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1970 GOP NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM, WASHINGTON
HILTON HOTEL, 10:30 A.M. THURSDAY,
APRIL 16, 1970.

IT IS TIME FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO DO SOME BRAGGING.

REPUBLICANS ARE USUALLY MODEST FELLOWS. WE OFTEN HIDE OUR POLITICAL LIGHTS BENEATH A BUSHEL. WE HESITATE TO ENGAGE IN FLOWERY ORATORY OR TO ISSUE POLITICAL PROMISSORY NOTES. THESE ARE THE STOCK IN TRADE OF THE OTHER FELLOW. WE ARE DEALERS IN RATIONALITY AND REALISM.

~~IT IS~~ BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN REALISTIC ~~THAT~~ WE NOW CAN POINT WITH PRIDE TO A FISTFUL OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 15 MONTHS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN IN OFFICE. IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN REALISTIC THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED MUCH.



LET'S TOOT OUR OWN HORN A LITTLE.
WE HAVE REASON TO BE PROUD, AND WE SHOULD
LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW WHY WE FEEL
THAT WAY.


WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE HAVE
REVERSED THE COURSE OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE HAVE GIVEN
OUR NATION CAUSE TO HAVE HOPES FOR
DISARMAMENT.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE HAVE
ACHIEVED MAJOR DRAFT REFORM AND ARE MOVING
TOWARD AN END TO THE DRAFT.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE HAVE
REORDERED OUR PRIORITIES SO THAT FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN TWO DECADES WE WILL BE
SPENDING MORE FEDERAL FUNDS ON HUMAN
RESOURCE PROGRAMS THAN ON MILITARY PROGRAMS.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE HAVE CUT
TAXES AND REFORMED THE FEDERAL TAX
STRUCTURE.



WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE ARE HOLDING BACK THE RISE IN CRIME.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE ARE NEAR THE POINT OF REFORMING THE SCANDALOUS WELFARE SYSTEM INHERITED FROM A PREVIOUS ERA.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE WILL BE REFORMING THE POSTAL SERVICE DESPITE A GENERAL BELIEF THAT THIS SIMPLY WAS NOT POLITICALLY POSSIBLE.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE ARE SUCCESSFULLY FIGHTING INFLATION, AND THE LEVELLING OFF IN WHOLESALE PRICES WILL BE REFLECTED SOON IN A SLOWING OF THE RETAIL PRICE RISE.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE ARE IMPROVING MASS TRANSPORTATION AND HAVE PROPOSED THE MOST AMBITIOUS MASS TRANSIT PROGRAM EVER.

WE FEEL PROUD BECAUSE WE ARE



PROTECTING THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AND SPONSORED THE MOST FAR-REACHING COAL MINE SAFETY BILL IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN LABOR.

WE COULD DO MUCH MORE. WE WANT TO DO MUCH MORE. AND WE COULD HAVE DONE MUCH MORE IN THE 15 MONTHS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP IF WE HAD HAD MORE HELP FROM OUR DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS.

BUT THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW TO ACT -- SLOW BECAUSE THE DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTIONS WHICH REFLECT CREDIT ON A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

LET'S BE FRANK. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION INHERITED A MESS WHEN RICHARD NIXON TOOK OFFICE IN JANUARY 1969.


WITH THE HELP OF REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS, THE PRESIDENT IS WORKING HARD



TO CLEAN UP THE MESS THE DEMOCRATS LEFT BEHIND.

