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home state of two such great Senators as my colleagues Jim Murray
and Mike Mansfield, and such outstanding members of the House as
my good friend Congressman Lee Metcalf, and your other fine Con-
gressman, LeRoy Anderson.

You have every right to be proud of all four of your
representatives in the United States Congress. Believe me, we
in Washington are proud of them -- and proud to work with them.

Feel at Home Here Somehow, I feel at home in Montana. You know, we in

Minnesota have much in common with you in tradition, culture,
population backgrounds -- and, yes, in economic problems. We

Revolution are both dependent upon industry, agriculture and mining; we both have a
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Victory parties are an appropriate occasion for self-
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We must squarely face the responsibility of victory.
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↳ We have created a party with a purpose, a party
built on ideals -- and dedicated to furthering those ideals
by constructive and responsible action.

↳ Our purpose is to serve people, to be deeply concerned
about the well-being of people -- all people.

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opportunity in America to make democracy more effective --
to bring closer to full realization the inspiring dreams of Social
justice and equal economic opportunity for all.

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so effectively and impressively articulated ~~in the last two~~
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The fact is that our insistence upon building a party more interested in issues than patronage, more interested in performance for people than perpetuation of a political machine, and more interested in the future than in the past, has paid good dividends. It created a solid foundation for our steadily expanding victories.

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experience of those who through the years had encountered a mellowing of judgment and reason based upon experience.

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In this complex world of politics, as well as life itself, not all is sharply black or white, good or evil. People of differing views can have equal depth of conviction. There may at times appear to be differences within our family, as there are on occasions in any family -- but it would be a fatal mistake for our political opponents to ever think for a moment we do not stand shoulder to shoulder together as Democrats for common goals of progress and development.

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Differences
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are not a party of "thought control", or rigid intellectual discipline. We want to be a blend of the best that is in all of us -- and all of us have something to contribute.

Yes, we have plenty of room for differing viewpoints.

It keeps our party healthy, active, and alert.

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Western
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Take a good look at what is happening to our party nationally, and you will see what I mean. It is ~~young~~^{the} men of ideals and purpose -- for their country, not just for themselves -- that are giving it new vigor. Look at the array of capable, competent, young men we Democrats have added to the Congress, to the Senate, and to our growing list of Governors, both in this recent election and two years ago.

Yet, remember that none of them won alone. They are but symbolic of the feeling and sentiment of the groups and people with which we associate, and those of like purpose who make our victory possible. And it is amply evident that they are ever-increasing in number.

These, then, are the people creating the Democratic Party of today, and creating the new areas of its greatest strength.

It is not just in the candidates themselves that we find this quality of leadership -- of idealistic purpose, and dedicated energy. It is also in our party officers. In many states, new and energetic leadership has infused more spirit into Party organizations. In others, experienced veterans of Party leadership are making better use of new and upcoming young men and women, dedicated to the ideals of our Party.

Wherever we have given the Democratic Party real purpose for all the people, we have made great strides in progress.

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to west*

Of course, there is good reason for the growing acceptance of our Democratic Party westward -- for the spirit of our party fits the growth, expansion, and restless drive for progress of the west. We have won in the west not only because of the kind of people we have put forward as our

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Power

spokesmen, but ~~only~~ because we have stood for what the west
needs -- and America needs.

Republicans Look on
west as Colony!

We have been the party for constantly greater develop-
ment, for expansion rather than contraction of our free
enterprise system; the party with real depth of appreciation
of the vital necessity for conservation and preservation of
our ~~great~~ natural resources, coupled with sound and prudent
judgment in putting them to the most practical use for the
benefit of the most people.

~~In truth, we have progressed because we have become
a party with a purpose of doing things, rather than just a
party of patronage and machines and personal power.~~

We have helped the American political system to
grow up, and display a new maturity.

We have become an all-American party that recognizes

Look
what
happened

all people on the basis of individual dignity and worth, and
all candidates on the basis of individual merit -- yes, a
party mature enough to unite on basic issues, and to maintain
a respect for differing racial, religious, or cultural back-
grounds that override prejudices of the past.

