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To: "CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP DAY"
NORTH KANNAPOLIS CHURCH
KANNAPOLIS, NORTH CAROLINA

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ON THIS DAY OF MAY 5, 1974, IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY, THERE
COULD BE NO OBSERVANCE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN "CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP
DAY." I COME WITH WARM FEELINGS AND A DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ON THIS IMPORTANT
OCCASION.

THE ANSWERS TO MANY QUESTIONS THAT TROUBLE OUR NATION TODAY CAN
SURELY BE FOUND IN THE BROAD APPLICATION OF "CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP
DAY." FIRST OF ALL, THE WORD CITIZENSHIP SUGGESTS PARTICIPATION,
INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION AT EVERY LEVEL OF OUR SOCIETY. SECONDLY, IT
IS HIGHLY ESSENTIAL THAT A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE BE FELT IN EVERYTHING
WE UNDERTAKE. THEREFORE, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE ASSEMBLE
AT THIS TIME AND IN THIS PLACE, TO CONSIDER OUR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN
CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP DAY.

THE KEY WORD, AS A FOUNDATION FOR MY REMARKS, SHOULD BE THE
WORD: PARTICIPATION! SIR EDMUND BURKE SAID YEARS AGO: "ALL THAT IS
NECESSARY FOR EVIL TO FLOURISH IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING." AS

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TO: FARMVILLE ECONOMIC COUNCIL
FARMVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

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"YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR DOLLAR"

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

IT IS A GREAT HONOR, I FEEL, TO COME HERE AND BE INTRODUCED BY SAM BUNDY WHOM YOU HAVE CHOSEN AS "MAN OF THE YEAR" IN FARMVILLE. YOUR CHOICE CERTAINLY SPEAKS WELL FOR YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT.

AND, IT ADDS TO THE PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEE MY GOOD FRIEND JACK LEWIS PRESIDING AT THIS GATHERING. I BELIEVE YOU SHOWED EQUALLY GOOD JUDGMENT WHEN YOU SELECTED HIM AS YOUR PRESIDENT.

SINCE I WAS INVITED TO VISIT WITH YOU HERE I HAVE BEEN DOING SOME HOMEWORK ON WHAT YOUR ECONOMIC COUNCIL IS ALL ABOUT AND WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS ALL TO THE GOOD.

I KNOW YOUR COUNCIL WAS FORMED BACK IN THE MID-FIFTIES. I KNOW THAT IT IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION WHICH WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE.

I KNOW OF YOUR SUCCESSES IN PROMOTING YOUR HOUSING AUTHORITY AND IN SECURING INDUSTRY FOR THIS AREA. YOUR SUCCESS IN HELPING BRING SUCH COMPANIES AS COLLINS AND AIKMAN, NORTH STATE GARMENT AND U. S. INDUSTRIES HERE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

THESE ARE ALL TANGIBLE BENEFITS THAT HAVE COME FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION.

BUT THERE SEEMS TO ME TO BE INTANGIBLE THINGS THAT ARE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT.

YOU, THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS, HAVE CREATED A CLIMATE HERE THAT IS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

IN A SMALL NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY, YOU HAVE MADE A PLACE THAT IS ATTRACTIVE TO INDUSTRY AND HAVE PROVIDED JOBS THAT PEOPLE DIDN'T HAVE TO TRAVEL TO ALREADY CONGESTED CITIES TO FIND.

YOU KNOW OUR RURAL SECTIONS ARE UNDERGOING WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN UNSTOPPABLE CHANGE.

THE SMALL FARM IS IN DANGER. A MAN WITH A MULE AND A FEW ACRES HAS A VERY HARD TIME MAKING A LIVING FOR HIS

FAMILY TODAY. THE TREND IS TO LARGER FARMS AND MECHANIZATION AND THE SMALL FARMER IS BEING DRIVEN OFF THE LAND.

DEMOGRAPHIC EXPERTS SAY THAT DURING THE NEXT 10 AND 20 YEARS, MOST OF OUR RURAL COUNTIES WILL LOSE POPULATION.

THIS REFLECTS THE EXODUS FROM THE FARMS BY THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING DISPOSSESSED BY THE ECONOMICS OF THE TIMES. THEY ARE LEAVING THE RURAL COUNTIES AND MOVING TO INDUSTRIALIZED AREAS TO FIND JOBS SO THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN CAN BE HOUSED AND FED.

THIS CREATES A PROBLEM BECAUSE WE IN NORTH CAROLINA DON'T WANT TO END UP WITH THE URBAN SPRAWL AND CONGESTION THAT IS FOUND IN THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES.

AND WHAT BETTER ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM IS THERE THAN RURAL COMMUNITIES THAT CAN ATTRACT INDUSTRY AND OFFER JOBS IN THE LOCAL AREA?

