

SPEECH BY GOVERNOR VICTOR ATIYEH OF OREGON
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As the son of an immigrant father,

I AM ~~PROUD~~ ^{HONORED} TO BRING YOU A REPORT THIS MORNING FROM THE
REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION.

AS REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS, WE ~~ARE PROUD~~ ^{GLOW IN THE FACT THAT} IT IS ONE OF OUR
OWN... / FORMER GOVERNOR REAGAN... / WHO IS MAKING US ~~PROUD~~ ^{SWELL WITH PRIDE} TO BE
REPUBLICANS AND ^{EVEN} PROUDER ~~STILL~~ TO BE AMERICANS.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION,
I PLEDGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN... / AND TO VICE PRESIDENT BUSH... /
THE ENTHUSIASTIC ^{UNEQUIVOCAL} SUPPORT OF REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS TO WORK FOR YOUR
RE-ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

AS REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS, WE ARE COMMITTED....

● COMMITTED TO RE-ELECTING PRESIDENT REAGAN AND VICE
PRESIDENT BUSH IN NOVEMBER.

● COMMITTED TO ~~CREATING~~ ^{IGNITING} A GRASSROOTS ENTHUSIASM ACROSS
THIS NATION THAT WILL ENABLE THE REAGAN-BUSH TEAM TO ^{CONTINUE TO} CARRY OUT
ITS HISTORIC NATIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

● AND COMMITTED TO ^{BUILDING} ~~PREPARING~~ THE FOUNDATION FOR
RETAIN CONTROL OF THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1988.

MR. PRESIDENT... / REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS PLEDGE TO HELP
 DELIVER A RE-ELECTION VICTORY TO YOU SO ^{THAT} YOU CAN CONTINUE TO
 DELIVER PROSPERITY, / SECURITY / AND PRIDE TO ALL AMERICANS.

BEFORE GOVERNOR REAGAN WAS INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT
 REAGAN, THERE WAS TALK OF A MALAISE IN AMERICA.

LET ME TELL YOU... THERE WAS NO MALAISE AT THAT TIME /
 ... EXCEPT PERHAPS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE SEARCHING... / DESPERATELY
 SEARCHING ... / FOR A RETURN TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP THEY KNEW
 SHOULD BE THEIRS.

TODAY / A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS ^{HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WE} ~~KNOW THINGS~~ ARE GOING IN
 THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN AMERICA.

TODAY... / BY THE WIDEST MARGIN EVER... / THE PUBLIC
 BELIEVES REPUBLICAN POLICIES ARE THE BEST POLICIES FOR DEALING
 WITH THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OUR NATION FACES.

THE FACT IS... / AMERICANS WILL RE-ELECT A TICKET THAT
 HAS SPENT FOUR YEARS / SINGLE-MINDEDLY ^{≠ TENTATIVELY WORKING} ~~CAMPAINING~~ FOR THE FUTURE
 OF ^{THIS GREAT NATION} ~~AMERICA.~~

^{MONOTONOUS}
 THE ^ARHETORIC OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ^{SPEAKS TO US} ~~TALKS~~ ABOUT
 "NEW IDEAS" AND A "NEW REALISM."

YET NOT SINCE 1968 / HAVE THE DEMOCRATS OFFERED TO AMERICA
 A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SO CLEARLY TIED TO THE OLD ^{CONCEPTS} ~~IDEAS~~ THAT
 BIG GOVERNMENT MUST PEER OVER OUR SHOULDERS, / HOLD OUR HANDS // AND
 PICK OUR POCKETS.

THE DEMOCRATS HAVE GIVEN AMERICA A REVISED DEFINITION OF
 THE WORD "NEW."

THE "NEW IDEAS" OF THE DEMOCRATS WOULD ^{JERK} ~~TAKE~~ US BACK TO
 THE ^{DISCARDED PHILOSOPHY} ~~WORN-OUT~~ ~~CONCEPTS~~ THAT IN 1980 BROUGHT AMERICA TO THE BRINK
 OF DISASTER.

THE "NEW REALISM" OF THE DEMOCRATS IS SHROUDED IN FOG
 AND OBSCURED BY THEIR ^{BLURRED} ~~UNCLEAR~~ VISION OF AMERICA'S FUTURE.

AMERICANS UNDERSTAND THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE .. / AND THEY
 KNOW THAT THE NEW REALISM IS INSTEAD THE ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE
 ALCHEMY, ^{THAT} THE REAGAN-BUSH TEAM HAS WORKED ON OUR ECONOMY.

THE REPUBLICAN NEW REALISM IS THAT ^{LOW & FIXED} ~~MIDDLE~~ INCOME
 AMERICANS NO LONGER ARE ROBBED BY THE INFLATION OF INEXORABLY
 RISING PRICES.

THE REPUBLICAN NEW REALISM IS THAT AMERICAN FAMILIES NO LONGER FIND THE DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP A COSTLY NIGHTMARE FROM WHICH THEY FEAR THEY MAY NEVER AWAKEN.

THE REPUBLICAN NEW REALISM IS AN ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON THAT HAS APPOINTED THE FIRST WOMAN TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT... AND THAT HAS ELEVATED LARGE NUMBERS OF WOMEN TO SIGNIFICANT POLICY-MAKING ROLES IN GOVERNMENT ... ^{AND} THAT HAS ELEVATED THEM ON THEIR STRENGTHS, NOT ON TOKENISM.

