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AT THE OUTSET, LET ME URGE EVERY
ONE OF YOU, AS A BASIC PART OF
YOUR POLITICAL HOMEWORK, TO
STUDY OUR PLATFORM THOROUGHLY.

WE'VE GOT A PLATFORM THAT ALL
REPUBLICANS CAN RUN ON AND WIN
ON. THIS YEAR'S PLATFORM TO
MY MIND, IS IN THE TRADITION
OF THE VERY BEST OUR PARTY HAS
OFFERED IN THE PAST.

IT IS NOT A REJECTION OF ANY
REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES. IT IS
A RENEWAL OF THOSE PRINCIPLES,
AND AN EXTENSION OF THEIR
MEANING TO THE PROBLEMS OF
TODAY AND THE CHALLENGES OF
TOMORROW. THERE ARE TWO SORTS
OF LESSONS THAT IT OFFERS.

FIRST, OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN
UNITE ON THE COMMON GROUND OF
BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH REALLY
DO MEAN SOMETHING.

THEY MEAN A WHOLE WAY OF POLITICAL
LIFE -- A WAY TOWARD INDIVIDUAL
RESPONSIBILITY AND AWAY FROM
UNLIMITED, OPPRESSIVE
CONCENTRATIONS OF POWER; A WAY
TOWARD PEACE THROUGH REAL
STRENGTH AND AWAY FROM THE SORT
OF WISHFUL THINKING AND WANING
STRENGTH / THAT HAS BROUGHT THREE
WARS, DURING THREE DEMOCRAT
ADMINISTRATIONS IN THIS CENTURY.

THESE ARE NOT THE MINOR DIFFERENCES
OF DETAIL WITH WHICH WE
SOMETIMES PREOCCUPY OURSELVES.
THESE ARE BASIC, LIFE OR DEATH,
TYRANNY OR FREEDOM DIFFERENCES
OF POLITICAL LIFE.

AND, AS REPUBLICANS, WE ARE
INVOLVED, DEEPLY AND MEANINGFULLY,
IN A POLITICAL MOVEMENT WHOSE
MAIN REASON FOR BEING IS TO
KEEP FREEDOM'S PATH OPEN FOR
THIS REPUBLIC.

JUST TAKE ONE GOOD LOOK AT THE
OPPOSITION AND WE CAN COUNT OUR
REPUBLICAN BLESSINGS. WE MAY,
DISAGREE, IN OUR PARTY, ABOUT
SOME DEGREE OR SHADING OF
POLICY -- BUT WE DO NOT, AS DO
THE MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION,
FACE A FUNDAMENTAL SPLIT ALONG
FUNDAMENTAL LINES.

THE OPPOSITION PARTY IS LED BY A
PHILOSOLPHY THAT PREACHES
ACCOMMODATION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS
-- AND YET THAT PARTY INCLUDES
OUTSTANDING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE
ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED, AS WE ARE
COMMITTED, TO OPPOSE THOSE
POSITIONS.

IS THERE SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL SPLIT IN
OUR PARTY? THERE MOST
CERTAINLY IS NOT! THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE, BETWEEN MEMBERS OF
OUR PARTY AS PROFOUND AS THE
DIFFERENCES IN THE OPPOSITION
PARTY -- AND WE SHOULD NEVER
FORGET IT!

WE ARE SAID TO HAVE A LEFT WING AND
RIGHT WING, TO WHATEVER EXTENT
YOU CAN APPLY MEANING TO THOSE
LABELS. BUT DO WE HAVE ANY
REPUBLICANS WHO FLATLY REJECT
OUR PLATFORM AND ITS PRINCIPLES
OF SELF-RELIANCE AT HOME AND
SELF-DEFENSE ABROAD? WE DO NOT,
SO FAR AS I CAN TELL.

DISAGREEMENTS, YES. BUT NOT DEFECTIONS.

