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UNITY OF THE NATION AT STAKE IN THIS ELECTION, VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY SAYS

Pittsburgh, Pa., September 14 -- Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said today that the basic choice for American voters this November -- and the one at the heart of his campaign -- whether America will be one nation or a nation divided against itself into black and white, rich and poor, slum and suburb, North and South.

Americans will have to choose the direction the country is going to take in the world and the kind of America they are going to build at home, the Vice President said.

Americans have to build a new America in the cities, in education, and in greater family security, he said.

"Most of all it means a turn-around on crime," the Vice President declared. "You don't fight crime with wild and empty attacks on our courts or our Attorney General. You fight it with massive federal support for our local police forces, for our courts, and for our penal institutions so they can do the job we ask them to do.

"We have a choice on crime in 1968 -- between more slogans, more fear, less personal safety, and using our resources to stamp it out. I say: support your police the way it counts -- with money. None of these choices will be possible unless we maintain the strength and vitality of our economy."

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The Vice President contrasted the eight Republican years in the 1950's when "we had three job-killing recessions" with the Democratic years since 1960 in which "we have had 90 consecutive, uninterrupted months of economic growth -- an all-time record."

The Vice President warned that this prosperity cannot be taken for granted, that it would falter under the Nixon-Republicans and with it "all of our plans and dreams and hopes for this America ... this New Day ... will falter, too."

The text is attached.

REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
PITTSBURGH
SEPTEMBER 14, 1968

I am here today on important business -- to tell you why the Democrats must win this election.

In 1968, we have to choose the direction our country is going to take in the world.

And we have to choose the kind of America we are going to build right here at home.

I say the future of this country . . . and the future of the world . . . may well hang on how America chooses this November.

That is why the Democrats must win this election.

The basic choice -- and the one at the heart of my campaign -- is this: Will America be one nation. . . or will it be two, three, or four Americas -- a nation divided against itself . . . black and white . . . rich and poor . . . slum and suburb . . . North and South?

This is the choice in 1968 . . . between the America of the old era and the America of the New Day.

We have to build a new America . . . in our cities.

We can accept a city dulled by smoke, noise, congestion, crime and more and more decay. Or we can make our cities -- all our cities -- safe and attractive places to live and work. We have that choice.

We have to build a new America . . . in education. During the last 8 years, the Democratic Party has done more for American education . . . for your children and mine . . . than in the entire history of the republic. And the Republicans have fought us every step of the way.

Today we can be content with the average schools. Or we can insist on excellence.

We can just hope that many children will be able to go on to college or other advanced education. Or we can insure that every child . . . every adult -- has this opportunity.

We have that choice . . . and I say "average" is not good enough for America.

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That means better health care and much more of it -- especially for our children.

It means more consumer protection for the housewife.

And most of all it means a turn-around on crime.

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I say: support your police the way it counts -- with money. Our safety is well worth it.

But let me be very clear. None of these choices will be possible unless we maintain the strength and the vitality of our economy.

Can the Nixon Republicans do it?

Just look at their performance record.

During the eight Republican years in the 1950s, we had three job-killing recessions. Khrushchev said he would bury us economically.

During the Democratic years since 1960 we have had 90 consecutive, uninterrupted months of economic growth -- an all-time record. We have had no recessions. And all over the world, people marvel at the American economy.

What happened to your family's paycheck during those two eight-year periods?

After all Federal taxes are deducted -- this is take-home pay I'm talking about -- and after all the inflation is taken into account (and there was inflation under both Administrations) this fact is clear:

-- personal income -- paychecks -- went up over three times faster -- during the Democratic years than during the recession-ridden Republican 1950s when Mr. Nixon was part of the Administration.

The difference is almost 3 thousand dollars for a family of four every year. That's a new car or a year's college education -- and that's a difference worth talking about.

And it's not just a difference in wages. It's also a difference in jobs. During the Republican-Nixon years, unemployment rose by 2 million. During the Democratic-Humphrey years, unemployment dropped by 2 million.

That's the Nixon Republican record and I'm not going to let them forget that record.

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I believe in job-training and have supported it all my life. But I don't think the American people can afford to give the Nixon-Republicans any more on-the-job training in economics.

They've had their chance in the past -- and they've flunked every time.

Do you want the hard work and accomplishments of these 90 months of prosperity -- for our country and for your families -- to go down the drain?

That's one choice America can do without.

Now, my friends, the record of the past 8 Democratic years is not accidental.

Democrats believe that working people in America -- and I mean farm workers and shop workers and factory workers and men and women in offices -- all workers -- have the right to good wages and decent working conditions.

This prosperity today enables people to buy more; it enables business to produce more, and -- yes -- it enables us to spend more on things like Medicare . . . Social Security . . . and education for our children.

After 8 years, it is easy to take our prosperity for granted . . . to believe that it will continue whichever party is elected.

Don't make that mistake. Today's prosperity can disappear just as quickly as it did in the 1950s . . . prosperity not to be regained until the Democrats won again in 1960.

And once our prosperity disappears under the Nixon-Republicans, every American family -- coast to coast -- will feel the pinch.

That choice of a college education may not be there . . . that choice of a better home . . . in a better neighborhood . . . that choice of a better job and a brighter future . . . all these may disappear.

When the Republican economy falters . . . our schools will falter; our older citizens . . . your parents and mine . . . will be told that we can't afford to give them good medical care . . . that poverty can't be solved . . . that we have to live with high unemployment.

Our plans to rebuild our cities will be forgotten . . . our plans for housing . . . mass transit . . . open spaces will disappear.

Yes, when the Republican economy falters . . . all of our plans and dreams and hopes for this America . . . this New Day . . . will falter too.

This is why the American people are going to call upon the Democratic Party again this November to lead our country: to choose the New Day, and give us an economy strong enough, vital enough, prosperous enough, to let us make that choice.

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That is what I offer you this year . . . and this is what I ask of you:

To vote your hopes and not your hates,

And to put your faith in the Democratic Party . . . the party that kept the
faith with you . . . and with all Americans.

Together we will win in November.

Together, we will choose a New Day.

