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REMARKS BY REP. GERALD R. FORD, R-MICH., AT FREEDOM SHRINE CEREMONY, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1967, AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, GRAND RAPIDS, HONORING ROGER CHAFFEE.

IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TODAY RECEIVES INTO ITS HANDS COPIES OF GREAT AMERICAN DOCUMENTS WHICH GLOW WITH COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO FREEDOM.

IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE BECAUSE CENTRAL WAS ROGER CHAFFEE'S HIGH SCHOOL -- THE SCHOOL IN WHICH A HERO ASTRONAUT SPENT MANY OF THE YEARS THAT SHAPED HIM INTO A SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF WHAT AN AMERICAN SHOULD BE. I JOIN WITH YOU IN HONORING HIS MEMORY.

IT IS APPROPRIATE, TOO, THAT WE CONDUCT THIS CEREMONY TODAY BECAUSE IT FALLS WITHIN A WEEK OF ONE OF THE GREATEST SPONTANEOUS OUTPOURINGS OF PATRIOTIC FERVOR THIS COUNTRY HAS EVER SEEN.

I AM SPEAKING OF THE MAMMOTH PARADE LAST SATURDAY WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS FLOODED DOWN FIFTH AVENUE IN NEW YORK CITY IN A DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR AMERICANS TO KEEP THEIR PERSPECTIVE IN THIS AGE OF TURMOIL WHEN THE GIANT POWERS OF WORLD COMMUNISM COLLIDE CONSTANTLY WITH THE COLOSSUS THAT IS THE UNITED STATES.

WE MUST BE EVER MINDFUL OF THE MEANING OF THE FREEDOM FOR WHICH AMERICANS FOUGHT AND DIED IN 1776 -- AND HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AND DYING FOR EVER SINCE.

THERE IS A GREAT NEED IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY FOR CEREMONIES LIKE THE ONE WE ARE TAKING PART IN HERE -- AND THE FLOOD OF PATRIOTISM UNLOOSED LAST SATURDAY IN NEW YORK.

THE SHOW-OF-PATRIOTISM PARADE WAS INTENDED TO COUNTER ANOTHER, TOTALLY



DIFFERENT KIND OF PARADE STAGED LAST APRIL 15 IN NEW YORK -- A MASSIVE PROTEST  
AGAINST THE U.S. ROLE IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

*last week fashioned*  
THE OUTPOURING OF PATRIOTISM SERVED A HEALTHY PURPOSE. IT DEMONSTRATED TO THE  
WORLD THE GREAT LOVE OF COUNTRY THAT BURNS IN THE BREASTS OF MOST AMERICANS. IT  
WAS AN ANSWER NOT ONLY TO AMERICANS WHO SINCERELY QUESTION THE WISDOM OF OUR  
INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM OR BELIEVE ALL KILLING IS SENSELESS BUT TO THOSE IN THIS  
COUNTRY WHO WOULD OVERTURN OUR GOVERNMENT IF THEY COULD.

THIS KIND OF A PARADE IS GOOD. WE NEED A REBIRTH OF PATRIOTISM IN AMERICA --  
THE FLAG-WAVING, GOD-BLESS-AMERICA VARIETY THAT WE SAW IN NEW YORK LAST SATURDAY.

BUT IN THE LONG REACH OF HISTORY, THE KIND OF PATRIOTISM THAT SOAKS DOWN DEEP  
AND THRILLS US TO THE ROOTS OF OUR HAIR IS FOUND IN THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO  
YOU HERE TODAY.

THE NAME GIVEN TO THESE 28 HISTORIC AMERICAN DOCUMENTS IS WELL CHOSEN --  
FREEDOM SHRINE. FREEDOM IS ENSHRINED IN THESE PAPERS. IT GLOWS FROM THEIR PAGES.

I SALUTE THE SOUTH KENT EXCHANGE CLUB AND THE EXCHANGE CLUBS THROUGHOUT  
AMERICA FOR TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PRESENT THESE FREEDOM SHRINE DOCUMENTS  
TO SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. ~~I THINK~~ THE PROJECT HAS GREAT  
VALUE BECAUSE IT FOCUSES OUR ATTENTION ANEW ON THE MEANING AND VALUE OF AMERICAN  
FREEDOM.

