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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you, thank you very much, Congressman Pepper and my good friend Mayor Tanyler, Governor Bryant and Governor Burns, distinguished fellow citizens. You know, I have never had so many people behind me as I have here today. I want to thank them very, very much.

And look at this wonderful, wonderful audience on all sides, with the most beautiful array of signs that I have ever seen. I want to thank you. (Applause)

Each one of them reminds me of what I might talk about today. But my dear friends of Jacksonville, Florida, how proud I am to be here, to be in this great city. I noticed your Florida Times-Union of Jacksonville for Wednesday, October 2. "Great new city is born here" and it is perfectly obvious today that it has many wonderful children and many wonderful people that I see here today. (Applause)

So, Mr. Mayor, I am proud to be the first candidate for the presidency in the United States in the history of this country to visit the largest city in the free world and to stand here on this platform with Hans Tanyler, the largest mayor of the largest city in the free world. (Applause)

Stand up, Mr. Mayor.

Look at that. A man that looks that good, is that big and strong, just has to be a Democrat. No doubt about it.

Now, this is my kind of a meeting. I like to come to these good street meetings where we can talk to each other and I like to come to the bold -- and it is -- bold and the great new city of the South. And that is what this America of ours is all about -- a bold, new, great America that we see right here in Jacksonville, Florida.

Now, you are going to have a visit very shortly from a little group of men that come around and they have got an airplane, they call themselves "The GOP Truth Squad."

Well, everybody has a right to play on words these days. For a while, when I saw that they had a special plane and it said "GOP," I said to myself, you know that fellow, that Republican nominee, at long last he is going to accept my invitation to debate. They are bringing him in here, special cargo on a special plane." And then I saw that it said "Truth Squad," so I knew that Nixon wasn't aboard. I just knew it. (Applause)

By golly, that Nixon sign went up and down four times back there.

Well, friends, I want you to know that their plane broke down this morning up in Knoxville. First of all, they had engine trouble. That is normal for a Republican Administration.

They run for awhile and then they conk out, you know.

Then the next thing that happened, they got the thing airborne and they couldn't get the landing gear up. Just the way it is,

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for example, the minute you trust them with something, either one of the engines goes out and you get a recession or when you get going, you can't get down. They just don't know how to do it.

So here's what I am doing. I am offering the Republican Truth Squad to join our happy family aboard my airplane, where all three engines work all the time. (Applause)

Besides that, they will get a little truth. That won't hurt, either

Now -- well, I am about to, but it is too good for them.

Now, friends, at a time when complainers and doubters dominate the headlines, right here in Jacksonville, a group of citizens sat down and did some hard thinking about tomorrow. And very quietly you put into effect what this newspaper said -- a bold and progressive plan to make a better community and a better city for the hundreds of thousands of people that are here. And hardly a ripple in the sea of public clamor. And yet, with one stroke, you have put an end to a whole era of old fashioned local government and you have replaced it with modern local government such as you have here, which is the way that America must go ahead. (Applause)

But I knew it would happen, I knew that it would happen because it had the guidance of a fine Democratic Administration here in Jacksonville. Things happen that way and I am proud that the Democratic Party, with men in Congress like Claude Pepper, Charlie Bennett, Senator Smathers, Senator Holland, and others have been in the thick of the action in climbing for the tomorrows of our state and our country as a whole.

And your Congressman tells me that the first fellow to propose a canal across Florida was a Spanish conquistador back in 1564. I haven't his name, but I have it on good authority that a man with that kind of vision had to be a Democrat. There is no doubt about that.

But even if we can't take credit for the idea, you know who got the across-Florida barge canal started. You know who got it started and you know who is going to finish it -- John Kennedy. John Kennedy -- (Applause) -- John Kennedy came to Florida in 1960 and he promised to get this vital program underway, vital to the defense of our country, vital to the northern, to the economy of Northern Florida. And he said he'd get it through the Congress.

Well, now, he delivered on that promise and I am proud to say that I had a little hand myself in passing that bill through the U.S. Senate. (Applause)

Then Lyndon Johnson came to Jacksonville in 1964 and he promised to get construction of that canal underway. And he delivered on that promise.

Well, here I am, another Democrat in Jacksonville, in 1968, and we are going to get the wheels unstuck in Congress and we are going to finish that canal. (Applause)

Now, the Army Engineers say, they say that it can be done by 1974; they say it can be done. Well, let me tell you something, I think it can be done before then and I say that it will be done -- not can be done, it will be done. And it will be done not one day

later than 1974, and if you put me in the White House, we will get a little action and get it done sooner. (Applause)

And now let me tell you something else: I see my friends from the National Maritime Union around here. I want you to know I am going to have a special speech for you one of these days on America's Merchant Marine. But I want my friends to know that when I am your president, the United States of America will have a Merchant Marine of which you can be proud -- ships (Applause) -- American ships, American flags, ships built in American shipyards by American workers. That is what you are going to have. (Applause)

Now, a word about Cape Kennedy. I have been Chairman of the Space Council. My friend, Governor Burns, is here and we worked together. I have worked with your congressional delegation. We have built some new bridges, we have done a lot of things. But I want this great Florida audience to know that when Humbert Humphrey is President of the United States, Cape Kennedy is going to be a flourishing installation for the Space Program. We are going to keep it operating.

Let me take off this coat. It is a little hot up here. Not only that, I intend to level on these Republicans and others.

Now, here's the question, my good friends. Which party, which candidate for president can more surely guide this nation on the pathway to peace? This candidate, the Democratic candidate. (Applause)

I happen to believe that we can achieve, as Claude Pepper said from the podium, an honorable peace in Vietnam. And this will be the first priority of the Humphrey-Muskie Administration.

Now, I have spoken out on this issue and I believe that this peace can be achieved. And I think it is now time for Mr. Nixon to tell the American people what he has in mind. I think he owes it to us.

Now, the second great decision of this election relates to everyone of us in this audience. It relates to the kind of an America, the kind of a society that we are going to have here for ourselves, for our children, for children yet unborn. I come to a great part of America to talk to you about your country. "This is my country" says that beautiful song. This is our America and quite frankly, I get a little weary of some of the people that complaint about it. This is without a doubt, as Lincoln put it, the last best hope of earth, and I intend to help keep it that way, with your help. (Applause)

And I have come here to the South, I have come here to the South to talk about this issue, and I know that I am talking about an issue that many people tell me this is the wrong place.

I was told by all of my advisors, don't come down here and talk about equal opportunity; don't come down here, they say. They say it is Nixon Country or it is Wallace Country. I say it is American Country -- American Country. (Applause)

Yes, I say it is an American country and I intend to talk to you as a fellow American, and I intend to talk to you about the kind of an America that we need.

Now, there are forces abroad in this land, dangerous forces, that are striving to divide us and striving to embitter our people. There are radical extremists of the Right, of the Left, of the white, of the black, demagogues who preach fear, violence, hate, and division. And I call upon the American people, no matter who you are or where you live, to reject these extremists, to let them know you want no part of them. Turn them away, my friends. (Applause)

I have seen and I have heard some of these extremists chant and I have seen them noisily disrupt meetings and seek to deny freedom of speech to persons with whom they disagree.

Now, let me make it clear from this platform -- I think that any candidate for any office and particularly for the highest office of this land, whether it is George Wallace or Richard Nixon or Hubert Humphrey, is entitled to be heard, and free speech for every man.

It is fact, my friends, not only do I think they are entitled to be heard, but I have been trying to get them to stand on the same platform with me day after day. I think you ought to have these three candidates at every meeting. I think we ought to go across this land telling our story to the American people, individual by individual. I don't want the presidency to go to the man with the biggest advertising budget. I think it ought to go to the American people on the basis of facts.

But I can't get Mr. Nixon to come out of the shadows. He is in so many parades, he has so much confetti coming down that he hasn't apparently come out yet from under that avalanche of ticker tape and confetti.

Well, I want to let you know something, friends. I used to do a lot of pheasant hunting up in South Dakota and Michigan, do a little quail and partridge hunting, and I have flushed many a bird out from under many a bush, and let me tell you, I can hit a moving target if I can get him out.

And I will tell you, we have got some birds. And I am going to get 'em.

Now, my friends, I say every man has the right to be heard, every group the right to assemble, every man and woman in this country of voting age the right to vote without disturbance. Yet we have people who say they are not going to let us vote. We have people who say they are not going to let us meet. We have people who try to break up meetings, not only mine but others.

Ladies and gentlemen, disorder is not dissent. Dissent in a democracy is legitimate. Disorder in a democracy is intolerable. Dissent, yes; disorder, no. And we are not going to have any of it in this country. (Applause)

Destruction is not debate. Indeed, the violence of destruction can only silence the vitality of debate. So I stand before you to reject this form of extremism.

Now, there is another kind. There is another form of radical extremism every bit as dangerous as those of the Left, every bit as dangerous as those who seek to break up a meeting and holler

you down, just as corrosive to our liberties. That is the extremism of those who preach disrespect for our courts, disrespect for our laws, and who play to the basest fears and the deepest suspicions of our people.

Mark my words, my fellow Americans, that strategy of organized hate and fear if left unanswered and unchecked can lead America to disaster just as surely as the radical tactics of the shouters and the disrupters can destroy our democracy.

So let me talk to you, then, about the candidates in this election and their programs.

Let me first mention the candidate of the third party, the former Governor of Alabama.

He says that he is running on a platform of law and order. Well, my friends, let's take a look. When he was Governor of Alabama, he gave the American people quite a demonstration of law and order. He decided, for example, which courts suited him and he disobeyed the rest. He decided which judges he liked and he insulted the others.

He decided which laws he preferred and he tried to violate the others. Now he proposes teaching a lawless method to the whole country. Well, let me say to you, my dear friends, it is a strange thing that a man who stands for states' rights and whose ads say "Send me your money for local government" is the very man who today says that if he is president, that he will see that there is law and order out of Washington, which means what? A national police force. We don't need that in this country. Why would we voluntarily do that? Law and order belong here.

Law and order -- let me say, my dear friends, law and order rests with the governors and it rests with the mayors. It rests at the local level.

