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ABOUT A MAJOR CONCERN OF ALL AMERICANS -- THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE -- THE HEALTH OF OUR NATION.

LI WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON HEALTH CARE, ON HEALTH RESEARCH, ON HEALTH FACILITIES.

AND COMMITMENT ON THESE MATTERS, AND I WANT
TO SPEAK FRANKLY.

I HAVE BEEN READING THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

FOR 1972 AND I AM IMPRESSED BY HIS CALL FOR

NEW INITIATIVES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

AND SICKLE CELL ANEMIA HIS MESSAGE HOLDS MUCH

PROMISE FOR A HEALTHIER AMERICA.

THE PRESIDENT, IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS,

CALLED ON THE NATION TO JUDGE HIS ADMINISTRATION

NOT ON ITS WORDS BUT ON ITS ACTIONS. SO,

TAKING THIS ADVICE, LET'S LOOK AT THE NIXON

RECORD ON HEALTH.

JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER COMING TO OFFICE,

PRESIDENT NIXON ACKNOWLEDGED A "MASSIVE CRISIS"

IN THE AREA OF HEALTH CARE AS HE SPOKE OF

THE DANGERS OF THE POSSIBLE "BREAKDOWN IN OUR

MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM THAT COULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES

AFFECTING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE

COUNTRY."

THAT WAS MID-1969, AND IT WAS THE LAST WE HEARD FROM HIM FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

TO RISK THE BREAKDOWN IN MEDICAL CARE THAT HE SO CLEARLY FORESAW.

THEN, OUT OF THE SILENCE, MR. NIXON SPOKE. HE SAID, "NO!"

NO TO CANCER AND HEART RESEARCH.

NO TO HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION.

NO TO PROVIDING MORE GENERAL PRACTICE

PHYSICIANS.

NO TO FUNDING GOVERNMENT HEALTH AGENCIES.

NO . . . NO . . . NO . . . NO . . . NO .

THIS IS THE SAME MAN WHO SPOKE OF A 'MASSIVE CRISIS' IN HEALTH CARE.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

EDUCATION AND WELFARE, A DECISION THAT FORCED

THE CLOSING OF 19 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF

HEALTH CENTERS AS WELL AS A CUTBACK OF

\$21 MILLION IN FUNDS FOR CANCER AND HEART

RESEARCH AS WELL AS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND

DOZENS OF OTHER KILLERS

THEN ANOTHER VETO -- THE HILL-BURTON

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL . . . AND STILL

ANOTHER -- THIS TIME ON LEGISLATION TO INCREASE

THE NATION'S SUPPLY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS.

NOW THE CONGRESS RECEIVES A BUDGET THAT

KEEPS THE RATE OF SPENDING ON HEALTH DOWN TO

THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR -- AND I DON'T HAVE

TO REMIND YOU THAT WAS A YEAR OF VETOES AND

SEVERE CUTBACKS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH.

SOME OF THOSE CUTBACKS WERE SO DRASTLE THAT

A NUMBER OF RESEARCH PROJECTS HAD TO BE

CANCELLED. ONE OF THOSE MIGHT HAVE HELD A

CURE FOR CANCER, AN ANSWER TO HEART DISEASE,

A SOLUTION FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS.

AND A FACT WHICH IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED IS

THAT CAREFULLY SELECTED TEAMS OF DOCTORS,

SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS HAD TO BE DISBANDED.

T COULD TAKE YEARS TO REASSEMBLE THESE VALUABLE

RESEARCH TEAMS.

UNMET NEEDS FOR HEALTH RESEARCH -- THE

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT NIH DECLARED NECESSARY

AND WHAT WAS ACTUALLY SPENT -- TOTALLED MORE THAN

\$201 MILLION LAST YEAR, DOUBLE THE SUM FOR

THE YEAR BEFORE, THE YEAR THAT AMOUNT IS THE

EXPECTED TO DROP INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF COMMENT OF COME

-THAT CAN HARDLY BE CALLED CLOSING THE

GAP BETWEEN ACTION AND NEED.

THIS IS MONEY SORELY NEEDED TO FIGHT

CANCER, HEART AND LUNG DISEASE, ALTERGIES,

NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES, ARTHRITIS AND MEJABOLIC

DISEASES, AND SO MANY, MANY OTHERS.

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LARGE SUMS OF MONEY APPROPRIATED BY THE

CONGRESS NEVER WERE SPENT. JUST WHY THESE WERE

WITHHELD REMAINS A MYSTERY, BUT

THE ACTION HAS HAD A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON

HEALTH RESEARCH AND TRAINING

JOO OFTEN RESEARCH FUNDS TOOK BACK SEAT-

TO SPENDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS.

