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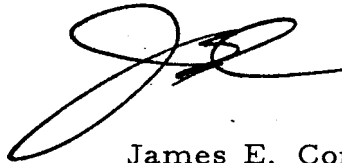
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

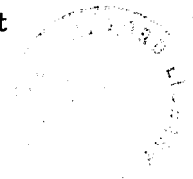
The President returned a copy of your Opening Remarks at Domestic Policy Forum in Denver, Colorado on October 21, 1975 with the following notation:

"Excellent - Give copy to Bob Hartmann"

We have sent a copy to Bob Hartmann.



James E. Connor
Secretary to the Cabinet



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Vice President thought
you would be interested in the attached
- especially the first four pages.

Jim Connor

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to
have copy to
Bob Hartman*

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

PUBLIC FORUMS ON DOMESTIC POLICY
DENVER, COLORADO
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1975
9:10 A.M.

OPENING REMARKS
BY
THE VICE PRESIDENT

IT IS GRATIFYING TO HAVE WITH US TODAY SO MANY DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND INTERESTED CITIZENS, NOT ONLY FROM COLORADO, BUT FROM THE NEIGHBORING STATES OF UTAH, WYOMING, MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, NEBRASKA, AND KANSAS.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PLAINS REGION TO OUR NATION -- ITS PEOPLE, ITS NATURAL SPLENDORS, ITS AGRICULTURAL, MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES -- HAS BEEN APPARENT.

AS WE LOOK TO OUR FUTURE NEEDS, THIS PART OF OUR COUNTRY WILL BECOME EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT TO THE NATION AS A WHOLE.

WE THEREFORE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHARE WITH US YOUR CONCERNS AND YOUR OPINIONS ON WHERE WE SHOULD BE HEADING AS OUR NATION BEGINS ITS THIRD CENTURY.

LAST MONTH, PRESIDENT FORD DIRECTED THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A BROAD EXAMINATION OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DOMESTIC PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.

HE CALLED FOR THIS REVIEW BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF OUR ECONOMY;

-- BECAUSE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION;

-- BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COSTS OF LIVING BROUGHT ON BY INFLATION AND ITS CRUEL IMPACT ON OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND MOST AMERICAN FAMILIES;

-- BECAUSE OF THE RAPID GROWTH OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES AND THE SIZE OF THE BUDGET DEFICIT.


THE PRESIDENT IS CONCERNED WHETHER OUR SOCIAL PROGRAMS ARE MEETING THE HUMAN NEEDS AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH THEY WERE DESIGNED.

HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS IN ALL AREAS OF ACTIVITY, AND WHETHER THEY ARE ENCOURAGING A HEALTHY, SELF-RELIANT CITIZENRY -- OR INCREASINGLY DOMINATING THE DAILY LIVES OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS, OR SHACKLING THE DYNAMISM OF FREE ENTERPRISE.

PRESIDENT FORD IS CONCERNED THAT WE ARE MORE DEPENDENT TODAY ON FOREIGN SUPPLIES FOR ENERGY THAN AT THE TIME OF THE ARAB EMBARGO -- AND THAT WE PROCEED TO ACHIEVE GREATER ENERGY PRODUCTION HERE AT HOME TO MEET OUR URGENT NEEDS.

HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HOW WE CAN ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS TODAY -- AND ASSURE A HEALTHFUL TOMORROW FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE GENERATIONS TO COME.

BECAUSE OF THESE CONCERNS, WHICH ARE SHARED BY MOST AMERICANS, THE PRESIDENT ASKED ME, AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL, TO CONDUCT PUBLIC FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS PART OF THE POLICY REVIEW PROCESS.



THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES THAT DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THE DESTINY OF EVERY AMERICAN CANNOT BE CONFINED TO THE LIMITED PERSPECTIVE OF WASHINGTON -- FOR WASHINGTON HAS NO MONOPOLY ON IDEAS OR WISDOM.

THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO TAP THE COMMON SENSE, THE WISDOM, THE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND THE IMAGINATION OF THE PEOPLE IN EVERY PART OF THIS COUNTRY.

THIS FORUM TODAY IS THE FIRST OF SIX THAT WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY DURING THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS.

THREE MAJOR AREAS WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING TODAY'S MEETING:

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES;
- RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT; AND,
- SOCIAL POLICY AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

BEFORE CALLING UPON OUR WITNESSES I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON THE NEED TO REVIEW FEDERAL POLICY IN THESE PARTICULAR AREAS.