Now, Mr. Wallace was governor of the state with the highest murder rate in the nation. Do you call that law and order? (Applause) He could not maintain order in his own state where he had the power. Now he promises to maintain order in every city in every state where he will have no power to do it. My friends, it is counterfeit currency. Law and order belong to this mayor. Law and order belong to this governor in the state. The President of the United States is not your sheriff and he is not a super chief of police. The President of the United States, however, can help. And how can he help? By what he says, by how he conducts himself, by encouraging respect for the law and by going to the Congress to ask that Congress to help every mayor and every governor and every county sheriff in the United States to have the tools to do the job for law and order.

Now, my friends, I was mayor of a great city. That is why I love to come to these modern cities of today. I served as mayor of the City of Minneapolis, a city the size in population of Jacksonville and this new government of yours. I have had problems of law and order and the record is there. And let me tell you, if the record wasn't there, they would be tearing me to bits. But I fought organized crime and licked it and I kept peace in my city. (Applause)

I brought law and order to Minneapolis and as mayor, I compiled a

record for law and order which received a national commendation from the FBI. Mr. Wallace can't claim that, I will tell you.

Now, I am ready to do something about law and order. We are not going to condone violence. We are not going to condone riots. Make no mistake about it. Let me tell you -- that is no way to have it.

All right, cut it out over there.

My friends, the way to do something about it is to back your police with money, with training, with equipment and with support and not just with bumper stickers. And that is what we are going to do in this country. (Applause)

So I say to you, I say to you the job can be done and I intend to do it.

Now, let me say something else about this candidate. For someone who calls himself a friend of the little man -- by the way, the action is up here. Don't pay attention to that. That happens in every town around the country. That is nothing new. Pay no attention, there are always a few, always a few. But thank God for the overwhelming majority of American people.

Now, let's talk about our families for awhile. Let's talk about where we stand in this campaign. Let's talk about this man who says he is the friend of the working man, the friend of the little man. Let's see what he did as governor.

Alabama housewives paid the highest sales tax in the country -- six cents on the dollar. Wages for the working man, Mr. Worker, and I want to talk directly to you, you have an obligation to your wife and your children, to yourselves. Wages for the working man in Alabama were the third lowest in the nation. In education, there are only two states that spends less per pupil. You have an obligation, Mr. Voter, to think about that child and that family.

And in that state of the governor, it had the lowest workmen's compensation system of any state in the Union. Do you call this a friend of the little man? I say to you, my friends, it is nothing more or less than sheer outright reaction. And we can't afford that in this country. (Applause)

But there is even a more serious problem and that is when we deliberately try to inflame the fears and the frustrations and the prejudices of our people. And these are tactics found in this campaign. They are found not only by one but by two. They are found in the campaign of my Republican opponent, the man who deliberately courted the most extremist elements in his own party and who continues that appeal in his speeches and who will be fully in their debt if he gets into the presidency.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, you don't get law and order by attacks on your police, your courts, your law enforcement officials or setting up group against group and race against race. These tactics stockpile the ingredients for a civil explosion and we can't afford that in our country. (Applause)

Now, let me talk a little bit about the Republican candidate and

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the Republican record. Is the Truth Squad around? I imagine they have arrived by now. I hope so, because I want them to tell you the truth. And when they tell you the truth, here is what they are going to tell you:

In the last eight years of Republican Administration, three recessions that took the jobs of millions of workers. Let them tell you the truth, that Mr. Nixon said that until you got over 4-1/2 million unemployed, it wasn't dangerous.

Let them tell you the truth, that they did nothing for these cities like Jacksonville.

Let them tell you the truth, that they fought Medicare, they cut benefits on Social Security.

Let them tell you the truth, that there wouldn't be aid to higher education for your great universities and colleges in this state had it been for Republican votes.

Let them tell you the truth, that they fought against, they fought against federal aid to elementary education, secondary education, and higher education. Let them tell you the truth, there wasn't one single job training program in America under a Republican Administration -- not one. (Applause)

And Mr. Mayor, I have here a report on some of the things in your city. Your neighborhood health centers, your community action programs, your housing for the elderly, your programs in Project Headstart, your manpower training programs -- four pages of programs in this city and not one of them, not one of them was ever sponsored by a Republican Administration. And you didn't get a dime from them. (Applause)

Now, let's look at the truth on the other side. Oh, I wish that Truth Squad would turn up. I tell you, they have got a lot to talk about. Let me tell you, my friends. Let them tell the truth about us: Aid to Education up 300 percent; 10 million people brought out of poverty in the last five years; a minimum wage law of \$1.60. Cities that are getting help for the first time in many years; consumers that are getting protection; health care, Medicare, and income -- income, my friends. Under those eight years of Republicanism, family income went up nine percent after taxes, after the cost of living rise. Under eight years of Democratic Administration, income for the same family has gone up 32 percent. In other words, it has gone up enough for you to send your son and daughter to college and still be as well off as you were under a Republican Administration. (Applause)

I am proud of this record. I am proud of the fact that this party of ours, this Democratic Party has given this nation the things that have made it great, has given this nation security for the elderly, has given this nation health for the young, has given this nation public works, has given this nation, yes, the barge canal that you want right here, under this present Administration, has given this country housing, has given this country profits, has made this economic system of ours operate as never before -- 90 months with no recession; 90 months of prosperity.

And, Mr. Businessman, listen to me. In any one Democratic year, you made more money than in all the eight Republican years put

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together. And that is a lot and that is a fact.

Now, Mr. Businessman, if you want to say you are Republicans so it sounds good, I don't mind. It is all right. Carry a card, even register. But for goodness sakes, when you go into the voting booth, will you vote your self-interest, will you vote your economics, will you vote for your family, will you vote for your children, will you vote for your country? Mr. Businessman, you know that in eight Republican years, we lost \$175 billion of lost income. You know that there was a raid on the gold supply of this country, with the highest balance of payments deficit that this nation has ever faced. It is a fact. And I think it is time, my fellow Democrats, that we took this crowd on and told the truth about what's going on in this country.

Now, just remember this: A defeat for the Democratic ticket, a defeat will be a defeat for your family. I haven't any doubts about this campaign. It is an uphill fight. I know that. We are short of money. We have had a late start. We have had division in our party. The opposition has been well financed.

They say Mr. Nixon is cool, confident, poised. Well, why shouldn't he be? He hasn't said anything. (Applause)

But let me tell you, before I get through with him, he will have a blow torch on his political tail like he has never had before. (Applause)

I do not intend to let Mr. Richard Milhous Nixon, the Republican Nominee that John Kennedy defeated, I do not intend to let the memorial to John Kennedy be the election of Richard Nixon. Not on your life. (Applause)

And I don't intend to let this country fall backwards. And I don't intend to let America be torn apart.

Look at that audience. Look at these people. Here we are, fellow Americans, black and white, Catholic, protestant and Jew. Why should we listen to anybody that tells us that we ought not to work together? We need each other in this country. We need each other as we have never needed each other before.

And let me say from this platform, let me say from this platform I don't offer you ease. I don't offer you an easy journey. But I offer you the right road. I tell you, my friends, as Benjamin Franklin put it in the constitutional convention, if we are divided, if we hang together -- we will either hang together or we will hang separately. And this America of ours today is being watched. This is a dangerous world and we need to be strong and we need to be united. We need every American.

Look at them -- black, white -- North, South. We don't need anybody to pull us against each other. We don't want anybody in this country that arouses our passions. We want somebody in this country that arouses our hopes.

My friends, I believe in this country. Just a minute.

I believe in this country. This is the greatest place on this planet. I don't intend to let anybody harm it. I have spoken out today against these extremes of the Right or the Left, of the

black or the white. We don't need people that want to burn this nation or we don't need people that hate their neighbor. What we need is people that want to build this nation, or people that like and enjoy their neighbors. (Applause)

So my fellow Americans, let's face it. Do you want a divided country or do you want a united one? I think I know. I think I know there is more goodness in American people than evil. I know there is more greatness in American people than pettiness. Some people appeal to the evil, some people appeal to the passions, some people appeal on the basis of hate and some people appeal on the basis of violence. Ladies and gentlemen, I can't carry on that kind of campaign.

I am asking you to be greater than you have ever dreamed you could be. I am asking you to make this American dream come true. I am asking you here in Jacksonville, deep in the South, I am asking you to help me and to help yourself make this one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Let's do it.

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INTERVIEW OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY
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MR. LEWIS: Vice President Humphrey, welcome to Florida.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you.

MR. LEWIS: We are now five weeks before the actual election. Your opponents and most of your supporters say you are now in third place. Do you agree with this and do you think you have enough time left to --

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I surely do not agree to that. As a matter of fact, I think we are coming along very well. There isn't any doubt but what in the early stages of the campaign, we were in second place, but never in third place. I feel the trend is very good now. There is a sense about the campaign that one who has been in public life a long time perceives and feels. There isn't any doubt in my mind at all that we are on the upline now.

As I have said to some of our other friends, the market trend is good. It is going up. I think we will come in just about right. We will go to that final line with just enough votes in the ballot box to win this election. I am beginning to feel very confident about this.

MR. LEWIS: Certainly unity in the Democratic Party is going to be a key question in this campaign. Have you any indication from Senator McCarthy that he will give active support?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I haven't seen the Senator since the convention. I am not sure just when I will see him. I hope that he will see fit to do so. After all, we worked together for 20 years in the Democratic Party. But the more important thing, it seems to me, is that his key people are supporting me. For example, Mr. Stephen Mitchell, his chairman, is an active supporter. Today here in Florida, the head of the young peoples organization for Senator McCarthy announced his support today for me. This is happening all across the country. In fact, we are getting great support from young people, an ever-increasing number of young people that are coming out -- the McCarthy supporters, the late Bobby Kennedy supporters, my own supporters. I believe we are beginning to build back the unity of the Party.

In this election, that could be the decisive factor, because the Democratic Party is the stronger of the two political parties by far. If we can get the Democratic voters to vote, if they will support their Democratic nominee, we will win this election, no doubt about it, because this election will be won by a plurality of votes, not a majority.

MR. LEWIS: How much of a drain is Governor Wallace going to be on votes, particularly in the South?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I think in the South, Mr. Wallace will be primarily competing with Mr. Nixon's votes, the people that ordinarily vote Republican -- not entirely, but more so. In the North, Mr. Wallace has been trying to make an appeal in some of the bluecollar areas amongst workers. But I think workers find out what the wage levels are in Alabama, I think when they find out that Alabama has the lowest workmen's compensation system in the U.S., the highest sales tax in the U.S., I think when they start finding out some of these things, the working man is not going to be too interested in voting for Mr. Wallace.