WHAT IS THE REAL MEANING OF THE FREEDOM FOR WHICH AMERICANS TRUDGED THROUGH  
THE SNOW OF VALLEY FORGE WITH FEET WRAPPED IN BLOOD-SOAKED BANDAGES, / FELL IN THE  
FORESTS OF ARGONNE, / DIED ON THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY, / WITHSTOOD THE COMMUNIST  
WAVE IN KOREA AND NOW ARE BATTLING THE COMMUNIST FOE IN VIETNAM?

IT IS A FREEDOM THAT MEANS CIVIL LIBERTY IN THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DEGREE. IT



CONFERS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OF MIND, SPIRIT AND HEART AS WELL AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. IT ALLOWS EACH MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN AMERICA TO GIVE FULL PLAY TO HIS CREATIVE TALENTS AND TO DEVELOP HIS POTENTIAL TO THE UTMOST. IT IS THE LIBERTY TO EARN AND LEARN, / TO ACQUIRE AND HOLD PROPERTY, / TO RISK CAPITAL AND REAP A PROFIT.

AMERICAN LIBERTY GIVES YOU A RIGHT NOBODY CAN TAKE FROM YOU -- A MOST PRECIOUS RIGHT -- THE RIGHT TO THINK, SPEAK AND ACT AS YOU PLEASE PROVIDING YOU DO NOT TRANSGRESS UPON THE RIGHTS OR PROPERTY OF OTHERS. WE ~~CANNOT~~<sup>must</sup> TAKE THAT LIBERTY FOR GRANTED.

FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS AMERICAN LIBERTY HAS SERVED AS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS, DEPRIVED AND PERSECUTED PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ... PEOPLE WHOSE HEARTS LEAPED WITHIN THEM WHEN THEY FIRST SAW THE GREAT STATUE OF LIBERTY IN NEW YORK HARBOR.

TOO MANY AMERICANS HAVE BECOME BORED WITH TALK OF LIBERTY AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM. UNLIKE OUR IMMIGRANTS, THEY HAVE NEVER KNOWN WHAT IT IS TO LIVE UNDER A FOREIGN IDEOLOGY, AN AUTOCRATIC OR TOTALITARIAN REGIME. THEY ARE SPOILED, LIKE THE PERSON WHO HAS NEVER KNOWN WHAT IT IS TO WORK HARD FOR A DOLLAR. THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO EARN THEIR FREEDOM. THIS IS WHY WE NEED FREEDOM SHRINES ALL OVER AMERICA.

I WOULD WAGER THAT MANY AMERICANS WHO CONSTANTLY DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE POLICIES OF OUR GOVERNMENT HAVE NEVER READ THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION. OTHERS AMONG THEM ARE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO SEIZE UPON THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED THEM BY THE CONSTITUTION AS A DEFENSE FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

IT IS GOOD FOR ALL AMERICANS -- MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS -- OCCASIONALLY TO PAUSE AND DRINK IN AGAIN THE WORDS WHICH HAVE MADE THE NAME OF THEIR COUNTRY SYNONYMOUS WITH FREEDOM THE WORLD OVER.





CONSIDER THE SIMPLE BUT MAGNIFICENT LANGUAGE IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WHEN WE TOLD THE WORLD ON JULY 4, 1776, WHY THE 13 AMERICAN COLONIES WERE BREAKING TIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN AND DECLARING THEMSELVES FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHO WAS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF DRAFTING THE DECLARATION, CREATED A GREAT HISTORIC DOCUMENT IN WHICH HE SET FORTH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT AND SPELLED OUT THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

"WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT," JEFFERSON WROTE, "THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

JEFFERSON CAREFULLY NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS ESTABLISHED TO GUARANTEE THESE RIGHTS RULE ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED, THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE.

SOME OF OUR OFFICE-HOLDERS TEND TO FORGET THIS.

MANY AMERICANS TEND TO FORGET THAT EVERY AMERICAN -- AND NOT JUST THEMSELVES -- HAVE BEEN ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS. WE SHOULD EVER BE ON GUARD NOT ONLY TO PROTECT THOSE RIGHTS FOR OURSELVES INDIVIDUALLY BUT FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS.

*American*  
OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS AN INSPIRATION FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLES EVERYWHERE. ITS FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN CAUSED THE FLAME OF LIBERTY TO BURN MORE BRIGHTLY WHEREVER A PEOPLE WAS DOWNTRODDEN. IT IS JUST AS VALID TODAY, WHEN WORLD COMMUNISM SEEKS TO SWEEP MEN IN COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY INTO A MACHINE-LIKE EXISTENCE DEDICATED TO THE GREATER GLORY OF THE STATE AND COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS.



