

PRESENTATION

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THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HERE ON THE OCCASION OF MY FIRST APPEARANCE BEFORE THIS AUGUST BODY RECALL THAT I BROKE GROUND THAT NIGHT BY DOING SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE TIME-HONORED TRADITION OF STANDING BEFORE YOU AND DELIVERING MY PAPER ORALLY.

YOU MAY RECALL THAT I BROUGHT A CASSETTE DECK AND SPEAKERS AND PLAYED A TAPE I HAD PRODUCED ON THE SUBJECT OF GARRISON KEILLOR AND THE "PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION", THE MOST POPULAR PROGRAM IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO.

TO MY UNDERSTANDING, THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS GROUP THAT SOMEONE HAD DONE ANYTHING OTHER THAN A STRICTLY ORAL PRESENTATION.

NOW, THERE'S MUCH TO BE SAID FOR THE OLD WAYS; PARTICULARLY SINCE I FEEL THAT, IN SOME SMALL WAY, I PAVED THE WAY FOR WENDELL RORIE AND HIS VIDEOCASSETTE OF RUSSIA.

WHILE CONSIDERING NOT ONLY THE CONTENT, BUT ALSO THE FORM, OF THIS EVENING'S PRESENTATION, I FIRST THOUGHT OF A VIDEO PRODUCTION, COMPLETE WITH "BIG SCREEN T.V.", WHICH WOULD HAVE ALLOWED ME TO SMOKE DURING MY ALLOTTED TIME, BUT I DISCOUNTED THAT ON THE BASIS OF LOGISTICS--AND EXPENSE.

I ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT FOLLOWING THE CUSTOMARY STAND-UP ORAL PRESENTATION, BUT "FAXING" THE COMPLETED PRESENTATION TO ALL MEMBERS TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ITS DELIVERY, SO THEY COULD THEN "FAX" THEIR COMMENTS TO ME, AND I WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE MORE RESPONSIVE REBUTTALS TO MAKE ME APPEAR MUCH MORE CLEVER THAN I REALLY AM, IF AT ALL.

HOWEVER, I FINALLY DECIDED ON A STRAIGHT FORWARD, HARD-HITTING PAPER, DELIVERED IN THE TRADITIONAL FASHION; BUT, I AGAIN WILL BE SETTING A PRECEDENT, AS FAR AS I KNOW, SINCE I WILL BE OVERTLY---EVEN PROUDLY---VIOLATING ONE OF THE FEW RULES THIS GROUP HAS---THAT NO PAPERS ON RELIGION OR POLITICS WILL BE TOLERATED.

HOWEVER, THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES, AND I BELIEVE EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN--UP TO AND INCLUDING VIOLATING THE TIME-HONORED, TRIED AND TRUE CUSTOMS OF ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED GROUPS IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND POSSIBLY ALL OF WESTERN KENTUCKY.

I COME BEFORE YOU TONIGHT TO ANNOUNCE MY CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH IT THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

IT'S NOT A PARTY OF THE FUTURE, BUT A PARTY OF THE PAST AND PRESENT, FOR THE LINCHPIN OF MY PLATFORM IS SIMPLY THIS, THERE WILL BE--NO CHANGE.

I WILL COUNTENANCE NO CHANGE IN ANY AREA AT ANY TIME AFTER MY INAUGURATION, THOUGH THERE WILL BE A BRIEF 'HONEYMOON PERIOD'.

THE IDEA FOR THIS MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS GENERATED A GROUNDSWELL OF SUPPORT AND VIRTUALLY NO NEGATIVE COMMENTS ON EVERY OCCASION I HAVE MENTIONED IT, COMES FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OVER THE SOON-TO-BE 19 YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN HOPKINSVILLE.

WE ARE ALL PRODUCTS OF OUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, AND VIRTUALLY EVERY CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IN MY PROFESSION, I HAVE SEEN SINCE I ARRIVED HERE IN 1972 HAS BEEN FOR THE WORSE, RANGING FROM THE RELOCATION OF WHOP FROM THE HEART OF HOPKINSVILLE TO A POINT HALFWAY BETWEEN HERE AND CADIZ IN A FACILITY INFERIOR TO THE STUDIOS IN THE BASS ARCADE TO CHANGES IN THE REPORT FORMS FOR CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE TO A MERE CHANGE IN AUTOMOBILES REQUIRING A SEARCH WARRANT TO FIND THE OIL DIPSTICK.