JUST RECENTLY THERE WAS A REPORT IN THE PAPERS WHICH SAID THAT NORTH CAROLINA'S PER CAPITA INCOME HAS DROPPED IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO RAISE THAT INCOME THAN BY BRINGING GOOD JOBS TO OUR RURAL AREAS WHERE THE PAYROLLS ARE SCARCEST AND THE PLANTS ARE FEWEST?

BUT, NOT MATTER WHAT IS DONE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES, THE EFFORTS ARE BADLY HAMPERED IF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IS IN DISORDER.

AND TODAY, I THINK YOU WILL AGREE, THE ECONOMY IS STRUGGLING AND UNCERTAINTY IS WIDESPREAD.

THERE SEEMS TO BE SHARP DISAGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON AS TO WHERE THE NATION STANDS IN REGARD TO INFLATION.

WE HAVE THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR, MR. STEIN, TELLING US THAT THINGS ARE FINALLY BEGINNING TO IMPROVE AND THAT THE RATE OF INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING IS GOING TO SLACKEN OFF DURING THE MONTHS AHEAD.

BUT, THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR YEARS AND NOTHING HAS HAPPENED FOR THE BETTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE ARTHUR BURNS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD AND THE PRESIDENT'S OWN APPOINTEE, WARNING THAT INFLATION AND THE CONSTANT WEAKENING

OF THE BUYING POWER OF THE DOLLAR IS A THREAT TO THE NATION'S VERY EXISTENCE.

SO, IT IS SMALL WONDER THAT THE AVERAGE MAN IN THE STREET IS UTTERLY CONFUSED BY WHAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MANAGING OUR ECONOMY ARE SAYING THESE DAYS.

THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION CAME TO WASHINGTON AND POWER IN 1969 SAYING IT WANTED A FREE MARKET WITH AS LITTLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AS POSSIBLE.

NOW THIS SOUNDS GOOD, IF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT HAD BEEN REAL. BUT THE FACTS ARE THAT POLITICAL MEDDLING WITH OUR FARM ECONOMY AND ANTI-TRUST LAWS MAKES THAT COMMITMENT SOMETHING SUSPECT, AND THE CURRENT INFLATION CAN BE PARTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THIS HYPOCRISY.

THE ACTIONS OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ IN THE RUSSIAN WHEAT DEAL, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS THE "GREAT AMERICAN GRAIN ROBBERY" AND IN TOBACCO QUOTAS ARE PRIME EXAMPLES OF HOW GOVERNMENT HAS FIDDLED WITH THE ECONOMY.

THEY HAVE SHOWN, TOO, THAT ANTI-TRUST LAWS COULD BE INFLUENCED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH AS IN THE

TAKEOVER OF THE HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY BY THE ITT COMPANY. ONE UPSHOT OF THIS HAS BEEN THAT A FORMER UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE NATION'S HISTORY, HAS PLEADED GUILTY IN OPEN COURT TO THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE JUST CONCLUDED A LONG CAMPAIGN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE. AS I TRAVELLED OVER THE STATE, I FOUND THAT PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY TROUBLED AS THEY SEE PRICES OF THE THINGS THEY MUST BUY CONTINUE TO GO UP AND UP WITH LITTLE OR NO RELIEF IN SIGHT.

THE INFLATION WE ARE EXPERIENCING IS EVERYBODY'S ENEMY BECAUSE IT IS EATING AWAY OUR ABILITY TO GIVE OUR FAMILIES COMFORTABLE HOMES, ADEQUATE FOOD AND CLOTHING AND EDUCATION.

YOU KNOW IT HAS LONG BEEN A WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT WE WILL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER DEPRESSION AS WE DID IN THE 1930'S BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WON'T LET IT HAPPEN -- THAT IF THINGS GET BAD ENOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WILL STEP IN AND PRIME THE PUMP AND THUS AVOID DISASTER THAT A DEPRESSION CAN BRING.

WELL, MAYBE SO, BUT WHEN YOU GET TO THE POINT WHERE YOUR INCOME WON'T BUY ENOUGH TO DECENTLY HOUSE AND FEED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, THEN YOU HAVE GOT YOUR OWN PRIVATE DEPRESSION AND ALL THE TALK ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT NOT LETTING IT HAPPEN DOESN'T MEAN MUCH.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN FACT, WHICH HAS TALKED YEAR AFTER YEAR ABOUT STOPPING INFLATION IS IN FACT A PRIME CAUSE OF THIS SPIRAL IN COSTS THAT IS HITTING US ALL.

THE REASON IS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T ACT LIKE IT TALKS.

WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, YEAR AFTER YEAR, SPENDS MORE THAN IT TAKES IN, YOU HAVE THE PRIME CAUSE FOR RISING PRICES.

THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON TOOK OFFICE AFTER CAMPAIGNING WITH A PROMISE TO BALANCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

IT DIDN'T DO IT, AND IN ALL FAIRNESS, CONGRESS MUST SHARE THE BLAME.

