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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE
HERE TONIGHT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES - JERRY FORD....

TOGETHERNESS ISN'T THE THEME, IT'S THE WAY OF VICTORY... MY
MESSAGE IS A MESSAGE THAT YOU COULD AND SHOULD TAKE TO THE
STREETS...IT'S A MESSAGE THAT TELLS IT LIKE IT IS RATHER
THAN GLOSSING OVER THE FACTS AS THE DEMOCRATS DO IN AN
ATTEMPT TO FOOL THE PEOPLE.

FIRST, I SEE THE AMERICAN VOTERS AS BEING TOO SMART TO
ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT JERRY FORD AND NOT THE CONGRESS IS ON A
SPENDATHON.

THE DEMOCRAT- LED CONGRESS HAS NO LESS THAN SEVENTEEN THOUSAND
PRIVATE ASSISTANTS ON THEIR PAYROLLS. AT ONE POINT IN TIME
I WONDERED WHY THEY HAD SO MANY. ~~IN RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE
DISCOVERED THAT SOME COULD TYPE WELL WHILE OTHERS JUST
COULD...~~

THE DEMOCRAT-LED CONGRESS, WHILE SPENDING OUR TAX DOLLARS ON COMIC BOOK STUDIES (FOR TRUE THEY AUTHORIZED A SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR STUDY ON THE HISTORY OF COMIC BOOKS), NOW TELLS THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WE CAN HAVE A SOCIALIZED MEDICINE SYSTEM WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES. YOU SHOW ME ONE - JUST ONE - FEDERAL PROGRAM WITHOUT A PRICE TAG AND I'LL SHOW YOU A DEAD BILL!!

ON UNEMPLOYMENT...NO ONE LIKES UNEMPLOYMENT AT ANY LEVEL. THE DEMOCRATS POINT TO THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON ERA AS THEIR SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. WHAT'S THE DEMOCRAT PHILOSOPHY? LET THE RECORD SPEAK FOR ITSELF. WAR! IN THE TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF DEMOCRATIC DOMINATION IN CONGRESS, THEY POINT ONLY TO THE WAR YEARS TO CLAIM LOW UNEMPLOYMENT...SURE, IF WE AGREED TO KILL OFF UNEMPLOYMENT-DEAD MEN NEED NO JOBS.

IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS IS NOT CAPABLE OF FACING THE REAL ISSUES, BUT CAN ONLY COME TO GRIPS WITH MANIPULATION OF THE FACTS.

TALKING ABOUT FANCY FOOTWORK, I WONDER WHICH STATE CARTER WAS GOVERNOR OF? IN GEORGIA, LED BY THIS DEMOCRAT GOVERNOR, LINKED WITH A DEMOCRAT LEGISLATURE...GEORGIA EXPERIENCED A TWENTY FIVE PERCENT GROWTH IN STATE EMPLOYEES...THE STATE BUDGET JUMPED FIFTY PERCENT...AND HE CAUSED HIS SUCCESSOR, GOVERNOR BUSBEE, TO FACE A ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILLION DOLLAR SHORT-FALL.

WITH A FEDERAL DEFICIT OF SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY ONE BILLION DOLLARS TODAY, WE CAN'T AFFORD THE PRICE OF PEANUTS FOR LEADERSHIP.

ON THE SUBJECT OF WHAT WE CAN'T AFFORD, WE CANNOT AFFORD A MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO HAS REPEATEDLY ATTACKED BIG BUSINESS AS EVIL. FREE ENTERPRISE IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.

THIS MAN HAS REPEATEDLY ATTACKED THE HANDS THAT FEED HIM AND HIS DEMOCRAT BRETHERN AS HE SLURS BUSINESS ON THE SIDE OF HIS COHORT, GEORGE MEANEY. LITTLE DOES HE REALIZE WHERE HE HAS PLACED HIS ENDORSEMENT.

JOHN MOORE, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, ADDRESSING BUSINESS LEADERS ON THE WEST COAST, PROVIDED US WITH A PICTURE OF AMERICA UNDER THIS DEMOCRAT PHILOSOPHY.

