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REMARKS AT PFC FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976

THE WONDERFUL CITY OF

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO --

TODAY,

~~A CITY THAT IS A SYMBOL OF OUR NATIONAL CAPACITY TO~~

~~RISE FROM THE WRECKAGE TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE.~~

I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD TO BE HERE IN A
~~THIS~~ YEAR MARKS NOT ONLY OUR NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL,
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BUT ALSO THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE.

SAN FRANCISCO BUILT A MAGNIFICENT NEW CITY UPON THE RUINS --

SYMBOLIZING THE BEST OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

JUST AS SAN FRANCISCO ROSE FROM THE ASHES,
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITHIN THE LAST TWO
YEARS, BEGAN TO RECOVER FROM GREAT ADVERSITY.
UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION, OUR NATION IS NOW
CONSTRUCTIVELY BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

I wish you had your paper
about what will happen in America
in the next 40 years



JUST AS IT DOES IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE

FOG HAS LIFTED TO REVEAL A FUTURE:

-- THAT WILL GIVE A DOLLAR'S VALUE FOR

A DOLLAR SPENT,

-- THAT WILL PROVIDE A JOB FOR EVERY

AMERICAN WHO WANTS TO WORK,

-- THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AND NOT TAKE THE

ENTERPRISE OUT OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE

SYSTEM,

-- THAT WILL GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL MORE CONTROL

OVER HIS PERSONAL LIFE,

-- THAT WILL PROVIDE A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT,

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-- AND WILL POSITIVELY ASSURE THE UNITED STATES

THE CONTINUED MILITARY STRENGTH TO PRESERVE

SECURITY AND PEACE.

I AM PROUD OF WHAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS

When I look back at the obstacles & roadblocks of the last
ACHIEVED. *AND I DO NOT INTEND TO LET ANY POLITICAL*
1 Furthermore,

TREMORS UNDERMINE THIS ADMINISTRATION'S SUCCESSFUL

AND RESPONSIBLE POLICIES.

*19 months, it hasn't been
The easiest job I ever had.*

I AM PROUD OF WHAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS

overcome, and then

ACHIEVED. AND I DO NOT INTEND TO LET ANY POLITICAL

TREMBLES

EARTHQUAKES UNDERMINE THIS ADMINISTRATION'S

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WE MUST NOW ACHIEVE OUR GREAT COMMON GOAL --

A VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

Dead.

WHEN I BECAME PRESIDENT 19 MONTHS AGO,

AMERICA WAS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

THE CREDIBILITY

~~GOVERNMENT~~
OF THE ~~WHITE HOUSE~~ WAS LOW.

INFLATION HAD REACHED FRIGHTENING ^{high} LEVELS. TOO MANY PEOPLE

WERE OUT OF WORK. THERE WAS NO EFFECTIVE ENERGY PROGRAM.

FEDERAL SPENDING WAS ESCALATING. ~~THE CRIME RATE WAS RISING.~~

AMERICANS WERE FEARFUL OF THE FUTURE.

TODAY, WE ARE NOT YET WHERE WE WANT TO BE.

BUT WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS. WE ARE MOVING AHEAD

WITH NEW REALISM -- AND NEW EFFECTIVENESS.

~~ARE RESTORING~~
WE ~~HAVE RESTORED~~ PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.

THE RATE OF INFLATION ^H WAS BEEN CUT IN HALF.

EMPLOYMENT IS GOING UP AND UNEMPLOYMENT IS COMING DOWN.

REAL INCOME HAS INCREASED. WE HAVE STARTED A

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PROGRAM. WE HAVE SAVED BILLIONS
IN EXCESSIVE SPENDING THROUGH THE VETO AND BY OTHER MEANS.

The Congress took too long - almost a year in 1975 - and its final version was far from perfect, yet better than continued uncertainty and never ending controversy.

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~~THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN SERIOUS CRIME IN 1975 WAS ONLY HALF~~

~~OF THE 1974 RATE.~~

39 votes sustained

13 billion dollar saved

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AT HOME, BUT HAVE HELPED THE FREE WORLD MOVE TOWARD
GENERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WE HAVE DONE MUCH TO
FOSTER WORLD STABILITY THROUGH A FIRM POLICY OF
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WE WILL HONOR THAT COMMITMENT AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT.