I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SOME
CANDIDATES, FINE MEN TOO, WHO
FEEL DEEPLY ABOUT THE
DISAGREEMENTS. I HOPE THAT IN
THE WEEKS AHEAD THEY WILL FEEL
AS STRONGLY AND WORK AS HARD ON
BEHALF OF THINGS ON WHICH WE **DO**
AGREE. IT IS THOSE AGREED
PRINCIPLES WHICH CAN TURN THE
TIDES OF HISTORY AND SET THEM
RUNNING IN FREEDOM'S DIRECTION
THIS FATEFUL YEAR!

AND NOWHERE DO REPUBLICANS AGREE
MORE SOLIDLY THAN ON THE
IMPORTANT ISSUE OF PEACE --
ONE OF THE GREAT ISSUES WHICH
SHOULD IN ALL HONESTY DOMINATE
THIS CAMPAIGN WHETHER OR NOT
THE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP WANTS
TO DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY.

WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DON'T WANT
TO DISCUSS IT. THEY OBVIOUSLY
DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SUBJECT AND
THEY CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE ANY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS WORTH BOASTING
ABOUT!

BUT THE QUESTION OF PEACE IS BASIC TO
THE DIFFERENCES ^{BETWEEN} THE TWO
PARTIES, TODAY.

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY TODAY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE THREATS TO THE PEACE, THE NATURE OF THE ENEMY WHO THREATENS THE PEACE, OR THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT WHICH, WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, THIS CENTURY HAS IMPOSED UPON THE ENTIRE WORLD.

REPUBLICANS HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY DO UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS. THEIR PLATFORM THIS YEAR PROVES THAT THEY DO. THEIR PERFORMANCES IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND IN THE CONGRESS AND SENATE HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS.

THIS NATION HAS BEEN PROSPEROUS UNDER
BOTH PARTIES. BUT THIS NATION
HAS GONE TO WAR UNDER ONLY ONE
PARTY -- THE DEMOCRAT PARTY!

ONLY UNDER DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS
HAVE WE BECOME SO WEAK THAT
AGRESSORS HAVE BEEN TEMPTED TO
PLUNGE THE WORLD INTO WAR.

ONLY UNDER DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS
HAVE WE PRESENTED SUCH A
CONFUSED AND CLOUDED FOREIGN
POLICY THAT AGRESSORS HAVE
BLUNDERED THE WORLD INTO WAR.

ONLY UNDER DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS
HAVE WE CLOSED OUR EYES TO
REALITY AND HAD TO OPEN THEM
TO THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE!

ALMOST SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AMERICANS
HAVE DIED IN THE THREE DEMOCRAT
WARS OF THIS CENTURY BECAUSE,
UNDER DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP, WE
HAVE MISJUDGED OUR ENEMIES,
MISTRUSTED OUR OWN STRENGTH,
AND MISUSED OR NOT USED OUR
POWER.

WE ARE IN PRECISELY THAT SORT OF
PERILOUS SITUATION TODAY. WE ARE
RISKING THE PEACE BY RECKLESSLY
MISUNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF
THE CONFLICT AND THE ENEMY THAT
THREATENS THE PEACE.

EACH OF YOU CANDIDATES, EVERY
REPUBLICAN, HAS A SOLEMN
OBLIGATION TO CONFRONT THIS ISSUE
IN YOUR CAMPAIGNS AND IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOODS.

THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE.

THE VERY EXISTENCE OF A WORLD
IN WHICH TO SOLVE ALL THE OTHER
PROBLEMS THAT CONCERN US IS
DEPENDENT UPON THE OUTCOME OF
THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE.

MANY OF US IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
HAVE WORKED SO VERY HARD IN THE
PAST YEARS ON BEHALF OF THE
PREPAREDNESS OF THIS NATION,
THAT SOME CRITICS TRY TO MAKE
IT APPEAR THAT WE ARE PREOCCUPIED
BY WAR, OR EAGER TO START ONE.

THERE IS NO GREATER POLITICAL LIE.

WE ARE PREOCCUPIED BY PEACE!