Temporarily, he may indicate that kind of interest. But when he walks into that voting booth, that worker has to think about his family, the education of his children. Then he will have to remember that the State of Alabama had the second lowest per capita expenditure for education in the U.S. under George Wallace. He is going to be thinking about that pay check and that means that he isn't going to be voting for Mr. Nixon, because about every two years, you get a Republican recession. That is the way they level off the price trend and sort of as they say stabilize the economy at the expense of the worker.

Mr. Nixon talked about having 4-1/2 million workers as a -- well, if you got above that, he said, it might be dangerous. Now, for the 4-1/2 million out of work, that is a catastrophe for them and it is very bad for the rest of the economy. So I don't believe Mr. Wallace or Mr. Nixon are going to get very many workers' votes. Because I think the working man is a family man. I think he would like to be able to pay the mortgage on his home.

I think he would like to be able to take a vacation like a gentleman and enjoy himself. He isn't going to be able to do that under the Administration of a Republican. He knows that. He knows that he is going to have long vacations of unemployment and under Mr. Wallace, when they start looking at the record, they are going to see that this man is not a progressive, that he represents the forces of reaction in this country and speaks for them.

MR. LEWIS: There has been confusion about one thing in your statement on Monday night regarding the bombing halt in Viet Nam. Could you tell us now whether you will support a unilateral pause without any response at all from Hanoi, just to see what will happen?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Well, I am going to do for you what I have done for the others, because I have learned the hard way. If a man makes one comma, changes one comma, they say you have changed your position. So it's dull this way, but at least it is safe. Not only that, but it comes out the same every time. Let me read it to you.

I said North Viet Nam, according to its own statement and those of others, has said it would proceed to good, prompt, substantive negotiation with us if we stopped the present limited bombing of the North. We must always think of the protection of our troops. As President, I would stop the bombing of the North as an acceptable risk for peace, because I believe it could lead to success in the negotiations and a shorter war. This would be the best protection for our troops. In weighing that risk and before taking action, I would place key importance on evidence, direct or indirect, by deed or word, of Communist willingness to restore the

Demilitarized Zone between North and South Viet Nam. If the Government of North Viet Nam were to show bad faith, I would reserve the right to resume the bombing.

Now, that is my position and I am going to let the theologians of politics make their own interpretation. They enjoy it more that way. That is the way I think. That is my position. I am not sure who else agrees with it, but I think it is a sensible, responsible, thoughtful position in a very difficult, complex situation.

MR. LEWIS: Four years ago, when you were campaigning with President Johnson for office, I saw you in a high school gymnasium in Northern Virginia. It had quite an impact on me, because here was a man who had obviously been through a day of campaigning, you had made a number of speeches, you were completely hoarse, there was no voice left.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I know.

MR. LEWIS: There was a high school gymnasium crowded with people who demanded that Hubert Humphrey sock it to them. This is what you proceeded to do. I wonder what the sense is in taking a man, sending him out on the campaign trail, demanding that he campaign seven days a week, 12 hours a day, and installing what's left in public office?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: You have to have great recuperative powers. It is a physical ordeal, no doubt about that. You have to be physically strong and, hopefully, have good health such as I am blessed with and a good deal of vitality, which has always been one of the sources of my strength.

Besides that, I gain a good deal of strength just being with the people. I like them. I feel close to the people. I don't know how to explain it other than you just sort of draw strength from the people.

But it is very tiring at times and sometimes an exhausting experience, but a night's rest does great things for me and a little change of pace -- like if you go to a ball game. I hope to do that. That helps.

MR. LEWIS: But you haven't had a chance to do that lately?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: No, but we will find one. The World Series is on. I hope I will be able to find a day to go.

MR. LEWIS: Do you think there is a better way to get a man's message across than what I just described?

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Possibly there is. We could use this media a great deal more. I would like to use it on your expense account. It is very costly commercially but very effective. Therefore, I propose that we have a series of debates with Mr. Nixon, network debates. I'd do it on educational TV as far as I am concerned. I believe that the media would like to do this as a public service and this would cut down the cost of the campaign, plus the fact that it would be, I believe, the honest way and the most forthright way for the different candidates to present their positions at the same time, from the same platform, over the same

network, to the same audience. I think that would make a great deal of sense.

Let me just say what Winston Churchill said about democracy and relate it to the campaign. He said it is the worst possible form of government except all others that have ever been tried. While I know American campaigning is a very exhausting experience at times, it tests your temperament as well as your physical capacities and your intellectual capacities. I don't know how -- I think the people want to see you. And I think they should. I think you must go to the people.

I don't want to see this government become computerized. I want an open presidency. By that I mean I want to be closer to the people, and I want the people closer to me, to be able to contact me through the mechanisms that we set up. I think that if you want an open presidency, you have to have an open campaign. I know it is a lot easier for me to settle down in a television studio and make video tapes and if it doesn't work right, we scratch it out. We get that nice, professional perfection. But people aren't like that. People are people. They make little blurbs, little mistakes once in awhile. I think American politics ought to be humanized, not mechanized, not computerized. I am perfectly willing to see us use the modern media. But somewhere along the line, you really ought to find out whether this is a man or whether this is something that has been prefabricated. You ought to find out what the fellow is really like -- look at him, feel him, touch him, smell him, hear him. That is what a campaign is about.

When you get into all these high-powered public relations, Madison Avenue sets where the questions are all screened and where everybody is all powdered up and fixed up, where everything is just sweet and lovely, that is not America. America is a working man on the job, it is a farmer out on the farm on his plow or on his corn picker. That isn't like Mr. Nixon said, trying to plow a straight furrow with a corn picker, either. It is a man that -- I have seen my neighbors in Minnesota, man and wife, out there stacking up hay, bundles of hay. That is America. It is kids coming out of school and it is jumping and yelling. It is football games and baseball games and it is the smoke of a factory and it is fishing and it is swimming and hunting. That is America and I think a man that is going to be President of the United States ought to know it. He ought to feel it. It ought to be right in his very innards. And you can't have it in your innards looking at that tube all the time, I will tell you that. That is too fictitious.

Don't misunderstand me, I like it. It is the way to get to masses of people, but it begins to make you feel a little phony.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Vice President, thank you very much for being our guest.

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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Thursday, October 3, 1968

Vice President Humphrey. Well, my good friend Billy, it seems to me like I did almost too much speaking last night. I really maybe ought not to start off so early in the day.

First, I want to pay my greetings and my thanks to Governor Hodges. I saw him on early morning television and I see him here again bright and sunshiny. Well, that's good. That makes me feel better.

I see my friend Jennings Randolph over there from West Virginia. We are about to take off for that wonderful mountain state.

I see my friend, Morris Godfrey and I am looking around to see Terry Sanford. Let me see, where is Terry? Did he get up for breakfast yet? That is better.

We sent Everett Jordan up to Washington to kind of take care of things while we are away. So to each and every one I want to express my thanks, particularly to Mr. Hope for the wonderful help he has given me here. He has been very, very helpful in this endeavor.

We are indebted to you, sir. We are indebted to -- I am sorry, Billy, if I gave you a fast trot this morning. But actually, I was slowing down to shake hands. You ought to take a real morning walk with me. It will give you a good workout.

Harry, good to see you out there, too. One of my dearest friends. Wonderful to see you.

I thought I would just visit with you this morning. Really, I am a sort of night man. I am not much in the mornings. I just use mornings to get ready for the rest of the day.

There are one or two things I want to talk about over and beyond pleasantries, which are so important. I said last night that I felt like an adopted Tar Heel and I really do. Mrs. Humphrey and myself have grown to love this state. We have been here many times. Gov. Dan Moore and Mrs. Moore have received us with great hospitality and kindness. We have been their guests at the Governor's home, the Governor's mansion. We have been at your great colleges and universities. I have been here, I think, as much or more during my Vice Presidency as any state in the Union. Each time I come, I have fallen a little more deeply in love with North Carolina.

And I meant every word that I said last night. This state truly represents the great economic and social progress which is taking place across the length and breadth of this land. And for that area of America that we call the South, North Carolina is a beacon of hope and progress and it has been for a long time. Part of that is due to its extraordinarily great educational system and particularly your great system of higher education, the number of colleges and universities, public and private, that you have in this state. The investments that you have made in education are the most valuable investments that the people of North Carolina have ever made. You have produced a great people, a great citizenry out of this investment and I do feel a sense of partnership with you in this way, that at last the federal government is beginning to understand that it can be of help and that we can, particularly in those fields of education, help you develop those institutions of technology and science, of the humanities and the arts, so that we give our young people the kind of training they are going to need for this rapidly changing world.

Dr. Frank Graham, former president of your great university, one of my dear beloved friends -- I think he is one of God's real good people, and I always have thought so. He is a wonderful person.

Mr. Mayor, how good it is to see you here and to be in your community again. Last night, Mayor Butcher was kind enough to mention that he serves with me on my Committee of Mayors to help promote my candidacy. We have worked together, particularly in these last four years, in trying to bring these federal programs just a little closer to the local government and local government needs. If I have any field in which I feel a degree of competence and little better than average knowledge, it is in the field of urban affairs. I work very closely with the Mayors of the big cities and the smaller communities to try to understand what is happening in these communities of great development, both in terms of industry and the population. This city of Charlotte is again a pioneer. It is just doing the wonderful things that it is. The Mayor and the Council, the governmental officials here have really put to work federal programs without sacrificing one bit your local autonomy. We have been able to utilize federal resources to strengthen local government and that is the way it can be. If I am permitted to be your President, I can tell you that that is the way we are going to make it. We have to have these programs sufficiently flexible so that we can adapt them to each of the set of circumstances that may exist in the local community. There isn't any pattern that you could design in Washington that you can cut so that it will fit every situation in every state in every area. We simply must grow up in this country to have some faith in each other to be able to use these resources that are made available as we would like to have them be used.

In other words, John Kennedy once said let's make the world safe for diversity. I think it is good if we in America would understand that in some of our differences is our beauty and is the quality of character of our country. We don't want a society in which we just impose sort of a pattern upon everybody. We prefer each person to march to his own music and to his own beat, but to march to a common cause for a common purpose. I think that is the kind of an America that you want.

