

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

DFL CONVENTION DINNER

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I am proud to be here with so many friends with whom I have been associated for so many years.

If we just look around this evening, we see people from every walk of life, every race, creed and nationality, young and old, men and women representing this country and all that it means.

This is the great strength of the DFL. This is the way the Democratic Party ought to be. This is the people's party and the Republicans are going to know it in November!

I have come here today not just to offer you a partisan message. I want to come and, in words of a man that I served with, reason with you, talk with you; appeal to the best that's in us -- not the worst.

We've gone through a very difficult time of intense and sometimes painful self-examination.

We had the courage to do it.

We stood literally in front of a great mirror and looked at ourselves. And we asked some questions. Above all, we have asked how can we do better.

Not how we can be perfect, but how we can be better. How can we rebuild the strength in our Party so that it can do a more effective job of being true to its goal: the party of the people -- the party of the future -- the party of real promise and hope for every American.

This is a big job. But we have to set ourselves to that task. America deserves better than it is getting.

Our Party has survived honorably from the often bitter divisions and disagreements. We have survived and grown stronger. We have brought into our ranks different points of view, different types of people. And we have been brought closer together by our diversity.

I believe that all of our experiences will make us closer and will continue to draw us together.

We're like a family that's gone through a bitter family argument. But after it's been settled, there is a closer feeling due to the sharing of the pain.

In other words, the Democratic Party refuses to shut its eyes to the reality and the diversity of America. It isn't all beautiful -- nor is it all ugly. We refuse to stand aloof from the currents of change in this nation like our Republican friends so often do.

We have seen the bounty, the riches of our great nation mismanaged at home and sometimes squandered abroad for short-term advantage.

We have seen our great economy neglected.

We have seen shortages and scarcity grow through private greed and government shortsightedness.

We've seen our Constitutional system of delicate checks and balances dangerously tilted in favor of one branch of government at the expense of the others.

We've seen our political process polluted and corrupted. And we've seen political power abused and money abused as a means of buying power.

We've seen highly placed trustees of the public betray their trust and act as though they were above the law. Indeed, they often acted as if they were the law.

These experiences follow hard after nearly a decade of dissension within our society at home and a war abroad. These events have placed a heavy burden on the American people.

I am sure that a nation of lesser character and strength would have buckled under such pressures. But the American people have not lost their confidence, their nerve or their guts.

We have what it takes!

We are a nation that has been forged in trial and weaned on challenge.

The first one hundred years of our existence were spent moving out beyond the mountain range. We next tamed the forests and then the deserts. Ever building, growing, enduring, overcoming.

We built a nation that spanned a continent in just a century and then fought a war that threatened to split the Union -- to tear apart that which we have built. We then went on to heal the wounds of war and build an industrialized society.

Our second hundred years also have been a period of testing. We have found better ways of making use of what we gained in our first century of existence.

We moved beyond the seas to become the world's leading power. And we still are. Make no mistake about it.

We shouldered the tremendous burdens of world leadership. We have fought two world wars and have rebuilt what those wars destroyed.

So what is our secret? Why have we always been able to pick ourselves up and continue to struggle for what we thought was right?

The answer to our source of inner strength has been our leadership. We have been blessed with great leadership in times of crisis. We have been blessed with a stable political system and a durable economic system.

At every turn, this Party, to which you and I are privileged to belong, has provided the leadership to rally the people.

The legacy of our Party is of a Woodrow Wilson -- a man who gained a permanent place of honor in our history.

Our legacy is in the politics of Franklin Roosevelt, who will go down in history as one of the greatest men that ever served this nation.

And we never will forget Harry S. Truman, that simple, direct, decent man from Missouri.

John Kennedy lifted the spirit of our people toward a new generation of hope and stands firmly in the progressive Democratic tradition.

And I was proud to serve as Vice President in the Administration of Lyndon Johnson. This man knew how to get things done and literally hammered out the greatest single legislative program of this century. He will be remembered as one of the great and forceful leaders of our Republic.

Look at what we have achieved together.

Our resources were being plundered in the last century and early in this one. So we developed concepts of conservation and management of our resources.

Our financial institutions in the 1920's were abused, so we created the Securities and Exchange Commission and a host of laws to regulate banking and other financial institutions.

The big railroads and utilities misused their power and harbored corruption, so we wrote regulatory legislation to correct these abuses.

