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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have just read an article in the Los Angeles Times newspaper pertaining to your travels with Senator McGovern. I have enclosed a copy of the American Party platform for you.

I urge you to spend some time travelling with Congressman John Schmitz. I believe you will find him to be very refreshing, when compared with the candidates of the two major parties.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

businessmen threatened by slave labor and foreign competition. Therefore, we urge that:

- The United States cease participation in international tariff cutting organizations such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT); and that

- The United States Government establish a firm policy that U.S. businesses investing abroad do so at their own risk and that there is no obligation by our Government to protect those investments with the lives of our sons, or the taxes of our citizens.

It is believed that the libertarian ideal of totally tariff free international trade is not realistic at this time in world history. We support restoration of America's place as a major sea power with a far ranging merchant fleet.

Immigration

Liberalization of American immigration laws is upsetting the labor balance in our country, and having an adverse effect on our economy. The mass importation of peoples with low standards of living threatens the wage structure of the American working man and, frequently, the political subversion of our American institutions. Therefore, we recommend that:

- United States immigration laws be re-written to limit immigration to modest quotas of immigrants from European and Western Hemisphere countries and other people who share our general cultural traditions and background;

- All other immigration be prohibited except in hardship cases or other special circumstance; and that

- All immigrants be carefully screened to guarantee the loyalty to the United States of all persons entering this country.

State Department

The State Department for almost 40 years has been actively engaged in the promotion of internationalism contrary to the best interests of the United States. Therefore, we recommend that:

- All necessary legislative and administrative action be taken to assure that every person serving in the State Department adheres to the objectives set forth in this platform: all persons found to be security risks be summarily discharged, defining sexual deviates and subversives as "security risks per se";

- All non-conforming functions, such as the Peace Corps, USIA, etc., be eliminated; and that

- Our Government be prohibited from conducting secret negotiations or entering into secret treaties or agreements in any way binding on the United States.

Defense Policies

The American Party supports all necessary measures to provide full protection of the United States from any threat.

We recognize that it is impossible to restore fiscal responsibility to Government without a complete reappraisal of defense expenditures. We insist that all so called defense programs not directly related to the protection of our national security be eliminated; that every item of expenditure be carefully reviewed to eliminate waste, fraud, theft, inefficiency and excess profits from all defense contracts and military expenditures.

We are opposed to compulsory military training but support a well trained and highly organized volunteer state home militia. Since World War II, the domestic prosperity of the United States has been built upon a hot and cold war economy. In this context, war has become an integral part of the domestic economic policy of both the Democrat and Republican administrations. Therefore, we urge that:

- The United States Government take immediate steps to encourage the reorientation of the economy to provide domestic prosperity without the artificial and inflationary stimulus of war and threats of war;

- The United States Government continue to recognize the contribution of our servicemen to the national welfare by the extension of appropriate benefits to all veterans;

- In any war in which our country engages, sufficient taxes be imposed to take the profit out of war, and to equalize the sacrifices of those at home with those called upon to fight on the battlefield abroad.

Disarmament

The principle of universal disarmament is a desirable goal. It can be achieved, however, only if all nations conform equally to disarmament agreements. There is no current evidence of a sincere desire by major world powers to disarm. Therefore, we recommend that:

- Public Law 87-297, otherwise known as the Arms Control and Disarmament Act be repealed.

- No further disarmament treaties be adopted in the absence of full evidence of good faith by all concerned powers, including the right of inspection and true equality of arms reductions;

- No disarmament treaty be adopted involving the implied or expressed obligtion of the United States to go to war to enforce arms limitations, or to protect foreign nations jeopardized by powers violating disarmament agreements; and that

- No disarmament treaty be adopted granting to the United Nations the power to establish an international police force to enforce the provision of such treaty.

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PREAMBLE

The American Party of the United States of America gratefully acknowledges the Lord God as the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe and of the Nation, hereby appeals to Him for aid, comfort, and continuing guidance in its efforts to preserve this nation as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people in this time of peril.

The American Party speaks for the majority of Americans, the hard-working, productive tax-paying citizens who constitute the strength of America.