THE VERY FIRST OF THE 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS KNOWN AS OUR BILL OF RIGHTS GUARANTEES US FREEDOM OF SPEECH. IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE FREE SPEECH ONLY TO LOYAL AMERICANS BUT TO ALL AMERICANS.

IT IS LEFT, THEN, FOR THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE IN OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO ADVERTISE THE TRUTH -- AND TO DEFEND THE FREEDOMS THAT DISLOYAL AMERICANS AND TOTALITARIAN REGIMES WOULD TAKE FROM US.

IN THIS FREEDOM SHRINE WE HOLD UP FREEDOM, LIBERTY AND THE GREAT TRUTHS FOR ALL TO SEE AND PONDER. WE CARRY IT INTO THE FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS YET UNBORN. WE USE IT TO FORTIFY OUR INDIVIDUAL DEDICATION TO THE REAL MEANING OF FREEDOM SO THAT WE CAN MEET THE FUTURE WITH STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE.

WE HEREBY RESOLVE TO DEFEND AND PROTECT OUR AMERICAN DREAM -- A SOCIETY BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING.

IN THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAID THEY WERE ESTABLISHING THAT CONSTITUTION TO "SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY."

WHAT FOLLOWS AFTER THAT PREAMBLE IS MORE THAN JUST WORDS ON A PIECE OF PAPER. IT IS LIVING LAW -- THE BASIC LAW OF THE LAND.

IT IS THE BASIC RULE OF LAW FOR A PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUND TRUE FREEDOM FOR THEMSELVES AND WILL FOREVER SEEK TO DEFEND IT.

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE FREE WORLD EXISTS TODAY PRIMARILY BECAUSE 190 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A FOURTH OF JULY. FRANCE IS FREE; ENGLAND IS FREE; HOLLAND AND BELGIUM ARE FREE. WE ARE THE STRONG RIGHT ARM OF FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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*Because of America's strength and unselfishness  
from Hitler + Mussolini*  
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SHOULD WE HIDE THE LIGHT OF THAT FREEDOM UNDER A BUSHEL? SHOULD WE HUG  
IT CLOSELY TO OURSELVES AND IGNORE ~~THE REST OF THE WORLD?~~ SHOULD WE SACRIFICE  
*our brethren who see America as the Pinnacle for free men*

THE MILLIONS OF TERRORIZED SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO THE AMBITIONS OF NORTH VIETNAM'S  
HO CHI MINH, RED CHINA'S MAO AND THE OTHER COMMUNIST LEADERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA?

I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO THAT. AND IF YOU WERE TO BE  
COMPLETELY SELFISH ABOUT IT, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THAT RED CHINA PROBABLY WILL BE  
KNOCKING AT OUR OWN DOOR IN ABOUT 10 YEARS IF COMMUNIST EXPANSION IN ASIA IS NOT  
CHECKED NOW.

I BELIEVE YOU WANT TO HELP KEEP THE FREE WORLD FREE. I BELIEVE YOU ARE PROUD  
OF A NATION WHICH HAS ENDURED AND GROWN INCREASINGLY STRONG WHILE ITS PEOPLE HAVE  
ENJOYED THE RIGHT TO DISAGREE, TO CRITICIZE THEIR GOVERNMENT AND EVEN TO HEAP SCORN  
ON MEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

WHEN WE THINK OF THE FAIR-MINDNESS OF MOST AMERICANS, WE CAN BE PROUD. WHEN  
WE THINK OF THE IDEALISM AND BRAVERY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, WE CAN BE PROUD. AND  
WHEN WE THINK OF OUR FREEDOMS WE CAN BE PROUD.

NO OTHER NATION HAS FOUGHT SO HARD FOR OTHERS OR SHARED ITS ABUNDANCE SO  
GENEROUSLY. WE HAVE MADE MISTAKES AND WE HAVE MANY TIMES WASTED MEN AND MONEY, BUT  
WE CAN BE PROUD.

ANY LIST OF WHAT'S RIGHT WITH AMERICA IS A RINGING ENDORSEMENT OF ALL THE  
WISE WORDS PLACED BEFORE YOU IN THE EXCHANGE CLUB'S FREEDOM SHRINE.

WE CAN BE PROUD, BUT WE MUST CONFESS TO OURSELVES THAT...