MOORE BEGAN BY EXPLAINING THE MARX THEORY OF VALUES. ACCORDING TO MARX, THE ONLY SOURCE OF VALUE ON GOODS AND SERVICES COMES FROM LABOR. PRIVATE OWNERSHIP WAS VIEWED AS A DEVICE TO STEAL PART OF THAT VALUE. IF, ACCORDING TO THIS THEORY, YOU REMOVE THE PRIVATE OWNER, ALL OF THE REWARDS GO TO THE WORKER...PRIVATE BUSINESS OWNERSHIP IS EVIL...THIS IS THE BASIC MARXIST CONCEPT AND CARTER IS AGAINST FREE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. MY! MY!

BEAR WITH ME AS WE LOOK AT THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICA AS WE KNOW IT TODAY.

THERE ARE OVER FIFTY MILLION AMERICANS EMPLOYED BY BIG BUSINESS ALONE. THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOES ITS SHARE TO HOLD DOWN UNEMPLOYMENT DESPITE THE DEMOCRAT MAKE-WORK PROGRAMS WHICH COMPETE FOR LABOR IN THE MARKET PLACE. THE TOTAL POPULATION IN AMERICA NOW STANDS AT 214.5 MILLION PEOPLE. THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM WHICH CARTER ATTACKS EMPLOYS 86.7 MILLION PEOPLE. SO FROM A PEOPLE'S STANDPOINT THE DEMOCRAT THEORY STEPS ON A LOT OF TOES, JOBS AND GENERAL WELFARE.

PEOPLE ARE OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSET IN AMERICA. MONEY IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE "BUSINESS IS EVIL" SYNDROME ATTACKS FIFTY-NINE PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL NATIONAL INCOME. WHERE WOULD WE BE IF SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF NATIONAL INCOME DISAPPEARED BECAUSE WE HAD A PRESIDENT WHO ATTACKED BIG BUSINESS AS EVIL?

OUR OPPOSITION IS OF THE SCHOOL WHICH CALLS FOR A GROWING BUREAUCRACY AND A GROWING GOVERNMENT. MR. MOORE, IN THE SAME ADDRESS THAT I REFERRED TO EARLIER, DREW A BEAUTIFUL PARALLEL OF THE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE ASK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHICH THEY HAD RATHER HAVE, THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE WHICH REPRESENTS ONE OF OUR LARGEST BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEMS, OR THE TELEPHONE INDUSTRY, WHICH IS REGULATED AND CONTROLLED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? I THINK THE ANSWER TO YOU AND I MAY BE OBVIOUS BUT NOT SO TO THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS.

HERE IS ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT WHICH THE OPPOSITION HAS ADVOCATED. THE CREATION OF A NEW CONSUMER BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM. THE PRICE TAG ON THIS ONE NEW CREATION ALONE COULD EXCEED FIFTY BILLION DOLLARS BY CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES.

WE ONLY HAVE TO LOOK BACK TO THE REGULATORY POWERS OF OTHER CONGRESSIONAL CREATIONS TO APPRECIATE WHAT HE HAS CALLED FOR. I AM THINKING SPECIFICALLY OF AN ARTICLE BY JAMES J. KILPATRICK, WHICH CAME OUT IN SEPTEMBER. THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE WAS "THE COTTON WOOL SYNDROME." FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT READ IT, IT STARTED OUT WITH A FEDERAL STUDY CONCERNING PEOPLE WHO FALL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING. AS A RESULT OF THIS STUDY, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT UPHOLSTERY MAY BURN WHEN SOMEONE CARELESSLY LETS A CIGARETTE IGNITE IT.