FOR RELEASE
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Joe Barr + Daughter

✓ Sen Joe Clark

✓ Senae Stacy

✓ Tom Forester

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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Ⓚ Rita Kane
Ⓚ Marie Aurentz

Saturday PM's

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Thanks to
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Bob Casey

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Grace Sloan (SEPTMBER 14, 1968)

Bill Cyrone - Judge Superior Court

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New Day - always better

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AT THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S PICNIC

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North Park
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Well, well, well, well. Thank you, thank you,
thank you.

Well, that was good Democratic music. I want to
thank that band. They really tuned it up. Marvelous.

(Applause)

That is Joe Morone's band over there and that was
Dave Lawrence's favorite band, I have been told, and that is
right.

(Applause)

Well, my dear friends, if this isn't a Democratic
gathering I have never seen one. I can tell by looking out,
the women are so beautiful, the men so strong, and it's nice
and noisy. That is just the way it ought to be

This is a good old fashioned family picnic out here
in beautiful North Park and I want to tell you I have heard
about North Park from two of these great Commissioners. They
have been telling me about it. I thought the streets were paved
with gold. And I thought there were diamonds hanging from the
trees and I heard there were fish in that lake that were ten
times bigger than anything we have seen in Minnesota.

(Applause)

Now, that is the truth as expounded by Lenny Stacy
and Tom Forrester. That is the way they described it, and it
is every bit as beautiful.

Joe, and I mean Joe Clark, Senator Joe Clark, you
honor me by your introduction. You honor me by your friendship.

My fellow Americans and my good friends of Pennsylvania,
my fellow Democrats, there is one thing I want you to do above
everything else, above me or above anyone else, because he is
a remarkably gifted man and a man of great courage. I want
you to see to it that you re-elect Joe Clark to the United
States Senate.

(Applause)

And, I will tell you, you sure do grow them big and
strong and good looking. Take a look at that Bob Casey. Now,
isn't he some man?

(Applause)

Stand up again, Bob. Let these women get a look at
you.

(Applause)

What a man. And there isn't a bit of doubt but what you are going to elect them and I know that.

Now, let's get on the stick, as we say. Let's get on the job and get it done. And we have -- I don't believe my friend, Gracie, got here today. She is in Lebanon? Well, she is down there converting a few, and that is good. Every time you convert one Republican you get two votes. They lose one, we gain one.

(Applause)

I am sure you heard that story about the fellow that was told by his doctor, an old life-long Democrat, never voted anything in his life but the Democratic ticket. He was told by his doctor he didn't have another 30 days to live and it was just before election, so he went down to the courthouse and he changed registration from Democrat to Republican, and somebody said, Michael, why in the name of common sense, why did you change your registration from Democrat to Republican? Well, he said, I just thought if we was going to lose one, I was hoping it would be one of them, not one of us.

(Laughter)

So, Grace Sloane is over in Lebanon doing a little conversion work for us. And, then, I want to call to your attention, and I do this as a party leader, as one that is asking our fellow Democrats to work together, Bill Circone, your candidate for judge in the Superior Court, Mrs. Circone. No wonder Bill is popular.

(Applause)

Which reminds me that any of you that ever had any doubts about me just reconcile those doubts in favor of my pretty wife, Muriel.

(Applause)

And she would be here today, she wouldn't have missed it for the world except that she has a full week's schedule next week and she has been out traveling around with this campaigning husband of hers and she picked up a little cold, and I said, Mom, you stay home. You get all fixed up and don't have a cold. I want you to look pretty. They are just used to me looking the way I am and you get on out and you talk to some of those folks in other parts of America and talk to them about our Democratic ticket, and she is going to do that and she wanted me to bring to you her real affection, her gratitude and her appreciation for all that you have done for the Humphreys and we want to thank you very much.

(Applause)

Now, I imagine some of you are saying well, where is the Mayor? Where is Joe Barr. Well, he was up with me about 1:00 o'clock last night. We solved all the problems. We talked it all over but today Joe is taking his daughter, Candy --

Candy Barr, isn't that cute -- taking her to college, her first year, and I will tell you, that is quite a privilege for a dad, and any time you have a choice between being with a candidate and being with your daughter, be with your daughter. That is my advice.

(Applause)

Now, I have two special lady friends over here and I just want you to know that while nobody was looking I got between them and gave them a squeeze. It is so nice to see Rita Kane and Marie Lawrence. They have made possible this great gathering today and, fellows, let's face it, when we want something done, if you are really expecting a success, it is all right if we put our name on the letterhead but let's have the girls take charge because they know how to do it.

(Applause)

And, I am not unmindful of the fact that there were some people out here working yesterday and last night to get this site ready and I want to thank the County crews that were out here and worked hard, every one of them that made this possible.

(Applause)

Well, somebody might say, now, are we just going to have a little fellowship here? Are we going to get down to issues and cases? And we are. But this is a beautiful day and in a beautiful setting, in a wonderful part of America, and public life and politics ought to be sort of mixed with family spirit and with community spirit.

I have said a number of times that one of the reasons that I am a Democrat is because we Democrats enjoy politics. We even enjoy fighting about politics in the Democratic Party.

(Applause)

And I want to make it very clear that we always have our differences. No doubt about that. We have never asked a man or a woman to join this party so that they could walk in goosestep or lock step with us. We don't expect everybody to agree with every word and every comma and every semicolon. The reason you are a Democrat is because you are an independent spirit.

VOICE: Tell them about it.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I sure am going to tell them about it, you know it.

(Applause)

And somebody said to me, how do you expect to unite these Democrats? I said, don't worry about that, the Republicans will help us, and they have.

(Applause)

And they are working at it every day and you can rest assured that as the days go by, we will be more united and they will spread the message in this country, this opposition, that will bring us closer together and not only bring us closer

1 together but bring all of us who are members of this party and
2 leaders in this party closer and closer to the needs of our
3 people.

4 Now, Joe Clark stated what are the high priorities
5 for this nation? And I am sure that you know that no man would
6 ever aspire to the office of the Presidency, the highest office
7 within the gift of the American people, unless he felt he could
8 make a contribution to these objectives.

