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2 SPEECH OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
3 on  
4 FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2, 1968  
5 at  
6 COBO HALL - RECEPTION - BALLROOM B

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7 FRANK SINATRA: Ladies and gentlemen,  
8 may I have your attention, please?

9 First of all, may I say my, reiterate  
10 what I said on the stage when I said you have been a tre-  
11 mendous help to bring about a mood and instill in the minds  
12 of other people about voter registration which, I said, is  
13 the basis for our structure.

14 And that is the extent of my speech  
15 because I sing songs and don't make speeches.

16 But I would like to have you meet the  
17 Honorable Vice President of The United States, Hubert H.  
18 Humphrey.

19 (Applause.)

20 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you  
21 very much, Frank Sinatra. For the good of the country, I  
22 don't sing --

23 (Laughter and applause.)

24 -- and I'll try not to make some speeches tonight. All I  
25 wanted to do was express our thanks to you for your generous  
cooperation.

1 I am sure all of us are indebted to  
2 Frank Sinatra, Trini Lopez, Pat Henry, for this wonderful  
3 entertainment. Well, this is the kind of politics, by the  
4 way, which I think sells, and I hope you will take the  
5 message out this evening, out to your neighbors and friends.

6 The purpose, of course, was to aid the  
7 program of voter registration. And now that Frank Sinatra  
8 has told you that his purpose was to help in voter regis-  
9 tration, let me tell you what my purpose: Once you get  
10 them registered, I would like them to vote for Humphrey.

11 (Applause.)

12 But, in all candor and sincerity, we  
13 would like to get them registered.

14 I am very happy to see party officials  
15 here from the State of Michigan. I am very pleased some  
16 of the members of Congress could join us today.

17 We have had a wonderful day in  
18 Metropolitan Detroit; it was a bright and pleasant day.  
19 It's been a happy day, a busy one and an exciting one.

20 We will be here a short time tomorrow.  
21 Frank Sinatra and his group will be going to Philadelphia  
22 tomorrow night where they will be doing everything the same  
23 and everything as good as it was this evening. It is Frank  
24 Sinatra's hometown. He is a Jersey boy, but they come  
25 charging across the frontiers over to Philadelphia to see

1 him; it will be a great night. And there are several other  
2 concerts he will be giving for us and making it possible to  
3 make this great effort to raise necessary funds and do the  
4 necessary job for voter registration. I don't know anybody  
5 in America who is doing more to help in this all-important  
6 endeavor to get all people to be participants in the demo-  
7 cratic process. We have a lot of people who talk about it -  
8 Frank Sinatra is doing something about it.

9 (Applause.)

10 Finally, let me say I sure like to see  
11 that button. He's got a button on that has "FS" and there  
12 is a little line and then it says "HHH". I like that.

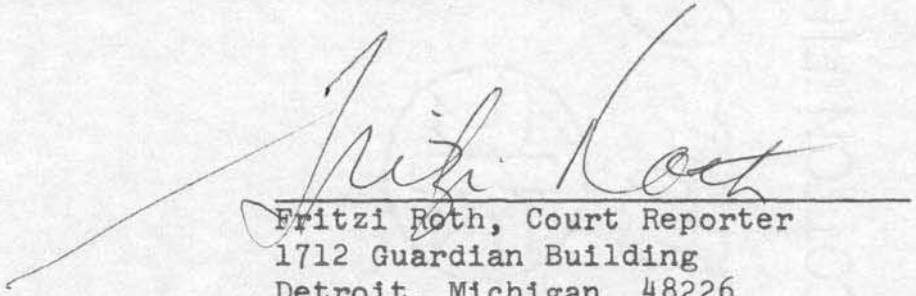
13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

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