Recent elections offer proof of that maturity. We
have tossed a lot of old political cliches into the discard.

When we can elect an Irish Catholic in a traditionally
Scandinavian Protestant statelike we did in Minnesota ---

When a primarily rural state like mine can elect a
Minneapolis Mayor to represent the entire state in the United
States Senate, as in my case, and yet California, with its
great urban population can choose a country Congressman from
its most remote hinterlands as its new United States Senator...

When a college professor can be elected to the Senate
from the cowboy state of Wyoming... *and the rugged*
mining State of Montana

When so-called Republican Yankee Maine can
Send to the Senate a young Brilliant Polish Amer
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When the tall timber and mountain country Idaho

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can send to the Senate a brilliant young lawyer...

When we are seeing an ever-increasing number of
similar examples showing the basic wisdom of voters, wherever
they may be...

~~She~~ ^{and a nation}, I am convinced, we have shown we are growing
up as a party -- and are providing leadership to build America,
wherever we find it, and whatever its background. We are pro-
viding America with representatives alert to 20th Century needs
and problems -- and men capable of doing something about them.

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As Democrats, we have accepted the mandate of victory
to build a program for America geared to America's needs.

We are filling the vacuum of executive leadership
confronting our country -- and your own Mike Mansfield is playing
a vital role in the responsible leadership our Party/offering in the
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Congress.

✓ We are determined to produce a program of constructive action as an answer to the do-nothingism of the tired, old, sick and conservative men who are now at the helm of the executive branch of our government.

✓ We have the framework of such a program now evolving in the current Congress, with contributions to it coming from all geographical areas of the country, and all segments of the Democratic Party.

~~There need be no quarrel over authorship of such a program, for our purpose must be to put together the very best we can devise from the combined resources, judgment, and experience of our Congressional leadership, our Democratic National Committee and its Advisory Council, our Democratic Governors, and competent, nonpolitical experts dedicated to specialized fields of education, health, economic development, human rights,~~

agriculture, social welfare, defense, and international relations.

It will be a liberal program, because ours is the liberal party -- and the American people have indicated a vote of confidence in liberal leadership.

Yet, it will be constructively and sanely liberal, providing assurance to all segments of our economy that we can build soundly for the future growth and development, and higher living standards at home and abroad, ~~within free democratic institutions, without any of the recklessness which some profess to fear.~~

Quite the contrary, such a forward-looking program would be far less dangerous to our country than running the risk of shutting our eyes to the weak spots in our economy, our areas of neglect in our society that urgently need attention.

Aquaculture | Small Business

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Area
Redevelop
Housing
Airports
Roads
Power

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vice.

There is much more that needs to be done, but nothing

Education

Health
+
Welfare

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with the power of victory that we forget what we won for last November. Let us make sure we make good on the job we promised to do.

2 The real formula for success in 1960 is what we Democrats are able to do in the Congress, in Statehouses, and in city governments between now and 1960.

When I conducted my campaign in 1954, my slogan was "Senator Humphrey Gets Things Done"

For 1959 and 1960, we need to convince the country that "Democrats Get Things Done".

It is interesting, of course, to read of prospective Presidential candidates. It is flattering to be mentioned among the possibilities. The political jockeying for a Presidential nomination is always exciting to people who like politics -- and undoubtedly some will devote a lot of time to it during the next two years.

For my part, I would prefer concentrating whatever energy *stems* and ability I may have -- ~~all my time~~ -- toward producing a record of achievement for our party -- and a record

of progress and peace and hope for our country and the world.

We need more political performance, and fewer political performers.

~~It is not as important for us, as Democrats, to be concerned about who our standard bearer might be in 1960, as it is to be concerned about how we can best fulfill the responsibilities we already have.~~

~~It is not as important for Democrats to be mobilizing forces in behalf of one prospective nominee or another during the next two years, as it is for us to be mobilizing effective forces in behalf of the ideals and programs in which we believe.~~

~~Our party, and our country, can be better served in 1959 and 1960 by getting things done that need to be done for our fellow man, at home and abroad -- than in getting convention delegates pledged.~~

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For my part, I am not as much concerned over the

"Who" of 1960, as I am over the "How" and the "what for".