9 I want to make it very clear to you as I came walking
10 through this crowd, I met a mother and father with their son
11 that had just returned from Vietnam, and I said to that young
12 men, I said, thank God you are home. But, I want to salute him
13 also for his courage and his willingness to serve and to do
14 his duty.

15 But I want you to know that as the candidate of your
16 party and as one that, with your help, can become the next
17 President of the United States, that I put at the top of the
18 list of the things to be done by the next Administration, if it
19 is yet to be done, in other words, if it is left undone, the next
20 thing to be done will be to seek and secure through every
21 honorable and every effective means that I can possibly con-
22 ceive of a just and an enduring peace in Southeast Asia and end
23 that war in Vietnam.

24 (Applause and whistles)

25 Your President today is trying to do that. Your Vice
President prays and hopes to do it. But I stand before you
now as the leader of your party, the nominee of our party,
and I pledge to you that I will do everything that is within
my power and is within the bond of honor and is within the bond
of the security of this country to not only try to bring peace
in that troubled and torn part of the world called Southeast
Asia but to try to work to reduce the tensions in this world
and to prevent the spiraling danger of the nuclear arms race
from getting out of control and to prevent destruction and war.

Every man and woman in this audience believes in
peace and loves it.

(Applause)

But every man and woman in this audience knows that our country
has great responsibilities and it must be strong and it must be
firm and yet it must be just and it must be compassionate. And
that is the kind of an America that we are going to work for.

Now, I want to talk to you a little bit about the
choice of this country in the years ahead. What direction are
we going to go? That is what elections are all about. We
are going to have to choose the direction our country is taking
in this world. Is it going to be a direction of the hard line
with no spirit of understanding and reconciliation or is it going
to be the direction of seeking to heal, seeking to bring
people together and at the same time recognizing that there is no

1 peace in weakness, but that there is peace in the constant pursuit
2 of it. And we have to choose here at home the kind of a society
3 that you and I are going to build here because let me say to
4 you right now -- and I am going to loosen my collar so that we
5 can get down to work here.

(Applause)

6 Let me say right now that we are going to have to decide in
7 this election year what kind of an America we are going to
8 have.

9 You know this country of ours is torn and troubled
10 today. You know there are voices of fear and doubt and suspi-
11 cion being raised across this land. And we are going to have to
12 see to it that those voices do not prevail, and that is why I
13 say to you that the Democrats that have understood the spirit of
14 America, the Democrats that have exempified a government
15 that cares and a government that wants to help, that is why I
16 say the Democrats must win this election in November.

(Applause)

17 And the basic choice, the one that is at the very
18 heart of my campaign relates to people and relates to what
19 kind of an America we are going to have. Is it going to be
20 a divided one? Is it going to be one divided between the rich
21 and the poor, the black and the white, the city and the rural?
22 Or is it going to be one America, one citizenship, the kind
23 we see right here? Look around. Look at your neighbors around
24 you today and it can be this kind of an America.

(Applause)

25 And that is what I mean by the America of the new
day. I said in my acceptance speech that there is a difference
between the America of the old era and the America of the new
day and we have to build that new America of the new day and we
have to build it in our cities like in Pittsburgh, and we have
to build it to make our cities safe and attractive places in
which to live and to work, and we have that choice.

And we have to build a new America, my friends, in
education so that every boy and girl will have the chance to
develop his or her talents to the utmost. And we can't do
that with just ordinary average schools. We have to do it with
the best. An American should settle for nothing less than the
best and when we say average it is not good enough. When we
say it is the best, that is the way we live in this country.

(Applause)

And we have to build a better America of greater
safety for our families, and, ladies and gentlemen, let's get
right down to cases, now. Everything we are talking about is
about the basic institutions of this country, the family, and
every plan we make for our cities, for our schools, for our
hospitals, for our parks, whatever we do should relate to what
does it mean to a family? What does it mean to a family's

1 health, education, safety? What does it mean to a family's happiness?
2 And I think one of the mistakes that we possibly have
3 made throughout the years is we thought in terms of brick and
4 mortar, we thought in terms of slum or highways, we thought in
5 terms of hospitals and we haven't thought in terms of what does
6 this mean to a family, and I want you to think today with me
7 that everything that we talk about, everything that we think
8 about, and everything that we plan in this government of ours
9 in this society should be directed towards what is it going
10 to mean to mother and dad and the children? What is it going
11 to mean to our families?

(Applause)

12 And so that any day that I speak of does mean better
13 health care and much more of it, especially for our children,
14 and it means consumer protection and especially for our house-
15 wives.

16 And it also means an all out war on something that
17 is infecting this national scene of ours far too much, and that
18 is called crime. And let me make this very clear. You don't
19 fight crime with wild empty attacks on the Supreme Court or
20 on the Attorney General. You don't build respect for law and
21 order that way.

(Applause)

22 Let me say to every working man and mother here,
23 let me say to every family, I know who I am talking to, the kind
24 of people you are. You represent the great majority in this
25 nation. Let me tell you that the courts of this land, whatever
26 may be their weaknesses at any one time over the perspective
27 of history, have protected our liberties. The Founding
28 Fathers in this country had what we call separation of powers,
29 the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary. And the
30 courts have been set up, state, local courts, federal courts,
31 to give you due process of law. And every man that has ever
32 had anybody that ever sued him or any man that ever sued any-
33 one else wanted to be sure that he had due process of law. And,
34 don't you downgrade the judicial processes of this country
35 because if you do so, you do it at your peril. The countries
36 that lose their liberties first are the ones that lose the
37 independent judiciary first.

(Applause)

38 I don't think that you prove yourself a qualified
39 candidate for the office of President by denouncing the Chief
40 Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States or the
41 Supreme Court of the United States.

(Applause)

42 So, I say to you, don't fight crime this way and
43 you don't fight it with epithets and you don't fight it with
44 slogans. You fight it with support, federal, state and local
45 support of your local police forces and help for your courts and

1 trying to make our penal institutions something that are
2 correctional institutions.

3 Four out of every five criminals in this land are
4 repeaters. Most of our jails and penitentiaries are schools
for crime rather than places where you try to rehabilitate the
human spirit.