A HEALTHY, GROWING ECONOMY IS REQUIRED IF OUR NATION IS TO PROSPER AND IF ALL AMERICANS ARE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY AN IMPROVED STANDARD OF LIVING.

WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD OF READJUSTMENT -- A PERIOD OF STRAIN AND DIFFICULTY.

INFLATION IS A CRUEL TAX AND WE HAVE HAD AN UNPRECEDENTED PEACETIME BOUT WITH IT.

UNEMPLOYMENT HAS HIT US AT A HEAVY RATE, AND BROUGHT HEARTACHE AS WELL AS HARDSHIP IN ITS WAKE FOR MANY AMERICANS.

BUT THE RECESSION APPEARS NOW TO HAVE BOTTOMED OUT AND AN UPTURN TO HAVE STARTED.

WE MUST RESTORE THE VITALITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY IF WE ARE TO HAVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, IF WE ARE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE AT HOME AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ABROAD.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT SPEND MORE THAN THE ECONOMY PRODUCES. PRESIDENT FORD RECOGNIZES THIS FACT. THIS IS PRECISELY WHY HE CALLED FOR A LID ON SPENDING FOR 1977 AND A REDUCTION OF TAXES.

WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THESE AND OTHER CONCERNS -- AND WE ARE HERE TO SEEK YOUR IDEAS AND KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING ALL THESE PROBLEM AREAS THAT FACE THE NATION.

WE ARE HERE TO SEEK YOUR HELP IN SHAPING THE PROGRAMS PRESIDENT FORD WILL PRESENT TO CONGRESS TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEX, INTER-RELATED PROBLEMS OF A FAST-MOVING, RAPIDLY-CHANGING WORLD:

-- TO CONTROL INFLATION;

-- TO ACHIEVE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, WITH ALL THAT WILL MEAN IN GETTING OUR ECONOMY ROLLING AGAIN, PRODUCING GROWTH WITH PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ABOVE ALL, PRODUCING JOBS:

-- TO CUT TAXES AND HOLD DOWN THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING;

-- TO SIMPLIFY FEDERAL AID AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS;

-- TO REDUCE BUREAUCRACY AND CUT RED TAPE.

HIS GOALS ARE TO RESTORE FREEDOM AND PRIVACY TO THE INDIVIDUAL;

-- TO FREE THE CREATIVITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE;

-- TO RESTORE STATES' RIGHTS ALONG WITH THE CAPACITY FOR STATES' RESPONSIBILITIES; AND,

-- TO LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE HOW THEY WANT TO SPEND THEIR OWN MONEY -- NOT HAVE BIG BROTHER IN WASHINGTON TELL THEM.

I AM OPTIMISTIC FOR THE FUTURE BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH IN AMERICA AND IN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE;

-- BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE ARE THE GREATEST FREE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AND BECAUSE OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE SYSTEM IN THE WORLD.

LET'S GET BACK TO WHERE WE HAVE RENEWED
FAITH IN OURSELVES AND IN OUR SYSTEM.

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH AMERICA THAT
AMERICANS CANNOT RIGHT.

THIS MORNING WE WILL HEAR FROM AN IMPRESSIVE
LIST OF WITNESSES WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT A
BRIEF STATEMENT OF THEIR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

EXCEPT FOR THE TWO GOVERNORS, WE HAVE ASKED
THEM TO LIMIT THEIR REMARKS TO 5 MINUTES, WHICH WE
REALISE MAY BE INADEQUATE BUT NECESSARY SO WE MAY
HEAR FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATIONS OF AN ISSUE, WE
WILL OPEN A DISCUSSION WITH THE PANEL MEMBERS AND THE
WITNESSES.

IT IS OUR HOPE TO MAINTAIN THE SCHEDULE SO THERE WILL BE TIME FOR A PUBLIC DISCUSSION WHEN THE MORNING WITNESSES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TESTIMONY.

WE INVITE ANYONE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE REVIEW PROCESS.

THIS AFTERNOON SECRETARY DUNLOP AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIZELL, SECRETARY MATHEWS, AND UNDER SECRETARY FRIZZELL WILL CHAIR MEETINGS TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS MORNING'S ISSUES. WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MR. FRANK ZARB, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, FOR A FEW COMMENTS ON RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: SUSAN HERTER

SUBJECT: Vice President's Opening Remarks
at Domestic Policy Forum in
Denver, Colorado, October 21, 1975

The Vice President had intended to give the attached to the President yesterday. As he left early this morning for Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, he asked me to send it over to the President as he felt the President might be interested in the first four pages.

Susan

