADED AFGHANISTAN,
WE MOVED QUICKLY TO TAKE ACTION.
I SUSPENDED SOME GRAIN SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION,
CALLED FOR DRAFT REGISTRATION,
& -- JOINED WHOLEHEARTEDLY BY THE CONGRESS
& THE U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
LED MORE THAN 60 OTHER NATIONS
IN BOYCOTTING THE BIG SOVIET PROPAGANDA SHOW --
THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS.

THE REPUBLICAN LEADER
OPPOSED 2 OF THESE FORCEFUL BUT PEACEFUL ACTIONS
& WAFFLED ON THE THIRD.
BUT WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WOULD DO ABOUT AGGRESSION IN SOUTH WEST ASIA,
HE SUGGESTED BLOCKADING CUBA!
EVEN HIS RUNNING MATE COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THAT!
HE DOES NOT SEEM TO KNOW
WHAT TO DO WITH THE RUSSIANS.
HE IS NOT SURE IF HE WANTS TO FEED THEM,
PLAY WITH THEM,
OR FIGHT WITH THEM. //

AS I LOOK ABCK AT MY FIRST TERM,
I AM GRATEFUL THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR OUR COUNTRY
A FULL 4 YEARS OF PEACE
AND THAT-IS-WHAT-WE-WANT-FOR-THE-NEXT-4-YEARS -- PEACE!
IT IS ONLY COMMON SENSE
THAT IF AMERICA IS TO STAY SECURE & AT PEACE,
WE MUST ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO BE PEACEFUL AS WELL.
WE HAVE HELPED IN ZIMBABWE-RHODESIA,
WHERE WE STOOD FIRM FOR RACIAL JUSTICE & DEMOCRACY.
AND WE HAVE HELPED IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
SOME HAVE CRITICIZED THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS
& DELAYS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TREATY.

BEFORE I BECAME PRESIDENT
THERE WAS NO CAMP DAVID ACCORD
& THERE WAS NO PEACE TREATY!
BEFORE, ISRAEL & EGYPT,
WERE POISED ACROSS BARBED WIRE,
CONFRONTING EACH OTHER WITH GUNS & TANKS & PLANES.
AFTERWARD THEY TALKED,
FACE-TO-FACE WITH EACH OTHER ACROSS A PEACE TABLE --
& NOW THEY ALSO COMMUNICATE
THROUGH THEIR OWN AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO & TEL AVIV./
THAT IS THE KIND OF FUTURE
WE DEMOCRATS ARE WORKING TO BRING TO THE MIDDLE EAST. //

I AM PROUD THAT FULLY HALF OF THE AID
THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS GIVEN ISRAEL IN THE 32 YEARS OF HER EXISTENCE
HAS COME DURING MY ADMINISTRATION.
UNLIKE OUR REPUBLICAN PREDECESSORS,
WE HAVE NEVER STOPPED NOR SLOWED THAT AID.
AND AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, WE WILL NOT DO SO.
OUR COMMITMENT IS CLEAR:
SECURITY & PEACE FOR ISRAEL,
PEACE, FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. //

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IF THE WORLD IS TO HAVE A FUTURE OF FREEDOM AS WELL AS PEACE,
AMERICA MUST CONTINUE TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS.
THE NEW REPUBLICAN LEADERS OPPOSE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.
THEY WANT TO SCRAP IT.
THEY SEEM TO THINK IT IS NAIVE FOR AMERICA
TO STAND UP FOR FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY.
JUST WHAT DO THEY THINK OUR COUNTRY <u>SHOULD</u> STAND FOR? //

ASK THE FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO NOW LIVE IN FREEDOM
IF WE SHOULD ABANDON OUR STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. /

ASK THE DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION
ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. /

ASK THE HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS,
THE POLISH-AMERICANS.

LISTEN TO POPE JOHN PAUL II.

ASK THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING
FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE & LIBERTY AROUND THE WORLD.

ASK THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE FLED TYRANNY
IF AMERICA SHOULD STOP SPEAKING OUT FOR AMERICAN PRINCIPLES.