No other party today speaks for the average American or expresses his concepts, hopes, and goals.

The average man today does not think of himself in ideological terms, such as liberal and conservative. Rather, the average man thinks in terms of the basic problems which confront him. He is concerned with the opportunity for gainful employment, educational opportunity for his children, the safety of his wife and child on the streets of his community, an equity in taxation which makes him neither the victim of those who by refusing to work have no income to tax, or the multi-millionaires who use tax loopholes to avoid the payment of any taxes. He is concerned about the never-ending use of his sons for gunfodder in futile international involvements.

The platform of the American Party is a response to his desires, a voice which speaks for him as no other political party in America today so speaks.

No nation can survive if it fails to meet the problems which concern the average citizen. The American Party confronts these problems with the conviction that the little people of America are right and will be heard in a free Nation committed to Government of, by, and for the people. The people will ultimately have their way.

To these, the great American people, we offer this platform.

Domestic Policy

Local Government

The average man in America today believes in local, voter-controlled institutions of government.

The American Party is totally committed to the governmental framework

embodied in the Constitution of the United States with its emphasis on a maximum of individual freedom and local autonomy. We are unalterably opposed to Federal domination of local institutions, particularly our public schools.

Individual Rights

The American Party speaks for individual freedom: the right of each citizen to the ownership of property and the control of his own property, the right to engage in business or participate in his labor union without governmental interference.

We shall steadfastly oppose Federal legislation permitting the Federal bureaucracy to tell a business man who he must hire or fire, tamper with Union seniority lists and apprenticeship programs or invade the individual's right of privacy.

We call for the elimination of government competition with free and competitive institutions.

Federal Judiciary

The greatest obstacles to the achievement by the average man of his goals and desires for America is the unrepresentative, unresponsive, dictatorial, federal judiciary.

The American Party would end judicial usurpation of the constitutional process by requiring federal judges at the district court level to be directly elected by the people, by requiring federal judges at the appellate level, including Supreme Court Justices, to be reconfirmed in their appointments every four years, and by limiting the appellate jurisdiction of the federal courts in state constitutional cases.

Protection From Crime

The American Party pledges full support to local law enforcement in their crusade to control crime; reforms in our judicial system to provide a speedy and just determination in criminal cases; and retention of the historic constitutional right of each state and the federal government to impose capital punishment for aggravated criminal offenses.

We support maximum penalties for the crime of skyjacking and political assassinations.

We support local control and financing of our local police forces and will oppose all attempts to establish federal control over them.

Drug Abuse

We oppose legalization of marijuana. We favor strong local and state laws making it a criminal offense with a mandatory jail sentence for anyone convicted of selling or supplying drugs, excepting for prescribed medical purposes.

The ultimate source of most hard drugs in the United States is the poppy fields of Red China. We deplore President Nixon's failure to take any meaningful action to stop the flow of hard drugs from Red China to the United States and pledge our full support to stop this assault on our American youth.

Respect For Life

The American Party recognizes that

the first and most important role of government at any level is the protection of the right to life. The American Party opposes all attempts to liberalize any anti-abortion laws which laws, by their very nature, protect the lives of those innocents least able to defend themselves.

We are opposed to euthanasia, the so-called "mercy killing" of the aged, ailing or infirm, by the administration of drugs or the withholding of medication essential to the patient's comfort or possible recovery.

We fully support laws providing criminal penalties for the unsolicited presentation or exhibition of obscenity, including any public display of homosexuality.

Gun Control

The Constitution of the United States affords to every citizen the right to keep and bear arms.

The lawless always acquire weapons and the result of disarming our citizens, coupled with judicial emasculation of local police protection, would be to leave the average citizen without protection from the lawless. We support a mandatory jail sentence for anyone using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The American Party opposes laws which would deny the right of our citizens to own firearms.

Welfare

The American Party is sensitive to the needs of America's aged, blind and disabled citizens and fully supports state and local programs to enable these citizens to live in dignity and economic security.