AND WE ARE FEARFUL THAT THE PEACE IS
BEING PERMITTED TO SLIP AWAY,
AS IT HAS THREE TIMES IN THE
PAST, BY PRETENDING THAT THERE
ARE NO THREATS TO IT.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN CARRYING TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE THIS PLAIN
MESSAGE: THIS NATION AND THE
ENTIRE WORLD RISKS WAR IN OUR
TIME UNLESS FREE MEN REMAIN
STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP THE PEACE.

TODAY, OUR GUARD IS DROPPING IN
EVERY SENSE.

WE ARE DISARMING OURSELVES AND
DEMORALIZING OUR ALLIES.

DESPITE A LUDICROUS BOOKKEEPING
EXERCISE IN WHICH THE DEMOCRATS
CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE MORE THAN
DOUBLED DEFENSE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT, THE HARD FACT IS THIS:
~~██████████~~ OUR R+D PROGRAM HAS
INCREASED BY LESS THAN 15% IN
EACH OF THE DEMOCRAT YEARS, --
SCARCELY ENOUGH TO KEEP PACE
WITH RISING PRICES, FAR FROM
ENOUGH TO KEEP PACE WITH THE
AWE INSPIRING TECHNOLOGY OF
MODERN DEFENSE.

EVEN OUR OVERALL DEFENSE BUDGET,
AS COMPARED TO THE GROWTH OF
NON-DEFENSE SPENDING, HAS
BEEN DECLINING.

MAKE NO MISTAKE -- I DON'T WANT
DEFENSE SPENDING TO GO UP. BUT,
I AM CONVINCED THAT AMERICANS
ARE PREPARED TO PAY FOR EVERY
DOLLARS WORTH OF THE DEFENSE WE
REALLY NEED.

THE DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH
INHERITED THE MIGHTIEST ARSENAL
FOR THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM EVER
CREATED ON EARTH, HAS SO
DISMANTLED IT THAT WE FACE THE
PROSPECT OF GOING INTO THE
DECADE OF THE 1970'S WITHOUT
A SINGLE NEW MANNED BOMBER.

WE FACE THE PROSPECT OF GOING INTO
THAT DECADE WITH A WORN AND
OBSOLETE FORCE COMPOSED ONLY OF
THOSE LEFT-OVER PLANES STILL
ABLE TO FLY. AT WORST WE COULD
FIND OURSELVES IN THE 1970'S
WITHOUT A SINGLE ONE OF THE
FLEXIBLE, MANNED WEAPONS WHICH
GIVE US THE VITAL SCALE OF A
CONTROLLED, GRADUATED DETERRENT
RATHER THAN ONLY A CAPACITY FOR
ALL-OUT, INTERCONTINENTAL NUCLEAR
CONFRONTATIONS.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS DANGEROUSLY
DIMINISHED APPROPRIATIONS FOR
STRATEGIC DETERRENT FORCES,
THE FORCES WHICH CAN KEEP THE
PEACE, WHICH CAN DETER THE SHOT
THAT NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR AROUND
THIS WORLD.

UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THESE PEACE
KEEPING FORCES HAVE DECLINED
STEADILY UNTIL, IN THE CURRENT
FISCAL YEAR, THEY ARE HARDLY
HALF OF WHAT THEY WERE ^{IN} FISCAL
YEAR 1962.

UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION, WITH ITS
UTTER DISREGARD FOR MANNED
SYSTEMS AND NEW SYSTEMS, OUR
DELIVERABLE NUCLEAR CAPACITY COULD
BE CUT DOWN BY 90% IN THE NEXT
DECADE.

LET ME REPEAT THAT. THE FIGURE IS STARTLING. SOMETIME IN THE DECADE AHEAD, IF THE PLANS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION ARE NOT CHANGED, AMERICA'S DELIVERABLE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY MAY BE CUT BY 90%.