Our workers were unemployed, so we provided jobs and unemployment compensation.

Many of our industries were shut down, so we provided loans and credit to save them.

Our older citizens were neglected, so this Party and its leadership wrote the Social Security Act and the Medicare and Medicaid programs for the senior citizens of this nation.

And some of our citizens were being denied the rights and the opportunities that were guaranteed to them in the Constitution. So we passed a landmark civil rights law to provide equal opportunities for all Americans.

In other words, time and time again we faced the reality. We got the job done.

We might have given up many times in the past, were it not for the leadership that our Party has provided and the democratic foundations of our Republic. Our nation has been built on a foundation of faith, reason and experience.

You and I, we the people, must not permit any person, any party or any group to destroy or erase those values, or to erase our gains by the neglect or the abuse of power.

I am confident that we will emerge from our present set of trials and difficulties renewed, invigorated and triumphant. But in order to do this, we must recapture the values and the principles that have served us so well in the past.

We believe in government of laws, not of men. The American people need to be reminded again and again that the Democratic Party believes in and is committed to a fundamental constitutional principle: government by law, not above the law, and not government by men who think they can break the law.

We believe in government with integrity, an essential virtue that we demand of our leaders even as we ought to demand it of ourselves as citizens.

We believe in government by public trust -- because without trust there can be no self-government. And that means that we must have leaders who deserve our trust and who fulfill it and not take it for granted.

We believe in self-reliance -- but tempered by a sense of humanitarianism and compassion for the less fortunate. We believe in achievement, in progress, in justice -- not just for some, but for all. And our beliefs have always been closely tied to our aspirations.

Like children, this nation has gone through phases -- from infancy to adulthood. As children, we learned certain ways of behaving, the difference between right and wrong. And as we reach adolescence, we begin to question those values and rules.

America has been passing through adolescence. It has been testing, questioning and challenging the assumption of the past.

I feel confident that America will embark on a new maturity.

Having seen our leaders break rules that we have accepted without question, we will work to assure that they are not broken in the future. That's what this Party will stand for.

Having seen our resources mismanaged and squandered, we have learned the hard lessons of stewardship and conservation.

Having endured the painful experiences of fuel and energy shortages. We will learn to become more self-sufficient and less wasteful.

Having seen our surpluses shrink and shortages arise in our agricultural supplies, we will learn the necessity for a national food policy and a food reserve for times of scarcity.

Having seen the cruel and paradoxical situation of high unemployment and rising inflation engulfing millions of our people at the same time, we must have the will and the courage to put an end to this nonsense.

Having seen our concern for national security and the rule of executive privilege cheapened, distorted and abused to cover up misdeeds, we are determined to devise new means of revealing information that is required to prove guilt or innocence.

Having seen the excesses of fast and loose collection and spending of national political campaign funds, we will write laws that can help clean up this process.

We will achieve all of these things and more, because the American people are disgusted, not disillusioned; angry, not resigned; indignant, not despondent.

The challenge to our Party is to reassert its role of leadership as the Party of the People. It is the Democratic Party that is ready and able to get on with the job of meeting the needs of the people of America.

This Party understands the needs of a worker in the shop, in the factory. We understand the needs of the people of the rural towns and villages and the farms of this land. We understand the businessman that seeks to provide employment and build his enterprise.

We are the voice of hope and opportunity for these people, and we shall take to the people our agenda for action. As one of our Party's leaders, I'm going to insist that we perform. I'm going to insist that we develop goals that can be realized for the American people, so that we can meet their needs and solve their problems.

We are going to provide and help establish a strong and stable economy.

We are going to help provide decent jobs and a living wage.

We are going to provide health care -- not just for some but for all, at the lowest possible cost.

We are going to provide good education for our children, clean and safe neighborhoods, and tax justice for our people.

We aren't going to provide any free rides. But we are going to try to make it possible for people to make something out of their lives.

So our Party stands for restoration of American values, and for replacing the politics of slogans and performance.

We must replace the politics of image with character and substance. Performance and duty must replace the emptiness of charisma. That's what's needed in this country.

A favorite quotation of mine summarizes my message to you today. It comes from the great American poet, who seemed to understand the heartbeat and the spirit of this nation. These are the words of Carl Sandburg. He speaks for me, as I know he speaks for you. He said.