AS PRESIDENT, I CHALLENGE THOSE WHO CONSTANTLY
WANT TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
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I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD
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OF ONE BASIC TRUTH: THAT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE US
EVERYTHING WE WANT IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE AWAY
FROM US EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

BUT I BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME THINGS THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT CAN DO, AND MUST DO, AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT
WE'LL KEEP ON DOING THEM.

WE MUST MAINTAIN A STRONG SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF ELDERLY AMERICANS WHO HAVE WORKED HARD

AND EARNED IT.

I REGRET THAT THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE



HAS DECIDED TO ACQUIESCE IN THE DETERIORATION OF THE SOCIAL

SECURITY TRUST FUND.

THIS DEMOCRATIC-DOMINATED COMMITTEE ALSO REJECTED
MY TAX-REDUCTION PROPOSALS THAT WOULD HELP INDIVIDUALS
AS WELL AS OUR GENERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

BUT WHILE THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT WANT TO CUT
TAXES, IT SHOWS NO RELUCTANCE TO CUT OUR DEFENSE BUDGET.

TO PRESERVE OUR RISING PROSPERITY AS WELL
AS OUR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM WE REQUIRE A PEACEFUL AND
STABLE WORLD. A STRONG DEFENSE IS ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVE
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~~BEGINNING WITH THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977,~~

HAVE REVERSED

WE ~~STARTED TO REVERSE THE PREVIOUS~~ DECLINE IN REAL

DEFENSE RESOURCES.

~~WE CONTINUED THIS INCREASE IN~~

~~REAL GROWTH IN A RECORD BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1977.~~

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PROGRAMS BY 1.8 BILLION DOLLARS -- AND THERE ARE
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INCREASES AS WELL.

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CALIFORNIANS ARE AWARE OF OUR NATIONAL

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. YOU OFFER THE NATION YOUR

EXCELLENT R & D INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL

RESOURCES. YOU KNOW THAT WE MUST CONTINUE THE

NECESSARY LONG-RANGE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN

BOTH DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

You're on the track, so to speak

OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE CONGRESSIONAL
aiming only at the Army, Navy, Air Force + Marines
BUDGET-CUTTERS HAVE SLASHED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BY
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32 BILLION DOLLARS. While slashing away at
our military programs this same group, with
in the Congress, with some exceptions, has
added substantial expenditures on a wide
variety of *marginally* domestic programs.

OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE CONGRESSIONAL
BUDGET-CUTTERS HAVE SLASHED DEFENSE ~~REQUIREMENTS~~^{EXPENDITURES} BY
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ATTACKING OUR NEW DEFENSE BUDGET, THE
HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE NOW WANTS TO CUT IT BY
7 BILLION DOLLARS. THIS COULD DAMAGE OUR ABILITY
TO MATCH ADVANCED SOVIET WEAPONS AND TO MAINTAIN
TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY.

I WILL NOT ACCEPT THIS REDUCTION. ¹⁷ ~~WHICH~~

COULD ~~ALSO REDUCE~~ ^{WEAKEN} OUR READINESS BY CUTTING THE FLYING
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MANY SHIPS WAITING TOO LONG FOR OVERHAUL.

THEY COULD JEOPARDIZE THE TRAINING OF OUR FORCES AND

AMERICA'S ABILITY TO RESPOND QUICKLY IN AN EMERGENCY.

THIS ~~IRRESPONSIBLE~~ CONGRESSIONAL TREND

which has started just ← for long
MUST NOT CONTINUE.

As long as I have reported,
will go to prevent it from continuing.

I AM PARTICULARLY DISTURBED TO FIND THAT
THE CHAIRMAN OF AN INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE HAS
RECOMMENDED THIS 7 BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION.
IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT HE AND ALL THOSE WHO
WOULD IMPAIR OUR DEFENSE WILL RECONSIDER ~~THEIR~~ INITIAL
DECISION.