IN THE AREA OF ARTHRITIS AND METABOLIC

DISEASES, WHICH INCLUDES CF, THE CONGRESS

APPROPRIATED \$119 MILLION FOR 1970 BUT THE

ADMINISTRATION WOULD PERMIT THE EXPENDITURE OF

ONLY \$106 MILLION. THIS LEFT \$13 MILLION UNSPENT

AT THE SAME TIME THERE WAS A NEED FOR NEARLY

\$40 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

/ FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH FOR CF ALONE LAST YEAR DROPPED BY MORE THAN \$80,000 TO TO GO UP ABOUT \$100,000

NOW, BEFORE YOU SAY TO YOURSELF, "AHA, IT'S GOING UP," THINK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT THE IMPACT OF AN ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION OF 6%. THAT ALONE WIPES OUT THE INCREASE, AND TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, THERE'S THE ADDED COST

EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

the

THE RESULT IS A REAL DOLLAR DECREASE

OF INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED RESEARCH

IN RESEARCH EXPENDITURES.

THAT'S ONE WAY TO LOOK AT FEDERAL HEALTH RESEARCH. LET'S TAKE ANOTHER.

THIS YEAR'S FEDERAL EXPENDITURE ON CF

RESEARCH IS ABOUT HALF THE COST OF ONE

PHANTOM JET.

(MAYBE WE COULD ASK THE AIR FORCE OR THE NAVY TO DONATE JUST ONE FIGHTER-BOMBER OR TWO TO CF. THINK OF WHAT WE COULD DO WITH THAT MONEY.)

TOTAL BASIC HEALTH RESEARCH SPENDING IN

THE 1972 BUDGET (\$500 HILLION) IS LESS THAN

HALF OF WHAT IT WILL COST TAXPAYERS TO BUILD

## SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT PLANE

TOTAL FEDERAL OUTLAYS FOR ALL BIOMEDICAL

RESEARCH IN THIS LATEST BUDGET (\$1.3 BILLION)

COME TO LESS THAN THE PRICE OF BUILDING ONE NEW

AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND ITS SMALLER SUPPORTING SHIPS.

LALL THIS SUGGESTS TO ME THAT SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG WITH OUR SYSTEM OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES,

LI'M NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT SEES IT THIS WAY. I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT A FOUR-YEAR STUDY BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

A PRETIGIOUS COMMITTEE OF 28 OF THE NATION'S LEADING LIFE SCIENTISTS, WORKING UNDER DR. PHILIP HANDLER, PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY, HAS WARNED THAT INCREASINGLY TIGHT FEDERAL BUDGETS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND LIFE SCIENCES ARE CRIPPLING THE NATION'S ABILITY TO HALT DISEASE AND RESCUE THE ENVIRONMENT THAT'S A PRETTY STRONG INDICTMENT, AND THEY

BACK IT UP WITH PLENTY OF EVIDENCE.

UNLESS THE COUNTRY INCREASES BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, THE REPORT SAYS, "BY THE TURN OF THIS CENTURY THIS COUNTRY MUST DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS, NURSES, TECHNICIANS, HOSPITAL BEDS, AND SANATARIA AND LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE EQUIVALENT INCREMENT IN HUMAN SUFFERING." THESE DISTINGUISHED SCIENTISTS TELL US THAT BIOLOGISTS STAND AT THE EXCITING THRESHOLD OF "UNDERSTANDING LIFE ON MOLECULAR TERMS," AND THUS POSSIBLY ON THE VERGE OF CONQUERING SUCH DISEASES AS CANCER AND DIABETES AND SOME

Genetic Duesse

OF THE CAUSES OF MENTAL RETARDATION

L BUT AT THE SAME TIME, BIOLOGISTS AND MEDICAL SCIENTISTS HAVE IN EFFECT SUFFERED A 30% CUT IN REAL FEDERAL DOLLARS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS OR SO, SQUEEZED RESEARCH BUDGETS THE COMMITTEE REPORTS, "ARE NOW RESTRICTING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, MORALE AMONG LIFE SCIENTISTS IS FALLING AND APPREHENSIONS ARE RISING." ETHE PROBLEM, THE COMMITTEE URGES FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING. ISTEN TO SOME OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS: -- BASIC BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SHOULD GROW BY 12-15% A YEAR ABOVE FISC

- -- HARD-PRESSED UNIVERSITIES SHOULD GET "BLOCK SUPPORT" GRANTS SO THEY CAN PAY SCIENCE FACULTIES THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN HAVE around FACULTIES CONSTANTLY SCURRYING FOR RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THEIR PAY.
- -- NIH GRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMS ALONE SHOULD BE DOUBLED OVER FIVE YEARS AND STUDENTS IN SOME VOCATIONS SHOULD BE GRADUATED WITH STEPLER DOCTORATES THAN THE TIME CONSUMING PHD. REQUIRING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ..
- -- THERE SHOULD BE SIMILAR EXPANSIONS TO BUILD NEW BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES - PROGRAMS -- AND TO BUY OR USE INSTRUMENTS, ALMOST DURMANI INCLUDING COMPUTERS.

-- HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND HEALTH SERVICES
SHOULD BE EXPANDED AS SEPARATE PROGRAMS, NOT AT
THE EXPENSE OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, AS AT PRESENT.

-- "A CENTRAL MECHANISM" IN SOME EXISTING
AGENCY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR EDUCATION AND
RESEARCH IN CONTROL OF RUNAWAY POPULATION
GROWTH, THEY CALL THIS "A PRIMARY THREAT."

-- A NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY MAN'S
EFFECT ON THE DETERIORATING ENVIRONMENT IN THE
SAME WAY THE PRESENT NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STUDIES EFFECTS ON MAN.

THESE DISTINGUISHED LIFE SCIENTISTS HAVE
HELPED IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM AND TOLD US WHAT
MUST BE DONE. NOW IT IS UP TO US TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

OUR ABILITY TO RESOLVE TODAY'S CRITICAL

CRISES IN HEALTH CARE DEPENDS ON OUR NATIONAL

WILL. AS WITH SO MANY OTHER TOUGH PROBLEMS,

THE ULTIMATE DETERMINATION IS A MATTER OF

THE PRIORITIES WE SET FOR OURSELVES AS A

Planning

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

FOR CENTURIES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HAVE OFFERED THE PROSPECT OF FREEDOM FROM

HUNGER AND FROM THE RAVAGES OF THE ELEMENTS.

IN OUR GENERATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

OFFER MAN A LONGER LIFE AND THE EASY PREVENTION

OF UNWANTED LIFE.

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROMISE FREEDOM FROM DISABILITY AND DISEASE AND THE ADDED FACILITY IN THE MIRACULOUS TRANSPLANTS OF ESSENTIAL LIFE-MAINTAINING ORGANS.

A BUT AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE RECEIVE THESE LIFE-SUSTAINING GIFTS, THERE IS A PARADOXIC EXPANSION OF THE LIFE DESTROYING ARSENAL

WE HAVE WEAPONS THAT CAN WIPE OUT HUMANITY IN AN INSTANT.

WE HAVE INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS THAT POISON OUR ATMOSPHERE AND OUR WATERS.

L WE HAVE TRANSIT SYSTEMS AND VEHICLES DESIGNED FOR MOVEMENT -- THAT MAKE MOVEMENT ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE.

WE HAVE ADVANCED AUTOMATION -- AND THE RESULTING THREAT OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

WE HAVE A FINE NEW MEDICINE CHEST OF WONDER DRUGS -- WITH PRICE TAGS BEYOND THE REACH OF MANY OF OUR CITIZENS.

WE CANNOT BLAME OUR SCIENTISTS AND OUR
TECHNICIANS FOR THE WAY WE APPLY THEIR SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY. THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES ON OUR
OWN DOORSTEP.

THERE IS NO CONCEIVABLE REASON WHY THE

WEALTHIEST, MOST SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED

NATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD -- THE UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA -- IS NOT ALSO THE HEALTHIEST

NATION ON EARTH.

## WE ARE NOT

DESPITE THE FACT THAT AMERICANS LAST

YEAR SPENT OVER \$70 BILLION ON HEALTH CARE

WE RANK 13TH AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN

INFANT MORTALITY, 11TH IN LIFE EXPECTANCY

FOR WOMEN AND 18TH IN LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR MEN.

ALL THIS POINTS TO ONE INESCAPABLE FACT -AMERICANS ARE LESS HEALTHY NOW THAN THEY WERE

20 YEARS AGO WHEN THE NATIONAL ANNUAL HEALTH

EXPENDITURE WAS LESS THAN ONE-FIFTH WHAT IT

IS TODAY.

FORTY MILLION AMERICANS HAVE NO HEALTH
INSURANCE OF ANY KIND. NO ONE ACTUALLY HAS
HEALTH INSURANCE -- IT'S REALLY SICKNESS
INSURANCE.

AND YOU'VE GOT TO BE SICK, REALLY SICK, BEFORE YOU GET ANY BENEFITS.

PREPONDERANT NUMBER OF STATES IN THIS WEALTHY

NATION OF OURS REQUIRE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE,

BUT NOT ONE STATE REQUIRES, THE MOST MINIMAL

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS.