NATURALLY THE DEMOCRATS AREN'T ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE WITH THE PRESIDENT. EVERY TIME THEY DO JOIN HANDS WITH HIM TO SOLVE A PROBLEM THEY ARE ADMITTING IT IS SOMETHING THEY SHOULD HAVE CLEANED UP LONG BEFORE.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION. THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO HELP CLEAN UP THE MESS THEY MADE -- TO END THE WAR A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT PLUNGED US INTO; TO CURB THE INFLATION BROUGHT ON BY IRRESPONSIBLE SPENDING POLICIES OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION; TO REORDER PRIORITIES KNOCKED ASKEW BY THE WAR WE GOT INTO UNDER A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT; TO END AIR AND WATER POLLUTION THAT GREW STEADILY WORSE DURING THE EIGHT YEARS DEMOCRATS CONTROLLED BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE WHITE



HOUSE; TO REDUCE A CRIME RATE THAT ROSE 10 TIMES FASTER THAN OUR POPULATION DURING THE EIGHT DEMOCRATIC YEARS OF THE SIXTIES.

IT'S TOUGH TO CLEAN UP THE DEMOCRATIC MESS, BUT WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS.

INSTEAD OF HELPING US, THE DEMOCRATS ARE EMPLOYING THE SAME KIND OF SPEND-MORE TACTICS THEY USED IN PILING UP \$57 BILLION IN DEFICITS DURING THE LAST DECADE.

INSTEAD OF JUMPING FEET FIRST INTO THE WAR AGAINST CRIME, THE DEMOCRATS HAVE DRAGGED THEIR HEELS ON THE 13 ANTI-CRIME BILLS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND HAVE ATTACKED NEARLY EVERY NEW ANTI-CRIME TOOL AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

INSTEAD OF WHOLE-HEARTEDLY BACKING THE PRESIDENT'S VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM, SOME INFLUENTIAL DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN



UNDERMINING THE PRESIDENT AND URGING A SETTLEMENT ON NORTH VIETNAMESE TERMS.

INFLATION HAS BEEN THE NO. 1 DOMESTIC PROBLEM FACING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ATTACKED INFLATION BY SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR THE NATION -- BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

HAVE THE DEMOCRATS COOPERATED? NOT A BIT OF IT. INSTEAD THEY FATTENED UP A LABOR-H.E.W. APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL 1970 BY \$1.3 BILLION DESPITE THE FACT THE PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR \$1 BILLION MORE IN SCHOOL AID FUNDS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR THAN WAS SPENT IN FISCAL 1969. THEY PURSUED A THOROUGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE COURSE IN THE HOPE OF POLITICAL GAIN.

THE PRESIDENT AND REPUBLICANS IN THE CONGRESS REFUSED TO BOW TO POLITICAL BLACKMAIL AND SUCCEEDED IN GAINING A COMPROMISE WHICH CUT THE PROPOSED SPENDING



JUMP IN HALF.

~~THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE PARTY~~
~~OF RESPONSIBILITY.~~ AGAIN I SAY WE CAN FEEL
PROUD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP DURING THE PAST
15 MONTHS. WE CAN BE PROUD THAT WE HELD
OUR GROUND IN THE FACE OF IRRESPONSIBLE
ATTEMPTS TO BUST THE FEDERAL BUDGET WITHOUT
A CARE FOR INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.

WE ARE NOW SUCCEEDING IN SLOWING
INFLATION IN SPITE OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE
TACTICS OF THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS. THIS
MAY NOT BE READILY APPARENT, BECAUSE THERE
IS A LAG BETWEEN THE TIME FISCAL AND
MONETARY RESTRAINTS BECOME EFFECTIVE AND
THE IMPACT OF THOSE RESTRAINTS ON RETAIL
PRICES. BUT I AM THOROUGHLY CONVINCED THAT
THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING HAS BEEN
SLOWED.

EFFORTS TO CONTROL INFLATION
PRODUCE ANOTHER PROBLEM -- RISING



UNEMPLOYMENT. WE HAVE THAT PROBLEM BECAUSE THE DEMOCRATS ALLOWED INFLATION TO RACE ALONG ALMOST UNCHECKED FOR NEARLY FOUR YEARS BEFORE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE.

WE INHERITED THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION. WE ARE NOW FIGHTING IT COURAGEOUSLY.

