

VICE PRESIDENT'S TALKING POINTS
ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION ON IRAN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1979, 11:30 A.M.
ROOSEVELT ROOM

MAYOR HAGEN, *Senator Nelson*
[DENNIS MARTIN, FRIENDS;

- I AM DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA SUPPORTING PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING TO DEAL WITH THE CRISIS IN IRAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- AS WE MEET THIS MORNING, 50 COURAGEOUS AND DEDICATED SERVANTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE HELD HOSTAGE IN TEHRAN -- AN OUTRAGE THAT FLOUTS EVERY PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND FUNDAMENTAL DECENCY.
- AS WE MEET, THE PRESIDENT IS IN THE WHITE HOUSE GIVING HIS TOTAL ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION IN IRAN AS HE HAS SINCE THE SEIZURE OF OUR EMBASSY A MONTH AGO. HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO SECURE THE SAFE AND EARLY RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES.
- THIS RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS OF ALBERT LEA SERVES TO EMPHASIZE THE BASIC AMERICAN VALUES THAT UNITE ALL OF US IN THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME.

- THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN GOADED AND PROVOKED, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE RESPONDED WITH CALMNESS AND REASON. THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH HATRED AND VENGEANCE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE REACTED WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND RESTRAINT. THOUGH THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE REFUSED TO DESCEND TO THAT SAME LEVEL IN RETALIATION.
- ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, I AM DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONVEY MY PERSONAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN ITS PREPARATION. IT IS A SUPERB DOCUMENT THAT SYMBOLIZES THE UNITY OF AMERICANS AND OUR DETERMINATION TO BRING HOME THE 50 AMERICANS HELD HOSTAGE SAFELY AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.



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