We are unalterably opposed to tax supported subsidies to able-bodied persons who refuse to work, engage in welfare fraud, or utilize their reproductive capacities for the purpose of securing ever larger welfare payments.

We support all necessary statutory and administrative amendments necessary to achieve the complete elimination of rampant fraud in public assistance programs.

We oppose all federal funding in public assistance programs.

Social Security

The aged have been the principal victims of an irresponsible government fostered inflation. We support legislation to require the Federal government to protect Social Security Funds as a special trust, using those funds solely for the purpose of providing benefits to the beneficiaries. We support the removal of the earnings limitation of 62 and over in order that they may earn any amount of additional income.

We support the right of those entering the labor market to elect to participate in approved private retirement plans as an alternative to the Federal Social Security Program. Current studies establish that, at present rates, the same funds paid into Social Security over the average worker's productive life would produce, if paid into a private investment trust fund, a principal sum sufficient to provide the worker a retirement income

at least several times larger than present Social Security benefits.

Health Care

We support cooperative efforts between private insurance carriers and private charitable institutions to provide low-cost medical insurance for the average citizen. We oppose any form of government controlled insurance.

We fully support the freedom of the citizen to choose his own physician.

We are particularly sensitive to the special needs of the handicapped and support state administered programs which offer these citizens the educational and employment opportunities to lead productive lives.

Inflation

Government created the problem of inflation by deficit spending and Government must be curbed in such further activity.

The American Party supports all steps necessary to halt the inflationary spiral, including putting the Federal Government on a pay-as-you-go basis and restoring a sound monetary standard by permitting the individual citizen to own and exchange gold, and the American Party advocates the abolition of the Federal Reserve System (a private corporation), and together with such abolition, the American Party advocates a return to the gold standard.

We object strongly to the policy of present and past administrations in blaming either the working man or the business man for the problem of inflation.

The imposition of wage and price controls, ostensibly established to curb inflation, is a fraud upon every citizen of America. We call for the removal of such fraudulent wage and price controls.

Taxation

The American Party supports immediate tax relief for the lower- and middle-income citizens of America, a closing of the tax loopholes for the ultra-rich, and taxation of the presently exempt foundations unless their purposes are narrowly limited to charitable pursuits.

We believe that the American Party should encourage the full consideration of a constitutional amendment reflecting long-standing and never refuted studies establishing that if the federal government is restricted to its constitutional functions, the present income, estate and gift tax programs can be eliminated at a proven profit of approximately 20 per cent to the average American wage earner.

Employment

The American Party would eliminate governmental red tape and restrictions which discourage the development and expansion of business enterprises which create job opportunities.

Consumer Protection

The American Party supports reasonable programs to provide protection for consumers and wage earners against hazards to their health and safety.

Believing in free competitive enterprise, we are unrelenting in our opposition to government maintained monopolies which stifle competition. Where these monopolies exist, they must be strictly regulated to protect the public from unfair and arbitrary rate increases.

We are opposed to the use by those monopolies, such as, the telephone company, of its consumer derived revenues for political purposes for the direct or indirect influencing of elections.

Agriculture

We support the phased complete withdrawal of government controls, restrictions, and subsidies from agriculture within a period of three to five years, as we withdraw similar subsidies from other areas of American economic life.

To protect the American farmer from unjust foreign competition, we protest foreign imports from slave nations.

Labor

The American Party fully supports the advances made by the working people of America. We shall continue to support the right of workers to organize, bargain collectively, and control the internal affairs of their union organizations without Federal government interference. We oppose compulsory federally enforced arbitration on local unions.

The American Party recognizes that all retirement and pension programs are a deferred part of every workers' wage or salary. As such, all participation in retirement and pension programs should remain the property of every participating employee regardless of wherever he may be employed. We strongly support legislation, union agreements, or professional organization efforts to guarantee that interest. Every working man, union or non-union, waged or salaried, should be allowed to take his pension benefits with him to wherever he might be employed, from his first job to his last.

We support the right of rank and file union members to control the destiny of their own local unions through democratic processes.