WE WILL CURB INFLATION WITHOUT A RECESSION.

WHENEVER ANY DEMOCRAT TALKS TO YOU ABOUT HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, JUST REMIND HIM THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RAN ABOVE 5 PER CENT DURING THE FIRST FOUR DEMOCRATIC YEARS OF THE SIXTIES AND DROPPED BELOW THAT FIGURE ONLY AFTER A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT TOOK US INTO A JUNGLE WAR HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD. THE FACTS ARE THAT THE SHARP DECLINE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN 1966 COINCIDED WITH A SHARP SURGE IN THE ECONOMY



TRIGGERED BY THE VIETNAM WAR. IS THAT THE KIND OF PROSPERITY WE WANT IN THIS COUNTRY?

THE SAME WAR PROSPERITY GENERATED INFLATIONARY PRESSURES WHICH STEADILY PUSHED UP THE COST OF LIVING FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN AMERICA. OF COURSE IT IS PAINFUL TO FIGHT THIS INFLATION WHICH GATHERED MOMENTUM UNDER THE PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION. BUT WE HAVE TO DO IT OR WE WILL BE BETRAYING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATS ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO SADDLE US WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN SINS. I DON'T THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE MISLED. THEY ARE TOO SMART FOR THAT.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF FOOT-DRAGGING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

THAT IS THE ONLY CONCLUSION YOU CAN REACH WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED 91ST CONGRESS LET THE ENTIRE FIRST SESSION SLIP BY WITHOUT ENACTING EVEN ONE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S 13 ANTI-CRIME BILLS.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE TAKEN A GO-SLOW APPROACH THAT THUS FAR HAS SMOTHERED REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN.

DESPITE THIS STALLING, THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT THE ARM ON A LARGE NUMBER OF MAFIA FIGURES, HAS CRACKED DOWN ON CORRUPTION IN NEW JERSEY, HAS BUSTED UP SOME MAJOR DOPE SMUGGLING AND PEDDLING OPERATIONS, AND HAS HELPED STRENGTHEN LOCAL POLICE FORCES.

YES, THERE WAS AN 11 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NATIONAL CRIME RATE LAST YEAR. BUT IT WAS THE LOWEST INCREASE IN



THE LAST FOUR YEARS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO BETTER AND BETTER. LET US ALSO NOTE THAT THE RATE OF INCREASE UNDER THE DEMOCRATS IN 1968 WAS 17 PER CENT.

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS PRESIDENT NIXON DID WHEN HE CAME INTO OFFICE LAST YEAR WAS TO REQUEST \$25 MILLION MORE FROM THE CONGRESS TO FIGHT CRIME THIS FISCAL YEAR. AND FOR FISCAL 1971 HE HAS ASKED FOR \$1 BILLION 257 MILLION FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT -- THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT ANY ADMINISTRATION HAS SOUGHT MORE THAN \$1 BILLION FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT AS THE RESULT OF NIXON ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE SAFER ON THE STREETS AND IN THEIR HOMES.

AT THE SAME TIME I SAY THAT THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS HAS AN



OBLIGATION TO GIVE THE ADMINISTRATION MORE TOOLS TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME AND THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. YOU CAN BE SURE THERE WOULD BE NO STALLING IF REPUBLICANS WERE IN CHARGE ON CAPITOL HILL.

THE ISSUES OF THE 1970 CAMPAIGN ARE CLEAR. FAILURE OF THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS TO COOPERATE WITH A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME; FAILURE OF THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS TO COOPERATE WITH A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION.


WHAT MORE PROOF DO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED THAT THE WAY TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THE SEVENTIES IS TO GIVE PRESIDENT NIXON A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS SO HE CAN IMPLEMENT HIS PROGRAM?