Let us keep our hearts and minds set on purpose, not just political preference.

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Our most urgent purpose, in order to merit the country's confidence in 1960, must be a responsible, constructive approach to building a climate for world peace -- regardless of partisan divisions between the Executive and Legislative branches of our government.

Fortunately, in the field of foreign policy, there is and must be genuine bipartisanship -- insofar as the objectives are concerned. We support the objectives of the Wilson, Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower Administrations. Basically, those objectives are:

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1. Defense against Communist aggression, wherever it occurs.
2. Expansion of the areas of freedom wherever possible.
3. Cooperation and assistance for the new developing and rising nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
4. Support of the active participation in the United Nations, and expanded use of its many facilities and agencies.
5. And, finally, mutual defense and mutual assistance.

Our responsible bipartisan cooperation on foreign policy goes even beyond these broad objectives. In time of serious concern, we can and do maintain an essential unity of purpose, so that our country can present a united front.

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Currently, two examples are NATO and West Berlin. They are all the more important today in light of Soviet threats and tactics.

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~~How well we as Democrats do in 1960, in my opinion,
hinges on how well we fulfill such aims between now and 1960.~~

~~It is always heartening and encouraging, of course,
to read about the brighter prospects for a Democratic victory in
1960, and how easy that victory may be. Let us not get so enthralled~~

We must remember that the main objective of the Kremlin is to weaken NATO, and divide the free world's allies. The Soviet cannot win either a cold war or a hot war, if the free world stands united.

As Democrats, we are pledged to active participation in and leadership of the NATO Alliance -- not only in terms of military policy, but politically and economically as well.

We believe in closer political cooperation and unity for all NATO partners.

NATO needs to be strengthened on the economic front by a closer economic integration of Europe and the United States.

NATO needs to expand its horizons in the field of economic assistance, to the areas of Africa and Asia, where NATO countries have historic responsibilities.

In West Berlin, it is imperative that there be complete

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unity of all political forces -- not only in America but
in the Western Alliance.

The Soviet Union has its immediate objective to
destroy the freedom of West Berlin.

West Berlin is an island in the sea of Soviet
imperialism.

West Berlin is a democratic oasis, in the desert of
totalitarianism. It represents democratic strength in one of
the most crucial areas of the world. It has as its Mayor a
truly great and courageous democratic leader.

Is it any wonder that the Communists would like to do
away with it? All the more reason we must never let this Com-
munist threat become a reality.

Now these are objectives that everyone should support.

It is to the means of fulfillment of objectives that
we must give our attention.

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We should make it clear to the world that we have a specific, definite program of works for peace. Let me mention a few.

1. We should emphasize a long-term food program as a means of aiding and helping the food deficit areas of the world.

Food

2. We should give leadership and increased emphasis to a broad world health program.

Health

3. We should emphasize the importance of education, particularly vocational and technical education, in the newly developing areas of the world. Whatever happened to the President's proposal of five years ago at Baylor University to build vocational schools or to help in establishment of vocational schools in Asia, Africa, and Latin America? It was a good idea, and it should be carried out -- let's do it.

Educ

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4. We should expand our programs of cultural,
people to people exchange.

5. We should emphasize trade and economic development.

Now, these are some of the things I mean about the emphasis that is needed in foreign policy, and the means to make it more effective.

At all times, we must remember that American military strength must be second to none. *But* We need far less talk about rockets, missiles and other military power -- and much more fulfillment.

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We have become an all-American party that recognizes

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all people on the basis of individual dignity and worth, and
all candidates on the basis of individual merit -- yes, a
party mature enough to unite on basic issues, and to maintain
a respect for differing racial, religious, or cultural back-
grounds that override prejudices of the past.

Recent elections offer proof of that maturity. We
have tossed a lot of old political cliches into the discard.

When we can elect an Irish Catholic in a traditionally
Scandinavian Protestant statelike we did in Minnesota ---

When a primarily rural state like mine can elect a
Minneapolis Mayor to represent the entire state in the United
States Senate, as in my case, and yet California, with its
great urban population can choose a country Congressman from
its most remote hinterlands as its new United States Senator...