There is no "acceptable" level of unemployment as is implied by the current philosophies of the Democrat and Republican Parties. The unalterable position of the American Party is that there is opportunity for full employment through the free enterprise system.

Education

The American Party fully supports the concept of quality education for every American child. We believe that education is a local responsibility and we are unalterably committed to the preservation of the neighborhood school without Federal control or interference. We believe that the educational dollar should be spent for improved classroom instruction, not for unproductive busing of pupils for purposes of social experimentation or racial balance. We strongly reaffirm our opposition to such busing, and to the transfer of teachers for such purposes.

We also support all necessary legislation to encourage the development of

systems of private education including tax setoffs for parents who choose to place their children in private schools.

We support the concept of voluntary non-denominational prayer in the public schools. We would protect the right of an individual not to participate, but do not believe the minority has the right to bar participation by the majority in desired religious exercises. We will resist any and all attempts by governmental agencies such as H.E.W. and the National Institute on Mental Health et al, to use our educational systems to experiment with, or capture the minds and lives of our children through such programs as sex-education, sensitivity training and drug experimentation.

We favor placing our schools under the jurisdiction of parents and their local school boards, and school financing by state and local taxation.

The Environment

We support all reasonable efforts to solve the problems of air and water pollution, and America's other environmental maladies.

We do not believe that the solution to pollution can be found in destroying the private capital investment system, but rather by urging the enforcement of the common and statutory laws affecting these matters by the states and local enforcement agencies, and by the inventive genius of a free people in a competitive economic system.

Elections

The development of the American Party is dependent upon an opportunity to fully participate in the election process in the several states. We shall work for the elimination of discriminatory state laws which make it difficult or impossible for new parties to participate in the election process. We shall support judicial or legislative action wherever necessary to achieve this objective, including legislation enabling the name "American Party" to be used in every state.

We support full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures.

Government Secrecy

The American Party believes that government must be conducted in the full light of public scrutiny. Secrecy is the tool of dictatorship, not of government of, by and for the people. We pledge our full support to all necessary legislation to assure full disclosure to the people of the activities of their government, excepting for matters clearly in the interests of national security.

Regional Government

The American Party is unalterably opposed to the creation of regional government entities which exercises tax and police powers without direct responsibility to the voters and the taxpayers which such agencies are alleged to serve. Too often, the objective of those seeking to create such regional bodies is the destruction or usurpation of the authority of local or state governments.

In connection with necessary vigilance on the subject of regional government, we encourage a re-examination of the concept of zoning laws, which frequently are

a thinly veiled transfer of power from private property owners to local collectivist planners.

Internal Subversion

The American Party expresses its undying opposition to the criminal Communist conspiracy and, in that regard, urges the enforcement of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Women's Liberation

Although "Equal Rights" for women may seem a desirable objective, in practice it means great loss—not gain. We urge the people to notify their state legislators to resist adoption of the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment."

Public Housing

We oppose public, subsidized and scatter site housing in any neighborhood or community unless first approved by a majority of the voters in the precinct and in the municipality concerned.

Foreign Policy

National Sovereignty

. . . We are . . . unalterably opposed to entangling alliances, via treaties or any other form of commitment, which compromise our national sovereignty. To this end, we shall:

- Steadfastly oppose American participation in any form of world government organization;

- Call upon the President and Congress to terminate United States membership in the United Nations and its subsidiary organizations; and

- Propose that the Constitution be amended to prohibit the United States Government from entering any treaty or other agreement which makes any commitment of American military forces or tax money, compromises the sovereignty of the United States, or accomplishes a purpose properly the subject of domestic law.

Pacts and Agreements

Since World War II, the United States has increasingly played the undesirable role of an international policeman. Through our involvements abroad, our country is being changed from a republic to a world empire in which our freedoms are being sacrificed on an altar of international involvement. The United States is now committed by treaty to defend 42 foreign nations in all parts of the world, and by agreements other than treaties to defend at least 19 more. Therefore, we:

- Call upon the President and the Congress to immediately commence a systematic withdrawal from these treaties and agreements unless such withdrawal would threaten the immediate national security of the United States.