A WHOLE SERIES OF RULES AND REGULATIONS WERE PROPOSED ASSUMING THE BURDEN OF GUILT TO BE ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM-THE MANUFACTURERS. THIS STUDY CONSISTED OF NO LESS THAN FORTY PAGES OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE FINAL TEST OF ALL UPHOLSTERED PRODUCTS WOULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS WITH SIX TO TWENTY-ONE CIGARETTES BEING PLACED ON FABRICS TO DETERMINE ITS FLAMMABILITY PROBABILITY.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS STUDY WOULD COST 2.1 BILLION DOLLARS, DRIVING MANUFACTURING COSTS UP FROM TEN TO THIRTY PERCENT WITH ALL UPHOLSTERED FABRICS FALLING IN THE LOWEST CLASS. VELVETS, COTTON PRINTS AND LINENS WOULD BE COMPLETELY ELIMINATED.

WHO PAYS FOR THE COST, THE MANUFACTURER PAYS FOR THE COST, YOU AND I PAY FOR THE COST PLUS YOU AND I PAY TAXES TO COVER THE 2.1 BILLION DOLLARS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM. IF THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF BUREAUCRACY, AND I SAY IT IS, THEN WE SCARCELY NEED ANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM THEMSELVES.

THE FISCAL MOVES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE FELT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND PERHAPS MOST SEVERELY SO IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

MICHAEL EVANS, A FORECASTER FOR CHASE ECONOMETRICS, WROTE JULY 27, 1976, "WE ARE ONCE AGAIN IN A PERIOD WHEN THE GENERAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS EXTREMELY UNSTABLE, AND IT WILL TAKE ONLY RELATIVELY SMALL CHANGES IN EVENTS TO CAUSE MASSIVE REACTIONS." HE WAS COMPARING OUR PRESENT PERIOD IN HISTORY WITH THAT OF A PERIOD IN HISTORY WHEN JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PUMPED IN MASSIVE AMOUNTS, THE LARGEST DOLLAR AMOUNTS EVER SPENT BY ANY ADMINISTRATION, TO GEAR UP FOR THE GOOD TIMES, THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SECTOR SAW THEIR REAL MONEY MARKET DWINDLING AS GOVERNMENT CONSUMED MORE AND MORE OF THE AVAILABLE MONIES.

THIS NOTED ECONOMIST SEES IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ANY IMBALANCE IN FEDERAL SPENDING AS BEING DETRIMENTAL TO THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

MR. EVANS IS ALSO ONE OF THOSE ECONOMISTS WHO HAS FORECAST ANOTHER RECESSION IN 1978. HE STRESSED THAT IT WILL OCCUR ONLY IF INFLATION SIGNIFICANTLY WORSENS. UNDER THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS OF CARTER I SEE NO WAY TO CURB INFLATION WHILE GOVERNMENT SPENDING CONTINUES WITHOUT ANY RHYME, REASON OR LIMITATION.

ONCE AGAIN I AM QUOTING DIRECTLY FROM MR. EVANS. IN HIS FORECAST FOR JULY UNDER THE AREA OF GOVERNMENT HE CRANKED IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT CARTER MAY BE VICTORIOUS. HE WRITES, "THE ELECTION OF JIMMY CARTER WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES THAN WOULD OCCUR IF WE CONTINUE UNDER A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION."

HE GOES ON TO EXPLAIN THAT HIS MODEL DID NOT INCLUDE ANY NEW MASSIVE BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD. ANOTHER BASIC ASSUMPTION WAS, "FEDERAL SPENDING IS NOW PROJECTED TO BE FIVE BILLION DOLLARS HIGHER AND STATE AND LOCAL SPENDING SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS HIGHER BY THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1978, THAN WE HAD PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED."

MR. EVANS SAYS, "ALL THIS WOULD CHANGE RADICALLY, HOWEVER, IF THE HUMPHREY-HAWKINS BILL, WHICH CARTER HAS BELATEDLY ENDORSED, WERE TO BE SIGNED INTO LAW. "WHEN CARTER STATES

THAT HE WILL PUSH HARD FOR MORE JOBS AND TAKES HIS CHANCES WITH INFLATION, AND THEN SELECTS HUMPHREY'S PROTEGEE AS HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, AT A MINIMUM IT BEHOOVES US TO EXAMINE THE CONTENTS OF THIS BILL."