" I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us. I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun, fresh from the burning, creative hand of God. I see great days ahead, great days possible to men and women of will and vision."

As we will it, so shall it be. A nation without vision shall perish. But a people with will and vision shall triumph.

I ask my Party not to cheapen itself by looking for the easy path.

I ask that we have the courage now to go to the American people with good candidates, with a sensible, responsible, achievable program.

We must reject those who would lead us down the path of dissension and disruption.

We must never forget that the American people crave duty, honor, performance, and integrity.

I know that we can give this and more to them.

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HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED FOR SO MANY YEARS.

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EVERY WALK OF LIFE, EVERY RACE, CREED AND NATIONALITY, YOUNG
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IT MEANS.

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AT OURSELVES. AND WE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS. ABOVE ALL, WE
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↳ NOT HOW WE CAN BE PERFECT, BUT HOW WE CAN BE BETTER. HOW
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TASK *because* AMERICA DESERVES BETTER THAN IT IS GETTING.

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DIVISIONS AND DISAGREEMENTS. WE HAVE SURVIVED AND GROWN STRONGER.
WE HAVE BROUGHT INTO OUR RANKS DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW, DIFFERENT
TYPES OF PEOPLE, ~~AND WE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT CLOSER TOGETHER BY~~
~~OUR DIVERSITY and our suffering.~~

~~I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCES WILL MAKE US CLOSER~~
~~AND WILL CONTINUE TO DRAW US TOGETHER.~~

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BEAUTIFUL -- NOR IS IT ALL UGLY. WE REFUSE TO STAND ALOOF FROM
THE CURRENTS OF CHANGE IN THIS NATION LIKE OUR REPUBLICAN FRIENDS
SO OFTEN DO.

L WE HAVE SEEN THE BOUNTY, THE RICHES OF OUR GREAT NATION
MISMANAGED AT HOME AND SOMETIMES SQUANDERED ABROAD FOR SHORT-TERM
ADVANTAGE,

L WE HAVE SEEN OUR GREAT ECONOMY NEGLECTED,

L WE HAVE SEEN SHORTAGES AND SCARCITY GROW THROUGH PRIVATE
GREED AND GOVERNMENT SHORTSIGHTEDNESS,

L WE'VE SEEN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF DELICATE CHECKS
AND BALANCES DANGEROUSLY TILTED IN FAVOR OF ONE BRANCH OF
GOVERNMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OTHERS,

L WE'VE SEEN OUR POLITICAL PROCESS POLLUTED AND CORRUPTED,
AND WE'VE SEEN POLITICAL POWER ABUSED AND MONEY ABUSED AS A MEANS OF
BUYING POWER,

L WE'VE SEEN HIGHLY PLACED TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC BETRAY THEIR
TRUST AND ACT AS THOUGH THEY WERE ABOVE THE LAW, INDEED, THEY
OFTEN ACTED AS IF THEY WERE THE LAW,

↳ THESE EXPERIENCES FOLLOW HARD AFTER NEARLY A DECADE OF
DISSENSION WITHIN OUR SOCIETY AT HOME AND A WAR ABROAD. ↳ THESE
EVENTS HAVE PLACED A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

↳ I AM SURE THAT A NATION OF ~~LESSER~~ LESSER CHARACTER AND STRENGTH
WOULD HAVE BUCKLED UNDER SUCH PRESSURES. ↳ BUT THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE HAVE NOT LOST THEIR CONFIDENCE, THEIR NERVE OR THEIR
GUTS.

↳ WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES!

↳ WE ARE A NATION THAT HAS BEEN FORGED IN TRIAL AND WEANED ON
CHALLENGE.

↳ THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE WERE SPENT
MOVING OUT BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN RANGE. ↳ WE NEXT TAMED THE
FORESTS AND THEN THE DESERTS. ↳ EVER BUILDING, GROWING, ENDURING,
OVERCOMING.

↳ WE BUILT A NATION THAT SPANNED A CONTINENT IN JUST A
CENTURY AND THEN FOUGHT A WAR THAT THREATENED TO SPLIT THE

UNION -- TO TEAR APART THAT WHICH WE HAVE BUILT ↳ WE THEN WENT
ON THE HEAL THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND BUILD ^{a modern} ~~AN~~ INDUSTRIALIZED SOCIETY.