5 So we have some choices. We have the choice of more
personal safety or less.

6 Now, I say support our police the way it counts,
with money, with better pay.

(Applause)

7 And support them with professional training and recruitment
8 of highly motivated and prepared men and women, and let's see
to it that our police forces are as integrated as our country
and then some. Let's see that every man has a chance to
9 serve on these forces.

(Applause)

10 Now, when it comes right down to families, one of
the most important things is your income. You know, somebody
11 said what do you think is the best thing in the war on poverty?
I said, money.

(Laughter)

12 There is nothing better to cure poverty than a good paycheck.
13 Nothing better.

(Applause)

14 And there is no better way to get a good paycheck than to
get a good job. And there is no better way to get a good job
15 than to be trained for it and to be equipped for it so that you
can perform on the job. And that is what we are talking about.

(Applause)

16 And there is no better way to have all of that than
17 to win the election on November fifth.

(Applause)

18 Well, now, let's see what the Nixon Republicans
did. You know, the other day Mr. Nixon said we have just got
19 to compare the present Vice President with the previous
Administration. He said you can expect more of the same.
20 That is what he said of me.

21 Well, I gathered he thought that, in other words, if
you are Vice President, you can expect to happen under my
Administration the same thing that happened under -- when he
was Vice President.

22 Well, now, let's take a look and see. Let's just
23 take a look and see. Let's just use his own arguments.

VOICE: Give him hell, Hubert.

24 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: That is right. That is
what that middle initial is for.

(Laughter and applause)

25 Let's take a look at their performance record. Let's

1 see what they did during the eight Republican years. Now, they
2 had a chance. You know, it is a good idea once in a while,
3 about once in 20 years, to look and see how they perform. It
4 is rather expensive.

5 VOICE: No. No.

6 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: That is a great thought.
7 I just wanted to see if you were on the ball today.

8 Well, let's take a look at their performance record.
9 During the eight Republican years, and I was in Pittsburgh
10 those years on many a visit, I was in Allegheny County and you
11 had three job killing recessions.

12 Somebody said the other day there isn't a dime's
13 worth of difference between Humphrey and Nixon and I said
14 that is right. There is \$175 billion worth of difference.

15 (Applause)

16 Because those three Republican, Nixon Republican recessions cost
17 this country \$175 billion in lost man hours and work. That is
18 how much you paid for having that nice polite Administration.

19 Khrushchev even said in those days -- you heard of
20 Khrushchev -- Khrushchev said that he would bury us economically.
21 Well, you know what happened? After that Khrushchev went out
22 of office and so did Nixon.

23 (Laughter and applause)

24 And I think we ought to keep them both out of office.

25 (Applause)

We have had 90 consecutive months of continued economic
growth in this country without a single recession, 90
consecutive months in the last eight years since John Kennedy
said, let's get this country moving again, and we have kept
it moving, with Kennedy and Johnson and Johnson and Humphrey
and we are going to keep it moving even better with Humphrey
and Muskie.

(Applause)

Now, what happened to your family paycheck? I can
tell -- if I would go down and talk to the ladies -- they
keep pretty good tabs on that, fellows -- I will tell you what
happened. Let's talk about that take home pay. Never mind all
those fringe benefits for a while. Let's talk about take home
pay and we take out of that now, that is the taxes out and
that is with inflation out of it and here is what happened.
Personal income and paychecks for a family of four went up
three times faster during Democratic years than during the Nixon
Republican years when Mr. Nixon was a part of that Administra-
tion, and the difference was \$3000 per family per year. Now,
that is too much to pay for Mr. Nixon.

(Applause)

That means that you could buy a new car and if you do,
you can put a Humphrey bumper sticker on it.

(Applause)

1 Or it means you could send your son or daughter to one of the
2 finest colleges in this land out of the increase in that
3 family paycheck, and it is not just the difference in wages,
4 either. There is a difference in jobs.

5 During those eight Republican years unemployment
6 rose two million. During these seven and a half Democratic
7 years employment has risen two million and the lowest rate of
8 unemployment that this country has known since the end of
9 World War II is right now with us today, the lowest rate.

10 (Applause)

11 So, friends, this is what the record is like and it
12 is not accidental. Democrats have believed in working people.
13 They believed in family people. And we have arranged things
14 as best we could to work with this great free enterprise
15 economy. We have poured money into job training and it has
16 come back a thousandfold.

17 The only thing that is costly in this country is
18 welfare. What is not costly is education and training and
19 jobs. That is when you start to build the resources of this
20 country and that is what we have been trying to do and we have
21 been doing it.

22 (Applause)

23 Ten million people have come out of poverty in the
24 last five years in America under this Administration and Mr.
25 Nixon says he is not sure whether he is for these poverty
programs. I know about it. He doesn't need to try to kid me.
I know he is not for them. He never voted for them. There
wasn't any war on poverty when he had something to say about
this country. There wasn't any Federal Aid to Education.
There wasn't any medical care for our elderly. There wasn't
any consumer protection. And you know it.

So, when you ask, is there any difference between
the Democratic nominee, is there any difference between the
Democratic nominee and the Republican, the answer is, all the
difference in the world. The difference in education, in
health, in jobs in the economy.

(Applause)

And I just want to say to you, my friends, that if
we turn this economy over to them, they have already told you
what they are going to do. He has said we are going to do it
like we did it before.

VOICE: Mess it up.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: You betcha. Mess it up,
that is right. Give that young man an A. He has -- he just
said the right thing. Mess it up. And they have. I think
that is why the American people are not going to go for this man
that says I am for it, but. I want to tell you this is really
getting to be something. You mention anything to the Republican
nominee and he will say, he will look at you -- now, they say

1 there is the new Nixon.

2 VOICE: Tricky Dicky.

3 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Now, my friends, listen.
4 I don't mind a fellow getting a little new, be called new.
5 I just want to tell you something so that you won't be misled.
6 I am just the same old Hubert Humphrey, that is all. Just the
7 same old one you have known.

8 (Applause)

9 Some people say there is a new Nixon. Some people
10 say there is the old Nixon, and what you need to be worried
11 about is the real Nixon. That is the one you need to be concerned
12 about.