'CHANGE'--THE BANE OF A PEACEFUL, ORDERLY DAY-TO-DAY EXISTENCE, THE MOST FRUSTRATING EXPERIENCE FOR MANY OF US WHO DEPEND ON THE CERTAINTY OF SOME MATERIAL LANDMARKS, SUCH AS THE NOW-DEPARTED COCA-COLA SIGN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF COUNTRY CLUB AND FORT CAMPBELL BOULEVARD, TO LEND SOME DEGREE OF PERMANENCE TO OUR EXISTENCE.

IT WILL BE OUTLAWED IN THE LOVE ADMINISTRATION COMMENCING IN JANUARY OF 1993.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A SIX-MONTH 'HONEYMOON'.

UNTIL JUNE 21ST, 1993, EVERYONE CAN MAKE ANY CHANGE THEY WANT, BUT AFTER THAT, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN FORMS--ONCE THE ABILITY TO FILL OUT PAPERWORK FOR FEDERAL LOANS, GRANTS, AND OTHER GIVE-AWAY PROGRAMS HAS BEEN LEARNED, A PERSON WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR WORKING CAREER, MEANING THAT THE UNDEREDUCATED PRODUCTS OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD DOWN A JOB--FOR EVEN A CHIMPANZEE CAN BE EDUCATED TO ACCOMPLISH A ROUTINE TASK, BY MERE REPETITION.

THINK OF ALL THE OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF A SOCIETY WITH 'NO CHANGES'.

THOSE OF US WHO VENTURE INFREQUENTLY TO THE GROCERY STORE ARE BAFFLED BECAUSE THEY MOVED THE CEREAL WHERE THE SOUP USED TO BE. THAT WILL END.

ONE TIME I GOT A NEW CAR LEASED BY THE STATION, AND COULDN'T FIND THE DIPSTICK;SO IN THE TRUE 'MACHO' IMAGE OF THE AMERICAN MALE, I REFUSED TO ASK, AND DROPPED BY THE GAS STATION, ASKING THE ATTENDANT TO 'CHECK THE OIL'.

LO AND BEHOLD, HE COULDN'T FIND THE DIPSTICK EITHER, AND TO MY EMBARRASSMENT, I COULDN'T TELL HIM WHERE IT WAS.

THESE ARE JUST TWO SMALL EXAMPLES OF A PROBLEM WHICH CROPS UP DAILY, CAUSING UNTOLD CONSTERNATION, MENTAL ANGUISH, AND UNCOUNTABLE LOST TIME TO CONFUSED PEOPLE WHOSE DAILY ROUTINE IS DISRUPTED FOR NO APPARENT GOOD REASON.

AND OF COURSE, THIS BAN WILL EXPAND INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, MEANING THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN THE WELFARE ROLES, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, TAX RATES, PUBLIC SERVICES, AND NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN.

THE IMPLICATIONS, RAMIFICATIONS, AND POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS OF THIS REVOLUTIONARY PROPOSAL ARE TOO MANY TO DISCUSS IN A FORUM OF THIS NATURE; HOWEVER, SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT LIFE IN AMERICA WILL ASSUME A ROUTINE ALL OF US WILL BE ABLE TO ADJUST TO IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES, WITH ACCIDENTS, MOTHER NATURE, AND PERENNIAL FLIGHTS OF FANCY OF THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES, OVER WHOM NOONE HAS ANY CONTROL, LEAST OF ALL GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING ENOUGH VARIETY AND SURPRISE TO SATISFY EVEN THE MOST ADVENTUROUS AMONG US.

NOW, HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT ENFORCING SUCH A RADICAL ALTERATION IN THE WAY THIS COUNTRY WILL OPERATE?

IT'S EASY....CAPITAL PUNISHMENT...THE DEATH PENALTY ADMINISTERED WITH CERTAINTY, CONSISTENCY, AND IMPARTIALITY.

