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JEFFERSON JACKSON DAY DINNER  
EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO

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HAVE YOU EVERYWONDERED WHAT IT WOULD  
BE LIKE IF GOVERNMENT REALLY WORKED?

IF WE HAD UNIFORMLY GOOD SCHOOLS WITH  
QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN?

IF ELDERLY AMERICANS COULD ALL LIVE IN  
DECENCY AND WITH ECONOMIC SECURITY?

IF THERE WERE ENOUGH GOOD JOBS FOR ALL  
THOSE WHO WANTED TO WORK?

IF OUR HEALTH SYSTEM PROVIDED QUALITY HEALTH  
CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS INSTEAD OF JUST THE FORTUNATE?

IF OUR TAX SYSTEM WERE FAIR AND DID NOT

FAVOR A PRIVILEGED FEW?

IF THESE THINGS CAME TO PASS WE WOULD  
NOT BE LIVING IN A UTOPIA.

WE WOULD BE LIVING IN A COUNTRY WHERE  
GOVERNMENT WORKED--WHERE THE GOAL OF GOVERNMENT  
WAS PEOPLE.

SOMEHOW IT SEEMS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN.

AND THIS IS A TRAGIC FACT IN 1972 BECAUSE  
WE HAVE JUST LIVED THROUGH A DECADE OF COMMITMENT TO  
PEOPLE'S NEEDS.

JOHN KENNEDY BEGAN THE DECADE OF THE 1960'S  
WITH A COMMITMENT TO THE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN

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PEOPLE. LYNDON JOHNSON CONTINUED THAT COMMITMENT.

TODAY IT IS LOST.

I WANT TO RETURN THE TRADITION OF  
GOVERNMENT DEDICATED TO ALL THE PEOPLE--NOT JUST  
A FEW--THE TRADITION OF JEFFERSON, JACKSON, FRANKLIN  
ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN, JOHN KENNEDY AND LYNDON  
JOHNSON.

THIS IS THE CENTRAL CHALLENGE OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN OHIO IN EAST LIVERPOOL AND  
AROUND THE NATION IN 1972. TO MAKE GOVERNMENT  
RESPONSIVE AGAIN, TO MAKE GOVERNMENT CARE AGAIN  
TO PUT AN END TO GOVERNMENT BY FAVOR AND PRIVILEGE.

THE SAD FACT OF 1972 IS THAT THE NIXON  
ADMINISTRATION HAS PROVEN UNEQUAL TO THE VITALITY  
AND DREAMS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION STANDS STILL, THE  
PEOPLE OF OHIO WANT TO PUT THE 220,000 JOBLESS  
BACK TO WORK.

WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION STANDS STILL, THE  
PEOPLE OF OHIO WANT TO HALT SKYROCKETING PRICES  
AND UNFAIR PROFITS.

WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION STANDS STILL, THE  
PEOPLE OF OHIO WANT AN END TO AN UNFAIR TAX SYSTEM  
WHICH ALLOWS A PRIVILEGED FEW TO USE UNFAIR LOOPHOLES

WHILE WORKING FAMILIES PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE.

BUT HOW CAN WE MOVE FORWARD?

WHAT MUST GOVERNMENT DO NOW?

GOOD GOVERNMENT THAT FIRST RESPONDS TO  
THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE MUST FIRST HAVE AGREEMENT WITH  
THE PEOPLE AS TO WHAT IS TO BE DONE, HOW IT IS TO  
BE DONE AND WHEN IT IS TO BE DONE.

AND THAT MEANS PLANNING AND GOALS. WE WILL  
BE PLAGUED BY HIT AND MISS, STOP AND GO PROGRAMS  
UNTIL PLANNING BECOMES A PART OF GOVERNMENT.

WE ARE A GREAT NATION WITH MASSIVE NEEDS

CRYING FOR ATTENTION. WE NEED NEW SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS,  
CLINICS, ROADS AND PARKS. BUT WITH MORE THAN 5.5  
MILLION PEOPLE OUT OF WORK NATIONALLY, WITH FAMILIES  
SUFFERING, OUR LEADERS STAND IN THE WAY OF JOB  
CREATING PROGRAMS THEY CLAIM ARE NOTHING BUT MAKE WORK.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S ANSWER TO OUR  
URGENT NEED FOR JOBS IS WELFARE, FOOD STAMPS,  
AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

NO ONE WANTS THESE ALTERNATIVES. WE WANT  
JOBS AND DIGNITY FOR OUR FAMILIES.

