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Mr. President:

I was much struck -- in your excellent address last night -- by the parallels between your formulation of domestic policy and those you have applied to foreign policy.

If and when the time comes to appeal to our people to stay the course both at home and abroad -- perhaps in the context of a tax increase -- you may wish to make these parallels explicit.

Specifically ---

1. At home your appeal is for law and order as the framework for economic and social progress. Abroad we fight in Vietnam to make aggression unprofitable while helping the people of Vietnam and all of Free Asia -- build a future of economic and social progress. The equivalent of domestic law and order on the world scene is that nations forego the use of violence across international frontiers.

2. The parallel can be done in greater detail. Abroad, you have formulated our policies under four headings which have domestic parallel as follows:

Abroad

- Deterrence of Aggression
- Economic and social progress
- U. S. partnership with regional organizations.
- Reconciliation among nations which now are postured in mutual hostility.

At Home

- Law and Order
- Economic and social progress
- Federal partnership with the States.
- Reconciliation among all groups in our own society.

3. I cite these parallels because it is a fact that we cannot play our part on the world scene unless we do so from a base of order and progress at home; and, equally, we cannot build order and progress at home in a world where U. S. withdrawal from its responsibilities result in an international environment of chaos and violence. It is unsafe

for our society -- at home and abroad -- to walk away from its domestic problems and responsibilities. It is equally unsafe for our society -- at home and abroad -- to walk away from its external responsibilities. Therefore, we must -- and we can -- find the energy, talent, and resources to work for order and progress at home and abroad which means:

- the cities;
- foreign aid;
- and seeing it through in Vietnam.

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