THERE IS A WHOLE HOST OF NIXON ADMINISTRATION REFORMS AWAITING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION: A STRENGTHENED AND BROADENED



ANTI-CRIME PROGRAM; A POSTAL SERVICE AUTHORITY WITH BROAD MODERNIZATION POWERS; A WORKFARE PROGRAM IN PLACE OF THE WELFARE SCANDAL; A CONSOLIDATION OF MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS, TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE STATES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS THEY BECOME EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THEM; REVENUE SHARING GIVING THE STATES AND CITIES A PERCENTAGE SLICE OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX RECEIPTS ON A NO-STRINGS-ATTACHED BASIS; CONSOLIDATION OF FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS; A RE-EXAMINATION OF FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOLS TO ACHIEVE QUALITY EDUCATION; REVAMPING OF OUR LABOR LAWS FOR IMPROVED HANDLING OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY LABOR DISPUTES IN TRANSPORTATION; AND A CRUSADE TO RID OURSELVES OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION.

EVERY ONE OF THESE REFORMS WILL BE AN ISSUE IN THE 1970 CAMPAIGN TO THE EXTENT THAT DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS FAIL TO



JOIN THIS CRUSADE.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THESE REFORMS. YOU CAN BE SURE REPUBLICANS WOULD DELIVER ON THEM IF REPUBLICANS CONTROLLED THE CONGRESS.

TO WRAP ALL THE ISSUES IN THE 1970 CAMPAIGN INTO ONE -- THE PRIMARY ISSUE IS WHETHER WE WILL HAVE A FOOT-DRAGGING DEMOCRAT CONGRESS OR A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS THAT WILL RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE 70'S.

THE HOUR OF TRUTH IS UPON US, AND THE TIME IS NOW. TRUTH IS OUR GREATEST WEAPON IN THE CAMPAIGN TO COME. OUR SUCCESS AT THE POLLS WILL BE MEASURED BY OUR SUCCESS IN IMPRESSING THE TRUTH UPON THE PEOPLE.

IT IS VITAL THAT WE ELECT REPUBLICANS TO THE CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER. AND THAT IS THE TRUTH YOU MUST MAKE CLEAR

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU MUST MAKE CLEAR
THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WILL BE HELPED
IMMENSELY -- THE NATION WILL BE AIDED -- IF
THERE IS A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE
CONGRESS AS A RESULT OF THE 1970 ELECTIONS.

SO LET US DO THE JOB. TOGETHER
WE CAN. WE ARE ON THE MARCH. LET US PROVE
THAT OUR PARTY IS A WINNING ONE. WE HAVE
THE CANDIDATES AND THE PROGRAMS THE PEOPLE
WANT. LET US MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER...
TOGETHER TO VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

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It is because we have been realistic that we now can point with pride to a fistful of accomplishments over the ³³~~32~~ months the Nixon Administration has been in office. It is because we have been realistic that we have achieved much.

Let's toot our own horn a little. We have reason to be proud, and we should let the American people know why we feel that way.

We feel proud because we have reversed the course of the Vietnam War, *and we are ending U.S. involvement in that war in a way which gives a non-Communist S. Vietnam a chance to survive.*
We feel proud because we have given our Nation cause to have hopes for disarmament.

We feel proud because we have achieved major draft reform and are moving toward an end to the draft.

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We feel proud because we have cut taxes and reformed the Federal tax structure.

We feel proud because we are holding back the rise in crime.

We feel proud because we are near the point of reforming the scandalous welfare system inherited from a previous era.

We feel proud because we ~~will be~~ ^{have reformed} the postal service despite a general belief that this simply was not politically possible.

We feel proud because we are ~~fighting~~ ^{with fresh vigor,} fighting inflation and the ~~President's price-wage freeze is working!~~
~~holding off in volatile price... in a... of the retail price rise~~

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We feel proud because we are improving mass transportation and have the most ambitious mass transit program ever.

We feel proud because we are protecting the national health and safety and sponsored ^{*enactment of*} the most far-reaching coal mine safety bill in the history of American labor.