↳ OUR SECOND HUNDRED YEARS ALSO HAVE BEEN A PERIOD OF TESTING!

↳ WE HAVE FOUND BETTER WAYS OF MAKING USE OF WHAT WE GAINED IN OUR
FIRST CENTURY OF EXISTENCE.

↳ WE MOVED BEYOND THE SEAS TO BECOME THE WORLD'S LEADING POWER.
AND WE STILL ARE! MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!

↳ WE SHOULDERED THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS OF WORLD LEADERSHIP.

↳ WE HAVE FOUGHT TWO WORLD WARS AND HAVE REBUILT WHAT THOSE WARS
DESTROYED.

~~We have~~

L SO WHAT IS OUR SECRET? WHY HAVE WE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO

PICK OURSELVES UP AND CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR WHAT WE THOUGHT
WAS RIGHT?

L THE ANSWER TO OUR SOURCE OF INNER STRENGTH HAS BEEN OUR

LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH GREAT LEADERSHIP IN TIMES

OF CRISIS. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A STABLE POLITICAL SYSTEM

AND A DURABLE ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

Leadership

L AT EVERY TURN, THIS PARTY, TO WHICH YOU AND I ARE PRIVILEGED
TO BELONG, HAS PROVIDED THE LEADERSHIP TO RALLY THE PEOPLE.

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L THE LEGACY OF OUR PARTY IS OF A WOODROW WILSON -- A MAN
WHO GAINED A PERMANENT PLACE OF HONOR IN OUR HISTORY.

L OUR LEGACY IS IN THE POLITICS OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT,
WHO WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN THAT

EVER SERVED THIS NATION.

AND WE NEVER WILL FORGET HARRY S. TRUMAN, THAT SIMPLE,
DIRECT, DECENT MAN FROM MISSOURI.

JOHN KENNEDY LIFTED THE SPIRIT OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARD A NEW
GENERATION OF HOPE AND STANDS FIRMLY IN THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC
TRADITION.

AND I WAS PROUD TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION
OF LYNDON JOHNSON. THIS MAN KNEW HOW TO GET THINGS DONE AND

LITERALLY HAMMERED OUT THE GREATEST SINGLE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
OF THIS CENTURY. Civil Rts, Voting Rts, AID to Educ, Medicare, Environment Protection
HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE GREAT AND

FORCEFUL LEADERS OF OUR REPUBLIC.

Learned from mistakes

LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER!

OUR RESOURCES WERE BEING PLUNDERED IN THE LAST CENTURY AND
EARLY IN THIS ONE. SO WE DEVELOPED CONCEPTS OF CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF OUR RESOURCES.

OUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE 1920's WERE ABUSED, SO WE
CREATED THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND A HOST OF
LAWS TO REGULATE BANKING AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE BIG RAILROADS AND UTILITIES MISUSED THEIR POWER AND
HARBORED CORRUPTION, SO WE WROTE REGULATORY LEGISLATION TO
CORRECT THESE ABUSES.

OUR WORKERS WERE UNEMPLOYED, SO WE PROVIDED JOBS AND
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

MANY OF OUR INDUSTRIES WERE SHUT DOWN, SO WE PROVIDED LOANS
AND CREDIT TO SAVE THEM.

OUR OLDER CITIZENS WERE NEGLECTED, SO THIS PARTY AND ITS
LEADERSHIP WROTE THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AND THE MEDICARE AND
MEDICAID PROGRAMS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF THIS NATION.

↳ AND SOME OF OUR CITIZENS WERE BEING DENIED THE RIGHTS
AND THE OPPORTUNITIES WHAT WERE GUARANTEED TO THEM IN THE
CONSTITUTION. ↳ SO WE PASSED A LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS LAW TO
PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS.

↳ IN OTHER WORDS, TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE FACED THE REALITY.
We dared to try - to dream - to act
WE GOT THE JOB DONE.

↳ WE MIGHT HAVE GIVEN UP MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, WERE IT
NOT FOR THE LEADERSHIP THAT OUR PARTY HAS PROVIDED AND THE
DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATIONS OF OUR REPUBLIC. ↳ OUR NATION HAS BEEN
BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF FAITH, REASON AND EXPERIENCE.

↳ YOU AND I, WE THE PEOPLE, MUST NOT PERMIT ANY PERSON,
ANY PARTY OR ANY GROUP TO DESTROY OR ERASE THOSE VALUES, OR
TO ERASE OUR GAINS BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR THE ABUSE OF POWER.