I COMPARE IT TO A PASSAGE FROM ONE OF THE ''DOOMSDAY'' BOOKS OF THE 60'S, ''FAIL SAFE'', ''SEVEN DAYS IN MAY'', OR ''DOCTOR STRANGELOVE'', IN WHICH A JEW WHO SURVIVED HITLER'S PRE-WORLD WAR TWO GERMANY TO WORK WITH THE ALLIES INTERVIEWING GERMAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR.

HE CITED HIS FATHER'S THEORY ON HOW THE ''HOLOCAUST'' COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED, WHICH HELD THAT IF ONCE IT BECAME KNOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT DACHAU, BERGEN-BELSEN, AND TREBLINKA, EVERY JEW CONFRONTED BY A GERMAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERNMENT KILLED THAT GERMAN, HITLER MIGHT NOT HAVE THOUGHT TWICE AFTER 10, OR A HUNDRED, OR A THOUSAND, BUT WHEN IT REACHED 10-THOUSAND, BUT WHEN THE FIGURE REACHED 10-THOUSAND, OR 50-THOUSAND, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO REASSESS HIS POSITION.

THAT'S THE ATTITUDE THE LOVE ADMINISTRATION WILL ADOPT.

IF THE FIRST FEW EXECUTIONS DON'T STEM THE TIDE OF CHANGE, MAYBE THE FIRST FEW HUNDRED WILL CATCH THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION, OR MAYBE THE FIRST FEW THOUSAND.

I PLEDGE TO STAY THE COURSE, TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK, FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PEACE OF MIND OF ALL OF MY FELLOW AMERICANS.

OF COURSE, TO CARRY OUT THIS POLICY, I WILL NEED TOP-NOTCH MEN--AND I HAVE MADE ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THE TRADITIONAL MANNER IN WHICH PERSONS SEEK THE WHITE HOUSE--I DARESAY I AM THE FIRST MAN IN THE 20TH CENTURY TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT BEFORE A GROUP WHICH LIMITS ITS MEMBERSHIP TO 40 WHITE MALES.

THIS EVENING, I WILL BE ANNOUNCING A PARTIAL LIST OF CABINET MEMBERS AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, BEGINNING WITH MY NOMINEE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I FIRST CONSIDERED TIM FUTTRELL FOR THE POST OF TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN MY ADMINISTRATION, BUT DISCARDED IT AFTER HIS ILL-ADVISED "LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL" COMMENT, UTTERED DURING A BOND REDUCTION HEARING.

THERE ARE STILL MANY POTENTIAL VOTERS WHO RELATE THAT QUOTE TO GENERAL WILLIAM WESTMORELAND AND HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN THE PRE-1968 TET OFFENSIVE DAYS OF THE VIET NAM WAR...AND WE FOUND OUT THAT THE "LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL" WAS THE HEADLIGHT OF AN ONRUSHING TRAIN...AND WE WERE STUCK RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRACKS!

SO WITH FUTTRELL RULED OUT, I TURNED TO OUR NEIGHBORING STATE TO THE SOUTH, WHERE A FAR-SIGHTED MAN HAS BEEN PRACTICING HIS PARTICULAR BRAND OF LEGAL EXPERTISE BETTER THAN A DECADE.

I HAVE CHOSEN THAT PROMINENT NASHVILLE ATTORNEY BART DURHAM TO FILL THE POST OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

IF YOU QUESTION HIS CREDENTIALS, I HOLD UP BOBBY KENNEDY AND RAMSEY CLARK AS JUST TWO EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAVE SERVED AS ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE PAST.....I REST MY CASE.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S POSITION WILL OBVIOUSLY BE ONE OF THE VERY KEY JOBS IN THE LOVE ADMINISTRATION FOR EVEN WITH 8 YEARS OF REAGAN APPOINTEES AND 4 YEARS OF GEORGE BUSH APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS FEDERAL COURTS, THERE MAY BE SOME JURISTS WHO MAY BALK AT MY REVOLUTIONARY PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY IN REGARDS TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, ~~THOUGH~~ MANY OF THE ''WEEPING NELLIES'', ''PINKOS'' AND ''FLAMING LIBERALS'' REMAIN FROM THE JIMMY CARTER DAYS.

YOU MAY RECALL MR. DURHAM ~~HAS~~ BEEN ON THE ''CUTTING EDGE'' OF LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE YEARS--BEING THE FIRST ATTORNEY THAT I KNOW OF TO ADVERTISE ON TELEVISION.