So I want to emphasize this morning to you once again this role of partnership that we can have -- federal, state, and local and private, in the field of education first. Thomas Jefferson said you cannot be both free and ignorant and never were truer words ever spoken. And the state that puts its resources to work, makes its investments in the field of elementary and secondary education, is the state of tomorrow. That is why this State of North Carolina got an early start on many of its neighbors. It really took the quantum jump, so to speak, because it puts its emphasis upon education. In the next 25 years, we are going to have to double our educational establishment in this country and that frightens some people. It does not frighten me a bit, because in the next four years, we are going to reach the trillion dollar, trillion dollar gross national product. It is very hard for some of the older folks to understand that this can happen, but we are just moving along like compound interest, if we can keep this economy growing -- and that gets me down to the next thing.

Everything that we want to do -- in education, in the betterment of our people, in the redevelopment of our cities, in the modernization of our countryside -- everything we want to do, everything -- depends on being able to keep this economy of ours strong. And I believe the greatest single contribution that the Democratic Administration is since 1961 to date, from Kennedy through Johnson, I think the greatest single contribution is the fact that these administrations have been able to work with the great dynamic force of free

enterprise in this country to keep this economy of ours moving forward, moving forward not in sporadic spurts but in a steady flow. There is no country on the face of the earth that has done so well.

Now, I know we enjoy griping a little bit. That is part of the American character and particularly early in the morning if you feel like I do. I am very good at it until about noon. Then I sort of smooth off. But the fact is that no industrialized country has had as good a record of price and wage stability as the United States -- none; not even close. No country has had as little inflation as the United States. No country has had as rapid an economic growth, steady growth, as the United States. And yet no country in the world has ever had to take on as many responsibilities as the United States.

now, you just add it up. I know that when I talk like this, I disappoint some of my friends because they feel that it has not really emphasized all of our problems.

Listen, I know the problems. I don't need to come in here and tell you that I have got a headache, because you most likely have got one, too. I frankly do not have one. But I know, some people feel that in order to prove that you have health, you have to tell about all your illness. I don't think that is necessary. I think what is important to know is what does it take to have good health -- like a good fast walk, Billy.

What's important to know is what does it take to overcome the problems we have. My fellow Americans, we have simply got to start telling each other that we have the resources in this country to do what needs to be done and all we have to figure out is what needs to be done and then put our resources to work.

Now, there aren't any instant cures. The only time you get any instant cures is in some of these patent medicines that do not work. And I say that as an old pharmacist.

There are no instant cures for ancient problems and old lingering difficulties. Democracy is primarily important for the beggings that it makes. The endings -- you never live long enough for those, because there is another generation that comes along. It is the breakthrough. It is the breakthrough of social security. It is the breakthrough that we make, for example, in a disease, in conquering a disease, the little breakthroughs we make on cancer, the little breakthroughs that we have made on heart disease, the little breakthroughs that we have made on transplants.

Which we reminds me, if the American public would be as charitable with those of us in the political and economic field on our efforts to make some changes and to do some things that have never been done before as we are with the medical profession, we would be all right. We do not complain at all if they make kidney transplants, heart transplants, liver transplants and the person dies. They say, well this is experimentation. But as soon as they get one that lives, they say hooray. You can't remember the name of the doctors that failed. But in American politics, the ones that you generally remember are the ones that failed.

Now, we are experimenting today. We are experimenting with many things. We are trying to experiment -- this is not the first time that I have been in the dark, I want to say. (applause)

We are experimenting today with how we can design fiscal policy, fiscal and monetary policy to sustain, to have a sustained economic

growth and sustained prosperity.

I wonder how many of you realize that this is the first country in the history of recorded civilization that has had over 90 consecutive months or 90 months of continuing, consecutive prosperity. Now, that is not an accident. My economic adviser, one of them, at least, is Dr. Walter Heller. Of course, I might tell you, he is from the University of Minnesota. I brought him in contact with the late John Kennedy. I introduced him. I can tell you a human interest story that is really on me. I remember when President Kennedy first became our President, President-elect, he set up show down there in Washington, and he came to me one day and said, say, Hubert, who is that fellow out in Minnesota that you kept bringing me papers from. You know that man you introduced me to out there, and you kept bringing me all his documents? What is his name? I said, well, that is Dr. Walter Heller. He said, that is the fellow. Why don't you best him out and see whether he would like to be the Chairman of the Council -- I mean whether he'd like to be on the Council of Economic Advisers?

I said, I don't think so because he is going to be Dean of the School of Business Administration and Economics. And he said, well, you try him out. So I called him up. He had already told me he did not want to come to Washington. That is what everybody generally says. Except me, I like to be there. (applause)

So, I called him, but I had been told before I called him that if he sort of balked a bit just being a member, that he might be chairman. I indicated that and I got a sort of friendly response and next day, the President-elect took up the phone and suggested that he come on down.

He is one of the best men that I know. What I am trying to say is that we have been experimenting with our economy and it has worked very well, my having a flexible fiscal policy, a monetary policy that is able to put on the brakes sometime, open up the gates another time, encourage private investment. Let me say to the editors that are here and the people of business, no administration in the history of this country has ever put as much faith in the private enterprise and the business community than this Democratic Administration. Not one.

What is the evidence? We reduced taxes -- by the way, I was for the tax reduction a year before it went into effect, and fought for it. We said let the private enterprise sector do most of the investing, encourage investment -- that is the way you get jobs. And there has been more investment in the last eight years of the Democratic Administration than in all of the Republican administrations since 1920 -- all of them put together.

When I go out and talk to businessmen, I almost want to scold for a little bit and if I did not like them so well, I would. Why in the name of common sense a businessman is a Republican is beyond me. Unless he just hates his stockholders. That is a fact. As a matter of fact, I told a business friend of mine the other day that if he didn't shape up, I was going to tell on him. I said how in the name of common sense can you vote for a Republican when your company made more money last year than in all the eight preceding Republican years? How do you dare, as chairman of that board, vote Republican when you know that the odds are from the record that you are going to have some recessions and you are going to have some lumps and you are going to lose some money and your profits are going to drop and your dividends are going to drop. Now, do you want me to

tell on you to your stockholders or are you going to shape up and make a contribution and vote?

Now, Luther Hodges can put this down to you and it works much better than I can, because I am telling you the truth.

And what about a working man? Well, I will tell you, he knows better. But there is a problem of prosperity. When you get a little prosperous or when you do a little better, darned if you don't just want to run around and tell folks occasionally you are a Republican. I don't know what it is. I don't mind it. I am going to level with you. If you want to say you are a Republican, all right, as long as you vote Democratic.

I have to get a few of those little partisan things -- it's a non-partisan gathering, I was thold this morning, so, I thought I'd mention them to you.

We have done a good job on our economy. I have issued a little statement here this morning on the economy in this state, e.g., in this state of North Carolina during those Republican years, the economy did slow down. There isn't any doubt about it. Just to give you a few of the facts, at the end of the Republican period, the unemployment rate for the State of North Carolina was 5.5. By 1967, it had fallen to 3.4. This reflected a 29 percent reduction in the number of people unemployed in this state. During the Republican era, non-agricultural jobs in North Carolina increased 17 percent -- 172,000. From 1960 to 1967, they leaped 377,000, more than double the earlier rise.

Textile workers in particular took the brunt of the Republican policies. In seven years, from 1953 to 1960, there were only two years in which the textile employment in the State of North Carolina rose at all. In the entire seven year period, there was a net reduction of 13,700 textile jobs. In every year since 1961, employment in textiles has increased from 1960 to 1967. Textile employment has risen by 42,000 jobs in this state.

Now, I say that that is something -- that is a record. And we Democrats have been derelict and I want to speak now to the few that may be in this room or the many, for we have refused ti tek k tge stirt of our economy.

The one-price cotton that we have put in here has done more for the cotton industry than all the Republican oratory of the last one hundred years. I had a hand in that. And John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson have done some things for the textile industry that long needed being done. I helped in that, too, and I want to make it clear that if I am privileged to serve as President, and I want it right on this record, and I had it in my speech lastnight, I am going to see to it that this textile industry that we have built here with investment and work and planning and modern technology, that this textile industry has a chance to grow, that the jobs that are in that industry grow. The textile industry is the greatest employer of semi-skilled and unskilled labor that we have and we desperately need it and we are not going to let it go out the window on the basis of academic theory. I want you to know that. I am going to take the measures that are necessary to see to it that this gives us -- the word "protection," they say is wrong, so I'll say that this industry has a fair break in the market place and isn't pushed out by foreign exports or foreign imports.

Now, I have issued a little statement here this morning on the tobacco industry. By the way, I have been chairman of the Textile Committee, the congressional committee -- I mean the Cabinet committee. I have worked with Governor Dan Moore. I have been working with the Senators. I have been working with Governor Bob McNail, Mills Godwin. I have been working with all the people in these areas that are affected by textiles. And we have a conflict in the government, to be frank about it. But I think I have been sort of like Horatio at the bridge. Maybe that is why my middle name is Horatio. We have not let things go to pieces. And I am going to try to seek an international agreement on man made fibers just as we did on cotton and I am going to police it. It does not do any good to have an agreement if you don't make it work.

Secondly, if that is not enough, I will go to the Congress to seek the additional authority we need. I am not going to let workers in the United States of America lose their jobs in the name of theory. I want that quite clear. I believe in liberalized trade policies. I always have. But I also believe that we have a responsibility to our own people.

Now, the same thing is true of this tobacco industry. I am not going to go into the details of it. I am going to read you the last statement, let me make it abundantly clear that as President, I shall see to it that the export business of tobacco growers in North Carolina and in other producing states is maintained without impairment. Trade is a two-way street. We import hundreds of millions of dollars worth of automobiles, metal products and countless other commodities that are as vital to the European community economy as tobacco and other agricultural commodities such as poultry are to us. As President, I shall make it clear to the European community -- that is the Common Market -- "that it cannot adopt policies that impair tariff concession and damage such an important segment of our export trade as tobacco without the loss of some of its valuable markets here." In other words, a quid pro quo. You may have and we may have and you get tough and we get tough. That is just the way it has got to be. (applause)

Now, that's what a President is for. He is not there to stand around and just let things happen. We need jobs. I want to end up on that. The greatest -- one of the greatest things that we have done in this country is to reach down into this untapped resource of human beings that we call the poor and the illiterate and the ignorant and the untrained, black and white -- and by the way, there are more poor whites than there are poor blacks; there are more poor people in rural America than there are in urban America. I wish some of these people would get that straight. Just because the largest newspapers are in the largest cities does not mean that all of the problems of America are in the cities. They are going to find out when they go with me to West Virginia. The Republican Administration did not do one living thing for Appalachia, not one thing except to let it starve and die. It took a Democratic Administration to do something for Appalachia.