13 (Applause)

14 What you need to be concerned about is a nominee that
15 decided in order to get that nomination he had to go into the
16 back room and work out an arrangement with the number 1 Dixie-
17 crat of this nation, Strom Thurmond, and I think we ought to
18 ask him what kind of an arrangement that was, what kind of
19 an arrangement.

20 (Applause)

21 I told the American people if I were nominated as the
22 Presidential nominee of the Democratic Party that I would
23 give to this nation in my Vice Presidential selection, at
24 least in the man that I recommended, as fine a man as we could
25 find. I said there will be no deals. I said, I am not going to
deal with the north, the south, the east or the west. I am
not going to deal with anybody. We are going to make a sugges-
tion and a choice to the convention, and I didn't go around look-
ing for a state that had a lot of electoral votes. I happened
to have known a United States Senator. I happened to know a
fine man, a gentleman that has had experience in local
government, two times governor of his state, two terms United
States Senator, a distinguished student in the law school,
a Phi Beta Kappa, a man that served his country in peace and
war, a person that has a remarkable record of public service,
the author of the Moden Cities program, the man that has become
the expert in terms of our pollution control of water and air.
And I said I am going to select a man that has the character
and the quality and the intelligence and the background and the
ability to be the President of the United States if anything
befalls the President and it could easily. We know that. We
live in dangerous times.

I said I am going to give the American people, so
help me, if I am the nominee of this party, a man that can
serve in the highest office of the land and serve with distinc-
tion and I did in Ed Muskie, United States Senator.

24 (Applause)

25 And by the way, he is going to come to Pennsylvania
and what a man you are going to find in that fellow. A remarkable

1 man.

2 This is a team. This isn't just one man running. We
3 have a team. We are partners. We are friends. It is the team
4 of Humphrey and Muskie. It is your Democratic team and I want
5 you to spread the message. I want you to tell your neighbors
6 and your friends. I want you to talk about it after church and
before church. I want you to talk about it in the lodge and the
labor halls. I want you to talk about it in your fraternal
order. I want you women to talk about it, and oh, boy, if you
just talk about it --

(Applause)

7 -- and I want that band to talk about it over there, too. And
8 I want everybody around here to take the message of the new
9 day of the Democratic Party, a day where we welcome the young,
where we honor the elderly, a day in which we put the confidence
of the people in our country.

10 These two candidates of the Democratic Party, the
11 nominee for President and Vice President, are not running this
country down in order to get us to look at little better. We
are talking this country up. We happen to believe in this
great America of ours.

(Applause)

12 And, I will tell you something else. We believe we
13 can do better than we have ever done before. We have done
well. We built more schools and more hospitals. We have more
14 young people in college. We have done many things, but every
man and woman in this audience has a feeling deep down in your
15 heart that you can do better. We can have a better country.
We can be neighbors. We can be friends. We can build this
16 country better, and what we are trying to tell you in this
campaign is that we will not settle for the achievements even
17 of our party. We are not basing our campaign on the record of
yesterday as good as it is, proud as we are of it.

18 We are basing our campaign on the hopes of tomorrow
and I am not going to come to you, my fellow Americans, and ask
19 you to vote for me out of fear. I am not going to come to you
and ask you to vote for me because there is racial tension.
20 I am not going to come to you and ask you to vote your fears
and your suspicions and your hatreds. We all have a little some-
21 thing wrong in us, you know that. None of us are without sin
or blemish.

22 I am coming to you to ask you to vote your hopes and
your aspirations. I happen to be a man that believes there is
23 more good in the American people than anybody ever dreamed of.
I happen to believe that the American people have within them
a great reservoir of goodness and a great spark of greatness.
24 I intend to draw on that reservoir of goodness and I intend
to ignite that spark of greatness and, my fellow Americans, we
25 can do anything that we need to do at home or abroad if we stand
together.

Thank you very much.

(Applause)

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Thomas F. Runfola
Reporter



(Senator Clark introduced.)

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. Commissioner Staisey, Commissioner Foerester, my fellow candidates, distinguished officers of the Democratic Party in Allegheny County, those two grand ladies who made this possible, Rita Kane and Marie Aurentz, and fellow Democrats: It is my privilege and pleasure to introduce your principal speaker today, and I do it with great pleasure, as the one man in the United States of America best able to bring peace to the world. (Applause) Peace is the most precious gift that any nation can have bestowed upon it.

I stand before you today with the conviction that there will be peace and security in our country only if Hubert Humphrey is the next President of the United States. The regressive philosophy of Richard M. Nixon already once rejected by the American people and speaking out of the dim and distant past of a convinced cold war warrior would result in disaster for this country. Vice-President Humphrey has not turned a deaf ear to the demand of the electorate that we must think and act anew. In that great acceptance

speech he said, "We are beginning a new era." I stand wholeheartedly and the whole Democratic Party of Pennsylvania stands wholeheartedly behind the Vice-President, his statement of the issues, his statement of priority.

I intend to do everything in my power to see that the Humphrey-Muskie straight Democratic ticket is elected in Pennsylvania in November, and, ladies and gentlemen, it is my great privilege to introduce to you the next President of the United States, Hubert Horatio Humphrey. (APPLAUSE)

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Well, well, well, well. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you. Thank you. Well, that was Democratic music. I want to thank that band, they really tuned it up. Marvelous.

That's Joe Marone's band over there. That was Dave Lawrence's favorite band, I have been told, and that's right.

Well, my dear friends, if this isn't a Democratic gathering, I have never seen one. I can tell

by looking out the women are all so beautiful, the men are so strong, and it's nice and noisy, that's just the way it ought to be. This is a good old-fashioned family picnic out here in beautiful North Park, and I want to tell you I have heard about North Park from two of these great Commissioners, they have been telling me about it. I thought the streets were paved with gold, and I thought there were diamonds hanging from the trees, and I heard there were fish in that lake that were ten times bigger than anything we have seen in Minnesota. (Applause) Now, that is the truth as expounded by Lenny Staisey and Tom Foerester; that's the way they described it, and it's every bit as beautiful.