We could do much more. We want to do much more. And we could have done much more in the ³³ months of our stewardship if we had had more help from our Democratic friends.

But the Democrat-controlled Congress has been slow to act -- slow because the Democrats in the Congress are understandably reluctant to take positive actions which reflect credit on a Republican President.

Let's be frank. The new Administration inherited a mess when Richard Nixon took office in January 1969.

With the help of Republicans in Congress, the President is working hard to clean up the mess the Democrats left behind.

Naturally the Democrats aren't anxious to cooperate with the President. Every time they do join hands with him to solve a problem they are admitting it is something they should have cleaned up long before.

The Democrats are in an uncomfortable position. They are being asked to help clean up the mess they made -- ~~the~~ the war a Democratic President plunged us into; ~~the~~ the inflation brought on by irresponsible ~~the~~ policies of the previous Administration; ~~to~~ ^{*the disorder in*} priorities knocked askew by the war we got into under a Democratic President; ~~the~~ air and water pollution that grew steadily worse during the eight years Democrats controlled both the Congress and the White House; ~~the~~ crime ~~that~~ that rose 10 times faster than our population during the eight Democratic years of the Sixties.

It's tough to clean up the Democratic mess, but we are making progress.

~~Instead of helping the Democrats clean up the mess, they have spent more tax dollars on a program that will cost \$5 billion in the next year.~~

~~Instead of jumping out there against crime, the Democrats have dragged their heels on the 19 anti-crime bills proposed by President Nixon and have attacked every new anti-crime law as unconstitutional.~~

~~Instead of wholeheartedly backing the President's Vietnam War program, some influential Democrats have been undermining the President and urging~~

~~withdrawal of our troops from Vietnam.~~

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Inflation has been the No. 1 domestic problem facing the American people. President Nixon has attacked inflation by setting an example for the Nation -- balancing the Federal budget.

Have the Democrats cooperated? Not a bit of it. Instead they fattened up a Labor-H.E.W. appropriations bill for fiscal 1970 by \$1.3 billion despite the fact the President had already asked for \$1 billion more in school aid funds for this fiscal year than was spent in fiscal 1969. They pursued a thoroughly irresponsible course in the hope of political gain.

The President and Republicans in the Congress refused to bow to political blackmail and succeeded in gaining a compromise which cut the proposed spending jump in half.

The Republican Party is the party of responsibility. Again I say we can feel proud of our stewardship during the past ³³ months. ~~_____~~
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We are now succeeding in slowing inflation ~~in spite of the irresponsible tactics of the Democrats in Congress.~~ This may not be readily apparent because ~~there is a lag between the time fiscal and monetary restraints become effective and the impact of these restraints on retail prices.~~ But I am thoroughly convinced that ~~the rise in the cost of living has been slowed.~~

Efforts to control inflation produce another problem -- ^{serious} unemployment. We have that problem because the Democrats allowed inflation to race along almost unchecked for nearly four years before the Nixon Administration took office.

And that problem is aggravated by reductions in our military forces and defense plant payrolls as we wind down a Democrat war.

Whenever any Democrat talks to you about high unemployment, just remind him that the unemployment rate ran above 5 per cent during the first four Democratic years of the Sixties and dropped below that figure only after a Democratic President took us into a jungle war halfway around the world. The facts are that the sharp decline in unemployment in 1966 coincided with a sharp surge in the economy triggered by the Vietnam War. Is that the kind of prosperity we want in this country?

The same war prosperity generated inflationary pressures which steadily pushed up the cost of living for every man, woman and child in America. Of course it is painful to fight this inflation which gathered momentum under the previous

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Democratic Administration. But we have to do it or we will be betraying the American people.

What the Democrats are trying to do is to saddle us with the consequences of their own sins. I don't think the American people will be misled. They are too smart for that.