ONE KEY FEATURE OF THE HH BILL IS THAT IT STRIPS THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OF MOST OF ITS INDEPENDENCE. DESPITE SOME MISTAKES BY THE FED, I BELIEVE THE OUTCOME WOULD BE FAR WORSE UNDER A CARTER SYSTEM THAN UNDER THE SYSTEM WHICH WE NOW HAVE.

CARTER'S CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR HAS NOT ONLY COME OUT FOR WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS BUT ALSO FOR PROFIT CONTROLS AS WELL. THIS APPEARS TO ME TO BE A FURTHERANCE OF THE THEORY WE REFERRED TO EARLIER AS MARXISM.

ONCE AGAIN WE SEE THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS SWINGING IN FAVOR OF CONSUMPTION AND AWAY FROM INVESTMENT. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THEIR FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY...COMPETING WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE FOR PEOPLE, DOLLARS AND ULTIMATE CONTROL OF OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM.

MR. EVANS SAYS, "A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR APPEARS TO BE THAT CARTER HAS THE COMMON SENSE NOT TO PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO HIS SO-CALLED ECONOMIC ADVISORS. IT NOW TURNS OUT THAT HE SOUGHT OUT THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO KNOW HOW MCGOVERN HAD MADE SO MANY MISTAKES IN 1972 AND TO AVOID THEM. I DON'T KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS HE GOT, BUT SOME OF THEM INVOLVED THE DANGERS OF BEING TOO SPECIFIC; IN THAT SENSE WE CAN ALL AGREE HE HAS LEARNED HIS LESSONS BEAUTIFULLY."

HE FURTHER SAYS, "THE PRINCIPAL INFLATIONARY BIAS IN CARTER'S PROPOSED STRATEGY PROBABLY LIES IN THE AREA OF LABOR. HE WOULD SIGN THE COMMON-SITUS BILL, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LIKE A HAND IN DRAFTING IT; HE WOULD SIGN THE REPEAL OF THE TAFT-HARTLEY IF IT REACHED HIS DESK; AND HE WOULD SIGN LEGISLATION INDEXING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO THE COST OF LIVING. ALL OF THESE WOULD BOLSTER LABOR'S COST AND WOULD INTENSIFY THE WAGE PRICE SPIRAL. IT IS ALSO SOMEWHAT PARADOXICAL THAT ALL OF THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE WORKERS WHOM CARTER AND MONDALE SAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE MOST; NAMELY THOSE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ECONOMIC LADDER. THE COMMON-SITUS BILL ENLARGES THE RIGHTS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHO CURRENTLY RECEIVE MORE THAN TEN DOLLARS AN HOUR, NOT THE DISADVANTAGED MINORITY GROUPS WHO EARN LESS THAN HALF OF THAT. SIMILARLY, THE REPEAL OF TAFT-HARTLEY WOULD CLOSE DOWN THE NONUNION SHOPS, PUTTING THOSE OUT OF WORK WHO ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WAGE SCALE IN ANY CASE. THE AUTOMATIC INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE WOULD ONCE

AGAIN PRICE THOSE WORKERS WITH THE LOWEST SKILLS OUT OF THE JOB MARKET. ONCE AGAIN WE WITNESS THE SPECTACLE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ACCOMPLISH PRECISELY THE OPPOSITE OF THE AIMS FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE TOPIC OF THIS ADDRESS WAS ENTITLED "TOGETHERNESS FOR THE PRESIDENT." AFTER REVIEWING THE OPPOSITION'S RECORD, MAY I SUGGEST THAT TOGETHERNESS IS NOT A LUXURY FOR YOU AND I. IT IS A NECESSITY FOR AMERICA. THE VIEWS I HAVE JUST EXPRESSED ARE MY VIEWS ON THE OPPOSITION THAT WE FACE IN NOVEMBER. WHAT DOES THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAVE TO OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

UNDER THE WISE LEADERSHIP OF GERALD FORD, THE ECONOMY HAS RECOVERED FROM THE WORST RECESSION TO HIT THIS COUNTRY SINCE THE 1930'S. IT IS STILL HEADED UP.