Joe, and I mean Joe Clark, Senator Joe Clark, you honor me by your introduction, you honor me by your friendship. And my fellow Americans and my good friends of Pennsylvania, my fellow Democrats, there is one thing I want you to do above everything else, above me or above anyone else, because he is a remarkably gifted man and a man of great courage, I want you to see to it that you re-elect Joe Clark to the United States Senate.

(APPLAUSE)

And I will tell you, you sure do grow them big and strong and good looking. Now, take a look at that Bob Casey. Now, isn't he some man? (Applause) Stand up again, Bob, let these women get a look at you. (Applause) And there isn't a bit of doubt but what you are going to elect him, and I know that. Now, let's get on the stick, as we say, let's get on the job and get it done.

I don't believe my friend Gracey got here today. Someone said she is in Lebanon. Well, she is down there converting a few, and that's good. Every time you convert one Republican, you get two votes; they lose one, we gain one.

I am sure you heard that story about the fellow that was told by his doctor--a lifelong Democrat, never voted anything in his life but the Democratic ticket--he was told by the doctor he didn't have another 30 days to live, and it was just before the election. So he went down to the Court House and changed his registration from Democrat to Republican, and somebody said, "Michael, why in the name of common sense, why did

you change your registration from Democrat to Republican?"

Well, he said, "I just thought if we was going to lose one, I was hoping it would be one of them, not one of us!"

(APPLAUSE)

So Grace Sloan is over in Lebanon doing a little conversion work for us. Then I want to call your attention, and I do this as a party leader, someone that is asking our fellow Democrats to work together, to Bill Cercone, your candidate for judge of the Superior Court. Also Mrs. Cercone. No wonder Bill is popular.

(APPLAUSE)

Which reminds me, that any of you that ever had any doubts about me, just reconcile those doubts in favor of my pretty wife Muriel. (Applause) And she would be here today, she wouldn't have missed it for the world, except that she has a full week's schedule next week, and she has been out traveling around with this campaigning husband of hers, and she picked up a little cold. And I said, "Mom, you stay home, you get all fixed up, don't have a cold, I want you to look pretty. They are just used to seeing me looking the way I am."

(Laughter) "And you get on out, and you talk to some of those folks in other parts of America, and talk to them about our Democratic ticket," and she is going to do that, and she wanted me to bring to you her real affection, her gratitude and her appreciation for all that you have done for the Humphreys, and we want to thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

Now, I imagine some of you are saying, "Well, where is the Mayor, where is Joe Barr?" Well, he was up with me until about 1:00 o'clock last night. We solved all the problems. (Laughter) We talked it all over, but today Joe is taking his daughter, Candy, Candy Barr--isn't that cute? (Laughter) Taking her to college. Her first year. And I will tell you, that's quite a privilege for a dad. And anytime you have a choice between being with a candidate and being with your daughter, be with your daughter, that's my advice.

(APPLAUSE)

Now, I have two special lady friends over here, and I just want you to know that while nobody was looking, I got in between them and gave them each a

squeeze. (Laughter) It's so nice to see Rita Kane and Marie Aurentz. They have made possible this great gathering today. And, fellows, let's face it, when we want something done, if you are really expecting a success, it's all right if we put our name on the letterhead, but let's have the girls take charge, because they know how to do it.

(APPLAUSE)

And I am not unmindful of the fact that there were some people working out here yesterday, working yesterday and last night to get this site ready, and I want to thank the County crews that were out here and worked hard, every one of them that made this possible.

(APPLAUSE)

Well, somebody might say, "Now, are we just going to have a little fellowship here, or are we going to get down to issues and cases"; and we are. But this is a beautiful day and a beautiful setting in a wonderful part of America. And public life and politics ought to be sort of mixed with family spirit and with community spirit. I have said a number of times

that one of the reasons that I am a Democrat is because we Democrats enjoy politics. We even enjoy fighting about politics in the Democratic Party.

(APPLAUSE)

And I want to make it very clear that we always have our differences; no doubt about that. We have never asked a man or a woman to join this party so that they could walk in goose step or lock step with us. We don't expect everybody to agree with every word and every comma and every semicolon. The reason you are a Democrat is because you are an independent spirit.

A VOICE: Tell about it, baby!

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I sure am going to tell about it, you know it. (Applause) And somebody said to me, "How do you ever expect to unite these Democrats?" I said, "Don't worry about that, the Republicans will help us." And they have. (Applause) And they are working at it every day, and you can rest assured that as the days go by we will be more united and they will spread the message in this country, this opposition that will bring us closer together, and not only bring us closer together but bring all of us who

are members of this party and leaders in this party closer and closer to the needs of our people.

Now, Joe Clark stated what are the high priorities for this nation, and I am sure that you know that no man would ever aspire to the office of presidency, the highest office within the gift of the American people, unless he felt he could make a contribution to these objectives. I want to make it very clear to you, as I came walking through this crowd I met the mother and father with their son that had just returned from Vietnam, and I said to that young man, I said, "Thank God you are home." But I want to salute him, also, for his courage and his willingness to serve and to do his duty, but I want you to know that as the candidate of your party, and someone that with your help can become the next President of the United States, that I put at the top of the list of the things to be done by the next administration, if it is yet to be done; in other words, if it is left undone, the next thing to be done will be to seek and secure to every honorable and every effective means that I can possibly conceive of a just and enduring peace in Southeast Asia and to end that war in Vietnam.

(APPLAUSE)

Your President today is trying to do that; your Vice-President prays and hopes to do it, but I stand before you now as the leader of your party, the nominee of our party, and I pledge to you that I will do everything that is within my power and is within the bounds of honor and is within the bounds of the security of this country to not only try to bring peace in that troubled and torn part of the world called Southeast Asia, but to try to work to reduce the tensions in this world and to prevent the spiraling danger of the nuclear arms race from getting out of control, and to prevent destruction and war. Every man and woman in this audience believes in peace and loves it--(applause)--but every man and woman in this audience knows that our country has great responsibilities, and it must be strong and it must be firm and yet it must be just and it must be compassionate. And that's the kind of America that we are going to work for.

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election in November.

