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AMERICA HAS BECOME A SOCIETY OF MISTRUST.

-- WE OFTEN MISTRUST EACH OTHER.

-- WE OFTEN MISTRUST THOSE OLDER AND THOSE YOUNGER THAN
OURSELVES.

-- WE OFTEN MISTRUST THE BUSINESSMAN.

-- WE OFTEN MISTRUST THOSE OF A DIFFERENT RACE OR RELIGION.

-- WE OFTEN MISTRUST OUR OWN ABILITY TO WORK FOR FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGE AND REFORM.

AND AT THE TOP OF THIS LIST IS THE GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN
POLITICAL SYSTEM.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- BOTH YOUNG AND OLD -- OFTEN MISTRUST
THE ONE INSTITUTION THAT AFFECTS THEIR LIVES EVERY DAY.

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IT GOES INTO OUR HOMES. IT AFFECTS THE WAY WE BRING UP OUR CHILDREN. IT MAY SEND OUR SONS TO DIE.

THE MISTRUST THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FEEL FOR THEIR OWN ELECTED GOVERNMENT PERMEATES OUR SOCIETY.

WHY THE MISTRUST OF GOVERNMENT?

WHY THE DISBELIEF IN THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ON THE PART OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS?

BECAUSE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED IN ITS BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL OBLIGATION TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

THERE ARE HUNGY AMERICANS.

WHERE IS OUR GOVERNMENT?

THERE ARE POOR AMERICANS.

WHERE IS OUR GOVERNMENT?

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THERE ARE SICK AMERICANS.

WHERE IS OUR GOVERNMENT?

THERE ARE AMERICANS WHO ARE AFRAID TO VENTURE OUT OF THEIR
HOMES AT NIGHT.

WHERE IS OUR GOVERNMENT?

THERE ARE AMERICANS WHO ARE PREVENTED FROM VOTING BY
INTIMIDATION AT THE POLLS.

WHERE IS OUR GOVERNMENT?

THERE ARE AMERICANS WHO ARE BEING HARMED BY POLLUTED AIR,
UNCLEAN WATER AND CONTAMINATED FOOD.

WHERE IS OUR GOVERNMENT?

GOVERNMENT CANNOT SOLVE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS. GOVERNMENT
CAN'T SUBSTITUTE FOR INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE.

BUT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH BESET AMERICA TODAY CANNOT
BE SOLVED WITHOUT VAST FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

AND GOVERNMENT IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION CAPABLE OF MARSHALLING
THESE RESOURCES AND PUTTING THEM TO WORK.

GOVERNMENT IS NOT A LIVING ORGANISM.

IT IS PEOPLE. IT IS LED BY MEN AND WOMEN.

IN RECENT YEARS MORE AND MORE AMERICANS HAVE LOST FAITH
IN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THOSE WHO LEAD OUR NATION HAVE NOT TOLD
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE TRUTH AND HAVE BROKEN THEIR PROMISES
TO US.

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Today is the first Day of the Rest of your life

26th Amend - Vote - Register - Know

Promises

Knowledge

committed

PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE AND NOT KEPT. I WANT TO TELL YOU

ABOUT SIX OF THEM WHICH HAVE DIRECTLY AFFECTED ALL OF US FOR THE

LAST THREE YEARS. OUR PRESIDENT MADE THEM TO YOU AND TO ME.

L PROMISE No. 1: MR. NIXON TOLD US IN 1968 THAT HE HAD A SECRET
PLAN TO END THE VIETNAM WAR AND WOULD DO SO QUICKLY.

THAT WAS HIS PROMISE AND HE BROKE IT.

ALMOST THREE YEARS LATER, THE WAR HAS NOT ENDED. IT HAS
SPREAD ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE INDOCHINA PENINSULA.

PROMISE No. 2: MR. NIXON TOLD US HE WOULD HALT INFLATION
WITHOUT INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT.

THAT WAS HIS PROMISE AND HE BROKE IT.

WELL OVER FIVE MILLION AMERICANS ARE OUT OF WORK TODAY,
AND THE FIGURE ROSE AGAIN THIS MONTH, INFLATION CONTINUES.
THE ECONOMY REMAINS SLUGGISH WITH ONLY 75 PERCENT OF OUR INDUSTRIAL
CAPACITY BEING UTILIZED,

AND BUSINESSMEN, WORKING PEOPLE AND CONSUMERS -- UNCERTAIN
AND BEWILDERED ABOUT THEIR ECONOMIC FUTURE -- REFUSE TO INVEST
AND SPEND TO PROVIDE NEEDED JOBS AND GET THE ECONOMY MOVING
AGAIN,

#3 PROMISE NO. 3: MR. NIXON PROMISED US HE WOULD STOP RISING

CRIME.

THAT WAS HIS PROMISE AND HE BROKE IT.

DURING EACH YEAR OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, THE CRIME RATE
HAS INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF 11 PERCENT.

PROMISE No. 4: MR. NIXON PROMISED THAT HE WOULD PROTECT THE
AMERICAN DOLLAR. Dollar

THAT WAS HIS PROMISE AND HE BROKE IT.

TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1893 -- THIS COUNTRY IS RUNNING
A TRADE DEFICIT. THE AMERICAN DOLLAR IS LOSING ITS PURCHASING
POWER IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS.

PROMISE No. 5: MR. NIXON PROMISED THAT HIS WOULD BE AN OPEN
ADMINISTRATION -- OPEN TO YOUTH, OPEN TO NEW AND CREATIVE
IDEAS.

THAT WAS HIS PROMISE AND HE BROKE IT.

MASSIVE 'PUBLIC RELATIONS' STAFF HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THE
ENTRANCE, IN FACT DENYING ACCESS TO YOUTH AND MINORITIES IN
PARTICULAR.

PROMISE No. 6: MR. NIXON PROMISED US HE WOULD 'BRING
US TOGETHER.'

THAT WAS HIS PROMISE AND HE BROKE IT.

THERE IS BITTERNESS AND DIVISION IN THE NATION -- A GROWING
GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR, BLACK AND WHITE, NORTH AND SOUTH, YOUNG
AND OLD, URBAN AND RURAL AMERICA.

THERE IS A TREMENDOUS RESERVOIR OF STRENGTH AND GOOD WILL
IN THIS NATION WAITING TO BE TAPPED.

✓ Reconciliation
✓ Rebuilding
✓ Rebirth

WE CAN HAVE RECONCILIATION. WE MUST HAVE RECONSTRUCTION,
AND WE DESPERATELY NEED REAFFIRMATION -- REAFFIRMATION OF THE
PROMISE OF AMERICA, IN PLACE OF THE BROKEN PROMISES OF THIS
ADMINISTRATION.

UNTIL AMERICANS BEGIN TO RESPECT ONE ANOTHER WE WILL BE
UNABLE TO REBUILD OUR ECONOMY, MAKE OUR CITIES LIVEABLE AND PROVIDE
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

I AM RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE I
WANT TO PUT BELIEF BACK IN GOVERNMENT.

WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO HAVE GOVERNMENT BY PRESS AGENCY
AND GOVERNMENT WHICH TRIES TO HIDE ITS FAULTS AND MISTAKES FROM
THE PEOPLE.



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