WE MUST PUT AMERICANS BACK TO WORK AND I

PLEDGE TO THE PEOPLE OF OHIO A POLICY OF FULL EMPLOYMENT.

I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF OHIO SHARE MY CONCERN  
ABOUT THE INJUSTICE OF AN ADMINISTRATION POLICY  
THAT CLAMPS DOWN THE LID ON INCREASED WAGES, BUT  
PERMITS PRICES TO GO UP AND UP.

I PLEDGE TO BRING ECONOMIC JUSTICE TO THE  
SYSTEM OF INFLATION CONTROL.

I BELIEVE THE FARMERS OF OHIO WANT AND  
DESERVE DECENT PRICES SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO  
OPERATE FAMILY FARMS AND NOT BE FORCED OFF THE LAND  
BY THE COST-PRICE SQUEEZE.



I PLEDGE TO IMPROVE FARM PRICES, AND I  
PLEDGE NEW PROGRAMS TO REVITALIZE RURAL AMERICA.

I BELIEVE THAT ELDERLY OHIOANS WANT THE SAME  
THINGS OTHER ELDERLY AMERICANS WANT--DECENCY AND  
DIGNITY AND SECURITY. AND THAT IS WHAT I PLEDGE.

I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF OHIO ARE OUTRAGED  
AT THE FACT THAT THE SUPER RICH AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS  
ARE ABLE TO AVOID THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAXES, WHILE THE  
WORKING FAMILY MUST SHOULDER THE BURDEN.

I PLEDGE TAX JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS  
NATION.

AND I BELIEVE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OHIOANS  
WANT AN END TO THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. I PLEDGE  
TO END OUR MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN ASIA--PERIOD.

AS I TRAVEL ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION  
I SENSE IMPORTANT CHANGES OCCURING.

PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY,  
RESPONSIBILITY AND SENSIBILITY FROM EVERY LEVEL  
OF GOVERNMENT.

THEY WANT TO KNOW WHO'S IN CHARGE. AND THEY  
WANT RESULTS. AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO NO LESS.

GOVERNMENT CAN NO LONGER SUBSTITUTE THE  
PROMISE OF ACTION FOR ACTION ITSELF, RHETORIC FOR  
PERFORMANCE AND TV PRIME TIME FOR FIRST CLASS,  
PRIME SERVICE.

THE PEOPLE OF OHIO ARE SAYING TO GOVERNMENT:  
GIVE US POLICIES WE CAN BELIEVE IN--GIVE US SERVICES  
WE WANT AND CAN PAY FOR.

AMERICA ~~NEEDN'T~~ NEEDN'T BE PARALYZED BY A GOVERNMENT  
OF INDECISION AND INDIFFERENCE. WE ARE CAPABLE OF  
DOING GREAT THINGS--WE HAVE DONE SO BEFORE.

WE HELPED A WAR TORN EUROPE TO REBUILD ITS  
CITIES. AND WE MUST DO THE SAME AND BETTER HERE.

WE CAN BUILD MORE AND BETTER HOMES.

WE CAN PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE  
FOR ALL.

WE CAN REVITALIZE RURAL AMERICA.

ALL OF THIS CAN BE DONE IF ONLY WE MAKE  
THE COMMITMENT, PLAN FOR IT AND GET TO WORK.

THE 1970S MUST BE A DECADE FOR RECONCILING  
OUR DIFFERENCES, FOR REBUILDING OUR COUNTRY AND FOR  
REAFFIRMING OUR FAITH IN GOD, COUNTRY AND SELF.

WE MUST BE ABLE TO SAY OF THE 1970'S: IT  
WAS A TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT REDISCOVERED PEOPLE AND  
TOGETHER A NATION MOVED FORWARD AGAIN.



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