And I repeat to you that poverty knows no race and it knows no region. So when we wage war on poverty, it is not just to help the black man, even though that is important. It is to help any man, any woman, any child, when we have federal aid to education, it is not just to help a child that is a Mexican-American or a Puerto Rican or a black man. It is to help an Anglo, it is to help a poor child. And if we will quit talking about race and talk about people, we will get a lot more done in this country. (applause)

Well, we have been training people. Unemployment was 7.7 in 1960, of

the work force. Richard Milhous Nixon said that until unemployment got to be 4,500,000 or more, it could not be considered dangerous. I wonder how many times he's suffered without a job. It might not be dangerous to the man that computes the statistics, because he's got the job. But if you are without a job, believe me, you are not a statistic, you are a hungry, homeless human being. What kind of crazy economics is it that says you need a cushion of unemployment of about four and a half or five million in this country? That is the way some people like to keep the prices down at the price of human agony.

We don't believe that way. I don't, and I want you to know what you are getting if you elect me. I have seen too much unemployment. I've seen too much of it. I saw it in my own state. I saw it in those Republican years when we had unemployment in Minnesota, in northeastern Minnesota, of 25 to 30 percent of the work force. I saw young people leaving my state by droves. And we did something about it with a Democratic Administration. We -- And, we have produced jobs. And more importantly, the jobs are here now, except the manpower isn't trained. There was not one single manpower training program in eight years of Republican Administration -- not one.

They like to talk to you about how they cut the budget. Well, they cut the heart out of thousands of people. They have not heard from me yet. I am just getting warmed up in this campaign. (applause)

Let it be on this record, there were more poor people in New York in 1956, 58, 59 and 60 than there are now. There were more poor people in Charlotte five, ten years ago than there are now. There were more illiterates in America ten years ago than there are now. And the war was over in Korea and there was peace and they did not do a thing with the peace dividend -- not one thing. Except to reduce taxes and in the process, get themselves three recessions.

And when they talk about fiscal management, I would not trust them with a piggy bank. (applause)

Ladies and gentlemen, you know that you remember waking up one morning to find out that in one year, \$3,900,000 of gold had gone out of the Treasury. You did not know about it. They kept it like a big secret. And then it was exposed -- the largest single balance of payments deficit this country has ever known was under that prudent, cool, confident, business-like management of the Republican Administration. I want to tell you, you had better take another look. We Democrats are supposed to be the liberals and full of compassion. There is nothing wrong with that. The question is what do you do and how do you stay compassionate? It does not do any good to be compassionate with your tongue. You have got to have the resources.

Now, we have trained in the Manpower Development and Training program alone over one and a half million unemployed, illiterate, unskilled hard core unemployed in the last four years. And they have been made productive taxpaying, self-respecting, self-sustaining citizens. Ten million people have come out of poverty and today are paying taxes, standing tall and straight -- 10 million of them in the last four years.

I submit this is quite a record. It isn't nearly as sexy as Viet Nam. Everybody likes to be a general there and most of them could not lead a boyscout troop, but they like to be a general. I tell you what we need to be concentrating our attention on right around here is what we are going to do after Viet Nam. We are going to get peace in Viet Nam. The next President of the United States if this one does

not get it has to get it. I said I would get it and I know a little bit about the processes of negotiation. I have been close to the center of power in this government.

But what about the peace dividend? Are you going to put in a Republican Administration to do like they did after Korea -- bankrupt you? In many areas of this country, raise your unemployment? The whole sale price index went up more under the Republican Administrations with three recessions than it has done under Democratic Administrations.

They talk about inflation and the cost of living. That is why I want to get Mr. Nixon out on the platform. He has been reading his own stuff. He has been reading his own propaganda. He ought not to do that. A man of his age ought to come around to the point where he starts facing up to the facts of life. He is old enough to read about the real facts. And I intend to tell him about it.

We have got a country to save. More than that, we have got a country to build. This country is young. Really, we are just getting going. And we have got so much to do and so many people depend on us and so many people are looking forward to what we can do and how we can make this democracy work. Do you realize the wonderful thing we are doing? You know there is not a single society in the world that has the pluralistic population that this one does, this wide variety of peoples.

Every race, creed, color, religion, every known kind of person lives in the United States. We have them here. Can we make these people work together as neighbors, as fellow citizens? Can we really develop the society of equality of opportunity, of respect and dignity? If we can, it is greater than all the science put together. Because remember, the worse dictators in the world can develop a machine that will get to the moon. The worse fiends in the world, tyrants, can develop a technology and a scientific base that will frighten you. What we need to become are human engineers and if we can design a society in which every person, as one of your own North Carolinians, Thomas Wolff, said, "Every man his chance," -- every man his right to live, to work, to be himself. Every man the right to make of his manhood whatever his vision can make of him. This is the promise of America.

That is what it is all about. That is what I was trying to say last night. Every man his chance. Boy, that is going to be a great day. And you know what, I think we can make it. And I would kind of like to put a date line on it. Not one date later than our 200th birthday. I would like to have it said in 1976 that our forefathers were right, that the God given rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that those God given rights have been realized. And don't be afraid to say it. Don't think that you are an intellectual because you are a sour puss, because you are not. I have carried a Phi Beta Kappa Key for a long time with a smile on my face. (applause) And I have a Vice Presidential candidate that carries one, too. And you might think about him. It is kind of important to think about who is a heartbeat away from the Presidency. I think we have presented at least one member of the Democratic ticket in the Vice President, one of the finest men that ever came into public life. If you want to compare tickets and if you think it is a stand-off between Nixon and Humphrey, you just take a look at the second man. (applause)

Well, that is enough for the morning. You can just imagine how I will feel at noon. Thank you.

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5 CAMPAIGN SPEECH OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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11 Campaign Speech of Hubert H. Humphrey, Democratic
12 Candidate for President of the United States of America,
13 commencing at approximately 12:30 o'clock p.m., October 2,
14 1968; at the corner of Duval and Hogan Streets, Jacksonville,
15 Florida; and as reported by Charlotte Smith Melton, C.S.R.,
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE GORDON BLALOCK: Ladies
and gentlemen, may I have your attention?

Already on the platform we have introduced to you
certain distinguished guests and I would like to introduce
others to you.

Democratic Nominee for the House of Representatives,
the Honorable Edward McDowell and when I introduced Clyde
Simpson a moment ago I introduced him as a former City
Commissioner of Jacksonville about two days ago but also he
is here representing the Jacksonville Port Authority and of
that I think we can be very proud.

We also have a number of former Governors in
Jacksonville these days of the Bold New City and the Consolidation
Celebrations and we have two on the stand today that I know
are familiar to you all, our own Governor Haydon Burns.
Governor Burns?

(Applause.)

And our Governor Farris Bryant also of Jacksonville.

(Applause.)

Way down on the end on my left is a distinguished

1 citizen of Alachua County with whom I had the honor to serve
2 in the Legislature, as we call him, as my Leader, I would
3 like to introduce him, the Honorable Ralph Turlington,
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 (Applause.)

6 I am sure there are many officials and distinguished
7 guests out in the audience who have not been able to make
8 their way to the platform and our Committee apologizes for
9 the inability to get them up here and introduce you. I am
10 sure you will understand.

11 At this time to introduce our guest for the day,
12 our principal speaker, I am going to --- I have been told
13 that I have got to introduce to you a man that needs no
14 introduction and I am sure that you can forgive me and
15 understand that in the press of this schedule your notes
16 don't always come out the way you write them. You do the
17 best you can but certainly we all know and love our own
18 Mayor of the Bold New City, Mayor Hans Tanzler.

19 (Applause.)

20 I had better not ask for anything at City Hall
21 for awhile.

22 Now, to introduce our principal speaker, a man
23 that is known to all of you from way back in the days when
24 he was a United States Senator, a man who has done a great

1 deal for the State of Florida and for Duval County and the
2 City of Jacksonville, our own Congressman Claude Pepper.
3 Congressman?

4 (Applause.)

5 CONGRESSMAN CLAUDE PEPPER: Mr. Vice President,
6 distinguished guests and my fellow Americans. I have been
7 here with Franklin D. Roosevelt, with Harry S. Truman, with
8 John F. Kennedy and with Lyndon B. Johnson and I am sure we
9 are all proud that we can be here today with a man who will
10 be another great President of the United States.

11 (Applause.)

12 You and I know that in these critical times we
13 need leadership of experience, of character, of courage and
14 vision. Those are qualities our Speaker has to the highest
15 degree who honors us with his presence here today.

16 I speak to you senior citizens. He has been a
17 warrior in your cause.

18 I speak to all working men and women, organized
19 and nonorganized. He has carried the banner of your service
20 for two decades in American National Life.

21 I speak to the people who are concerned about
22 the education of their children. He has been a champion of
23 the cause of education for decades in the Congress and in
24 the Vice Presidency of the United States.

1 I speak to the businessman whose corporate profits
2 today after taxes are higher than they have ever been. He
3 has been your champion, too, in maintaining a strong economy
4 for America, prosperity, providing the lowest level of un-
5 employment that we have had in America; but, above all I
6 speak to you my fellow Americans who want peace in the World.
7 Who want to stop the drain of our Treasury and the devastation
8 of War, who want to preserve for construction in America the
9 precious blood of the flower of our youth. Today you have
10 here, we have here, the Champion, a courageous Champion, a
11 compassionate man who loves his fellowman, who is dedicating
12 his life and all that he holds dear to the cause of peace.

13 My fellow Americans, with great pride I have the
14 honor to present to you the Vice President and the next
15 President of the United States, Honorable Hubert Humphrey.

