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**THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN**

"CELEBRATION" RECEPTION

THANK YOU, ED (Senator Brooke introduces you)

**AMBASSADOR VOLPE**

CONGRESSWOMAN PEGGY HECKLER

CONGRESSMAN SILVIO CONTE

JOHN SEARS

MRS. CUTLER AND MRS. LOGAN (Overall Chairman and Event Chairman)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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I'M JUST DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS

AGAIN -- THE HOME OF THE WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON RED SOX.

THAT'S RIGHT. THE WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON RED SOX. LIKE ALL

GOOD REPUBLICANS, I'M THINKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR.

I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING MASSACHUSETTS  
BECAUSE THIS IS ONE STATE WHERE I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR THE  
DEMOCRATS. YES I DO. OF THE 240 SEATS IN THE STATE  
HOUSE, 188 ARE HELD BY DEMOCRATS. OF THE 40 SEATS IN THE  
STATE SENATE, 33 ARE HELD BY DEMOCRATS.

AND EVERY SINGLE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE IN THE STATE OF  
MASSACHUSETTS IS ALSO HELD BY A DEMOCRAT. THAT'S  
WHY I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THE DEMOCRATS. THEY HAVE  
NO ONE TO BLAME BUT THEMSELVES!

AND I'M HERE TO SAY TO THE REPUBLICANS IN THIS  
AUDIENCE THAT WE WON'T HAVE ANYBODY TO BLAME BUT OURSELVES --  
IF NEXT YEAR WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

WE MEET TONIGHT ONE YEAR BEFORE AN ELECTION THAT WILL  
DETERMINE AMERICA'S FUTURE -- 200 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST SHOTS OF  
AMERICA'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM WERE FIRED AT LEXINGTON AND  
CONCORD. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEN. WE HAVE  
EVERY REASON TO CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL WITH PRIDE AND  
ENTHUSIASM.

TONIGHT, I AM HERE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURGENCE  
OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MASSACHUSETTS. THERE IS PLENTY  
OF FIREPOWER, AND PLENTY OF COURAGE, AND PLENTY OF  
DETERMINATION WITHIN THE REPUBLICANS OF THE OLD BAY STATE.

AT THIS TIME AND THIS PLACE, WE SERVE NOTICE  
THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MASSACHUSETTS -- AND OF THE  
ENTIRE UNITED STATES -- HAS STARTED TO UNIFY, TO REBUILD  
AND TO MOBILIZE ITS NEW ENERGIES FOR ONE OF THE MOST  
IMPORTANT ELECTIONS IN THIS CENTURY. AND WE INVITE  
INDEPENDENTS AND DISCERNING DEMOCRATS TO JOIN US.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS BEEN THROUGH A STORM IN RECENT YEARS, AS YOU SO WELL KNOW. BUT NOW WE SEE A RAINBOW -- A RAINBOW WHOSE BRIGHT SPECTRUM INCLUDES MANY SHADES OF OPINION. THAT SPECTRUM IS REFLECTED IN THE DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS YOU HAVE SENT TO WASHINGTON IN RECENT YEARS.

I AM PROUD TO ADD AMBASSADOR ELLIOTT RICHARDSON OF MASSACHUSETTS TO MY CABINET. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TONIGHT WITH ONE OF THE MOST DEDICATED LEGISLATORS I HAVE SERVED WITH, SENATOR ED BROOKE, AND MY FORMER HOUSE COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATION FOR THEIR DISTRICTS, MARGARET HECKLER AND SILVIO CONTE.

THE VIEWS THEY REPRESENT IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY  
ARE VITAL TO ITS SUCCESS. THEY DEMONSTRATE THAT OUR PARTY  
CAN COMMAND WIDESPREAD APPEAL AND ACCEPTANCE. THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY IS BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD ALL AMERICANS WHO  
BELIEVE, AS WE DO, IN RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT.  
OURS IS A PARTY OF CONVICTION AND FIRM PRINCIPLES.

BUT IT IS ALSO THE PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR. LET'S MAKE  
SURE WE KEEP THAT DOOR OPEN WIDE TO ALL WHO SHARE OUR  
OBJECTIVES AND OUR PRINCIPLES -- WHETHER THEY BE REPUBLICANS  
OR INDEPENDENTS OR DEMOCRATS.