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A SERIOUS DEFICIENCY
IN BASIC PLANNING, DESIGN AND OPERATION OF
OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM -- A FAILURE OF OUR
SOCIETY TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL PRIORITIES.
THE TIME HAS COME, I AM CONVINCED, TO GET

BOTH OUR PRIORITIES AND OUR SYSTEMS STRAIGHTENED
OUR AND FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

WE ARE THE ONLY MAJOR WESTERN NATION THAT

DOES NOT HAVE A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FOR

THE MAJORITY OF ITS CITIZENS.

BECAUSE THE NEED IS SO OBVIOUS, I HAVE

JOINED WITH 22 OTHER UNITED STATES SENATORS,

BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, TO COSPONSOR

A BILL TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE

SYSTEM FOR ALL AMERICANS, THE HEALTH SECURITY

ACT OF 1971.

YEARS BACK I PROPOSED A NATIONAL HEALTH

TO Provide Comprehensive Acadet Core.

INSURANCE SYSTEM, IT WASN'T TERRIBLY

SOPHISTICATED, BUT IT WAS AN IDEA.

I WAS CALLED A DREAMER, A SOCIALIST AND

A POLITICAL NEOPHYTE. . . AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

I WOULDN'T CARE TO REPEAT.

TODAY THIS CONCEPT OF NATIONAL HEALTH CAN

E IS ACCEPTED, EVEN ENDORSED AND APPLAUDED BY LEADERS OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY

SAID THAT WE SIMPLY HAVE GOT TO HAVE SOME

KIND OF SYSTEM LIKE THIS. HE DIDN'T FEEL THAT

WAY WHEN HE WAS IN CONGRESS, BUT HE IS

AND DELIVERY.

THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY SIMPLY IS NOT DOING THE JOB. LIT NEEDS A COMPLETE OVERHAUL. WE HAVE TO REFORM THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF FINANCING THE ANSWER TO OUR COUNTRY'S HEALTH CARE PROBLEM,
BUT IT IS NOT THE WHOLE ANSWER. FOR THAT WE
MUST LOOK FARTHER. WE MUST LOOK TOWARD
EXPANDING THE SUPPLY OF PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES.
WE MUST SET OUR SIGHTS ON MAKING TOP QUALITY
HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE.

AND THAT MEANS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE

IN DOCTORS, NURSES AND PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL.

IT MEANS TRAINING NEW TYPES OF MEDICAL AIDES

SUCH AS ASSISTANT PHYSICIANS, FAMILY PLANNING

AIDES AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS. IT MEANS

STARTING HUNDREDS OF ADDITIONAL GROUP PRACTICE

PLANS. IT MEANS NEW HOSPITALS, RESEARCH LABS,

OTHER FACILITIES AND THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

IT MEANS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTERS, AMBULATORY CLINICS,

MATERNITY AND WELL-BABY CLINICS. LIT MEANS

RAISING THE LEVEL AND AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH

CARE IN THE GHETTOS AND IN RURAL AREAS. And it means a protective described and the control and the control and the control and effective restructuring of our health,

CARE SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE THE CONCERTED EFFORT

OF ALL CITIZENS -- OF MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH

PROFESSIONS AND THEIR ASSOCIATIONS, OF PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICIALS, OF THE HEALTH FOUNDATIONS SUCH

AS CF, OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, OF LABOR

AND MANAGEMENT, OF THE CONGRESS AND -- PERHAPS

MOST IMPORTANTLY -- OF THE HEALTH CONSUMER.

SUCH A HEALTH COALITION -- SUCH A WORKING FORCE OF DEDICATED, CREATIVE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS -- CAN DO FOR THE HEALTH OF THE NATION WHAT THE URBAN COALITION HOPES TO DO FOR THE CITIES.

SUCH A COALITION -- MANNING MEDICAL THINK TANKS AND STAFFING MEDICAL TASK FORCES --CAN DESIGN A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM APPROPRIATE TO OUR ADVANCED AND AFFLUENT NATION'S NEEDS AND DESIRES.

But such a HEALTH SYSTEM IS POSSIBLE ONLY IN A SOCIETY WHICH HAS ITS PRIORITIES STRAIGHT --A SOCIETY THAT PUTS THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS AT THE TOP OF ITS AGENDA.

AMERICA NEEDS THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP

THAT WILL CHART THE SHIP OF STATE ON A COURSE

THAT UNDERSTANDS WHAT OUR PRIORITIES MUST

BE AND PURSUES AMERICA'S DESTINY.

MOVES A NATION, THAT SPEAKS TO THE FUTURE AND THE VISION OF A BETTER TOMORROW.

AMERICA'S GREATNESS IS NOT IN HER MACHINES

OR HER MATERIAL WEALTH. IT IS IN HER SENSE

OF COMPASSION, JUSTICE, OPPORTUNITY FOR

AS AT CALLET AND " THE THAT ADD MEANING

TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

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