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ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT

PORTLAND, OREGON

AUGUST 15, 1984

THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY KIND INTRODUCTION.

THIS IS MY FIRST SOLO TRIP AS A CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT.
ALL THROUGH THIS TRIP, FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS, I'VE BEEN STRUCK
BY THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND CLIMATE OF THE WEST, ^{and} ~~but~~ MOST OF ALL
BY THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE I'VE SEEN.

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE AIR THESE DAYS -- EXCITEMENT, WARMTH,
NEW HOPE, A SPIRIT OF DOING THINGS TOGETHER.

PEOPLE WANT TO BE FOR SOMETHING -- NOT JUST AGAINST. THEY
WANT TO UNITE ON THE BIG ISSUES -- NOT SPLIT APART ON THE NARROW ONES.

THAT FEELING IS HERE TODAY IN TOM MCCALL WATERFRONT PARK.

SOME OF YOU ~~WERE~~ TODAY ARE DEMOCRATS, SOME ARE REPUBLICANS,
AND SOME INDEPENDENTS. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE ISSUES THAT
REALLY MATTER, OREGONIANS ARE SPEAKING WITH A SINGLE VOICE.

You're saying:

IT'S TIME FOR THE RECESSION TO END IN THIS STATE. YOU WANT
GROWTH AND JOBS.

IT'S TIME TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OUR ECONOMY,
TO REDUCE THE MASSIVE DEFICITS, AND TO TALK SENSE TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT THAT WILL TAKE.

YOU'RE SAYING:

IT'S TIME FOR THE RECESSION TO END IN THIS STATE / THIS ADMINISTRATION
 LIKES TO TALK ABOUT THE BOOMING ECONOMY, BUT FOR THE FARMERS, THE WORKERS,
 AND THE FISHermen OF OREGON, THE RECESSION IS NOT YET OVER.

THIS ADMINISTRATION LIKES TO TALK ABOUT RECOVERY, BUT FOR THE PEOPLE
 OF OREGON THERE'S NO RECOVERY UNTIL WORKERS RECOVER THEIR JOBS.

YOU'RE SAYING IT'S TIME FOR OUR LEADERS TO TALK SENSE TO THE AMERICAN
 PEOPLE ABOUT FACING UP TO BUDGET DEFICITS. / FIRST THIS ADMINISTRATION SAID THEY'D
 RAISE TAXES. THEN THEY SAID THEY WOULDN'T / NOW THEY SAY MAYBE.

WHY ALL THE CONFUSION? / EVERY SINGLE AMERICAN KNOWS THAT THIS IS NOT
 A COMPLICATED SUBJECT / IF DEFICITS ARE BAD FOR INTEREST RATES AND TRADE, THEN
 LET'S REDUCE THEM. / IF REDUCING DEFICITS TAKES MORE TAXES, THEN LET'S RAISE
 THEM. / AND IF OUR LEADERS WON'T LEVEL WITH US / THEN LET'S REPLACE THEM.

YOU'RE SAYING IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN AGAIN. ~~WE'VE BEEN INVESTING IN THE~~
 FUTURE OF OUR NATION IS BEING DECIDED BY WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADE
 TODAY. WE'RE NOT PREPARING FOR THAT FUTURE AS WE SHOULD / WE'RE NOT CHALLENGING
 YOUNG MINDS AS WE COULD / AND AS THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND SAYS, "A MIND IS
 A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE."

LET'S NOT WASTE A SINGLE YOUNG MIND. / I WANT TO SEE THIS COUNTRY STOP SPENDING
 SO MUCH MONEY ON THE ARMS RACE / AND START INVESTING ^{MORE} IN THE HUMAN RACE.

YOU'RE SAYING IT'S TIME TO ACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AGAIN.