When a college professor can be elected to the Senate
from the cowboy state of Wyoming...

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When the tall timber and mountain country Idaho
can send to the Senate a brilliant young lawyer...

When we are seeing an ever-increasing number of
similar examples showing the basic wisdom of voters, wherever
they may be...

Yes, I am convinced, we have shown we are growing
up as a party -- and are providing leadership to build America,
wherever we find it, and whatever its background. We are pro-
viding America with representatives alert to 20th Century needs
and problems -- and men capable of doing something about them.

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As Democrats, we have accepted the mandate of victory
to build a program for America geared to America's needs.

We are filling the vacuum of executive leadership
confronting our country -- and your own Mike Mansfield is playing
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a vital role in the responsible leadership our Party/offering in the

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Congress.

We are determined to produce a program of constructive action as an answer to the do-nothingism of the tired, old, sick and conservative men who are now at the helm of the executive branch of our government.

We have the framework of such a program now evolving in the current Congress, with contributions ~~to~~ it coming from all geographical areas of the country, and all segments of the Democratic Party.

There need be no quarrel over authorship of such a program, for our purpose must be to put together the very best we can devise from the combined resources, judgment, and experience of our Congressional leadership, our Democratic National Committee and its Advisory Council, our Democratic Governors, and competent, nonpolitical experts dedicated to specialized fields of education, health, economic development, human rights,

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agriculture, social welfare, defense, and international relations.

It will be a liberal program, because ours is the liberal party -- and the American people have indicated a vote of confidence in liberal leadership.

Yet, it will be constructively and sanely liberal, providing assurance to all segments of our economy that we can build soundly for the future growth and development, and higher living standards at home and abroad, within free democratic institutions, without any of the recklessness which some profess to fear.

Quite the contrary, such a forward-looking program would be far less dangerous to our country than running the risk of shutting our eyes to the weak spots in our economy, our areas of neglect in our society that urgently need attention.

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We are determined never to neglect our economy, because we are convinced that a recession is too costly a luxury for us to afford.

We need more teachers and more schools, and better teachers and better schools at every educational level -- and we are convinced Americans will be unsatisfied with less than the best of educational opportunity for our young people.

We are deeply concerned over the growing toll of sickness, in cost to the individual and economic loss to the country. We are determined to wage an aggressive effort to wipe out disease through research and improve availability of adequate medical care -- and effort in which we wholeheartedly welcome the increasingly helpful cooperation of the medical profession and its many related fields of health care and service.

There is much more that needs to be done, but nothing

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should take greater priority than building a climate for a just and secure peace.

We must quietly go about our business of strengthening our defenses, yet aggressively launch, and persistently maintain, a bolder program of "Works for Peace"

These need not be in conflict at all.

When robbers roam the streets, we need to have police -- but we also need hospitals, schools, parks, industry, and jobs to maintain a well ordered society. Police alone cannot meet society's needs.

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How well we as Democrats do in 1960, in my opinion, hinges on how well we fulfill such aims between now and 1960.

It is always heartening and encouraging, of course, to read about the brighter prospects for a Democratic victory in 1960, and how easy that victory may be. Let us not get so enthralled

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with the power of victory that we forget what we won for last November. Let us make sure we make good on the job we promised to do.

The real formula for success in 1960 is what we Democrats are able to do in the Congress, in Statehouses, and in city governments between now and 1960.

When I conducted my campaign in 1954, my slogan was "Senator Humphrey Gets Things Done"

For 1959 and 1960, we need to convince the country that "Democrats Get Things Done".

It is interesting, of course, to read of prospective Presidential candidates. It is flattering to be mentioned among the possibilities. The political jockeying for a Presidential nomination is always exciting to people who like politics -- and undoubtedly some will devote a lot of time to it during the next two years.

For my part, I would prefer concentrating whatever energy and ability I may have -- all my time -- toward producing a record of achievement for our party -- and a record

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of progress and peace and hope for our country and the world.

We need more political performance, and fewer political performers.