The Democrats have been irresponsible in the fight against inflation. The Democrats have been guilty of foot-dragging in the fight against crime.

That is the only conclusion you can reach when you consider that the Democrat-controlled 91st Congress let the entire first session slip by without enacting even one of President Nixon's 13 anti-crime bills.

The Democrats have taken a go-slow approach that thus far has smothered Republican efforts to implement a national anti-crime campaign.

Despite this stalling, the Nixon Administration has put the arm on a large number of Mafia figures, has cracked down on corruption in New Jersey, has busted up some major dope smuggling and peddling operations, and has helped strengthen local police forces.

Yes, there was an 11 per cent increase in the national crime rate last year. But it was the lowest increase in the last four years, and we will continue to do better and better. Let us also note that the rate of increase under the Democrats in 1968 was 17 per cent.

One of the first things President Nixon did when he came into office last year was to request \$25 million more from the Congress to fight crime this fiscal year. And for fiscal 1971 he has asked for \$1 billion 257 million for the Justice Department -- the first time in history that any Administration has sought more than \$1 billion for the law enforcement agency of the federal government.

I can promise you that as the result of Nixon Administration assistance, the American people will be safer on the streets and in their homes.

At the same time I say that the Democrat-controlled Congress has an obligation to give the Administration more tools to fight organized crime and the narcotics traffic. You can be sure there would be no stalling if Republicans were in charge on Capitol Hill.

The issues of the 1970 campaign are clear: Failure of the Democrats in Congress to cooperate with a Republican Administration in the war against crime; failure of the Democrats in Congress to cooperate with a Republican Administration in the fight against inflation.

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What ~~most~~ ~~proof~~ ~~is~~ the American people need ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~ to achieve progress
in the Seventies is to give President Nixon a Republican Congress so he can
implement his ^{entire} program

There is a whole host of Nixon Administration reforms awaiting congressional action: ~~A strengthened and broadened anti-crime program; a postal service authority;~~
~~with broad modernized powers;~~ A workfare program in place of the welfare scandal; a consolidation of manpower training programs, to be turned over to the states and local communities as they become equipped to handle them; revenue sharing giving the States and cities a percentage slice of Federal income tax receipts on a no-strings-attached basis; consolidation of Federal grant programs; a re-examination of Federal aid to schools to achieve quality education; revamping of our labor laws for improved handling of national emergency labor disputes in transportation; and a crusade to rid ourselves of air and water pollution.

Every one of these reforms will be an issue in the 1972 campaign to the extent that Democrats in Congress fail to join in this crusade.

The American people want these reforms. You can be sure Republicans would deliver on them if Republicans controlled the Congress.

To wrap all the issues in the 1970 campaign into one -- the primary issue is whether we will have a foot-dragging Democrat Congress or a Republican Congress that will respond affirmatively to the problems of the 70's.

The hour of truth is upon us, and the time is now. Truth is our greatest weapon in the campaign to come. Our success at the polls will be measured by our success in impressing the truth upon the people.

It is vital that we elect Republicans to the Congress in November ^{1972.}
That is the truth you must make clear to the American people. You must make clear that President Nixon will be helped immensely -- the Nation will be aided -- if there is a Republican majority in the Congress as a result of the 1970 elections.

So let us do the job. Together we can. We are on the march. Let us prove that our party is a winning one. We have the candidates and the programs the people want. Let us move forward together...together to victory in November.

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We feel proud because we are near the point of reforming the scandalous welfare system inherited from a previous era.

We feel proud because we will be reforming the postal service despite a general belief that this simply was not politically possible.

We feel proud because we are successfully fighting inflation, and the levelling off in wholesale prices will be reflected soon in a slowing of the retail price rise.

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We inherited the problem of inflation. We are now fighting it courageously. We will curb inflation without a recession.