ASK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE! /

AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT,

WE WILL HOLD HIGH THE BANNER OF HUMAN RIGHTS! //

HERE AT HOME,
THE CHOICE BETWEEN THE 2 FUTURES IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT.
IN THE LONG RUN,
NOTHING IS MORE CRUCIAL TO OUR FUTURE THAN ENERGY.
AND NOTHING WAS SO DISASTROUSLY NEGLECTED IN THE PAST.
LONG AFTER THE 1973 ARAB OIL EMBARGO,
THE REPUBLICANS IN THE WHITE HOUSE
HAD STILL DONE NOTHING TO MEET THIS THREAT TO OUR NATION'S SECURITY.
THEN-AS-NOW,
THEIR POLICY WAS DICTATED BY THE BIG OIL COMPANIES.
WE DEMOCRATS FOUGHT HARD TO RALLY OUR NATION
BEHIND A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PROGRAM --
A NEW FOUNDATION FOR CHALLENGING & EXCITING PROGRESS.
NOW AFTER 3 YEARS OF STRUGGLE,
WE HAVE THAT PROGRAM.

1. THE BATTLE TO SECURE AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE HAS BEEN FULLY & FINALLY JOINED.
2. AMERICANS HAVE COOPERATED WITH DRAMATIC RESULTS.
3. WE HAVE REVERSED DECADES OF DANGEROUS & GROWING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL.
4. WE ARE NOW IMPORTING 20% LESS OIL.
5. THAT IS 1½-MILLION-BARRELS-LESS-EVERY-DAY THAN WHEN I FIRST TOOK OFFICE.
6. AND NOW WITH OUR NEW ENERGY POLICY FINALLY IN PLACE
7. WE CAN DISCOVER MORE,
   PRODUCE MORE,
   CREATE MORE,
   & CONSERVE MORE ENERGY --
8. & WE WILL USE AMERICAN RESOURCES,
   AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY,
   & MILLIONS OF AMERICAN WORKERS
   TO DO IT.

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WHAT DO THE REPUBLICANS PROPOSE?
BASCIALLY THEIR ENERGY PROGRAM HAS 2 PARTS.
THE FIRST PART
IS TO GET RID OF ALMOST EVERYTHING
WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC
OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS.
THEY WANT TO REDUCE OR ABOLISH THE SYNTHETIC FUELS PROGRAM.
THEY WANT TO SLASH THE SOLAR ENERGY INCENTIVES,
THE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS,
AID TO MASS TRANSIT,
& AID TO THE ELDERLY TO HELP PAY FUEL BILLS.
THEY WANT TO ELIMINATE THE 55-MILE SPEED LIMIT.
& WHILE THEY ARE AT IT,
THE REPUBLICANS WOULD LIKE TO GUT THE CLEAN AIR ACT.
THEY NEVER LIKED IT TO BEGIN WITH. //

1. THAT'S ONE PART OF THEIR PROGRAM. /
2. THE OTHER PART IS WORSE.
3. TO REPLACE WHAT WE HAVE BUILT,
4. HERE IS WHAT THEY PROPOSE:
5. TO DESTROY THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX,
6. & TO "UNLEASH" THE OIL COMPANIES & LET THEM SOLVE THE ENERGY PROBLEM FOR US! //
7. THAT'S IT.
8. THAT IS THEIR WHOLE PROGRAM.
9. THERE ISN'T ANY MORE. //
10. CAN THIS NATION ACCEPT-SUCH-AN-OUTRAGEOUS-PROGRAM? //
11. NO!
12. WE DEMOCRATS WILL FIGHT IT
13. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

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WHEN I TOOK OFFICE,
I INHERITED A HEAVY LOAD OF SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BESIDES ENERGY --
& WE HAVE MET THEM HEAD-ON.
WE HAVE SLAHSED GOV'T REGULATION
& PUT FREE ENTERPRISE
BACK INTO THE AIRLINE, TRUCKING & FINANCIAL SYSTEMS OF OUR COUNTRY --
& WE ARE NOW DOING THE SAME FOR THE RAILROADS./
THIS IS THE GREATEST CHANGE
IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUSINESS & GOV'T SINCE THE NEW DEAL.
WE HAVE INCREASED OUR NATION'S EXPORTS DRAMATICALLY.
WE REVERSED THE DECLINE IN BASIC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT.
WE HAVE CREATED 9 MILLION NEW JOBS --
THE BIGGEST-3-YEAR-INCREASE-IN-HISTORY! //