↳ I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL EMERGE FROM OUR PRESENT SET

OF TRIALS AND DIFFICULTIES RENEWED, INVIGORATED AND TRIUMPHANT.

↳ BUT IN ORDER TO DO THIS, WE MUST RECAPTURE THE VALUES AND THE

PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE SERVED US SO WELL IN THE PAST.

↳ WE BELIEVE IN GOVERNMENT OF LAWS, NOT OF MEN. ↳ THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED TO BE REMINDED AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BELIEVES IN AND IS COMMITTED TO A FUNDAMENTAL

CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE: GOVERNMENT BY LAW, NOT ABOVE THE

LAW, AND NOT GOVERNMENT BY MEN WHO THINK THEY CAN BREAK THE LAW.

↳ WE BELIEVE IN GOVERNMENT WITH INTEGRITY, AN ESSENTIAL

VIRTUE THAT WE DEMAND OF OUR LEADERS EVEN AS WE OUGHT TO DEMAND

IT OF OURSELVES AS CITIZENS.

1 WE BELIEVE IN GOVERNMENT BY PUBLIC TRUST -- BECAUSE WITHOUT
TRUST THERE CAN BE NO SELF-GOVERNMENT. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE
MUST HAVE LEADERS WHO DESERVE OUR TRUST AND WHO FULFILL IT AND
NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED.

1 WE BELIEVE IN SELF-RELIANCE -- BUT TEMPERED BY A SENSE
OF HUMANITARIANISM AND COMPASSION FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE. WE
BELIEVE IN ACHIEVEMENT, IN PROGRESS, IN JUSTICE -- NOT JUST FOR
SOME, BUT FOR ALL. AND OUR BELIEFS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLOSELY
TIED TO OUR ASPIRATIONS.

(“WE THE PEOPLE” LANGUAGE CAN BE USED HERE)

1 LIKE CHILDREN, THIS NATION HAS GONE THROUGH PHASES -- FROM
INFANCY TO ADULTHOOD. AS CHILDREN, WE LEARNED CERTAIN WAYS OF
BEHAVING, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG. AND AS WE
REACH ADOLESCENCE, WE BEGIN TO QUESTION THOSE VALUES AND RULES.

AMERICA HAS BEEN PASSING THROUGH ADOLESCENCE. IT HAS BEEN

TESTING, QUESTIONING AND CHALLENGING THE ASSUMPTION OF THE PAST.

~~But~~ I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT AMERICA WILL EMBARK ON A NEW MATURITY.

↳ HAVING SEEN OUR LEADERS BREAK RULES THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED

WITHOUT QUESTION, WE WILL WORK TO ASSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT

BROKEN IN THE FUTURE. THAT'S WHAT THIS PARTY WILL STAND FOR!

↳ HAVING SEEN OUR RESOURCES MISMANAGED AND SQUANDERED, WE

HAVE LEARNED THE HARD LESSONS OF STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION.

That's what our party must stand for!

↳ HAVING ENDURED THE PAINFUL EXPERIENCES OF FUEL AND ENERGY

SHORTAGES. WE WILL LEARN TO BECOME MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT AND

LESS WASTEFUL.

This is what our party must work for.

↳ HAVING SEEN OUR SURPLUSES SHRINK AND SHORTAGES ARISE IN OUR

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES, WE WILL LEARN THE NECESSITY FOR A NATIONAL

FOOD POLICY AND A FOOD RESERVE FOR TIMES OF SCARCITY.

This we owe to our country -

↳ HAVING SEEN THE CRUEL AND PARADOXICAL SITUATION OF HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT AND RISING INFLATION ENGULFING MILLIONS OF OUR
PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST HAVE THE WILL AND THE COURAGE
TO PUT AN END TO THIS NONSENSE.

↳ HAVING SEEN OUR CONCERN FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE RULE
OF EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE CHEAPENED, DISTORTED AND ABUSED TO COVER UP
MISDEEDS, WE ARE DETERMINED TO DEVISE NEW MEANS OF REVEALING
INFORMATION THAT IS REQUIRED TO PROVE GUILT OR INNOCENCE.