LAST YEAR THE GOVERNMENT HAD A DEFICIT OF \$14 BILLION AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT IT WAS IN THE RED \$23,2 BILLION. IN FISCAL 1975, THE DEFICIT PROBABLY WILL BE BETWEEN \$10 AND \$15 BILLION.

SOMEBODY IN WASHINGTON -- AND I BELIEVE IT MUST BE THE CONGRESS -- HAS GOT TO SAY "STOP" AND IT MUST BE SAID SOON.

IF I GET THERE NEXT YEAR -- AND I BELIEVE I AM GOING TO -- I WANT TO SAY "STOP" AS LOUD AND CLEAR AS I CAN.

IT WON'T BE AN EASY THING TO HALT. AS ONE SENATOR RECENTLY SAID, DEFICIT SPENDING HAS BECOME SO FASHIONABLE IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO SHOCK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY EXPECT EACH YEAR TO BRING HIGHER TAXES, MORE SPENDING AND A BIGGER FEDERAL DEBT.

BUT CONGRESS CAN BRING FEDERAL SPENDING BACK INTO LINE.

IT HAS MADE A START ON THIS, AND I THINK THAT IS GOOD NEWS.

JUST RECENTLY, AS YOU MAY HAVE READ IN YOUR NEWSPAPER OR HEARD ON RADIO OR TELEVISION, THE SENATE PASSED THE "BUDGET REFORM ACT". THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED ITS OWN VERSION OF THE SAME BILL AND NOW THEY MUST BE RECONCILED, BUT THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT CONGRESS AT LONG LAST IS REVERSING THE TREND AND IS ASSERTING THE LEGISLATURE'S CORRECT ROLE.

YOU KNOW THE CONSTITUTION, IN ARTICLE I SECTION 8, SAYS,
"THE CONGRESS SHALL HAVE POWER TO LEVY AND COLLECT TAXES."

AND IN SECTION 9 IT DECLARES, "NO MONEY SHALL BE DRAWN
FROM THE TREASURY BUT IN CONSEQUENCE OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY
LAW."

THE CONSTITUTION'S LANGUAGE IS CLEAR. IT GIVES TO
CONGRESS THE POWER TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS PEOPLE WILL BE
TAXED AND TO DETERMINE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PEOPLE'S
MONEY WILL BE SPENT.

IN RECENT YEARS, CONGRESS HAS ABDICATED MUCH OF THIS POWER
AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. NOW, THROUGH THE
BUDGET REFORM BILL, IT IS MOVING TO TAKE BACK THE POWER THE
CONSTITUTION GAVE IT.

BRIEFLY, HERE'S WHAT THIS LEGISLATION DOES. IT ALLOWS
CONGRESS TO FIX ITS OWN SPENDING LEVELS AND IF THESE ARE SET
WITHIN ANTICIPATED REVENUES, AS WE HAVE DONE ALL THESE YEARS IN
NORTH CAROLINA , THEN WE CAN HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET IN WASHINGTON
JUST AS WE HAVE IN RALEIGH.

EARLY IN THE CAMPAIGN THAT JUST ENDED, I URGED PASSAGE OF THIS
LEGISLATION JUST AS I PROMISED TO NOT SUPPORT DEFICIT SPENDING.

AS I SAID, IT WON'T BE EASY AND CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO
PRACTICE SOME REAL SELF DISCIPLINE.

BUT IT CAN BE DONE AND IT MUST BE DONE,

EARLIER I SAID THAT I HAD FOUND THE PEOPLE IN OUR STATE TROUBLED BY INFLATION,

I FOUND THEM ALSO DEEPLY TROUBLED BY SOMETHING ELSE -- THEIR LOSS OF FAITH IN THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENT,

IF YOU THINK THIS ISN'T OF REAL CONCERN TO NORTH CAROLINIANS, THEN YOU OUGHT TO TRAVEL AS I HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELLED AND LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING,

THEY SIMPLY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO BELIEVE ANYMORE, ESPECIALLY WHAT THEY HEAR FROM WASHINGTON.

YOU, I AM SURE, HAVE SEEN THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL POLLS IN YOUR NEWSPAPERS. BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS ARE HELD IN RECORD LOW ESTEEM.

SOMEHOW WE MUST RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN THEIR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

YOU CAN ONLY DO THAT BY BEING HONEST WITH THE PUBLIC AND POLITICIANS MUST START TALKING STRAIGHT AND PLAIN,

HONEST ANSWERS MUST BE GIVEN TO QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE ASK THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS,

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH AMERICA THAT COMPLETE HONESTY WON'T CURE.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE WANT PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO HAVE INTEGRITY AND BE HONEST WITH THEM. UNLESS OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS RESPOND TO THESE DESIRES, AMERICA WILL BE IN TROUBLE.

OF ONE THING I AM SURE, AND IT IS A SOBERING THOUGHT, UNLESS CONFIDENCE IN OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OUR GOVERNEMENT IS RESTORED, THEN GOVERNMENT AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN ENDURING.