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*and,* That sun is shining brighter today - thanks in no small part, by the way, to a great citizen of your state, Chief Justice Earl Warren.

L It will shine even brighter tomorrow.

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~~civil rights bill ever.~~

And I, as one Senator, assure you that we shall - in good time, but not too long a time - give our endorsement to that bill - and I mean that bill, unweakened.

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I for one believe that the main highway to peace lies through the United Nations, the parliament of mankind. And I am proud that we have there representing us Adlai Stevenson, a leading citizen not only of this country but of the world.

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It will involve great economic changes - not least, here in California.

A third of California's industrial workers are in the aerospace industry.




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This is a problem which concerned me as ~~Chairman~~ of the Senate Subcommittee on Disarmament. We initiated some studies on this subject - tentative and exploratory, but the first, I believe, that had ever been made.

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That's fun on the dance floor, but you don't make much progress. You just stay in the same place and wiggle.

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~~Get this Country Moving Again!~~

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L I stand here today to report to you that this nation has enjoyed, under Democratic leadership, the longest period of sustained growth in its history.

I know that there is unfinished business - that there is unemployment, ~~even though more Americans are~~ ~~at work than ever before~~, and there is poverty in the midst of unprecedented plenty.

~~If I do not dwell upon the dark side of our moon,~~  
~~it is not because these matters are not very much in~~  
~~my mind and in my heart.~~ We are doing well. But we can do far better. A fifth of our own people cannot be permitted to live in poverty. It is wrong. It is immoral!

~~& We move to the Attack~~  
~~We begin.~~

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~~Economic Strength~~

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Our record of sustained growth - plus the tax cut,  
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a strong strategic position to wage that all-out war  
on poverty which the President has so forcefully  
declared.

L Yes, we must destroy poverty. And we have the means  
to do it.

L Automation can create new jobs, not more jobless.  
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L We can see to it that old age is welcomed with  
serenity and lived in dignity. ~~Living they can~~

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be made a reality for all. We can do it. We have the  
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~~ya,~~ Above all, we must preserve the peace. The road to  
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Let me close by speaking to you as fellow-toilers  
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to push forward the great enterprises he had begun.

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It is not a problem for some other people in some other place - as too many of us for too long have taken unjustified comfort in thinking.

It faces us in all the big cities of the East and the Middle West. It faces us right here in California. It faces us in every suburb - yes, in every neighborhood.

It is not enough to go to church and to say - and even to believe - that all men are brothers. It is not enough to believe - although it is making progress - that all men are neighbors.

The real test - and the test we must meet - is to accept them as neighbors, and to dwell with them as good neighbors.



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