16
17 (Applause.)
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19 HUBERT H. HUMPHREY: Thank you very much.
20 Thank you very much, Congressman Pepper, and Mr. Mayor,
21 our good friend, Mayor Tanzler, Governor Bryant and Governor
22 Burns, distinguished fellow citizens. You know, I have
23 never had so many people behind me as I have had here today.
24 I want to thank you very, very much.

1 Look at this wonderful, wonderful audience on all
2 sides with the most beautiful array of signs that I have
3 ever seen. I want to thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 Even some of them reminds me of what I want to
6 talk about today.

7 My dear friends of Jacksonville, Florida, how proud
8 I am to be here and be in this great City. I noticed your
9 Florida Times Union of Jacksonville for Wednesday, October 2nd:
10 "Great New City is Born Here" and it is perfectly obvious today
11 that it has many wonderful children and many wonderful people
12 that I see here today.

13 (Applause.)

14 So, Mr. Mayor, I am proud to be the first Candidate
15 for the Presidency of the United States in the history of this
16 Country to visit the largest City in the Free World and to
17 stand here on the platform ---

18 (Applause.)

19 --- and to stand here on the platform with Hans Tanzler and
20 the largest Mayor of the Largest City in the Free World.

21 Stand up, Mr. Mayor.

22 (Applause.)

23 The man that looks that good and that big and strong
24 just has to be a Democrat. No doubt about it!

1 (Applause.)

2 Now, this, this is my kind of a meeting. I like
3 to come to these good street meetings where we can talk to
4 each other and I like to come to the Bold, and it is, the
5 Bold and the great new City of the South and that is what
6 this America of ours is all about. A bold, new, great
7 America that we see right here in Jacksonville, Florida.

8 (Applause.)

9 Now, you are going to have a visit very shortly
10 from a little group of men that come around and they have
11 got an airplane and they call themselves the GOP Truth Squads.

12 Now, everybody has a right to play on words these
13 days. For awhile when I saw that they had a special plane
14 and it said GOP I said to myself you know that fellow, that
15 Republican Nominee at long last he is going to accept my
16 invitation to debate. They are bringing him in here
17 special cargo on a special plane. And then I saw it said
18 Truth Squad and I knew that Nixon wasn't aboard.

19 (Applause.)

20 By golly that Nixon sign went up and down four times
21 back there.

22 Well, friends, I want you to know that their plane
23 broke down this morning up in Knoxville. First of all they
24 had engine trouble, that is normal for a Republican Administration.

1 They run for awhile and then conk out. You know?

2 (Applause.)

3 Then, the next thing that happened they got the
4 thing airborne and they couldn't get the landing gear up.
5 Just the way it is, folks, the minute you trust them with
6 something either one of the engines goes out and you get
7 a recession or when they get going they can't get down.
8 They just don't know how to do it.

9 (Applause.)

10 So, here is what I am doing. I am offering the
11 Republican Truth Squad to join our happy family aboard our
12 airplane where all three engines work all of the time.

13 (Applause.)

14 Besides that they will get a little truth. That
15 won't hurt either. Now, --- or I have found that truth is
16 too good for them.

17 Now, friends, at a time when complainers and doubters
18 dominate the headlines right here in Jacksonville a group of
19 citizens sat down and did some hard thinking about tomorrow
20 and very quietly you put into effect what this newspaper said,
21 a bold and progressive plan to make a better Community and a
22 better City for the hundreds of thousands of people that are
23 here and hardly a ripple in the sea of public clamor and yet
24 with one stroke you have put an end to a whole era of old

1 fashioned local government and you have replaced it with
2 modern local government such as you have here which is the
3 way that America must go ahead.

4 (Applause.)

5 I knew it would happen. I knew that it would happen
6 because it had the guidance of a fine Democratic Administration
7 here in Jacksonville. Things happen that way and I am proud,
8 I am proud that the Democratic Party with men in Congress
9 like Claude Pepper, Charles Bennett, Senator Smathers, Senator
10 Holland and others have been in the thick of the action
11 planning for the tomorrows of our States and our Country
12 as a whole and your Congressman tells me that the first fellow
13 to propose a canal across Florida was a Spanish Conquistador
14 back in 1564. I haven't his name but I have it on good
15 authority that a man with that kind of vision had to be a
16 Democrat. There is no doubt about that.

17 Even if we can't take credit for the idea you know
18 who got the cross Florida barge canal started. You know who
19 got it started and you know who is going to finish it. John
20 Kennedy, John Kennedy ---

21 (Applause.)

22 --- John Kennedy came to Florida in 1960 and he promised to
23 get this vital program under way. Vital to the defense of our
24 Country, vital to the northern, to the economy of northern

1 Florida and he said he would get it to the Congress.

2 Now, he delivered on that promise and I am proud
3 to say that I had a little hand myself in passing that Bill
4 through the United States Senate.

5 Then, Lyndon Johnson came to Jacksonville in 1964
6 and he promised to get construction of that canal under way
7 and he delivered on that promise.

8 Well, here I am, another Democrat, in Jacksonville
9 in 1968 and we are going to get the wheels unstuck in Congress
10 and we are going to finish that canal.

11 (Applause.)

12 Now, the Army Engineers say it can be done, they
13 say it can be done by 1974. They say it can be done. Well,
14 let me tell you something. I think it can be done before
15 then and I say that it will be done, not can be done, it will
16 be done and it will be done, it will be done not one day later
17 than 1974 and if you put me in the White House we will get
18 a little action and get it done sooner.

19 (Applause.)

20 Now, let me say something else. I see my friends
21 from the National Maritime Union around here and I want you
22 to know that I am going to have a special speech for you
23 one of these days on American Merchant Marines; but, I want
24 my friends to know when I am your President the United States

1 of America will have a Merchant Marines that we can be proud
2 of.

3 American ships, American flags, ships built in
4 American Shipyards by American workers. That is what you
5 are going to have.

6 (Applause.)

7 And, now, a word about Cape Kennedy. I have been
8 telling the Space Council, my friend Governor Burns is here
9 and we worked together and I worked with the Congressional
10 Delegation. We built two new bridges, we have done a lot
11 of things but I want this great Florida audience to know
12 that when Hubert Humphrey is President of the United States
13 Cape Kennedy is going to be a flourishing inspiration for
14 our space program. We are going to keep it operating.

15 Let me take off this coat. It is a little hot
16 up here; not only that, I intend to level on these Republicans
17 and a few others.

18 Here is the question. Here is the question my
19 friends. Which Party, which Candidate for Presidency can
20 most surely guide this nation on the pathway to peace?
21 Which Candidate? The Democratic Candidate.

22 (Applause.)

23 I happen to believe, I happen to believe, I happen
24 to believe that we can achieve as Claude Pepper said from

1 this podium an honorable peace in Vietnam and this will be
2 the first priority of the Humphrey-Muskie Administration.
3 Now, I have spoken out on this issue and I believe that
4 this peace can be achieved and I think it is now time for
5 Mr. Nixon to tell the American people what he has in mind.
6 I think he owes it to us.

7 (Applause.)

8 Now, the second great decision of this election
9 relates to everyone of us in this audience. It relates to
10 the kind of America, the kind of society that we are going
11 to have here for ourselves, for our children, for our children
12 yet unborn. I come to a great part of America to talk to
13 you about your Country. This is my Country says that beautiful
14 song. This is our America. I am quite frankly --- I get a
15 little weary of some of the people that complain about it.
16 This is without a doubt as Lincoln put it the last best hope
17 of earth and I intend to help keep it that way with your help.

18 (Applause.)

19 And I come here to the South and I come here to the
20 South to talk about this issue and I know that I am talking
21 about an issue that many people tell me that this is the
22 wrong place. I was told by all of my advisers don't come
23 down here and talk about equal opportunity. Don't come down
24 here they say. They say this is Nixon Country or Wallace Country.

1 I say it is American Country. American Country.

2 (Applause.)

3 And as I say it is American Country and I intend to
4 talk to you as a fellow American. I intend to talk to you
5 about the kind of America that we need.

6 Now, there are forces abroad in this land, dangerous
7 forces that are striving to divide us and starting to embitter
8 our people. There are radicals, extremist of the right,
9 of the left, of the white, of the black, demigods who preach
10 fear, violence, hate and division and I call upon the American
11 people no matter who they are or where they live to reject
12 these extremist. To let them know you want no part of them.
13 Turn them away my friends.

14 (Applause.)

15 I see, I have seen and I have heard some of these
16 extremist chant and I have seen them noisily disrupt meetings
17 and seek to deny freedom of speech to persons with whom they
18 disagree. Now, let me make it clear from this platform that
19 I think every Candidate for every office, and particularly
20 for the highest office of this land, whether it is George
21 Wallace or Richard Nixon or Hubert Humphrey is entitled to
22 be heard and free speech for every man.

23 (Applause.)

24 In fact, my friends, not only do I think they are

1 entitled to be heard, I have been trying to get them to stand
2 on the same platform with me day after day. I think you ought
3 to have these three candidates at every meeting. I think we
4 ought to go across these lands telling our stories to the
5 American people side by side. I don't want the Presidency
6 to go to the man with the biggest advertising budget. I
7 think it ought to go to the American people on the basis
8 of fact.

9 (Applause.)

10 I can't get Mr. Nixon, can't get Mr. Nixon to come
11 out from the shadows. He is in so many parades he has got
12 so much confetti coming down that he hasn't apparently come
13 out yet from under that avalanche of ticker tape and confetti.
14 Well, I want to let you know something, friends. I used to
15 do a lot of pheasant hunting up in South Dakota and Minnesota.
16 Do a little quail and partridge hunting and I have flushed
17 many a bird out from under a bush and let me tell you I can
18 hit a moving target if I can get them out.

19 (Applause.)

20 I tell you we have got some birds and I am going
21 to get them.

22 Now, my friend I said every man the right to be
23 heard, every group the right to assemble, every man and
24 woman in this Country a voting age, the right to vote without

1 disturbance yet we have people who say that they are not
2 going to let us vote. We have people who say they are not
3 going to let us meet. We have people who try to break up
4 meetings, not only mine but others. Ladies and Gentlemen
5 disorder is not dissent. Dissent in a democracy is legitimate.
6 Disorder in democracy is intolerable. Dissent, yes; disorder,
7 no and we are not going to have any of it in this Country.