BUT, IF THE CONGRESS APPROVES SUCH SLASHES IN MY
DEFENSE BUDGET, I WILL EXERCISE THE VETO.

I WILL ACCEPT NOTHING LESS THAN A BILL THAT FULLY
PROTECTS THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST OF THE UNITED
STATES.

AMERICA'S HIGHEST PRIORITY IS THE
PRESERVATION OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH.

~~ALTHOUGH SAN FRANCISCO IS A GREAT COSMOPOLITAN~~



~~CENTER, I WILL NOT USE FRENCH OR OTHER FOREIGN WORDS~~

~~TO DESCRIBE OUR OBJECTIVE.~~

~~I WILL SIMPLY SAY THAT~~ I AM DETERMINED TO REDUCE

WORLD TENSION -- ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE THERMONUCLEAR

POWERS. THERE IS NO RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE.

BUT TO REDUCE TENSION WE MUST MAINTAIN

A DEFENSE SO ADEQUATE AND SO POWERFUL THAT NO

POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR WILL SEE AMERICA AS ~~A PASSIVE~~ **LACKING**
~~THE WILL OR THE CAPACITY TO~~ **PROTECT AND MAINTAIN** ~~ITS FREEDOM~~ **AND**
 PUSHOVER. ~~IT~~ **SECURE** UNDER MY PRESIDENCY, AMERICA'S **THE**
FACE
 DEFENSE WILL REMAIN SECOND TO NONE.

If we don't get a responsible
 health, ~~for~~ or

I WILL NEVER FORGET THE LESSONS OF THE 1940s AND

THE HISTORY THAT WAS WRITTEN ON THE GREAT OCEAN

THAT TOUCHES THIS COAST.

YET, IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, THERE ARE
SOME WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN HISTORY IN THE HYSTERIA
OF A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE URGED THIS WEEK THAT
NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON MY ESSENTIAL DEFENSE REQUESTS.

HE SAYS THEY DO NOT WANT TO LOCK A
NEW DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT INTO CONTINUING MY DEFENSE
PROGRAMS.

BUT THERE WILL BE NO NEW DEMOCRATIC
PRESIDENT ELECTED IN NOVEMBER.

THIS SAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ASKED
THE NATION TO PUT OFF ACTION ON OUR DEFENSE NEEDS
UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION.

HE INDICATED THAT MY ADMINISTRATION SHOULD NOT BE
PERMITTED TO PROVIDE FOR OUR DEFENSE BECAUSE IT WOULD
BIND, IN ADVANCE, THE HANDS OF A DEMOCRATIC
ADMINISTRATION WHICH -- AND I QUOTE --
"MAY HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHY."

YET THEY WOULD TRY TO BIND MY HANDS
IN PROVIDING THE CONTINUITY AND CREDIBILITY SO ESSENTIAL
TO AMERICA'S DEFENSE.

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THEY WOULD PLAY POLITICS WITH WORLD
PEACE AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST OF THE UNITED
STATES.

THEY SEEK A STRANGELY UNILATERAL

MORATORIUM ON AMERICA'S SECURITY WHILE THE SOVIET

ITS

UNION INCREASES ~~THEIR~~ DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

as I have been for 28 years in public life

I AM DETERMINED TO PROVIDE OUR ARMED

full capability to deter aggression, maintain our peace

SERVICES WITH THE ~~MOST EFFECTIVE DEFENSE OBTAINABLE.~~

*freedom
and protect
our national
security.*

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO NO LESS.

WE WILL NOT PLAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH SO BASIC AN

ISSUE.

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OUR CHALLENGE -- YOURS AND MINE --

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~~AND CONTINUED AMERICAN STRENGTH ABROAD.~~



TOGETHER, ALL OF US -- IN ALL
FIFTY STATES, IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE -- OFFER OUR
OPTIMISM TO OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN AND TO ALL
PEOPLE.