It is not as important for us, as Democrats, to be concerned about who our standard bearer might be in 1960, as it is to be concerned about how we can best fulfill the responsibilities we already have.

It is not as important for Democrats to be mobilizing forces in behalf of one prospective nominee or another during the next two years, as it is for us to be mobilizing effective forces in behalf of the ideals and programs in which we believe.

Our party, and our country, can be better served in 1959 and 1960 by getting things done that need to be done for our fellow man, at home and abroad -- than in getting convention delegates pledged.

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For my part, I am not as much concerned over the "Who" of 1960, as I am over the "How" and the "what for".

Let us keep our hearts and minds set on purpose, not just political preference.

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Our most urgent purpose, in order to merit the country's confidence in 1960, must be a responsible, constructive approach to building a climate for world peace -- regardless of partisan divisions between the Executive and Legislative branches of our government.

Fortunately, in the field of foreign policy, there is and must be genuine bipartisanship -- insofar as the objectives are concerned. We support the objectives of the Wilson, Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower Administrations. Basically, those objectives are:

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1. Defense against Communist aggression, wherever it occurs.
2. Expansion of the areas of freedom wherever possible.
3. Cooperation and assistance for the new developing and rising nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
4. Support of the active participation in the United Nations, and expanded use of its many facilities and agencies.
5. And, finally, mutual defense and mutual assistance.

Our responsible bipartisan cooperation on foreign policy goes even beyond these broad objectives. In time of serious concern, we can and do maintain an essential unity of purpose, so that our country can present a united front.

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Currently, two examples are NATO and West Berlin. They are all the more important today in light of Soviet threats and tactics.

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We must remember that the main objective of the
Kremlin is to weaken NATO, and divide the free world's allies.
The Soviet cannot win either a cold war or a hot war, if the
free world stands united.

As Democrats, we are pledged to active participation
in and leadership of the NATO Alliance -- not only in terms of
military policy, but politically and economically as well.

We believe in closer political cooperation and unity
for all NATO partners.

NATO needs to be strengthened on the economic front
by a closer economic integration of Europe and the United
States.

NATO needs to expand its horizons in the field of
economic assistance, to the areas of Africa and Asia, where NATO
countries have historic responsibilities.

In West Berlin, it is imperative that there be complete

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unity of all political forces -- not only in America but
in the Western Alliance.

The Soviet Union has its immediate objective to
destroy the freedom of West Berlin.

West Berlin is an island in the sea of Soviet
imperialism.

West Berlin is a democratic oasis, in the desert of
totalitarianism. It represents democratic strength in one of
the most crucial areas of the world. It has as its Mayor a
truly great and courageous democratic leader.

Is it any wonder that the Communists would like to do
away with it? All the more reason we must never let this Com-
munist threat become a reality.

Now these are objectives that everyone should support.

It is to the means of fulfillment of objectives that
we must give our attention.

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We should make it clear to the world that we

have a specific, definite program of works for peace. Let me mention a few.

1. We should emphasize a long-term food program as a means of aiding and helping the food deficit areas of the world.
2. We should give leadership and increased emphasis to a broad world health program.
3. We should emphasize the importance of education, particularly vocational and technical education, in the newly developing areas of the world. Whatever happened to the President's proposal of five years ago at Baylor University to build vocational schools or to help in establishment of vocational schools in Asia, Africa, and Latin America? It was a good idea, and it should be carried out -- let's do it.

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We should expand our programs of cultural, people to people exchange.

5. We should emphasize trade and economic development.

Now, these are some of the things I mean about the emphasis that is needed in foreign policy, and the means to make it more effective.

At all times, we must remember that American military strength must be second to none. We need far less talk about rockets, missiles and other military power -- and much more fulfillment.

We need far less talk that portrays us as a bellicose and belligerent people, and much more emphasis on our programs and policies to help people live.

Our program must be one that has as its objective better living for people everywhere!

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The world is weary of war, and threats of war.

The people of this world want someone to help them
on the path of helping themselves, rather than someone to
frighten them.

What the world needs is hope and promise, not fear
and tragedy.

That, to me, is victory's challenge and responsibility
to Democrats -- in 1958 and 1960.

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