8 (Applause.)

9 Destruction, destruction is not to be. Indeed
10 the violence that destruction can only silence the vitality
11 of debate. So, I stand before you to reject this form of
12 extremism. Now, there is another kind and there is another
13 form of radical extremism every bit as dangerous as those
14 of the left. Every bit as dangerous as those who seek to
15 break up a meeting, holler you down. Just as corrosive
16 to our liberty that is the extremism of those who breed
17 disrespect for our Courts, disrespect for our Laws and who
18 play to the nation's fears and the deepest suspicions of
19 our people. Mark my words, my fellow Americans, this strategy
20 of organized hate and fear, if left unanswered and unchecked,
21 can lead America to disaster just as surely as the radical
22 tactics of the shouters and disrupters can destroy our
23 democracy. So let me caution you then about the Candidates
24 in this election and their programs. Let me first mention

1 the Candidate of the Third Party, the former Governor of
2 Alabama who says ---

3 (Audience reaction.)

4 Wait a minute. He says, he says that he is right.
5 He says that he is right. He says that he is running on
6 the platform of law and order. Well, my friends, let's
7 take a look.

8 When he was Governor of Alabama, he gave the American
9 people quite a demonstration of law and order. He decided,
10 he decided for example which Courts suited him and he disobeyed
11 the rest. He decided which Judges he liked and he insulted
12 the others. He decided which laws he preferred and he tried
13 to violate the others.

14 Now he proposes teaching the Wallace method to
15 the whole Country. Well, let me say to you my dear friends
16 it is a strange thing that a man who stands for States rights
17 and whose ads say send me your money for local government
18 is the very man who today says that if he is President that
19 he will see that there is law and order out of Washington
20 which means what? A National Police Force? We don't need
21 that in this Country. Law and order belongs here. Law and
22 order, let me say to my dear friends law and order rests with
23 the Governor and it rests with the Mayor and it rests with
24 the local level.

1 Now, Mr. Wallace was Governor of the State with
2 the highest murder rate in the nation. Do you call that law
3 and order? He could not, he could not maintain order, he
4 could not maintain order in his own State where he had the
5 power. Now, he promises to maintain order in every City,
6 in every State where he will have no power to do it.

7 My friends, it is counterfeit currency. Law and
8 order belongs to this Mayor. Law and order belongs to
9 this Governor in this State. The President of the United
10 States is not your Sheriff and he is not a Super Chief of
11 Police. The President of the United States however can
12 help and how can he help? By what he says and how he conducts
13 himself. By encouraging respect for the law and by going
14 before the Congress to ask that Congress to help every Mayor
15 and every Governor and every County Sheriff in the United
16 States that have the tools to do the job for law and order.

17 (Applause.)

18 Now, my friends, I was Mayor of a great City.
19 That is why I love to come to these modern Cities of today.
20 I served as Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, a City of the
21 size in population of Jacksonville and this new government
22 of yours. I had problems of law and order and the record
23 is there and let me tell you if the record wasn't there
24 they would be tearing me to bits but I fought organized crime

1 and licked it and I kept business in my City.

2 (Applause.)

3 I brought law and order to Minneapolis and as
4 Mayor I compiled a record for law and order which received
5 the National Commendation from the FBI. Mr. Wallace can't
6 claim that, I assure you. I am ready, I am ready to do
7 something about law and order. We are not going to condone
8 riots. Make no mistake about it. Let me tell you what to
9 do about law and order.

10 (Disturbance in crowd.)

11 Whoa. That is no way to act.

12 All right. Cut it out over there.

13 All right. My friends, the way to do something
14 about it, the way to do something about it is to back your
15 Police with money, with training and with support and not
16 just the bumper stickers and that is what we are going to
17 do in this Country.

18 (Applause.)

19 So, I say to you, I say to you the job can be done
20 and I intend to do it. Now, let me say something else about
21 this Candidate. For someone who calls himself a friend of
22 the little man, by the way, the actions up here, don't pay
23 any attention to that. That happens in every town around
24 the Country. That is not new. Pay no attention. There is

1 always a few, always a few but thank God for the overwhelming
2 majority of Americans today.

3 (Applause.)

4 Let's talk about, let's talk about our families
5 for awhile. Let's talk about where we stand in this Campaign.
6 Let's talk about this man who says he is a friend of the
7 little man, a friend of the working man. Let's see what
8 he did as Governor. Alabama housewives paid the highest
9 sales taxes in the Country --- six cents on the dollar.
10 Wages for the working men, Mr. Worker, and I want to talk
11 directly to you, you have an obligation to your wives and
12 your children and to yourselves. Wages for the working men
13 in Alabama were the third lowest in the nation. In education,
14 there are only two States that spend less per pupil. You
15 have an obligation, Mr. Voter, to think about that child
16 and that family and in that State of the Governor it had
17 the lowest Workmen's Compensation system of any State in the
18 Union. You call this a friend of the little man? I say to
19 you my friend there is nothing more or less than sheer
20 outright reaction and we can't afford that in this Country.

21 (Applause.)

22 There is even a more serious problem and that is
23 when we deliberately try to enflame the fears and frustrations
24 and prejudices of our people and these are the tactics found

1 in this Campaign. They are found not only by one but by two.
2 They are found in the Campaign of my Republican Opponent.
3 A man who deliberately courted the most extremist evidence
4 in his own Party and who continues that appeal in his speeches
5 and who will be fully in their debt if he gets into the
6 Presidency.

7 Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, you don't get law and order
8 by attack on your Police, your Courts, your law enforcement
9 officials or in setting out group against group and race
10 against race.. These tactics stockpile the ingredients for
11 a civil explosion and we cannot afford that in our Country.

12 (Applause.)

13 Now, let me talk a little bit about the Republican
14 Candidate and the Republican Record. The Truth Squad is
15 around. I imagine they have arrived by now. I hope so
16 because I want them to tell you the truth. When they tell
17 you the truth here is what they are going to tell you. In
18 the last eight years the Republican Adminisatration had three
19 recessions that took the jobs of millions of workers. Let
20 them tell you the truth that Mr. Nixon said that unless you
21 have got over Four and a half million unemployed it wasn't
22 dangerous. Let them tell you the truth. That they did
23 nothing for the Cities like Jacksonville. Let them tell you
24 the truth that they fought Medicare. They cut benefits on

1 Social Security. Let them tell you the truth that there
2 wouldn't be aid to higher education for the great Universities
3 and Colleges in the State had it been for the Republican
4 vote. Let them tell you the truth that they fought against
5 it. They fought against federal aid to elementary education,
6 secondary education and higher education. Let them tell you
7 the truth. There wasn't one single job training program
8 in America under a Republican Administration. Not one!

9 And, Mr. Mayor, I have here a report on some of
10 the things in your City. Your Neighborhood Centers, your
11 Community Action Programs, your Project Head Start Program,
12 your Manpower Training Programs, your four pages of programs
13 in this City and not one of them, not one of them was ever
14 sponsored by a Republican Administration and they didn't
15 get a dime from them.

16 Now, let's look at the truth on the other side.
17 Oh, I wish that Truth Squad would turn up. I tell you
18 they have got a lot to talk about. Let me tell you my
19 friends, let them tell the truth about us. Aid to education
20 of three hundred percent, ten million people brought out of
21 poverty in the last five years, a minimum wage law of a
22 Dollar sixty cents, Cities that are getting help for the
23 first time in many years, consumers that are getting protection,
24 health care, Medicare and income, income my friends. Under

1 those eight years of Republicanism family income went up
2 nine percent after taxes, after the cost of living rise.

3 Under eight years of Democratic Administration
4 income for the same family has gone up thirty-two percent.
5 In other words, it has gone up enough for you to send your
6 son and daughter to college and still be as well off as you
7 were under the Republican Administration.

8 (Applause.)

9 I am proud of this record. I am proud of the fact
10 that this Party of ours, this Democratic Party has given
11 this Nation the things that has made it great, has given
12 this Nation security for the elderly. Has given this Nation
13 health for the young, has given this Nation public works.
14 Has given this Nation, yes, the barge canal that you want
15 right here under a Democratic Administration. Has given
16 the people of this Country housing. Has given this Country
17 profit and has made this economic system of ours operate as
18 never before. Ninety months with no recession. Ninety
19 months of prosperity and Mr. Businessman, listen to me.
20 In any one Democratic year you made more money than all of
21 the eight Republican years put together and that is a record
22 and that is a fact.

23 Now, Mr. Businessman, if you want to say you are
24 Republican so it sounds good, I don't mind. It is all right.

1 Carry a card! Even register; but for goodness sakes when you
2 go to the voting booths will you vote yourself interest,
3 will you vote your economics, would you vote for your family,
4 will you vote for your children, will you vote for your
5 Country? Mr. Businessman, you know that in eight Republican
6 years we lost a Hundred and seventy-five billion dollars of
7 loss income. You know that there was a raid on the gold
8 supply of this Country. That the highest balance of payment
9 deficit that this Nation has ever faced. It is a fact. I
10 think it is time, my fellow Democrats, that we took this
11 crowd on and told the truth about what is going on in this
12 Country.

13 (Applause.)

14 Now just remember this. A defeat for the Democratic
15 Ticket, a defeat will be a defeat for your family. I haven't
16 any doubts about this Campaign. It is an uphill fight. I
17 know that. We are short of money. We are having a late
18 start. We have division in our Party. The opposition has
19 been well financed. They say Mr. Nixon is cool, competent,
20 poised. Well, why shouldn't he be? He hasn't said anything.

21 (Applause.)

22 Let me tell you before I get through with him he
23 will have a blowtorch on his political tail like he has never
24 had before.

1 (Applause.)

2 I do not intend to let Mr. Richard Millhouse Nixon,
3 the Republican Nominee that John Kennedy defeated, I do not
4 intend to let the Memorial of John Kennedy be the election
5 of Richard Nixon. Not on your life!

6 (Applause.)