(APPLAUSE)

The basic choice, the one that is at the very heart of my campaign, relates to people and relates to what kind of an America we are going to have. Is it going to be a divided one? Is it going to be one divided between the rich and the poor, the black and the white, the city and the rural? Or is it going to be one America, one citizenship, the kind we see right here? Look around, look at your neighbor around you today, and it can be that kind of an America. (Applause) And that's what I mean by the America of the new day.

I said in my acceptance speech that there is a difference between the America of the old era and the America of the new day, and we have to build that new America of the new day, and we have to build it in our cities like in Pittsburgh. And we have to build it to make our cities safe and attractive places in which to live and to work, and we have that choice. And we have to build a new America, my friends, in education so that every boy and every girl will have a chance to develop his or her talents to the utmost. And we can't

do that with just ordinary average schools; we have to do it with the best. An American should settle for nothing less than the best. And when we say "average," it's not good enough. When we say it's "the best," that's the way we live in this country. (Applause) And we have to build a greater America of greater safety for our families.

And, ladies and gentlemen, let's get right down to cases now. Everything we are talking about is about the basic institution of this country, the family. And every plan we make for our cities, for our schools, for our hospitals, for our parks, whatever we do should relate to what does it mean to a family. What does it mean to a family's health, education, safety, what does it mean to a family's happiness. And I think that one of the mistakes that we possibly have made throughout the years is that we thought in terms of brick and mortar, we thought in terms of slum clearance or highways, we thought in terms of hospitals, and we haven't thought in terms of what does this mean to a family. And I want you to think today that everything that we talk about, everything that we think about, and everything that we

plan in this government of ours and in this society, should be directed to what's it going to mean to mother and dad and the children, what's it going to mean to our families.

(APPLAUSE)

And so that new day that I speak of does mean better health care and much more of it, especially for our children. And it means consumer protection, and especially for our housewives. And it also means an all-out war on something that is infecting this national scene of ours far too much, and that's called "crime." And let me make this very clear: You don't fight crime with wild empty attacks on the Supreme Court or on the Attorney General; you don't build respect for law and order that way. (Applause) Let me say to every working man and mother here, let me say to every family-- I know who I am talking to, the kind of people you are, you represent the great majority in this nation--let me tell you that the courts of this land, whatever may be their weaknesses at any one time, over the perspective of history have protected our liberties. The founding fathers in this country had what we call "separation of

powers," the executive, the legislative and the judiciary. And the courts have been set up, state, local courts, federal courts, to give you due process of law. And every man that has ever had anybody that ever sued him, or any man that ever sued anyone else, wanted to be sure that he had due process of law. And don't you downgrade the judicial processes of this country, because if you do so, you do it at your peril. The countries that lose their liberties first are the ones that lose the independent judiciary first. (Applause) And I don't think that you prove yourself a qualified candidate for the office of President by denouncing the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States or the Supreme Court of the United States.

(APPLAUSE)

So I say, you don't fight crime this way, and you don't fight it with epitaphs, and you don't fight it with slogans; you fight it with support, federal, state and local support of your local police forces and help for your courts trying to make our penal institutions something that are correctional institutions. Four out of every five criminals in this land are repeaters.

Most of our jails and penitentiaries are schools for crime, rather than places where you try to rehabilitate the human spirit. So we have some choices. We have the choice of more personal safety or less. Now, I say support our police the way it counts, with money, with better pay. (Applause) And support them with professional training and recruitment of highly motivated and prepared men and women. And let's see to it that our police forces are as integrated as our country and then some. Let's see that every man has a chance to serve in these forces.

(APPLAUSE)

Now, when it comes right down to families, one of the most important things is your income. You know somebody said, "What do you think is the best thing in the war on poverty?" I said, "Money." There is nothing better to cure poverty than a good paycheck, nothing better. (Applause) And there is no better way to get a good paycheck than to get a good job, and there is no better way to get a good job than to be trained for it and to be equipped for it so that you can perform on the job, and that's what we are talking about.

(Applause) And there is no better way to have all of that than to win the election on November the 5th.

(APPLAUSE)

Well, now, let's see what Nixon-Republicans did. You know the other day, Mr. Nixon said, "We have just got to compare the present Vice-President with the previous administration." He said, "You can expect more of the same." That's what he said to me. Well, I gathered he thought that, in other words, if you are Vice-President, you can expect to happen under my administration the same thing that happened under the administration when he was Vice-President. Well, now, let's take a look and see. Let's just take a look and see. Let's just use his own arguments.

A VOICE: Give them hell, Hubert!

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: That's right. That's what the middle initial stands for.

(APPLAUSE)

Let's take a look at their performance record. Let's see what they did during the eight Republican years. Now, they had a chance. You know, it's a good idea once in a while, about once every

twenty years, to let them in just to see how they perform. It's rather expensive.

(Jeers from the crowd)

That's a great thought; I just wanted to see if you were on the ball today.

Well, let's take a look at their performance record. During the eight Republican years, and I was in Pittsburgh those years on many a visit, I was in Allegheny County, and you had three job killing recessions. Somebody said the other day, "There isn't a dime's worth of difference between Humphrey and Nixon." I said, "That's right; there is a hundred and seventy-five billion dollars worth of difference." (Applause) Because those three Republican-Nixon Republican recessions cost this country a hundred and seventy-five billion dollars in lost man-hours in work; that's how much you paid for having that nice polite administration. Khrushchev even said in those days--you heard of Khrushchev? (Laughter) Khrushchev said that he would bury us economically. Well, you know what happened. After that Khrushchev went out of office and so did Nixon. And I think we ought to keep them both out of office.

(Applause)

We have had 90 consecutive months of continued growth in this country without a single recession. 90 consecutive months in the last eight years since John Kennedy said let's get this country moving again; and we have kept it moving with Kennedy and Johnson, and Johnson and Humphrey, and we are going to keep it moving even better with Humphrey and Muskie.