1. BUT THE ROAD HAS BEEN BUMPY,
2. & LAST YEAR'S SKYROCKETING "OPEC" OIL PRICES
3. HELPED TO TRIGGER A WORLDWIDE INFLATION CRISIS.
4. WE TOOK FORCEFUL ACTION,
5. & INTEREST RATES HAVE NOW FALLEN,
6. THE DOLLAR IS STABLE
7. AND ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAVE A BATTLE ON OUR HANDS
8. WE ARE STRUGGLING TO BRING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL.//
9. WE ARE NOW AT A CRITICAL TURNING POINT IN OUR ECONOMIC HISTORY.
10. BECAUSE WE MADE THE HARD DECISIONS --
11. BECAUSE WE GUIDED OUR ECONOMY
12. THROUGH A ROUGH BUT ESSENTIAL PERIOD OF TRANSITION --
13. WE HAVE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A NEW ECONOMIC AGE. /

OUR ECONOMIC RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR THE 1980s
WILL MEET OUR IMMEDIATE NEED FOR JOBS
BY ATTACKING THE VERY SAME LONG-TERM PROBLEMS
THAT CAUSED UNEMPLOYMENT & INFLATION IN THE FIRST PLACE.
IT WILL MOVE AMERICA SIMULTANEOUSLY TOWARDS OUR 5 GREAT ECONOMIC GOALS --
LOWER INFLATION,
BETTER PRODUCTIVITY,
REVITALIZATION OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY,
ENERGY SECURITY,
AND JOBS /
IT IS TIME TO PUT ALL AMERICA BACK TO WORK --
NOT IN MAKE-WORK,
BUT IN REAL WORK.

1. THERE IS REAL-WORK IN MODERNIZING AMERICAN INDUSTRY
& CREATING NEW INDUSTRIES FOR AMERICA.
2. HERE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS WE WILL BUILD TOGETHER:
3. --NEW INDUSTRIES TO TURN OUR COAL & SHALE & FARM PRODUCTS
4. INTO FUEL FOR OUR CARS & TRUCKS
5. & TO TURN THE LIGHT OF THE SUN
6. INTO HEAT & ELECTRICITY FOR OUR HOMES;
7. --A MODERN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF RAILBEDS & PORTS
8. TO MAKE AMERICAN COAL INTO A POWERFUL RIVAL OF "OPEC" OIL.

--INDUSTRIES THAT WILL PROVIDE
THE CONVENIENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS & FUTURISTIC COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY
TO SERVE MILLIONS OF AMERICAN HOMES,
OFFICES,
& FACTORIES.

--JOB TRAINING FOR WORKERS DISPLACED BY ECONOMIC CHANGES:

--NEW INVESTMENT PINPOINTED IN REGIONS & NEIGHBORHOODS
WHERE JOBS ARE NEEDED MOST;

--BETTER MASS TRANSIT IN OUR CITIES
& BETWEEN THEM;

--AND A WHOLE NEW GENRATION
OF AMERICAN HOMES & VEHICLES & BUILDINGS
THAT WILL HOUSE US & MOVE US IN COMFORT --
ON A LOT LESS ENERGY.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE INGENUITY & DEDICATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
CAN MAKE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE THINGS HAPPEN.
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA --
& THOSE WHO COUNT THIS COUNTRY OUT AS AN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER
ARE GOING TO FIND-OUT HOW WRONG THEY ARE. /
WE WILL SHARE IN THE EXCITING ENTERPRISE
OF MAKING THE 1980s A TIME OF GROWTH FOR AMERICA. //

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THE REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE
IS THE BIGGEST TAX GIVEAWAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
THEY CALL IT REAGAN-KEMP-ROTH.
I CALL IT A FREE-LUNCH-AMERICANS-CANNOT-AFFORD.

1. THE REPUBLICAN TAX PROGRAM
2. OFFERS REBATES TO THE RICH
3. DEPRIVATION TO THE POOR
4. & FIERCE INFLATION TO THE REST OF US.
5. THEIR PARTY'S OWN VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE
6. SAID THAT REAGAN-KEMP-ROTH
7. WOULD MEAN AN-INFLATION-RATE-OF-MORE-THAN-30%!
8. HE CALLED IT "VOODOO ECONOMICS."
9. HE SUDDENLY CHANGED HIS MIND TOWARD THE END OF THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION,
10. BUT HE WAS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!
11. ALONG WITH THIS GIGANTIC TAX CUT,
12. THE NEW REPUBLICAN LEADERS
13. PROMISE TO PROTECT RETIREMENT & HEALTH PROGRAMS,
14. & TO MAKE MASSIVE INCREASES IN DEFENSE SPENDING.