SUCH A FARSIGHTED MAN IS THE PERSON I WANT ARGUING MY ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION BEFORE THE HIGHEST--AND LOWEST--COURTS IN THE LAND.

FOR MY SECRETARY OF STATE, I PROPOSE OUR OWN BILL EDMUNDS, WHOSE MOTTO WAS ''OPEN COVENANTS, OPENLY ARRIVED AT...BEHIND CLOSED DOORS''.

I FEEL HE IS THE TOP CHOICE AS OUR CHIEF NEGOTIATOR WITH FOREIGNERS, HAVING THE LONG-TIME PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF HAVING TO MAKE HIMSELF UNDERSTOOD TO THE 8 MEMBERS OF CHRISTIAN FISCAL COURT.

HIS EXPERIENCE IN WORLD WAR TWO PROVIDES HIM WITH THE FAMILIARITY WITH THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT NECESSARY IN THIS DAY AND AGE, ALONG WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE IN A VAST SUBJECT AREA.

OTHER CABINET APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINEES WILL BE FORTHCOMING, THOUGH I AM OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS;HOWEVER, I DO HAVE ONE FINAL NAME TO MAKE PUBLIC.

FOR MY ''ENERGY CZAR'', I PROPOSE THE NAME OF RETIRED STATE TROOPER R.N. FERGUSON, A KEEN OBSERVER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

I BASE THAT CHOICE ON FERGUSON'S PHILOSOPHY CONCERNING OUR INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL, WHICH HAS GROWN FROM ABOUT 30 PERCENT WHEN THE ''OIL EMBARGO'' OF THE EARLY 70'S WAS ENACTED TO BETTER THAN 50 PERCENT AT PRESENT.

THE OUTSPOKEN SCOTSMAN'S THEORY IS TO 'PUMP 'EM DRY', MEANING ALL OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE MIDEAST.

HIS THEORY IS TO EXHAUST THEIR SUPPLIES AND REDUCE THEM TO THE SANDHILLS THEY WOULD BE WERE IT NOT FOR THE OIL BENEATH THAT SAND.

THAT WOULD TAKE THEM OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PICTURE AND AVERT ANOTHER SUCH MILITARY ESCAPE AS 'OPERATION PANTY SHIELD', OR WHATEVER THAT FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE WITH LIVE AMMO WAS CALLED IN WHICH THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION LOST MORE MEN IN A SPEEDING TRUCK AT THE PENNYRILE PARKWAY TOLL PLAZA ONE SUNDAY MORNING THAN WERE KILLED DURING 5 MONTHS IN THE DESERT.

AND OF COURSE, NO ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PRESIDENT WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT AT LEAST SOME MENTION OF PLANKS IN MY CAMPAIGN PLATFORM.

EDUCATION, OF COURSE, IS ALWAYS A 'WHIPPING BOY'.

I PROPOSE TO REDUCE IT TO A VERY SIMPLE MATTER.

YOU FUND IT AT THE LEVEL REACHED AT THE END OF THE 6 MONTH 'HONEYMOON PERIOD' ENDING IN JUNE OF ¹⁹⁹³ ~~NEXT YEAR~~, AND THEN DIVIDE IT 50-50 BETWEEN THE FIRST AND LAST 6 YEARS OF SCHOOLING.

STAFF THE PRIMARY GRADES WITH THE MOST CARING, COMPASSIONATE AND SKILLED TEACHERS THAT MONEY CAN BUY--TEACHERS WHO COULD TEACH ME TO LIKE MATHEMATICS, DIAGRAMMING SENTENCES, AND GEOGRAPHY.

AT THE END OF THE 6TH YEAR, A COMPREHENSIVE TEST WILL BE ADMINISTERED, ASKING THE MOST BASIC QUESTIONS, SUCH AS 'WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?', 'HOW MANY TEAMS ARE IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE?', AND 'WHY IS THE SATURDAY EVENING POST PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY?' (THAT'S SO YOU'LL GET IT ON SATURDAY!)