WE WILL STILL HAVE GREAT NUCLEAR POWER. BUT, BY CUTTING BACK SO DRASTICALLY WE SERIOUSLY RISK UPSETTING THE MAJOR DETERRENT WHICH WE NOW HOLD OVER COMMUNISM; THE DETERRENT THAT HAS KEPT THE PEACE.

WHAT WOULD THIS WORLD BE LIKE, IF COMMUNISM EVER PULLED EVEN OR AHEAD OF US IN NUCLEAR CAPABILITY? ALL AMERICANS MUST THINK HARD ABOUT THAT.

WHAT MORE SHOCKING QUESTION CAN WE
TAKE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?
WHAT MORE SHOCKING EVIDENCE CAN
WE PRESENT OF JUST HOW BADLY
THIS ADMINISTRATION IS
MANAGING THE ABSOLUTELY VITAL
JOB OF KEEPING THE PEACE?

WE HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO GET THIS
RECORD STRAIGHT AND PUT IT BEFORE
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE ARE THE PARTY OF PEACE.

WE ARE THE PARTY DEDICATED TO THE
PREPAREDNESS THAT CAN KEEP THE
PEACE.

WE ARE THE PEACE PARTY BECAUSE WE
UNDERSTAND THE ENEMY. WE
UNDERSTAND HIS AIMS. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT HE ALWAYS HAS
AND ALWAYS WILL TAKE RISKS AND
SEEK ADVANTAGES WHEN
TEMPTED BY WEAKNESS. WE
UNDERSTAND WHEN AND HOW TO USE
MILITARY FORCE SO THAT OUR
POSITION IS CREDIBLE TO FRIEND
AND FOE ALIKE.

AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF ALL: WE
ARE THE PEACE PARTY BECAUSE WE
UNDERSTAND THE LASTING DEMANDS
OF A LASTING PEACE.

WE KNOW THAT WE CANNOT SEEK PEACE IF
WE CANNOT DEFINE PEACE.

WE KNOW THAT THE DEMOCRAT
ADMINISTRATION CALLS TODAY'S
TENSE AND TROUBLED WORLD
BLOODED AS IT IS BY WARFARE AND
REVOLUTION PEACEFUL. WE KNOW
THAT THE DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION
SETS NO HIGHER GOAL FOR
TOMORROW'S PEACE THAN HOPING THAT
THINGS DON'T GET MUCH WORSE.

WE KNOW AND SHOULD PROCLAIM, THAT
THE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP IS
DRIFTING INTO WAR BECAUSE IT
CANNOT TRULY ENVISION PEACE.

WE HAVE OFTEN CALLED FOR VICTORY IN
THE COLD WAR. WE MUST CONTINUE
TO DO SO. BECAUSE -- AND THIS
TOO IS A GREAT ISSUE -- BECAUSE
VICTORY IN THE COLD WAR MEANS,
VERY SIMPLY, A VICTORY OVER
THOSE FORCES WHICH THREATEN
THE PEACE

IT DOES NOT MEAN A MILITARY VICTORY --
ALTHOUGH IT CAN NEVER BE WON
IF WE DO NOT HAVE MILITARY
STRENGTH AVAILABLE.

IT MEANS A VICTORY, WHICH CAN BE WON
WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT, IN WHICH
THE IDEOLOGICAL OBSESSION OF
COMMUNISM IS ABANDONED BY THE
LEADERS OF THE NATIONS WHICH
TODAY WE CALL COMMUNIST. IT ALSO
CAN MEAN A VICTORY IN WHICH
THOSE LEADERS ARE ABANDONED
BY THE PEOPLE WHO NOW FOLLOW
THEM.

IT MEANS A RENUNCIATION OF
SUBVERSION AND VIOLENCE AS
POLITICAL METHODS. IT MEANS
FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR CAPTIVE
PEOPLES. IT DOES NOT MEAN SOME
SPECIAL CHOICE; JUST THE RIGHT
TO CHOSE.

IT MEANS THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN
RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES WITHOUT
MAINTAINING A GARRISON READINESS
AT THE SAME TIME.

