VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

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The people of Cincinnati, and of America, face ω clear choice this November as they faced a clear choice in November 1964.

 $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ They face a choice today, as they did two years ago,

between the future and the past.

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They face a choice between faith and nostalgia.

They face a choice between candidates committed to

ideas and creative solutions to 20th century problems and candidates

campaigning on empty slogans of the past.

The people made their choice in 1964. Istoict Here, in Cincinnati, the people sent John Gilligan

to the United States House of Representatives.

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And in these past two years we have made more progress toward building a stronger and better America than we have ever made before. And it was the tomat Gilligans -- the dynamic, young Congressmen filled with vigor and determination, who mate that progress possible.

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The 89th Congress which adjourned last week made into <u>law</u> the hopes and dreams of half-a-century. They call it the Education Congress -- and rightly so. It did more for our sons and daughters, all the way from the pre-school youngsters in Head Start up to graduate students, than all the previous Congresses in our history put together.

Federal expenditures for education in the past school year were over 6 billion dollars -- triple what they were only three years before. And a healthy slice of the

new funds went to help the children who need it most -- under-privileged boys and girls here in Cincinnati and throughout the country.

A They call the 89th Congress the Cities Congress and with good reason. This is the Congress that gave the cities, for the first time, a real voice in the Cabinet. This is the Congress that broke new ground with rent supplements, marshalling the resources of private enterprise to provide decent housing for the poor. This is the Congress that helped our cities to plan, - Demonst cities develop, and carry out comprehensive, locally-prepared programs to restore entire neighborhoods.

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This is the Health Congress, too. It doubled our federal investment in the nation's health - topping it with Medicare, the greatest step forward in our Social Security system since it was launched --- over dogged Republican resistance -- a generation ago.

This Conques is the freedom cong They call it the Consumers Congress, the Conservation Congress, the Prosperity Congress -- and it deserves those titles too. This has been above all the Breakthrough Congress. It has broken through Republican roadblocks set up for generations. The President sent 200 proposals to the Congress. And 181 of them were enacted into law. It wasn't done with mirrors. It took drive and dedication by Congressmen devoted to their country and their constituents. Some of the most important votes were real cliffhangers. Without the voices, the votes - and, above all, the hard work -- of men like Gilligan, it wouldn't have been done.

We had to make up for eight de<u>cothing</u> Republican years --- eight years during which the problems piled up while the Republicans devised all sorts of ingenious ways of deferring, delaying, and avoiding action.

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The only time they showed any real speed was when they came face to face with a new idea -- and then they broke all records running the other way.

There were three recessions in those eight Republican years. This great free enterprise economy of ours never

really got off the launching pad.

Now, after 68 straight months of sustained and vigorous econimic growth, we've almost taken prosperity for granted. Today the unemployment rate in Cincinnati is only 2.2 per cent.

People are concerned about the purchasing power of the dollar - and so, I assure you, is your President.

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Just before it adjourned, Congress approved a well-balanced package of anti-inflation measures -- including the temporary but necessary suspension of the 7 per cent investment tax credit. And we shall continue to guard against inflation For we are determined that our people shall not lose the gains they've made --- real gains in income, in purchasing power, in standard of living. And I think it says much for the basic generosity, and compassion of the American people that we have not let our prosperity spoil us. We have not hardened our hearts to those who remain on the outside of affluence In fact, we are the first nation in history to commit ourselves to wiping out poverty. The 89th Congress voted new and improved weapons to the overall war against poverty - a boost in the minimum

wage and extension of its coverage ... the Teachers Corps ...

and economic development programs for depressed areas -- in programs to help each person and each place in America become a full participant in our growth and well-being.

LAs the people of Cincinnati had a choice to make in 1964, they have a choice to make today.

John Gilligan and his opponent have both made their positions clear. In their debates they have given the people of Cincinnati a crystal-clear picture of what they believe in and what they stand for.

L believe the people of Cincinnati will endorse the man who believes in progress and in social justice, and in cooperation between all levels of government --- and the private sector --- in attaining those goals. L believe the people of Cincinnati will return to the Congress the man who stands for programs and policies benefitting all the people, and not just a fortunate few.

The people of Cincinnati will cast their votes for Jun Gilligan on November 8th, and the people will win.

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