IF THEY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THESE PROMISES --
& THEY SAY THEY ARE --
THEN A CLOSE ANALYSIS SHOWS
THAT THE ENTIRE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE ABOLISHED --
EVERYTHING FROM EDUCATION TO FARM PROGRAMS
TO THE "G.I." BILL
TO THE NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL!
AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET WOULD STILL BE IN THE RED!
THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE
TO BUILD MORE PRINTING PRESSES TO PRINT CHEAP MONEY.
EITHER WAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LOSE.
BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WON'T STAND FOR IT!

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS ALWAYS EMBODIED THE HOPE OF OUR PEOPLE
FOR JUSTICE, OPPORTUNITY, & A BETTER LIFE --
WE HAVEWORKED IN EVERY WAY
TO STRENGTHEN THE AMERICAN FAMILY,
TO ENCOURAGE SELF-RELIANCE,
& TO FOLLOW THE OLD TESTAMENT ADMONITION:
"DEFEND THE POOR & FATHERLESS;
"DO JUSTICE TO THE AFFLICTED & NEEDY." (Psalms 82:3)
WE HAVE STRUGGLED
TO ASSURE THAT NO CHILD IN AMERICA GOES TO BED HUNGRY,
THAT NO ELDERLY COUPLE LIVES IN A SUBSTANDARD HOME,
& THAT NO YOUNG PERSON IS EXCLUDED FROM COLLEGE
BECAUSE THE FAMILY IS POOR.

WHAT HAVE THE REPUBLICANS PROPOSED?

JUST AN ATTACK ON ALMOST EVERY ACHIEVEMENT
IN SOCIAL JUSTICE & DECENCY
WE HAVE WON IN THE LAST 50 YEARS --
SINCE FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT'S FIRST TERM.

THEY WOULD MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY VOLUNTARY.

THEY WOULD REVERSE OUR PROGRESS
ON THE MINIMUM WAGE,
FULL EMPLOYMENT LAWS,
SAFETY IN THE WORK PLACE,
& A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

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LATELY THE REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN QUOTING DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS --
BUT WHO CAN BLAME THEM?
WHOM WOULD YOU RATHER QUOTE --
HERBERT HOOVER OR "FDR"?
RICHARD NIXON OR JOHN F. KENNEDY?
THE REPUBLICANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE PARTY OF PRIVILEGE,
BUT THIS YEAR THEIR NEW LEADERS HAVE GONE EVEN FURTHER.
IN THEIR PLATFORM,
THEY HAVE REPUDIATED THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THEIR OWN PARTY.
WHERE IS THE CONSCIENCE-OF-LINCOLN IN THE-PARTY-OF-LINCOLN?
WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE TRADITIONAL REPUBLICAN BELIEF
IN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY?
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEIR COMMITMENT
TO SAFE & SANE ARMS CONTROL?

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I DO NOT CLAIM PERFECTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.
I DO NOT CLAIM THAT EVERY DECISION WE HAVE MADE
HAS BEEN RIGHT OR POPULAR.
CERTAINLY THEY HAVE NOT ALL BEEN EASY.
BUT I WILL SAY THIS:
WE HAVE BEEN TESTED UNDER FIRE.
WE HAVE NEITHER DUCKED NOR HIDDEN.
WE HAVE TACKLED THE GREAT, CENTRAL ISSUES IN OUR NATION,
THE HISTORIC CHALLENGES OF ENERGY & PEACE
WHICH HAD BEEN IGNORED FOR YEARS.
WE HAVE MADE TOUGH DECISIONS
& WE HAVE TAKEN THE HEAT FOR THEM.
WE HAVE MADE MISTAKES,
& WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THEM.
NOW WE HAVE BUILT THE FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE. //

WE HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE
SOMETHING PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
IN GOOD TIMES & BAD,
IN THE VALLEYS & ON THE PEAKS,
WE HAVE TOLD PEOPLE THE TRUTH --
THE HARD TRUTH --
THAT TRUTH THAT SOMETIMES HURTS.

THE TRUTH IS THAT WE AMERICANS HAVE EARNED OUR DREAM
OF PROGRESS & PEACE.