THOSE WHO FLUNK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE CAFETERIA WHERE LOW-PAID GOONS WILL MAINTAIN ORDER, AND P.E. TEACHERS WILL INSTRUCT THEIR CHARGES ON THE 'INS AND OUTS' OF APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, FOOD STAMPS, AND OTHER WELFARE BENEFITS, WHICH WILL BE THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR LIVES.

YOU TAKE THE OTHER 50-PERCENT OF THE FUNDS IN THE BUDGET AND USE IT TO GIVE THOSE STUDENTS WHO PASS THE TEST THE VERY BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE, FOR IT IS THESE STUDENTS WHOSE EFFORTS WILL PROVIDE THE TAX BASE GENERATING THE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CAFETERIA YOUNGSTERS.

I HAVE ALSO DEVELOPED A COMPANION PROGRAM TO SATISFY THOSE PEOPLE WHO RESENT SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON SCHOOL FACILITIES WHICH ARE, IN THE MAIN, UTILIZED ONLY 5 DAYS A WEEK, 9 MONTHS A YEAR.

ALREADY IN PLACE ARE FREE BUSSING, FREE BREAKFASTS AND FREE LUNCHES.

I PROPOSE WE GIVE STUDENTS FREE LODGING--THAT IS, KEEPING THEM OVERNIGHT IN CONVERTED GYMNASIUMS, AUDITORIUMS OR OTHER LARGE SCHOOL ROOMS.

WE 'RAISE' THEM AND GIVE THEM EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PASS THE COMPREHENSIVE 6TH GRADE TEST.

OF COURSE, WITH THE 'ADOPTION' OF A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS, A LARGE NUMBER OF BUSES WILL BE IDLE.

THOSE WILL BE USED TO BUS THOSE PARENTS WISHING TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN; HOWEVER, I PLEDGE, AND--YOU CAN READ MY LIPS--'THERE WILL BE NO FORCED BUSSING OF PARENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO VISIT THEIR CHILDREN'.

SO MUCH FOR EDUCATION, THOUGH, AGAIN, YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

THOUGH I HATE TO ESPOUSE A POSITION HELD BY CONGRESSMAN CARROLL HUBBARD, I MUST REMAIN TRUE TO THE POLITICIAN'S CREED OF STEALING IDEAS FROM OTHERS, INSERTING A FEW CHANGES, AND CALLING THEM HIS OWN.

HUBBARD IS FOREVER CASTIGATING COUNTRIES WHO GLADLY ACCEPT OUR FOREIGN AID, AND THEN VOTE AGAINST THE U.S. IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

ONE SUCH VOTE AGAINST OUR COUNTRY'S INTERESTS--TO BE DETERMINED BY ME--AND THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN AID IS CANCELLED FOREVER.

THREE SUCH VOTES--AND WE INVADE THEM--ANNEXING THEM AND BRINGING DEMOCRACY--IN ITS LATEST FORM--TO THEM AT THE POINT OF A BAYONET.

I SAY ''LATEST'' FORM OF DEMOCRACY BECAUSE THERE ARE FEW PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN AT LEAST CONSIDERED BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, SOME COVERTLY, AND SOME IN A HALF-HEARTED MANNER, THOUGH I AGAIN PLEDGE TO CARRY OUT WHAT I SUSPECT WILL BE AN OVERWHELMING MANDATE AT THE POLLS COME NOVEMBER OF NEXT YEAR.

FORCED DEMOCRACY HAS HAD ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, BUT MAYBE WITH MORE PRACTICE WE CAN GET THE ''KINKS'' OUT OF IT.

I SUGGEST WE LOOK HARD AT SOUTH AMERICA, BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY, AS A TESTING GROUND.

BRIEFLY, FOR MY HEALTH PLATFORM, I SUGGEST YOU DON'T GET SICK, GIVEN THE OUTRAGEOUS COSTS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH INSURANCE, UNLESS SOME VIABLE ALTERNATIVE CAN BE WORKED OUT DURING THE 6-MONTH GRACE PERIOD.

OF COURSE, THE NEWS MEDIA WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN MY UPHILL CLIMB TO 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

I'LL IMMEDIATELY GET THEM ON MY SIDE BY PLEDGING TO PASS A LAW THAT NOONE BEING SOUGHT BY THE MEDIA CAN CLAIM TO BE ''IN A MEETING'', ''BACK IN THE OFFICE MONDAY'', OR ''JUST STEPPED AWAY FROM HIS DESK FOR A MOMENT''.