"ALL WE HAVE OF FREEDOM, ALL WE USE OR KNOW--

THIS OUR FATHERS BOUGHT FOR US LONG AND LONG AGO."

I FEEL SURE THAT WHEN YOU LOOK UPON THE DRAFT CARD BURNERS YOU TURN AWAY WITH

*Personal  
story*





REVULSION. FOR I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU SUBSCRIBE, AS DO I, TO THIS CREED:

WE, TOO, BORN TO FREEDOM, AND BELIEVING IN FREEDOM, ARE WILLING TO FIGHT  
TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM. WE, AND ALL OTHERS WHO BELIEVE AS DEEPLY AS WE DO, WOULD  
RATHER DIE ON OUR FEET THAN LIVE ON OUR KNEES. THANK YOU.





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It is most appropriate that Central High School today receives into its hands copies of great American documents which glow with courage and devotion to freedom.

It is <sup>particularly</sup> appropriate because Central was Roger Chaffee's high school--the school in which a hero astronaut spent many of ~~his~~ the years that shaped him into a splendid example of what an American should be. I join with you in honoring his memory.

It is appropriate, too, that we conduct this ceremony today because it falls within a week of one of the greatest <sup>spontaneous</sup> outpourings of patriotic fervor this country has ever seen.

I am speaking of the mammoth parade last Saturday when ~~masses of~~ tens of thousands of Americans <sup>flooded down</sup> ~~paraded down~~ Fifth Avenue in New York City in a demonstration of support for American servicemen in Vietnam.

It is difficult ~~in this period of time~~ for Americans to keep their perspective in this age of turmoil when the giant powers of ~~modern~~ world communism collide constantly with the Colossus that is the United States.

We must be ever ~~aware of the fact that we are not alone~~ mindful of the meaning of the freedom for which Americans fought and died in 1776--and have been fighting and dying for ever since.

There is a great need in this ~~land~~ country today for ceremonies like the one we ~~are celebrating~~ <sup>taking part in</sup> here--and the flood of patriotism unloosed last Saturday in New York.

The ~~parade~~ show-of-patriotism parade was intended to counter another, totally different kind of parade staged last April 15 in New York--a massive protest against ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> U.S. ~~involvement~~ <sup>role</sup> in the Vietnam War.

The outpouring of patriotism served a healthy purpose. It demonstrated to the world the great love of country that burns in ~~the~~ the breasts of most Americans. It was an answer ~~to~~ not only to Americans who sincerely question the wisdom of our involvement ~~in~~ in Vietnam or believe all killing is senseless but to those ~~in~~ in this ~~land~~ country who would overturn our government if they could.

This kind of a parade is good. We need a ~~new~~ rebirth of patriotism in America--the flag-waving, God-Bless-America ~~variety~~ variety that we saw in New York last Saturday.

But in the long reach of history, the kind of patriotism that soaks down deep and thrills us to the roots of our hair is found in the documents presented to you here today.



The name given to these 28 ~~the~~ historic American documents is ~~the~~ well chosen--Freedom Shrine. Freedom is enshrined in these papers. It glows from their pages.

I salute the South Kent Exchange Club and the Exchange Clubs throughout America for taking it upon themselves to present these Freedom Shrine documents to schools ~~through~~ in the United States and Puerto Rico. I think the project has great value because it focuses our attention anew on the meaning and ~~the~~ value of American freedom.

What is the real meaning of the freedom ~~is~~ for which ~~we~~ <sup>Americans</sup> trudged through the snow of ~~the~~ Valley Forge with feet wrapped in blood-soaked bandages, fell in the forests of Argonne, died on the beaches of Normandy, withstood the ~~the~~ <sup>Communist</sup>

~~wave~~ <sup>wave</sup> in Korea and now are battling the Communist ~~the~~ foe in Vietnam?

~~It is a~~ <sup>It is a</sup> freedom ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> means ~~the~~ civil liberty in the greatest possible degree. It confers on ~~the~~ <sup>each</sup> individual freedom of mind, spirit and heart as well as freedom of movement. It allows each man, woman and child in America to give full play to his creative talents and to develop his potential to the utmost. It is the liberty to earn and learn, to acquire and hold ~~the~~ property, to risk capital and reap a profit.

American liberty gives you ~~the~~ a right nobody can take from you--a most precious right--the right to think, speak and act as you please providing you do not ~~violate the rights of~~ <sup>upon</sup> transgress ~~the~~ (the rights or property of others.)

