Statement of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
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Last night, or should I say early in the morning -- about 2:30 a.m., I called Mr. Nixon at his hotel in Miami to congratulate him upon his nomination by the Republican Party. Our visit on the phone was cordial and friendly. It's a good way, I believe, to start a very intensive and interesting campaign year.

Mr. Nixon is a capable campaigner. I have known him for many years. I know his public record and, of course, I am very familiar with the record of the Party that he will represent in the national election.

I believe that in this election, if I am permitted to have the nomination by the Democratic Convention, the American people will have a clear choice, not only between men but also policies of government and the role of this nation in the affairs of the world.

I look forward to the campaign because both of us are equipped by background and knowledge of the issues to carry on, I believe, an effective and informed, intelligent campaign to the American people.

I hope that I shall have the privilege of being the standard bearer of the Democratic Party. If I am that standard bearer, I intend to win -- win not only for the Party but, more importantly, to win for our country.

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