↳ HAVING SEEN THE EXCESSES OF FAST AND LOOSE COLLECTION
AND SPENDING OF NATIONAL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS, WE WILL WRITE
LAWS THAT CAN HELP CLEAN UP THIS PROCESS.

↳ WE WILL ACHIEVE ALL OF THESE THINGS AND MORE, BECAUSE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DISGUSTED, NOT DISILLUSIONED; ANGRY, NOT
RESIGNED; INDIGNANT, NOT DESPONDENT.

THE CHALLENGE TO OUR PARTY IS TO REASSERT ITS ROLE OF
LEADERSHIP AS THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE. IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY THAT IS READY AND ABLE TO GET ON WITH THE JOB OF MEETING
THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.

THIS PARTY UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS OF A WORKER IN THE SHOP,
IN THE FACTORY. WE UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
RURAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE FARMS OF THIS LAND. WE
UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESSMAN THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND

BUILD HIS ENTERPRISE. *and we must reach out to the young - and live and practice true equality of opportunity for all - without regard to race, creed, economic status or sex*
WE ARE THE VOICE OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE PEOPLE,

AND WE SHALL TAKE TO THE PEOPLE OUR AGENDA FOR ACTION AS ONE
OF OUR PARTY'S LEADERS, I'M GOING TO INSIST THAT WE PERFORM.

I'M GOING TO INSIST THAT WE DEVELOP GOALS THAT CAN BE REALIZED
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SO THAT WE CAN MEET THEIR NEEDS AND
SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

↳ WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE AND HELP ESTABLISH A STRONG AND

STABLE ECONOMY.

↳ WE ARE GOING TO HELP PROVIDE DECENT JOBS AND A LIVING WAGE.

↳ WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE -- NOT JUST FOR SOME

BUT FOR ALL, AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST.

↳ WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE GOOD EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN,

CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND TAX JUSTICE FOR OUR PEOPLE.

↳ WE AREN'T GOING TO PROVIDE ANY FEE RIDES, BUT WE ARE

GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE SOMETHING

OUT OF THEIR LIVES.

↳ SO OUR PARTY STANDS FOR RESTORATION OF AMERICAN VALUES,

AND FOR REPLACING THE POLITICS OF SLOGANS ^{with} ~~AND~~ PERFORMANCE.

WE MUST REPLACE THE POLITICS OF IMAGE WITH CHARACTER

Charisma with substance - yes performance, duty
AND SUBSTANCE. PERFORMANCE AND DUTY MUST REPLACE THE EMPTINESS

character substance -

OF CHARISMA. THAT'S WHAT'S NEEDED IN THIS COUNTRY.

A FAVORITE QUOTATION OF MINE SUMMARIZES MY MESSAGE TO YOU

*Tonite
today.*

IT COMES FROM THE GREAT AMERICAN POET, WHO SEEMED TO

UNDERSTAND THE HEARTBEAT AND THE SPIRIT OF THIS NATION. THESE

ARE THE WORDS OF CARL SANDBURG. HE SPEAKS FOR ME, AS I KNOW HE

SPEAKS FOR YOU. HE SAID.

" I SEE AMERICA, NOT IN THE SETTING SUN OF A BLACK NIGHT OF DESPAIR AHEAD OF US. I SEE AMERICAN IN THE CRIMSON LIGHT OF A RISING SUN, FRESH FROM THE BURNING, CREATIVE HAND OF GOD. I SEE GREAT DAYS AHEAD, GREAT DAYS POSSIBLE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL AND VISION."

AS WE WILL IT, SO SHALL IT BE! A NATION WITHOUT VISION SHALL

PERISH. BUT A PEOPLE WITH WILL AND VISION SHALL TRIUMPH!

I ASK MY PARTY NOT TO CHEAPEN ITSELF BY LOOKING FOR THE
EASY PATH.

I ASK THAT WE HAVE THE COURAGE NOW TO GO TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WITH GOOD CANDIDATES, WITH A SENSIBLE, RESPONSIBLE,
ACHIEVABLE PROGRAM.

WE MUST REJECT THOSE WHO WOULD LEAD US DOWN THE PATH OF
DISSENSION AND DISRUPTION.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ^{deserve} ~~OWE~~ DUTY,
HONOR, PERFORMANCE, AND INTEGRITY.

I KNOW THAT WE CAN GIVE THIS AND MORE TO THEM.

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