We cannot take that liberty for granted. <sup>American liberty</sup> For hundreds of years ~~it~~ has served as a ~~beacon~~ beacon of hope for thousands of ~~the~~ homeless, deprived and persecuted ~~the~~ people of the world... ~~the~~ people whose hearts leaped within them ~~the~~ when they first saw the <sup>great</sup> Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. ~~Too many Americans~~ have become bored with talk of liberty and individual freedom. ~~They are~~

Unlike our immigrants, they have never known what it is ~~to~~ to live under a foreign ideology, an autocratic or ~~the~~ totalitarian regime. They are spoiled, like the person who has never known what it is ~~to~~ to work hard for a dollar. They didn't have to earn their freedom.

This is why we need Freedom Shrines all over America. <sup>I</sup> I would wager that many ~~the~~ Americans who constantly demonstrate against the policies of our government have never read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. ~~Others~~ Others among them are only too happy to seize upon the rights ~~the~~ guaranteed them by the ~~Constitution~~ ~~Constitution~~ Constitution ~~as~~ as a defense for their ~~actions~~ actions.



It is good for all ~~of~~ Americans--members of Congress as well as all others-- occasionally to pause and drink in again ~~the wisdom and the~~ ~~the words~~ which have made the name of ~~the~~ their country ~~is~~ synonymous with freedom the world over.

Consider the simple but magnificent language in our Declaration of Independence, when we told the world on July 4, 1776, why the <sup>13</sup> American colonies were breaking ties with Great Britain and declaring themselves ~~free and independent states.~~ ~~free and independent states.~~

Thomas Jefferson, who was assigned the task of drafting the declaration, ~~was~~ created a great historic document in which he set forth the principle of self-government and spelled out the rights of man.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," Jefferson wrote, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed ~~with~~ by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are ~~the~~ Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Jefferson carefully noted that the governments established to guarantee these rights rule only with the consent of the governed, the consent of the people. Some of our office-holders tend to ~~be~~ forget this.

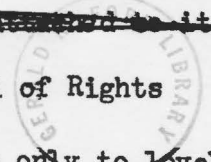
Many Americans tend to forget that every ~~one~~ American--and not just ~~the~~ themselves--have been ~~made~~ endowed ~~with~~ by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights. We should ever ~~be~~ be on guard not only to protect those rights for individually ourselves but for all of our citizens.

Our ~~is~~ Declaration of Independence was ~~an~~ an inspiration for oppressed peoples ~~everywhere.~~ everywhere. Its forthright statement of the Rights of Man caused ~~the~~ the flame of liberty to burn ~~in~~ more ~~brightly~~ brightly wherever a people was downtrodden. It is just as valid today, ~~when~~ when ~~the soul-searching ideology~~ ~~the~~ world communism seeks to sweep men in country after country into a machine-like existence ~~dedicated~~ dedicated to the greater glory of the state ~~and~~ and Communist Party leaders.

~~Troubled by the Communist threat outside our gates, some~~ ~~Americans~~ ~~would~~ ~~deprive~~ ~~their~~ ~~fellows~~ ~~citizens~~ ~~who~~ ~~are~~ ~~Communist~~ ~~sympathizers~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~right~~ ~~to~~ ~~speak~~ ~~out.~~ We cannot do this without ~~violating~~ ~~the~~ ~~living~~ ~~instrument~~ ~~of~~ ~~Government~~ ~~which~~ ~~is~~ ~~our~~ ~~Constitution.~~

~~We~~ must remember that the American colonists rebelling against ~~the~~ British rule were revolutionaries and that three of the original 13 states which ratified the Constitution did so only with the insistence that a Bill of Rights be ~~added~~ ~~to~~ ~~it.~~

~~The~~ The very first of the 10 ~~is~~ constitutional amendments known as our Bill of Rights guarantees ~~us~~ us Freedom of Speech. It does not guarantee free speech only to loyal Americans but to all Americans.











Freedom Shrine.

We can be proud, but we must confess to ourselves that...

"All we have of freedom, all we use or know--

This our fathers bought for us long and long ago."

I feel sure that ~~we~~ when you look upon the ~~the~~ draft card burners ~~and~~  
~~you~~ you turn away with revulsion. ~~we~~ For I am certain that you subscribe, ~~we~~ as do  
~~the~~ I, to this creed:

We, too, born to freedom, and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to  
maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather  
die on our feet than live on our knees. Thank you.

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