(APPLAUSE)

Now, what happened to your family paycheck? I can tell if I go down and talk to the ladies, they keep pretty good tabs on that, fellows. I'll tell you what happened. Let's talk about that take-home pay, never mind all those fringe benefits for a while, let's talk about take-home pay. And we take out of that now, that's the taxes out, and that's with inflation out, and here is what happened: Personal income and paychecks for a family of four went up three times faster during Democratic years than during Nixon-Republican years when Mr. Nixon was a part of that administration, and the difference was \$3,000 per family per year. Now, that's too much to pay for Mr. Nixon.

(APPLAUSE)

That means that you could buy a new car, and if you do you can put a Humphrey-bumper sticker on it. (Applause) Or it means that you could send your son or your daughter to one of the finest colleges in this land out of the increase in that family paycheck. And it's not just the difference in wages, either; there is a difference in jobs. During those eight Republican years unemployment rose two million. During the seven and a half Democratic years employment has risen two million, and the lowest rate of unemployment that this country has known since the end of World War II is right now with us today, the lowest rate.

So, friends, this is what the record is like, and it's not accidental. Democrats have believed in working people, they have believed in family people, and we have arranged things as best we could to work with this great free enterprise economy. We have poured money into job training, and it has come back a thousand-fold. The only thing that is costly in this country is welfare. What is not costly is education and training and jobs. That's when you start to build the resources

of this country, and that's what we have been trying to do, and we have been doing it.

(APPLAUSE)

Ten million people have come out of poverty in the last five years in America under this administration, and Mr. Nixon says he is not sure whether he is for these poverty programs. I know about it. He doesn't need to try to kid me; I know he is not for them, he never voted for them. There wasn't any war on poverty when he had something to say about this country, there wasn't any federal aid to education, there wasn't any medical care for our elderly, there wasn't any consumer protection, and you know it. So when you ask, "Is there any difference between the Democratic nominee and the Republican?" The answer is, "All the difference in the world; the difference in education, in health, in jobs, in this economy."

(APPLAUSE)

And I just want to say to you, my friends, that if we turn this economy over to them, they have already told you what they are going to do. He has said, "We are going to do it like we did it before."

A VOICE: Mess it up.

VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: You bet you, "Mess it up," that's right.

(APPLAUSE)

Give that young man an "A." He has just said the right thing, "Mess it up," and they have.

Now, I think that's why the American people are not going to go for this man that says, "I am for it, but"...I want to tell you this is really getting to be something. You mention anything to the Republican nominee, and he will say, he will look at you now--they say there is a new Nixon. Now, my friends, I don't mind a fellow getting a little new, called new. I just want to tell you something so that you won't be misled. I am just the same old Hubert Humphrey, that's all, just the same one you have known.

(APPLAUSE)

Some people say there is a new Nixon, some people say there is the old Nixon, and what you need to be worried about is the real Nixon, that's the one you need to be concerned about. (Applause) What you need to be concerned about is a nominee that decided

that in order to get that nomination he had to go into the back room and work out an arrangement with the No. 1 Dixiecrat of this nation, Strom Thurmond. And I think we ought to ask him what kind of an arrangement that was, what kind of an arrangement.

(APPLAUSE)

I told the American people if I were nominated as the presidential nominee of the Democratic Party, that I would give to this nation in my vice-presidential selection, at least in the man that I recommended, as fine a man as we could find. I said, "There will be no deals." I said, "I am not going to deal with the North, the South, the East or the West, I am not going to deal with anybody. We are going to make a suggestion and a choice to the convention." And I didn't go around looking for a state that had a lot of electoral votes. I happened to have known a United States senator, I happened to know a fine man, a gentleman that has had experience in local government, two times governor of his state, two terms United States senator, a distinguished student in the law school of Phi Beta Kappa, a man that served his country in peace

and war, a person that has a remarkable record of public service, the author of the Model Cities Program, the man that has become the expert in terms of our pollution control of water and air. And I said, "I am going to select a man that has the character and the quality and the intelligence and the background and the ability to be the President of the United States if anything befalls the President"--and it could easily, we know that, we live in dangerous times. I said, "I am going to give the American people, so help me, if I am the nominee of this party, a man that could serve in the highest office of the land and serve with distinction"; and I did in Ed Muskie, United States Senator.

(APPLAUSE)

And, by the way, he is going to come to Pennsylvania, and what a man you are going to find in that fellow. This is a team, this isn't just one man running. We have a team. We are partners, we are friends, it's a team of Humphrey and Muskie, it's your Democratic team, and I want you to spread the message. I want you to tell your neighbors and your friends, I want you to talk about it after church and before church,

I want you to talk about it in the lodge, in the labor halls, I want you to talk about it in your fraternal orders, I want you women to talk about it. Oh, boy, if you just talk about it enough! (Applause) And I want that band to talk about it over there, too. And I want everybody around here to take the message of the new day of the Democratic Party. A day where we welcome the young, where we honor the elderly, a day in which we put the confidence of this people in our country. These two candidates of the Democratic Party, the nominee for President and Vice-President, are not running this country down in order to get us to look a little better; we are talking this country up. We happen to believe in this great America of ours.

(APPLAUSE)

And I will tell you something else: We believe we can do better than we have ever done before. We have done well, we have built more schools and more hospitals, we have more young people in college. We have done many things, but every man and woman in this audience has a feeling deep down in your heart that you can do better. We can have a better country, we can be

neighbors, we can be friends, we can build this country better. And what we are trying to tell you in this campaign is that we will not settle for the achievements even of our party. We are not basing our campaign on the record of yesterday, as good as it is, proud as we are of it. We are basing our campaign on the hopes of tomorrow, and I am not going to come to you, my fellow Americans, and ask you to vote for me out of fear. I am not going to come to you and ask you to vote for me because there is racial tension. I am not going to come to you and ask you to vote your fears and your suspicions and your hatreds. We all have a little something wrong in us, you know that. None of us are without sin or blemish. I am coming to you to ask you to vote your hopes and your aspirations. I happen to be a man that believes there is more good in the American people than anybody ever dreamed of. I happen to believe that the American people have within them a great reservoir of goodness and a great spark of greatness. I intend to draw on that reservoir of goodness, and I intend to ignite that spark of greatness, and, my fellow Americans, we can do anything that we need to do at home or abroad

if we will stand together. Thank you very much.

(APPLAUSE)

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