IF THEY DO, THEY MUST DESIGNATE A SPOKESMAN FOR THEM UNTIL THEY RETURN.

INCIDENTALLY, I WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY RIGID IN MY OUTLOOK AS PRESIDENT.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL NAGGING PROBLEMS I HAVE ENCOUNTERED OVER THE YEARS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY PERSONAL LEGISLATION, WITH THE LEGISLATURE TO BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF REJECTING IT, THOUGH I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LOBBY VIGOROUSLY FOR PASSAGE, AND PUNISH THOSE LEGISLATORS BY WITHHOLDING WHATEVER FEDERAL AID I HAVE AT MY DISCRETION FROM THEIR STATES.

SPECIFICALLY, I WILL PROPOSE A FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING MOTORISTS TO TURN RIGHT ON RED IN THOSE STATES WHICH ALLOW IT.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SAT AT A RED LIGHT BURNING GASOLINE AT A DOLLAR AND 10 CENTS A GALLON, ONLY TO HAVE THE PERSON TURN RIGHT WHEN THE LIGHT CHANGES AFTER HAVING NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO.²

FIRST OFFENDERS WILL RECEIVE SIX MONTHS IN JAIL AND A YEAR'S SUSPENSION OF DRIVING PRIVELEGES. SECOND OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR LIVING PRIVELEGES PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED.

IT WILL ALSO BE A FEDERAL LAW THAT NOONE WILL BE PROSECUTED FOR ''PICKING OFF'' PEDESTRIANS WHO WALK ''WITH TRAFFIC AT NIGHT AND WEAR DARK CLOTHING'' OR BUMP OFF BICYCLISTS WHO RIDE AGAINST TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY GO THE WRONG WAY ON A ONE-WAY STREET.

DOES THAT SEEM PARTICULARLY HARSH?

I SAY IT ''IMPROVES THE BREED'' BY ELIMINATING PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO MORE SENSE THAN TO VIOLATE FEDERAL LAW.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE NO CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF ANY KIND AGAINST ANY PERSON INJURING, HAMPERING, HARRASSING, OR OTHERWISE INTERFERING WITH ANYONE WHOSE DESTINATION CAN BE PROVEN AS A 'GAY RIGHTS', 'WOMEN'S LIB', OR 'HEALTH FOOD NUT' GATHERING.

SO, THERE YOU HAVE IT!

JUST A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE PLATFORM WHICH I BELIEVE WILL CATAPULT ME TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN JANUARY OF 1993.

I SEEK YOUR HELP, I SEEK YOUR SUPPORT, I SEEK YOUR MONEY TO FINANCE AN ASSAULT ON THOSE DINOSAURS OF POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH INCREASINGLY HAVE GROWN OUT OF TOUCH WITH MAINSTREAM AMERICA.

THE MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS SPEND THEIR TIME TRAVELLING FROM POPULATION CENTER TO POPULATION CENTER, NEVER HAVING TO COPE WITH THE CHANGES THEY CONSISTENTLY VISIT UPON US WITH NEVER A SECOND THOUGHT.

LET IT BE KNOWN 20 YEARS FROM NOW--FROM THE SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS OF THE ROCKIES TO THE PINE-CLAD SHORES OF MAINE--THAT YOU WERE HERE THE NIGHT THE 'NO CHANGE, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, LAW AND ORDER' PARTY WAS BORN.

IT IS SOMETHING I'M SURE YOU MENTION TO YOUR GRANDCHILDREN WITH PRIDE.

ONE POST SCRIPT.

THIS SPEECH DECLARING MY CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT LASTED EXACTLY ____ MINUTES.

WHEN I'M ELECTED, NO POLITICAL SPEECH WILL EXCEED THAT TIME LIMIT.

THE PENALTY?.....NOT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

VIOLATORS WILL BE SENTENCED TO WATCHING THE 1960 KENNEDY-NIXON DEBATES, LYNDON JOHNSON'S NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE PULLED UP HIS PAJAMA TOP TO SHOW HIS GALL BLADDER SCAR, AND RICHARD NIXON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS IN 1974 FOR THE REST OF THEIR NATURAL LIVES.

THANK YOU.