*is to maintain that 200 year old dedication
to our economic system that has done so
much for so many people + for a great
nation and to have the courage of the will +
to stand tall + strong against any ^{the equality}
oppressor who would destroy our freedom.*

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TOGETHER, WE WILL BUILD A BETTER AMERICA AND
A BETTER TOMORROW.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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~~THE~~ PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS -- PFC LUNCHEON

-- THANK YOU, DAVE

(David Packard introduces you)

-- ~~CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON~~

-- CONGRESSMAN CLAIR BURGNER

-- CONGRESSMAN PETE McCLOSKEY (may attend)

-- MARY LOUISE

-- EV YOUNGER

-- PAUL HAERLE

-- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

(Option: GOLDEN STATERS)

as always
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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN THE WONDERFUL
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO TODAY.

I Thank all of you, individually,
of as a group, for your support
and for your presence.

Let me assure ^{you} / Betty &
~~me~~

~~at~~ I won't let you down.

I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD TO BE HERE IN A YEAR
WHICH MARKS NOT ONLY OUR NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL,
BUT ALSO THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO
EARTHQUAKE. SAN FRANCISCO BUILT A MAGNIFICENT
NEW CITY UPON THE RUINS -- SYMBOLIZING THE BEST OF
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JUST AS SAN FRANCISCO ROSE FROM THE ASHES,

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, \ WITHIN THE LAST ~~TWO~~

20 months

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UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION, OUR NATION IS ~~NOW~~

in every respect

CONSTRUCTIVELY BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

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THE CONTINUED MILITARY STRENGTH TO PRESERVE

SECURITY AND PEACE.

I AM PROUD OF WHAT MY ADMINISTRATION HAS

ACHIEVED. WHEN I LOOK BACK AT THE OBSTACLES AND

and some disappointments

ROAD-BLOCKS OF THE LAST 19 MONTHS, IT HASN'T BEEN

THE EASIEST JOB I EVER HAD.

FURTHERMORE, I DO NOT INTEND TO LET ANY

POLITICAL TREMORS UNDERMINE THIS ADMINISTRATION'S

SUCCESSFUL AND RESPONSIBLE POLICIES.

WE MUST NOW LOOK TO OUR GREAT COMMON

GOAL -- A VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

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REAL INCOME HAS INCREASED.

WE HAVE STARTED A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PROGRAM.

THE CONGRESS TOOK TOO LONG - ALMOST A YEAR IN 1975 - AND

ITS FINAL VERSION WAS FAR FROM PERFECT, YET BETTER THAN

CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY AND NEVER-ENDING CONTROVERSY.

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GOVERNMENT CAN DO, \ AND MUST DO, \ AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT
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Let me mention just two:

- 1) a fair and responsible tax policy.*
- 2) And, a program for our National Security.*

The

House Budget

~~THIS~~ DEMOCRATIC-DOMINATED COMMITTEE ~~ALSO~~ REJECTED

additional

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one in Jan. 1975 + the latest this year

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WHILE SLASHING AWAY AT OUR MILITARY PROGRAMS,

THIS SAME GROUP IN THE CONGRESS, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS,

HAS ADDED SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURES IN A WIDE VARIETY

OF MARGINAL DOMESTIC PROGRAMS.

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my January 1976 military program

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MUST NOT CONTINUE.

I AM PARTICULARLY DISTURBED TO FIND THAT
THE CHAIRMAN OF AN INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE HAS
RECOMMENDED THIS SEVEN BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION.

IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT HE AND ALL THOSE WHO ^{want} ~~WOULD~~
~~to cut~~ IMPAIR OUR DEFENSE WILL RECONSIDER THEIR INITIAL DECISION.

I AM DETERMINED TO REDUCE WORLD TENSION --

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BUT TO REDUCE TENSION WE MUST MAINTAIN
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in these crucial times

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I AM DETERMINED AS I HAVE BEEN FOR
28 YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE TO PROVIDE OUR ARMED SERVICES
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ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR SO MANY PEOPLE

AND FOR A GREAT NATION.

OUR CHALLENGE IS TO HAVE THE COURAGE, THE WILL

AND THE CAPABILITY TO STAND TALL AND STRONG AGAINST ANY

AGGRESSOR WHO WOULD DESTROY OUR FREEDOM.

TOGETHER, WE WILL BUILD A BETTER AMERICA AND

A BETTER TOMORROW.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

(END OF TEXT)