

RADIO TAPE FOR JAN 27

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

I KNOW THAT I AM JOINED BY EVERY WEST VIRGINIAN, AND BY ALL AMERICANS, WHEN I SAY THAT <sup>we are happy</sup> IT IS GREAT TO HAVE OUR 52 FELLOW CITIZENS BACK <sup>with</sup> ~~AMONG~~ <sup>on Amer soil</sup> US AFTER 444 DAYS IN CAPTIVITY.

IT WAS WITH RELIEF AND THANKSGIVING THAT WE SAW THEM ALL RETURN TO AMERICAN SOIL.

IN AN EXPRESSION OF PROFOUND AND LASTING GRATITUDE, I HAVE JOINED WITH A NUMBER OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PRAISE AND THANK THE HEROS OF THIS ORDEAL: THE 52 <sup>former</sup> ~~FREED~~ HOSTAGES AND THEIR FAMILIES; PRESIDENT CARTER, WARREN CHRISTOPHER, AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WHO DILIGENTLY WORKED FOR THE HOSTAGES SAFE RETURN; THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA; AND MOST CERTAINLY THE EIGHT AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO DIED IN THE <sup>valiant</sup> EFFORT TO RESCUE THE HOSTAGES LAST APRIL.

ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ~~ARE INDEED HEROES~~ <sup>can & has</sup> ~~AND~~ <sup>maintained its prestige under adverse circumstances</sup> ~~THEY~~ HAVE SHOWN THE WORLD THAT THE UNITED STATES ~~AND ITS~~ PEOPLE WILL NOT BE OVERCOME BY ADVERSITY OR HARDSHIP. <sup>for which</sup> IN TIMES OF CRISIS, AS A NATION, WE BAND TOGETHER, A TRAIT WE ALL CAN BE PROUD ~~OF~~.

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