LOOK WHAT OUR LAND HAS BEEN THROUGH
JUST WITHIN OUR OWN MEMORY -- A GREAT DEPRESSION,
A WORLD WAR,
A TECHNOLOGICAL EXPLOSION,
THE CIVIL RIGHTS REVOLUTION,
THE BITTERNESS OF VIETNAM,
THE SHAME OF WATERGATE,
THE TWILIGHT PEACE OF NUCLEAR TERROR./

THROUGH EACH OF THESE MOMENTOUS EXPERIENCES
WE HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT THE WORLD & ABOUT OURSELVES.
WE HAVE MATURED & GROWN STRONGER AS A NATION./
WE HAVE LEARNED THE USES & THE LIMITS OF POWER.
WE HAVE LEARNED THE BEAUTY & THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FREEDOM.
WE HAVE LEARNED THE VALUE & THE OBLIGATION OF JUSTICE --
AND WE HAVE LEARNED THE NECESSITY OF PEACE.//

1. SOME WOULD ARGUE
2. THAT TO MASTER THESE LESSONS IS SOMEHOW TO LIMIT OUR POTENTIAL.
3. THAT IS NOT SO.
4. A NATION WHICH KNOWS ITS TRUE STRENGTHS ,
   SEES ITS TRUE CHALLENGES,
   UNDERSTANDS LEGITIMATE CONSTRAINTS --
5. THAT NATION -- OUR NATION --
6. IS FAR STRONGER
7. THAN ONE WHICH TAKES REFUGE IN WISHFUL THINKING OR NOSTALGIA.
8. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- & THE AMERICAN PEOPLE --
9. HAVE UNDERSTOOD THESE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS. /
10. ALL OF US CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH THE DESIRE FOR EASY ANSWERS.
11. THERE IS OFTEN THE TEMPTATION TO SUBSTITUTE IDLE DREAMS
    FOR HARD REALITY.

1. THE NEW REPUBLICAN LEADERS ARE HOPING
2. THAT THIS YEAR AMERICA WILL GIVE IN TO THAT TEMPTATION.
3. BUT THEY PROFOUNDLY MISUNDERSTAND
THE CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. //
4. THREE WEEKS AFTER PEARL HARBOR,
5. WINSTON CHURCHILL CAME TO NORTH AMERICA -- AND SAID:
6. "WE HAVE NOT JOURNEYED ALL THIS WAY ACROSS THE CENTURIES,
ACROSS THE OCEANS,
ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS
ACROSS THE PRAIRIES
BECAUSE WE ARE MADE OF SUGAR CANDY."
7. WE AMERICANS HAVE COURAGE.

AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF CHANGE.
WE HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION & CONFIDENCE.
I STILL WANT WHAT ALL OF YOU WANT --
SELF-RELIANT NEIGHBORHOODS & STRONG FAMILIES:
WORK FOR THE ABLE-BODIED & GOOD MEDICAL CARE FOR THE SICK;
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH & DIGNITY FOR THE OLD;
EQUAL RIGHTS & JUSTICE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE./
I WANT TEACHERS EAGER TO EXPLAIN WHAT A CIVILIZATION REALLY IS --
& STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN NEEDS & THEIR OWN AIMS,
BUT ALSO THE NEEDS & YEARNINGS OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.
I WANT WOMEN FREE TO PURSUE WITHOUT LIMIT
THE FULL LIFE THEY WANT FOR THEMSELVES.

I WANT OUR FARMERS GROWING CROPS TO FEED THE NATION & THE WORLD,
SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE FAMILY FARM WILL THRIVE
& WITH A FAIR RETURN ON THE WORK THEY DO FOR ALL OF US.
I WANT WORKERS TO SEE MEANING IN THE LABOR THEY PERFORM --
& WORK ENOUGH TO GUARANTEE A JOB FOR EVERY WORKER.
I WANT PEOPLE IN BUSINESS TO BE BOLD & FREE TO PURSUE NEW IDEAS.
I WANT MINORITY CITIZENS FULLY TO JOIN THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE,
& I WANT THE BLIGHT OF DISCRIMINATION FOREVER WIPED AWAY FROM OUR LAND. //

JOIN ME IN THE FULFILLING OF THAT VISION.

THE CHOICE --

THE CHOICE BETWEEN THE 2 PATHS TO THE FUTURE --

COULD-NOT-BE-MORE-CLEAR.

IF WE SUCCUMB TO A WORLD OF FANTASY
WE WILL WAKE UP TO A NIGHTMARE.

BUT IF WE START WITH REALITY
AND FIGHT TO MAKE OUR DREAMS A REALITY --

ALL AMERICANS WILL HAVE A GOOD LIFE,...
A LIFE OF MEANING & PURPOSE
IN A NATION STRONG & SECURE.

1. ABOVE ALL
2. I WANT US TO BE
3. WHAT THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATION MEANT US TO BECOME --

THE LAND OF FREEDOM,
THE LAND OF PEACE,
THE LAND OF HOPE.

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