7 And I don't intend to let this Country fall backwards
8 and I don't intend to let America be torn apart. Look at
9 this audience. Look at these people. Here we are, fellow
10 Americans, black and white, Catholic, Protestant and Jew.
11 Why should we listen to anybody that tells us that we ought
12 not to work together. We need each other in this Country.
13 We need each other as we have never needed each other before.
14 Let me say from this platform, let me say from this platform
15 I don't offer you ease, I don't offer you an easy journey
16 but I offer you the right road, I tell you my friends as
17 Benjamin Franklin put it in the Constitutional Convention,
18 if we are divided, if we hang together we either hang together
19 or we will hang separately and this America of ours today
20 is being watched. This is a dangerous World and we need to
21 be strong and we need to be united. We need every American,
22 look at them, black, white, north, south, we don't need
23 anybody to put us against each other. We don't want anybody
24 in this Country that arouses our passions. We want somebody

1 in this Country that arouses our hopes.

2 (Applause.)

3 My friends, I believe in this Country.

4 (Crowd becomes noisy.)

5 Just a minute. Just a minute. I believe in this
6 Country. This is the greatest place on this Planet. I don't
7 intend to let anybody harm it. I have spoken out today against
8 these extremes of the right or of the left, of the black or
9 the white. We don't need people that want to burn this
10 Nation and we don't need people that hate their neighbors.
11 What we need are people who want to build this Nation and
12 people that like and enjoy their neighbor.

13 (Applause.)

14 So, my fellow Americans, let's face it. Do you
15 want a divided Country or do you want a united one? I think
16 I know. I think I know. I know there is more goodness in
17 the American people than evil. I know there is more greatness
18 in the American people than pettiness. Some people appeal
19 to the evil. Some people appeal to the passions. Some
20 people appeal on the basis of hate and they appeal on the
21 basis of violence. Ladies and Gentlemen, I can't carry on
22 that kind of Campaign. I am going to appeal to your goodness.
23 I am asking you to be better than you ever were before. I
24 am asking you to be greater than you ever dreamed you could be.

1 I am asking you to make this American dream come true. I
2 am asking you here in Jacksonville, deep in the South, I
3 am asking you to help me and to help yourselves make this
4 one Nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice
5 for all.

6 Thank you.

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8 (And thus the meeting ended.)

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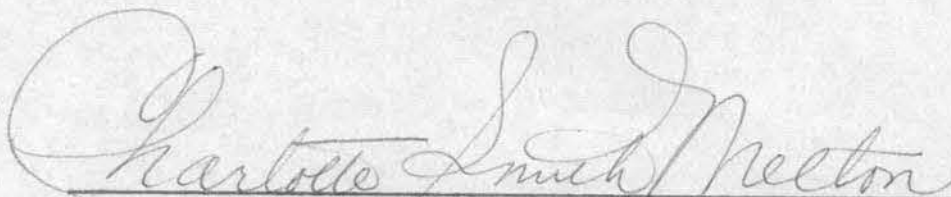
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FOLLOWING IS SPECIAL STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF JACKSONVILLE
FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT -- TO BE RELEASED AFTER... AFTER ...
HIS DEPARTURE .

ATTN: BILL MULLIN

THE GOVERNMENT THAT COUNTS MOST IN OUR DAILY LIVES IS THE
GOVERNMENT CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT. LOCAL
GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE WEAK LINK IN OUR FEDERAL STRUCTURE FOR
FAR TOO LONG.

B Y CREATING THE BOLD NEW CITY OF THE SOUTH YOU HAVE
DEMONSTRATED THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN BE REFASHIONED TO SERVE
THE NEEDS OF THIS FINAL THIRD OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

THE CHALLENGE OF EFFECTIVE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT IS ONE
I HAVE STUDIED FOR MANY YEARS -- AS MAYOR OF A GROWING CITY, AS
SENATOR AND AS VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LIAISON WITH
AMERICAN CITIES. IT IS A CHALLENGE THAT MY DISTINGUISHED RUNNING
MATE, EDMUND MUSKIE, HAS FACED AS THE SENATE 'S AND THE COUNTRY'S
LEADING EXPERT ON INTER-GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

JUST AS YOU HAVE SHOWN WHAT A CITY CAN DO TO REORGANIZE AND
REFORM ITS OWN GOVERNMENT, I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE REST XXXX
NEXT ADMINISTRATION MUST FIND BETTER WAYS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT TO STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT -- WITHOUT DOMINATING -- LOCAL
GOVERNMENT.

I HAVE OFFERED A THREE-PART FORMULA OF FEDERAL SUPPORT TO

ENABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BETTER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR CITIZENS:

FIRST, A NATIONAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT BANK WHICH WOULD SEEXXX
SELL STOCKS AND FEDERALLY-GUARANTEED BONDS TO PRIVATE INVESTORS.
THOSE FUNDS WOULD THEN BE RE-RELENT AT FEDERALLY-SUBSIDIZED RATES TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS DESIGNED
TO SERVE PUBLIC NEEDS. SUCH A BANK WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A
RELATIVELY SMALL FEDERAL EXPENDITURE TO MOBILIZE MANY BILLIONS OF
DOLLARS IN PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO MEET URGENT OXXX PUBLIC NEEDS.

SECOND, A PROGRAM OF MASSIVE FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL
POLICE FORCES, TO ENABLE THEM TO DO THE JOB WE ASK THEM TO DO.
FEDERAL FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO RAISE POLICE SALARIES, INCREASE
RECRUITMENT, IMPROVE TRAINING AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAMS, AND
STREAMLINE OUR COURTS AND MODERNIZE OUR PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

THIRD, I AM PREPARED TO CONSIDER FEDERAL REVENUE-SHARING AS A
MEANS OF REDUCING LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.

IN CONGRATULATING YOU ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT, I PLEDGE THE
HUMPHREY-MUSKIE ADMINISTRATION TO FULL SUPPORT OF MEASURES WHICH
WILL AID LOCAL AREAS SHAPE THEIR OWN PROGRESS.

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DID YOU RCV OK>?PLE REPEAT THE 3RD PARG. .
BEGIN WITH "THE CHALLENGE O.K..

OK

THE CHALLENGE OF EFFECTIVE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT IS ONE I HAVE
STUDIED FOR MANY YEARS -- AS MAYOR OF A GROWING CITY, AS SENATOR
AND AS VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LIAISON WITH AMERICAN
CITIES. IT IS A CHALLENGE THAT MY DISTINGUISHED RUNNING MATE, EDMUND
MUSKIE, HAS FACED AS THE SENATE'S AND THE COUNTRY'S LEADING EXPERT
EDMONTEAL-GOUVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

RECE MESSAGE O.K. THANKS.M

TA THAT'S ALL GOODNT . WILL BE ABOUT 3 HOURS LUNTIL WE GO TO BED OV

Turned 10/11

SPECIAL STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF JACKSONVILLE

What happens to American cities happens to America.

As residents of America's --and the world's-- biggest and newest city, you have faced and acted upon the fact that local government bears the primary responsibility for the well-being of local citizens. You have demonstrated that local government--so long the weak link in the chain of government activity--can be refashioned to accept that central role.

This is a ~~xxx~~ challenge that I have considered for many years--as mayor of a growing ^{city} metropolis, as senator and as vice-president and President Johnson's liason with American cities. It ~~is~~ is a challenge that my distinguished running mate, Edmund Muskie, ~~xxxxxxx~~ has faced as the ~~xxx~~ Senate's ¹⁻ and ~~perhaps~~ the country's, leading expert on intergovernmental relations. _{6/10}

As you have shown what a city can do to reorganize and reform its own system of government, I feel very strongly that it is up to us to lead the federal government in finding ways to ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ face up to its own responsibility of strengthening and supporting--without dominating--local government activities.

I think we must continue and expand existing programs to support long-range local planning in the field of urban development.

I think we must provide support to local police officials-- support for salaries, support for training, support for equipment, and research in law enforcement--as the best means of combatting the national dilemma of crime and violence in our streets.

I think we must continue and expand our programs for area wide planning ~~xxxxxxx~~ for health facilities, for air and water pollution prevention, for roads and highways.

I think we must consider the role to be played by local government as we plan every piece of legislation, as we set every national standard, as we consider every national problem.

Local enterprise and local initiative--of the variety that you have ~~demes~~ shown here in Jacksonville--are the ~~xxxxx~~ cornerstones.

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I have offered t ~~these~~ part formula
of federal support ~~for~~ to enable local govenrmen
better to meet the needs of their citizens:

First, ~~I have proposed a~~ ~~Massachusetts~~ plan for the Cities
deisigned to put federal ~~support~~ support
behind the elfforts of local and metropolit an
governmnts to enable them to realize ~~their~~
thier plans for their own futures.

~~First~~ ~~Second~~, I have also proposed a
Devopment BANK which would sell stocks and
federally-guranteed bonds to private ind ~~investors~~
and ~~investors~~ investors. Those funds would
then be re-relent at ~~subsidized~~ ^{fully} rates to ~~local~~
local grvernments, school districts and private

undertakings ~~which~~ designed to serve public needs. *Such a*
bank would make it possible for a relatively small federal expenditure to
many billion
of dollars
is possible
to meet
the needs
of our
public
needs.
Second ~~Third~~, a program of massive federal support
for our local police ~~forces~~, to enable them to do the
job we ask them to do. Federal funds would be available
to raise ~~A~~ police salaries, increase ~~pre~~ recruitment,
improve training and community ~~and~~ relations ~~efforts~~,
and streamline our courts and ~~and~~ ^{modernizing on rural} institutions.

Third ~~Fourth~~, I am prepared to consider federal
revenue -sharing ~~as~~ ^a a means of reducing local property taxes.

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are absolutely essential to ~~progress~~ the future of our cities, ~~and our~~ to social order and social justice, to ^{achievement} ~~progress~~ in the wide range of fields that concern us. ~~Without~~ Without a commitment at this level, few enterprises, few goals can have meaning. ~~Without a commitment at the national level to the survival~~

In congratulating you on your achievement, I pledge the Humphrey-Mushie Administration to full support of measures which will aid local areas shape their own progress in the best interests of all their citizens.



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To chaville

The government that counts most in our daily lives is the government closest to the people--local government. Local government has been the weak link in our federal structure for far too long. You have demonstrated that it can be

By creating the Bold New City of the South ~~effect~~ you have demonstrated that local government can be refashioned ~~into a more effective form~~ ^{to} serve the needs of this ~~final~~ ^{final} third of the 20th century.

The challenge of effective metropolitan government is one I have ~~considered~~ ^{studied} for many



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