FOR THE OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE PARTY OF  
LINCOLN ARE IN TUNE WITH THE VIEWS AND VISION OF THE VAST  
MAJORITY OF AMERICANS. THEY WANT A SOUND AND PROSPEROUS  
ECONOMY, WITHOUT RECESSION OR INFLATION -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT JOBS FOR THOSE WHO CAN WORK AND  
RESPONSIBLE HELP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT THEIR COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE ENERGY  
INDEPENDENCE AND AN ENVIRONMENT OF HIGH QUALITY --  
AND SO DO WE.



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THEY WANT A GOOD EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN,  
GOOD HOUSING FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND GOOD HEALTH CARE AND  
GOOD FOOD FOR ALL AT PRICES EACH CAN AFFORD -- AND SO DO WE.

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THEY WANT THE SCALES OF JUSTICE TO STRIKE A BETTER  
BALANCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL DEFENDANT AND THE  
RIGHTS OF A LAW-ABIDING SOCIETY -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT AN AMERICA AT PEACE, WITH A NATIONAL  
DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE -- AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT RELIEF FROM HIGHER AND HIGHER TAXES,  
FROM MORE AND MORE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS INTRUDING INTO  
THEIR LIVES, AND FROM BIGGER AND BIGGER FEDERAL SPENDING --  
AND SO DO WE.

THEY WANT STRENGTH AT HOME AND STRENGTH ABROAD. --  
AND THAT IS WHAT THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM WILL OFFER IN 1976.

MASSACHUSETTS HAS COME TOO CLOSE IN RECENT YEARS  
TO A ONE-PARTY DOMINATION THAT THREATENS THE VITALITY OF YOUR  
POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.

ONE PARTY DOMINATION IS INTOLERABLE IN ANY STATE--  
AND ESPECIALLY IN MASSACHUSETTS WHERE MANY OF THE INSTITUTIONS  
OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY WERE FOUNDED.

NO GOVERNMENT -- LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL -- CAN  
AFFORD ONE-PARTY RULE.      NOTHING CONTRIBUTES MORE TO GOOD  
GOVERNMENT THAN THE FREE COMPETITION OF IDEAS AND VIEWPOINTS  
IN THE MARKETPLACE OF PUBLIC OPINION.

JUST AS IN SPORTS, BUSINESS AND OTHER ENDEAVORS,  
COMPETITION IN THE POLITICAL ARENA IS THE STIMULUS THAT LEADS  
BOTH PARTIES -- REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS -- TO CONSTANTLY  
REFINE AND IMPROVE THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OFFERED TO THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IT IS THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WHO BENEFIT MOST FROM  
THE VIGOROUS COMPETITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES. AND IF  
THAT COMPETITION DIES, IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO LOSE.

I COMPLIMENT YOU IN MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE  
OUTSTANDING LEADERS YOU HAVE PRODUCED OVER THE YEARS FROM  
BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES --

AS SO WELL EXEMPLIFIED BY REPUBLICANS LIKE LEVERETT  
SALTONSTALL AND HENRY CABOT LODGE AND JOHN VOLPE, WHO ARE  
WITH US TONIGHT, AND BY THE PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP OF  
FORMER GOVERNORS ROBERT BRADFORD, FRANK SARGENT AND  
THE LATE BELOVED CHRISTIAN HERTER.

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ON THE EVE OF A MAJOR ELECTION YEAR, YOU SHOULD  
LOOK FORWARD WITH OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE TO THE NEW  
GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP EMERGING IN THIS STATE.

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YOU LIVE IN A GREAT STATE. WE ALL LIVE IN A  
GREAT NATION. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THEM BOTH.  
LET'S GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. LOOK  
OVER THE CANDIDATES OF BOTH PARTIES, THE PRINCIPLES OF  
BOTH PARTIES, WHAT EACH PARTY STANDS FOR.

IF YOU WILL DO THAT, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL  
SEE A LOT TO LIKE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IT WAS A  
REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT WHO MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO CALLED FOR  
GOVERNMENT "OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE."

WE ARE STILL THE PEOPLE'S PARTY. WITH YOUR  
INVOLVEMENT, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE WILL TOGETHER SHARE  
A GREAT VICTORY IN NOVEMBER OF 1976 -- A VICTORY NOT ONLY  
FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BUT FOR MASSACHUSETTS AND THE  
NATION. THANK YOU ALL, AND GOOD NIGHT.

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