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~~AND IT'S TIME TO INVEST MORE IN OUR CHILDREN TO RAISE
STANDARDS IN SCHOOLS, AND TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION AT EVERY LEVEL.~~

And it's time

~~THESE ARE THE CHIEF ISSUES OF OUR TIME. BUT THERE'S ONE
MORE I'D ADD TO THE LIST. AND THAT'S THE ENVIRONMENT.~~

NOT LONG AGO, THIS RIVER WAS SICK. BUT THEN THE PEOPLE OF
OREGON, LED BY ^{Gov.} TOM MCCALL, DECIDED TO RESTORE ITS HEALTH / AND

LL *Am it* / TODAY THERE'S BOATING, FISHING, SWIMMING, AND SAILING ON THE
WILLAMETTE RIVER. / THIS SUCCESS STORY IS A NATURAL MONUMENT TO
WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE MAKE UP OUR MINDS ^{to} AND WORK TOGETHER.

THAT COMMITMENT TO A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT WAS BORN AT
THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, WHEN WE BEGAN TO PROTECT THE LAND,
AIR, AND WATER AROUND US, AND NOT WASTE THEM. / EVER SINCE THEN,
UNTIL 1980 / EVERY PRESIDENT OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES / FOLLOWED
THAT TRADITION. / FOR NOT ONLY DO OUR NATURAL RESOURCES FUEL
THE ECONOMY AND PRODUCE OUR FOOD. THEY ALSO MAKE UP AN
OUTDOORS WHICH RENEWS OUR SPIRIT.

BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, RONALD REAGAN DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT. /
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO DESTROY OUR
WILDERNESS WITH DRILL-RIGS TO PROVIDE FOR OUR ENERGY NEEDS.

HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO STUDY ACID RAIN
TO DEATH / TO KNOW IT'S BAD FOR TREES AND LAKES. /

WE WILL PROTECT NATIONAL PARKS, WILDERNESS AREAS, AND
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES. WE WILL ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THE LAND.
WE WILL USE THE SUPER FUND TO CLEAN UP THOSE TOXIC DUMPS. WE
WILL STRENGTHEN EPA TO RESTORE ITS MORALE. AND WE'LL CUT THE
EMISSIONS CAUSING ACID RAIN BY ONE HALF BY THE END OF OUR
SECOND TERM.

WE WILL DO ALL THIS BECAUSE THE ENVIRONMENT MUST LAST
FOREVER. IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS GENERATION ALONE. IT
HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE UNTIL THE NEXT GENERATION COMES
ALONG. AS TEDDY ROOSEVELT SAID, "A NATION BEHAVES WELL IF
IT TREATS ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AS ASSETS WHICH IT MUST TURN OVER
TO THE NEXT GENERATION, INCREASED AND NOT IMPAIRED IN VALUE."

THAT IS OUR DUTY -- TO PRESERVE. BUT WE ALSO HAVE THE
TERRIBLE POWER TO DESTROY.

NUCLEAR ARMS ARE THE SUPREME ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE --
BECAUSE THEY THREATEN THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENT, ALL AT ONCE,
AND EVERYTHING LIVING WITHIN IT. THE TIME HAS COME TO
RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, STOP THE ARMS RACE,
AND REDUCE THE STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THAT'S THE LEADERSHIP OREGONIANS WANT.

THE TIME HAS COME TO CHANGE AMERICA'S DIRECTION. /

THE TIME HAS COME TO ~~THE~~ PUT THIS ADMINISTRATION OUT OF OFFICE / -- AND
PUT OREGONIANS BACK TO WORK. /

THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT OUR ENVIRONMENT BACK IN THE HANDS OF THOSE
WHO WILL PROTECT FOR TOMORROW AND NOT EXPLOIT FOR ~~THEM~~ TODAY. /

THE TIME HAS COME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP FOR AMERICA. /

THE TIME HAS COME FOR A NEW ADMINISTRATION -- AN ADMINISTRATION
WITH FRITZ MONDALE AS PRESIDENT AND GERRY FERRARO AS VICE PRESIDENT.

I LOVE YOU FOR COMING.

I LOVE YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND ENERGY.

NOW LET'S GET WORKING AND WIN IN NOVEMBER.