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REMARKS OF
THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN
GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY
DURING THE
VISIT OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY
JULY 26, 1984

THANK YOU, TOM (MAYOR DUNN), AND GOOD AFTERNOON.

FOUR YEARS AGO, RONALD REAGAN CAME TO NEW JERSEY --- TO
LIBERTY STATE PARK, OVERLOOKING THE SITE WHERE SO MANY
EARLIER GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS FIRST CAME TO THIS COUNTRY ---
TO KICK OFF HIS CAMPAIGN. HE WENT ON TO WIN NEW JERSEY
HANDSOMELY.

TODAY, RONALD REAGAN IS BACK. AS PRESIDENT. AS A
CANDIDATE. AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE
OF NEW JERSEY.

I AM PROUD THAT WINNING NEW JERSEY IS IN THE FOREFRONT
OF THE PRESIDENT'S STRATEGY.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU ONCE SAID: "WHERE THERE IS A BRAVE MAN THERE IS THE THICKEST OF THE FIGHT: THERE THE POST OF HONOR."

IF NEW JERSEY IS TO BE IN THE THICKEST OF THE FIGHT IN THIS ELECTION, IF WE ARE TO BE A MAJOR BATTLEGROUND, THEN I CONSIDER IT AN HONOR. A LONG OVERDUE RECOGNITION OF OUR IMPORTANCE AS A STATE --- AND OF ALL THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN THESE LAST FOUR YEARS.

WHAT MORE FITTING SITE IS THERE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR ECONOMY? NEW JERSEY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 5.1%, INFLATION HERE AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN STOPPED IN ITS TRACKS, AND LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF NEW, PRODUCTIVE JOBS IN GROWTH INDUSTRIES ARE BEING ADDED TO THE ROLLS EVERY MONTH.

NEW JERSEY IS LEADING THE NATION. THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DURING THEIR PRIMARY CAMPAIGN HERE IN JUNE. WHAT THEY DIDN'T -- OR WOULDN'T -- ACKNOWLEDGE IS HOW MUCH THE REAGAN RECOVERY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR PROSPERITY AND OUR ECONOMIC HEALTH.

IF THE DEMOCRATIC ELIXIR FOR NEW JERSEY'S ECONOMY IS TO BRING BACK INFLATION AND REVERSE THAT PROGRESS, THEN WE DON'T NEED THEIR MEDICINE. WE'RE DOING JUST FINE WITHOUT IT, THANK YOU.

AND IF THE DEMOCRATS THINK THEY HAVE A MONOPOLY ON OUTSTANDING WOMEN CANDIDATES, THEN THEY HAVE NEVER MET THE WOMAN I AM ABOUT TO INTRODUCE.

SHE IS A MAYOR. SHE IS A MOTHER. SHE IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL ATTORNEY. SHE IS A FORCEFUL AND ARTICULATE CANDIDATE. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS. AND SHE IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE LEADING ROLE THAT WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE PLAYING IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NEW JERSEY.

SHE IS THE NEXT U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY: THE HONORABLE MARY MOCHARY.