THIS IS THE SORT OF VICTORY THAT
PEACE DEMANDS. IT IS THE ONLY
SORT OF VICTORY IN WHICH PEACE
CAN SURVIVE.

WE SEEK NO DOMINIONS AND NO FORCED
CONVERTS IN THE WORLD. WE SEEK
ONLY NATIONS LIVING AT PEACE,
GUIDED BY THEIR PEOPLE, AND
NOT SHACKLED TO THE IDEOLOGIES
OF MILITANT AND AGGRESSIVE LEADERS.

WE DO NOT WANT A WORLD HALF SLAVE
AND HALF FREE.

WE KNOW THAT SUCH A WORLD CAN ONLY BE HALF PEACEFUL AND NOT EVEN THAT FOR LONG. IN SUCH A WORLD, FREEDOM MUST ALWAYS LIVE ANXIOUSLY UNDER THE ~~SHAD~~OW OF TYRANNY'S INEVITABLE AGGRESSIONS.

WE SEEK, IN SHORT, TO AVOID WAR:

- BY ENDING COMMUNISM'S ABILITY TO THREATEN THE PEACE
- BY SO RAISING THE DEFENSES OF THE FREE WORLD THAT COMMUNISM WILL NOT DARE EXPAND;
- BY SO RAISING THE BANNERS OF FREEDOM THAT EVEN THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD WILL BE FORCED TO OFFER CONCESSIONS TO FREEDOM RATHER THAN FOREVER EXACTING CONCESSIONS FROM FREEDOM.

COMMUNISM, AS A WAY TO ORGANIZE
SOCIETY, IS A TERRIBLE FAILURE.
IT CANNOT EVEN FEED ITS PEOPLE'S
STOMACHS, MUCH LESS NURTURE
THEIR SPIRITS. WE MUST CEASE
BAILING COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS
OUT OF THEIR FAILURES.

WE SHOULD, INSTEAD, MAKE SURE THAT
THESE TYRANTS PAY THE FULL
PRICE FOR BEING COMMUNISTS,
FOR INFLECTING COMMUNISM ON
THEIR CITIZENS. WE SHOULD LET **THEIR**
FAILURES GROW, AS THEY DESERVE
TO GROW. IN THIS WAY, THEIR
POWER OVER THEIR PEOPLE **WILL**
SHRINK.

WE HAVE, ALWAYS, LESS TO FEAR FROM WEAKENED COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS THAN FROM STRONG ONES. AND THE ONLY HOPE FOR THE HELPLESS MILLIONS HELD BY COMMUNISM LIES IN WEAKENING THE TYRANNY AND THE TYRANTS -- NOT STRENGTHENING THEM.

THERE IS THE VISION WE MUST PROJECT OF THE WAY TO EVENTUAL PEACE. TO WORK TOWARD IT, HOWEVER, WE MUST KEEP THE PEACE TODAY, NEXT WEEK, NEXT MONTH, NEXT YEAR, **AND FOR YEARS TO COME.**

THIS IS THE JOB THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS FAILING TO DO. IT IS THE JOB WE MUST DO.

JUST AS WE BACKED AND FILLED WHILE THE MISSILES WENT INTO CUBA, WE BACKED AND FILLED WHILE RED POWER Poured INTO VIETNAM.

OUR POLICIES HAVE ENCOURAGED THE GROUND FIGHTING TO GROW FROM GUERRILLA SKIRMISHES TO BATTALION BATTLES AND, MOST RECENTLY, TO TORPEDO ATTACKS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

NOW WE HAVE STRUCK BACK, PUNISHING THE ENEMY FOR THEIR AUDACIOUS ATTACKS AT SEA. BUT THEY HAVE ATTACKED AS VIGOROUSLY AND FATALLY ON THE LAND! WE HAVE LOST BRAVE MEN IN THE AIR AND IN THE JUNGLES!

YET, OUR POLICIES HAVE BECOME SO INVOLVED, SO TWISTED WITH DIPLOMATIC RED TAPE, THAT THE ENEMY MIGHT HAVE WONDERED IF WE WOULD ACCEPT THEIR ATTACKS AT SEA ON THE SAME BASIS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTING THEIR ATTACKS ON LAND.