Whenever any Democrat talks to you about high unemployment, just remind him that the unemployment rate ran above 5 per cent during the first four Democratic years of the Sixties and dropped below that figure only after a Democratic President took us into a jungle war halfway around the world. The facts are that the sharp decline in unemployment in 1966 coincided with a sharp surge in the economy triggered by the Vietnam War. Is that the kind of prosperity we want in this country?

The same war prosperity generated inflationary pressures which steadily pushed up the cost of living for every man, woman and child in America. Of course it is painful to fight this inflation which gathered momentum under the previous

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Democratic Administration. But we have to do it or we will be betraying the American people.

What the Democrats are trying to do is to saddle us with the consequences of their own sins. I don't think the American people will be misled. They are too smart for that.

The Democrats have been irresponsible in the fight against inflation. The Democrats have been guilty of foot-dragging in the fight against crime.

That is the only conclusion you can reach when you consider that the Democrat-controlled 91st Congress let the entire first session slip by without enacting even one of President Nixon's 13 anti-crime bills.

The Democrats have taken a go-slow approach that thus far has smothered Republican efforts to implement a national anti-crime campaign.

Despite this stalling, the Nixon Administration has put the arm on a large number of Mafia figures, has cracked down on corruption in New Jersey, has busted up some major dope smuggling and peddling operations, and has helped strengthen local police forces.

Yes, there was an 11 per cent increase in the national crime rate last year. But it was the lowest increase in the last four years, and we will continue to do better and better. Let us also note that the rate of increase under the Democrats in 1968 was 17 per cent.

One of the first things President Nixon did when he came into office last year was to request \$25 million more from the Congress to fight crime this fiscal year. And for fiscal 1971 he has asked for \$1 billion 257 million for the Justice Department -- the first time in history that any Administration has sought more than \$1 billion for the law enforcement agency of the federal government.

I can promise you that as the result of Nixon Administration assistance, the American people will be safer on the streets and in their homes.

At the same time I say that the Democrat-controlled Congress has an obligation to give the Administration more tools to fight organized crime and the narcotics traffic. You can be sure there would be no stalling if Republicans were in charge on Capitol Hill.

The issues of the 1970 campaign are clear: Failure of the Democrats in Congress to cooperate with a Republican Administration in the war against crime; failure of the Democrats in Congress to cooperate with a Republican Administration in the fight against inflation.

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What more proof do the American people need that the way to achieve progress in the Seventies is to give President Nixon a Republican Congress so he can implement his program?

There is a whole host of Nixon Administration reforms awaiting congressional action: A strengthened and broadened anti-crime program; a postal service authority with broad modernization powers; a workfare program in place of the welfare scandal; a consolidation of manpower training programs, to be turned over to the states and local communities as they become equipped to handle them; revenue sharing giving the States and cities a percentage slice of Federal income tax receipts on a no-strings-attached basis; consolidation of Federal grant programs; a re-examination of Federal aid to schools to achieve quality education; revamping of our labor laws for improved handling of national emergency labor disputes in transportation; and a crusade to rid ourselves of air and water pollution.

Every one of these reforms will be an issue in the 1970 campaign to the extent that Democrats in Congress fail to join in this crusade.

The American people want these reforms. You can be sure Republicans would deliver on them if Republicans controlled the Congress.

To wrap all the issues in the 1970 campaign into one -- the primary issue is whether we will have a foot-dragging Democrat Congress or a Republican Congress that will respond affirmatively to the problems of the 70's.

The hour of truth is upon us, and the time is now. Truth is our greatest weapon in the campaign to come. Our success at the polls will be measured by our success in impressing the truth upon the people.

It is vital that we elect Republicans to the Congress in November. And that is the truth you must make clear to the American people. You must make clear that President Nixon will be helped immensely -- the Nation will be aided -- if there is a Republican majority in the Congress as a result of the 1970 elections.

So let us do the job. Together we can. We are on the march. Let us prove that our party is a winning one. We have the candidates and the programs the people want. Let us move forward together...together to victory in November.

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