THE REPUBLICAN NEW REALISM IS THAT THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM ON WHICH OLDER AMERICANS ^{SO HEAVILY} DEPEND HAS BEEN PULLED BACK FROM THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY.

THE REPUBLICAN NEW REALISM IS ^{THAT} AMERICANS AROUND THE WORLD ^{AND AT} ^{HOME} HAVE NEVER FELT SO SAFE... / SO CONFIDENT... / SO SURE THEIR LEADERS IN WASHINGTON STOOD READY TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS, AND THEIR LIVES. AND THIS, THE FINEST SYSTEM IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD

MR. PRESIDENT, AS YOU RESTORED ^D LEADERSHIP IN THE WHITE HOUSE... THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ^{WERE} ARE MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK IN THE STATEHOUSES ALL ACROSS OUR NATION.

IN CALIFORNIA, GOVERNOR DEUKMEJIAN HAS BROUGHT HIS STATE BACK FROM THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY WITHOUT HIGHER GENERAL TAXES.

IN ILLINOIS, GOVERNOR THOMPSON IS LIVING UP TO HIS 1975 TITLE AS "ILLINOISAN OF THE YEAR" BY ESTABLISHING THE FIRST STATE-FINANCED IN-HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

IN NEW JERSEY, GOVERNOR KEAN INSTITUTED MANAGEMENT CONTROLS THAT HAVE SAVED HIS STATE A HUNDRED-MILLION DOLLARS.

IN TENNESSEE, GOVERNOR ALEXANDER HAS PUT HIS STATE ON THE MAP FOR ITS AGGRESSIVE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

IN DELAWARE, GOVERNOR DU PONT... ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S "2-HUNDRED FACES OF THE FUTURE" NINE YEARS AGO... HAS GIVEN HIS STATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE BY RESTORING FINANCIAL STABILITY ^{AND A NEW HIGH} ~~IN HIS~~ ^{IN ECONOMIC STRENGTH} ~~FIRST TERM OF OFFICE.~~

INDEED, MR. PRESIDENT, ^{ONE} EACH OF THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED UNCOMMON COURAGE, FAR-SIGHTED VISION, DECISIVE ACTION AND WELCOMED COMMON SENSE ^{TRULY AND ACCURATELY} REFLECTING THE CHARACTER OF AMERICANS.

ACROSS AMERICA, REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ARE OFFERING LEADERSHIP.

Across America the Republican Party is offering leadership.

ACROSS AMERICA, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS OFFERING EXEMPLARY CANDIDATES IN STATEHOUSE RACES THIS YEAR.

AS WE CONTINUE OUR WORK... / AS WE MOVE ADDITIONAL STATES INTO THE GOP COLUMN IN NOVEMBER... / WE PLEDGE TO YOU OUR SUPPORT.

I AM A LIFELONG REPUBLICAN.

BUT / I AM A REPUBLICAN ONLY BECAUSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY REFLECTS MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY.

MINE IS NOT A SLAVISH, BLIND LOYALTY TO PARTY.

AMERICANS HAVE SHOWN ... / REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARTY REGISTRATION ... / THEY WILL SUPPORT A ^{PHILOSOPHY} ~~PARTY~~ THAT... / LIKE OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY... HAS LED A REBIRTH OF HOPE... / HAS LED A RESURGENCE OF PROSPERITY... / AND HAS REKINDLED THE VALUES OF PATRIOTISM AND THE FAMILY ACROSS THIS GREAT LAND WE CALL AMERICA.

THE ^{FOUNDATION} ~~PHILOSOPHY~~ OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY... AND THE ^{KEystone} ~~PHILOSOPHY~~ OF OUR NATION... IS TO ASK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT... / AND TO DEMAND GOVERNMENT NOT RUN THE LIVES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE DEMOCRATS / WHO THREATEN TO STRIP AMERICANS OF OUR PRIDE, our PERSONAL DIGNITY / AND BE OUR INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE SIMPLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

~~THESE~~ ^{THOSE} DEMOCRATS ARE PRACTICING WHAT I CALL THE PRE-1776 THINKING OF PATERNALISM ... THE ~~THE~~ ^{OUTCAST} ~~THREAT~~ PHILOSOPHY THAT GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE CARE OF US.

TO EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN THIS HALL TODAY... AND TO EVERY AMERICAN ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION... WE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS URGE AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT TO RE-ELECT THE WORKING TEAM OF RONALD REAGAN AND GEORGE BUSH.

WE URGE AMERICANS TO MAKE THIS EFFORT FOR THEMSELVES.

WE URGE AMERICANS TO MAKE THIS EFFORT IN THEIR OWN PERSONAL SELF-INTEREST.

WE URGE AMERICANS TO ELECT REPUBLICANS....

- TO ELECT REPUBLICANS TO THE STATEHOUSES AND TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

- TO ELECT REPUBLICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DIGNITY AND THE EXPANSION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS.

- AND TO ELECT REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE UNLOCKED THIS NEW GENERATION OF PROSPERITY AND PRIDE FOR ALL OF AMERICA.

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