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AND SO, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT,
A CRISIS DECISION HAD TO BE MADE.
REPUBLICANS SURELY SUPPORT THAT
DECISION. ALL AMERICANS SUPPORT
THEIR GOVERNMENT AT TIMES SUCH
AS THESE. BUT WE MUST REMEMBER
THAT THIS IS AN INCIDENT, NOT
A PROGRAM; THIS IS A TACTICAL
ACTION, NOT A STRATEGY. YES -- WE
SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT IN THIS
STRONG, RIGHT ACTION. NO -- WE
WILL NOT LET THIS ONE ACTION
OBSCURE A MULTITUDE OF OTHER
NEEDED ACTIONS.

AND, NO, WE WILL NOT LET OUR SUPPORT
TODAY SILENCE OUR BASIC
CRITICISM: THAT THE WAR IN
VIETNAM IS BEING FOUGHT UNDER
POLICIES THAT OBSCURE OUR
PURPOSES, CONFUSE OUR ALLIES,
PARTICULARLY THE VIETNAMESE,
AND ENCOURAGE THE ENEMY TO
PROLONG THE WAR.

WE MUST PROSECUTE THE WAR IN VIETNAM
WITH THE OBJECT OF ENDING IT.
INSTEAD, WE HAVE JUST LAUNCHED A
SUBSTANTIAL AIR STRIKE WHOSE
PURPOSE, IN THE LONG RUN, IS NOT
TO END THE FIGHTING BUT ONLY TO
PUNISH A TRANSGRESSION OF THE
COMPLICATED RULES UNDER WHICH
THE FIGHTING COULD BE DRAWN OUT
AND LEFT TO REMAIN A TIME-BOMB
THAT COULD BLOW APART THAT
ENTIRE SECTION OF THE WORLD.

RISKED AND

WE LOST BRAVE MEN IN THAT ATTACK.
 THEIR ^{EFFORT AND} SACRIFICE SHOULD BE
 REDEEMED BY SOME NOBLER PURPOSE
 THAN SIMPLY A RETURN TO THE
STATUS QUO.

THEIR SACRIFICE SHOULD NOT BE
 SHAD^IDOWED BY EVEN THE
 POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT, AT
THE CONFERENCE TABLE, ACCEPT
 SOME SOLUTIONS OF FALSE
 NEUTRALIZATION IN WHICH -- AS
IN LAOS -- WE WOULD GAIN NO
 LASTING PEACE AND ASSURE NO
 FREEDOM.

HOW MANY MORE NIGHTS MUST AMERICANS
 AWAKEN TO A NEW CRISIS IN VIETNAM?
 HOW MANY MORE LIVES MUST BE LOST
 IN A WAR WITHOUT END, A WAR
 WITHOUT HOPE.

WE DO NOT SERVE PEACE BY THE
POLICIES OF THE PRESENT
ADMINISTRATION. OUR PARTY, THE
PEACE PARTY, WOULD NOT LET THINGS
GO FROM BAD TO WORSE THIS WAY,
WOULD NOT RISK TRAGIC ERRORS THIS
WAY.

OUR PARTY IS PLEDGED TO STOPPING THE
WAR IN VIETNAM. WE DO NOT SHARE
THIS ADMINISTRATION'S
FAINT-HEARTED AND HALF-WITTED
NOTION THAT THE BEST THING WE
CAN DO IS TO KEEP THE WAR GOING,
AS IT IS NOW, FOR ANOTHER TEN
YEARS IN HOPE THAT THE ENEMY WILL
JUST GET TIRED AND GO HOME.

WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE PEACE RISKED
THAT WAY FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS.
WE WANT THE FIGHTING STOPPED,
AND STOPPED WITH ALL PRACTICAL
SPEED, BY CONVINCING THE ENEMY
THAT FREE MEN ARE DETERMINED
TO MAKE THEM PAY A PRICE FOR
THEIR AGGRESSIONS THAT MAKE THOSE
AGGRESSIONS IMMEDIATELY
IMPRACTICABLE.