WHEN PRESIDENT FORD TOOK OFFICE, HE IMMEDIATELY SET AT REST ONE OF THE GREATEST ATROCITIES TO EVER FACE OUR NATION. THIS ATROCITY WAS A SERIES OF UNMITIGATED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST RICHARD NIXON. PRESIDENT FORD, IN ORDER TO RELIEVE OUR NATION OF THE BURDEN OF THESE TRUMPED-UP CHARGES, GAVE RICHARD NIXON A PARDON. HE IMMEDIATELY REESTABLISHED THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY AS BEING ABOVE REPROACH EVEN BY THE DEMOCRAT-LED CONGRESS.

AMERICA IS AT PEACE BECAUSE OF THE GROUNDWORK LAID BY FORMER ^{ADMINISTRATION} PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF JERRY FORD AND HIS ABLE STAFF. YOU AND I ARE NINE BILLION DOLLARS RICHER

BECAUSE OF THE VETO POWER AND THE GUTS OF JERRY FORD TO USE IT TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING PROGRAMS ORIGINATED BY THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS.

JERRY FORD ATTEMPTED TO SAVE US EVEN MORE MONEY AS HE ADVOCATED TIGHTER CONTROLS ON THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND SEVERAL OTHER PIECES OF SOCIAL WELFARE LEGISLATION. THANKS TO THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS ONCE AGAIN HIS VETO WAS OVERRIDDEN, THE BILL WAS PASSED, THE CORRUPTIBILITY OF OUR SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM CONTINUES.

JERRY FORD HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FRIEND OF THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. TOTAL OUTPUT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BOTTOMED OUT EARLY IN 1975. NOW THEY ARE SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE AND CONTINUE TO CLIMB. PERSONAL INCOME HAS CLIMBED SLIGHTLY. CORPORATE PROFITS HAVE SNAPPED BACK. RETAIL SALES ARE RUNNING WELL AHEAD OF THE 1974-75 FIGURES. TAKING A LOOK AT THE BUSINESS BAROMETERS, WE SEE THE TOTAL OUTPUT HAS CLIMBED FROM \$1,200 BILLION IN 1974 TO \$1,259 BILLION. THE OUTPUT OF INDUSTRY IS STILL SLIGHTLY DOWN.

UNEMPLOYMENT HAS STABILIZED AT ABOUT 7 PERCENT. I WOULD IMAGINE THAT AS LONG AS WE HAVE LIBERALIZED WELFARE LAWS, UNEMPLOYMENT MAY BE EXPECTED TO TEETER BETWEEN 7 AND 8 PERCENT AS WE FEED, CLOTHE, AND HOUSE THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO BE PRODUCTIVE. I AM NOT TALKING ABOUT THE HARD-CORE TRULY DESERVING UNEMPLOYED.

CORPORATE PROFITS HAVE CLIMBED SLIGHTLY. THEY STOOD AT \$81 BILLION; THEY ARE NOW AT \$81.1 BILLION.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WE HAVE MORE CIVILIANS EMPLOYED THAN AT ANY POINT IN OUR HISTORY. BEST ESTIMATES ARE THAT THERE ARE 87.9 MILLION PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IN AMERICA TODAY.

WE SEE THAT INFLATION UNDER JERRY FORD'S LEADERSHIP HAS DECLINED FROM AN ~~ASTRONOMICAL~~ 12.2 PERCENT TO 4.9 PERCENT.

UNDER PRESIDENT FORD'S ABLE FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM, WE FIND THAT AMERICA REMAINS AS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL FORCES IN THE WORLD. ~~WE FIND ALSO THAT OUR DIPLOMATS AND BUSINESS LEADERS ARE WELCOME FROM THE SOVIET UNION, EVEN TO CHINA.~~