- Reaffirm our support of the Monroe Doctrine under which the United States has clearly stated its perpetual interest

in the independence from foreign domination of the several republics of the Western Hemisphere, so that all expansionist powers will be forewarned of our commitment to the freedom of the Western Hemisphere from foreign domination.

Vietnam

The Executive Branch of our government, with the tacit approval of Congress, has involved us in an unconstitutional war in Vietnam which is contrary to the best interest of this nation. Through unbelievable mismanagement, or conscious design, the war has been prolonged, any goal of traditional military victory abandoned, and the enemy has been given privileged sanctuaries while over 50,000 American boys have been slaughtered on the battlefield.

Despite the fact that our nation became involved illegally in the Indo-China war there are, none the less, hundreds of valiant American servicemen now languishing in the prison camps of North Vietnam. America owes a duty and responsibility to these brave men and their families to force the Communist government of North Vietnam to release these American prisoners of war. . . .

The American Party further demands that never again shall U.S. troops be employed on any foreign field of battle without a declaration of war by Congress as required by the U.S. Constitution; that Congress refuse to fund unconstitutional, undeclared wars pursuant to Presidential whim or international obligations under which American sovereignty has been transferred to multinational agencies; and that such statutes be adopted as may be required to achieve these objectives.

We are unalterably opposed to any American aid to NORTH Vietnam upon termination of our participation in Southeast Asian hostilities.

We oppose unequivocally any amnesty for military deserters and draft dodgers.

Relations With Communists

The American Party is deeply concerned by the President's recent accord with Communist China during the very hour when American boys are being killed by the Communist enemy in Vietnam. Instead of consorting with Communist governments, we believe that the United States should terminate all trade with, and aid to, Communist countries . . . We should provide moral encouragement to the peoples of captive nations whose homelands are presently oppressed by the Communist tyranny. We specifically urge the United States reiterate its friendship for Nationalist China. We are unalterably opposed to any recognition of the Castro Communist government in Cuba. . . .

We pledge not to interfere with Cuban exiles in their legitimate goals and aims of freeing their country from Communist tyranny.

We pledge to release all Cuban exiles held in United States jails for past activities connected with the liberation of their homeland.

Middle East

The American Party is unalterably opposed to American involvement in the Middle East conflict between Israel and Arab States. The United States has no interests in the Middle East which justifies the sacrifice of our sons on a desert battlefield nor is our country properly cast as a merchant of death in the Middle East arms race.

We therefore propose that:

- America declare its neutrality in the Middle East; and that it

- Repudiate any commitment expressed or implied to send U.S. troops to participate in the Middle East conflict.

South Africa, Rhodesia

As it is not the prerogative of foreign nations to determine the internal policies of the United States, so it is not our prerogative to dictate the internal policies of foreign countries. We should, therefore, declare our friendship with all nations who genuinely desire friendship with us. Consequently, we:

- Call upon our government to cease its acts of hostility toward South Africa and Rhodesia, and, indeed, all other non-Communist countries who have by word and deed demonstrated their friendship for the United States;

- Commend the Congress for its action in ending American participation in U.N. sanctions against Rhodesia as they apply to chromite and certain other strategic minerals; and

- Pledge to end the present administration's anti-Rhodesian sanctions policy and extend to Rhodesia the full diplomatic recognition to which that nation is clearly entitled.

Foreign Aid

Since World War II, the United States has been engaged in the greatest international giveaway program ever conceived by man, and is now spending over $32,000,000,000 a year to aid foreign nations. These expenditures have won us no friends and constitute a major drain on the resources of our taxpayers. Therefore, we demand that:

- No further funds be appropriated for any kind of foreign aid programs;

- United States participation in international lending institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary fund, be ended;

- All government subsidies and investment guarantees to encourage U.S. businesses to invest in foreign lands be immediately terminated; and

- All debts owed to the United States by foreign countries from previous wars be collected, by confiscation of property, if necessary.

Tariffs and Trade

The American Party urges that Congress take all necessary action to protect American workers, farmers and

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