ALTHOUGH THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A
MILITARY PROBLEM, IN WHICH MANY
MILITARY MEN ON THE SCENE AND IN
THE PENTAGON HAVE SO FAR BEEN
CONSISTENTLY IGNORED, IT ALSO
INVOLVES USE OF OUR VAST
ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND
PSYCHOLOGICAL POWERS AS WELL.

THESE ARE THE PEACEFUL MEANS OF
WAGING WAR ON WAR ITSELF!

THIS DOES NOT MEAN ESCALATING THE
WAR TOWARD NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION.
IT MEANS TAKING THOSE STEPS RIGHT
NOW WHICH CAN END THE WAR
BEFORE THERE IS A RISK OF SUCH
CONFRONTATION.

BUT AMERICA MUST KNOW THAT WHEN WE
SPEAK OF SUCH STEPS WE ARE
SPEAKING HONESTLY OF PEACE.
WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION AVOIDS
SUCH STEPS, THEY ARE RISKING
RECKLESSLY THE POSSIBILITY OF
WAR.

WE SEEK A STRONG AMERICA BECAUSE ONLY
A STRONG NATION CAN KEEP THE
PEACE. THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION
RISKS WAR BY LETTING OUR
DEFENSES DROP.

I DO NOT INTEND TO BE A WARTIME
PRESIDENT.

I DO NOT INTEND TO SEE PEACE OR
FREEDOM TORN AWAY FROM THIS
NATION BECAUSE WE LACK WILL,
WEAPONS, OR LEADERSHIP.

I DO NOT INTEND TO BE THE SORT OF
PRESIDENT WHO DOES DOMESTIC
MAGIC TRICKS WHILE THE ^{WORLD} THEATER
BURNS DOWN. I DO INTEND TO BE
THE SORT OF PRESIDENT WHO, WITH
THE HELP OF A DEDICATED CONGRESS,
CAN BUILD A BI-PARTISAN POLICY
OF MEANINGFUL DETERRENCE
AGAINST WAR.

I CANNOT PROMISE THAT IN MY LIFETIME,
THE LEADERS OF COMMUNISM WILL
ABANDON THEIR OBSESSION WITH ██████
CONQUEST. I CAN PROMISE THAT THEY
WILL NEVER START A WAR BECAUSE
THEY THINK US UNPREPARED!

AND I CAN PROMISE THAT THEY AND THE
WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT FREE
MEN ARE PREPARED TO KEEP THEIR
GUARD UP SO LONG AS FREEDOM IS
UNDER ATTACK ANYWHERE IN THE
WORLD!

I PROMISE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL
KEEP THE PEACE -- AND KEEP THE
FAITH WITH FREEDOM AT THE SAME
TIME.

BUT ACTUALLY, I CAN PROMISE NOTHING
OR ACCOMPLISH NOTHING WITHOUT
YOUR HELP AND THE SUCCESS OF
OF YOUR OWN CAMPAIGNS.

NOR CAN I EVEN HOPE TO TAKE THIS
MESSAGE TO ALL THE ~~PEOPLE~~ WITHOUT
YOUR HELP.

I ASK YOU, THEREFORE, TO HELP AND I
PLEDGE THAT I WILL HELP IN
RETURN -- HELP TO TELL EVERY
AMERICAN THAT PEACE IS BEING
RISKED BY THE RECKLESS MEN WHO
ARE DISARMING US -- JUST AS
THEY DISARMED US BEFORE EVERY
OTHER WAR OF THIS CENTURY!

OUR PARTY, THIS PARTY OF PEACE
THROUGH PREPAREDNESS, HAS NO
MORE CLEAR MESSAGE. PEACE HAS
NO GREATER HOPE! AND I CAN
GIVE YOU NO GREATER PLEDGE!

~~END~~