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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY URGES REJECTION OF EXTREMISM

Charlotte, N. C., October 2 -- Vice President Humphrey today called upon the American people to reject extremists.

"I've seen and I've heard extremists who chant and disrupt meetings and seek to deny freedom of speech to persons with whom they disagree," the Vice President said. "Disorder is not dissent. Indeed, disorder, especially organized disorder, is the enemy of dissent. Destruction is not debate. Indeed, the violence of destruction can only silence the vitality of debate."

Another form of radical extremism, as dangerous and corrosive to our liberties, Mr. Humphrey said, is the "extremism of those who preach disrespect for our courts, for certain laws, who play to the basest fears and deepest suspicions of our people."

This strategy of organized hate can lead America to disaster just as surely as the radical tactics of the shouters and disrupters, Mr. Humphrey said.

The Vice President said George Wallace, as Governor of Alabama, "gave the American people quite a demonstration of law and order" by disobeying the courts he disliked, insulting the judges he disliked and violating laws not to his preference.

"In America the business of law enforcement rests with state and local authorities, not with the federal government," Mr. Humphrey said. "Mr. Wallace was governor of the state with the highest murder rate in the nation. He could not maintain order in his own state where he had the power but now he promises to maintain order in every city and state where he will not have the power."

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The Vice President said that as Mayor of Minneapolis, he compiled a record which received commendation from the F.B.I. and that "I'm ready to do the same thing as President."

The Vice President emphasized that he means to see that the tobacco industry and the textile and textile-related industries "get a fair break in the world market."

His text is attached.

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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 2, 1968

Once upon a time, a highly touted general came to Charlotte. That was back near the birth of this city that is now celebrating 200 years of greatness.

This general was well-equipped...he was well-financed...he had lots of men... and a good, efficient organization.

But what happened? He ran into a "hornets' nest" here in Charlotte, and didn't stop running until "the world turned upside down" for him at Yorktown.

You could say the beginning of the end for Lord Cornwallis was here in Charlotte. What a great heritage!

And this year, it's going to happen again. General Lord Richard Nixon is coming South. He's got the men from Madison Avenue...he's got the slick big business organization...he's got all that big money...all that confetti...all those balloons.

What are we going to do?

I'll tell you what:

We're going to make Charlotte...and North Carolina...and this whole nation into such a hornets' nest...and what a hornets' nest of fighting Democrats...that Mr. Nixon and his Republicans won't stop running until we've won that election.

Mr. Nixon is going to be stung by the American people because he won't debate the issues facing this nation...

And, my friends, until he shows he has some concern for the people of this country, he's also going to feel my sting.

Yes, Mr. Nixon and his crowd are going to run into a hornets' nest all right--people in this nation who worked to make America great, and aren't about to let anyone--I said anyone--take it away.

1968 is a year of great challenge and choice in America.

I spoke on Monday night about the challenge regarding peace in Vietnam...and about slowing the nuclear arms race.

And there is a great deal of unfinished international economic business which must be confronted by the next administration.

North Carolina had a great tobacco industry before Cornwallis' time, and textile and textile-related industries go back almost as far.

I mean to see that those industries get a fair break in the world market.

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We need the export earnings.

We need the jobs.

And the world needs our products.

The textile industry has undergone a period of unprecedented change during the 1960's--technological change...and change due to the fact that emerging nations have been taking the first step toward industrialization...which is almost assured in textiles.

We must assure there is sufficient order in the flow of world goods to our shores so that the vitality of our long-established textile industry, one which means so much to our economy, is not sapped and undermined.

It is for these reasons that I have pledged to use all the resources of our government to achieve orderly regulations of international trade in textiles and apparel.

A key part of this effort must be to remove unwarranted barriers which some countries impose on our exports and those of other countries so that all may share more equitably in total world trade.

It would be best to achieve this through an international agreement. But should it be necessary to do so, I shall obtain any needed additional authority to prevent disruption of the domestic textile and apparel market and to maximize job opportunities in this vital industry.

Tobacco earns America two-thirds of a billion dollars a year in foreign markets. I want to make it clear that the export business of tobacco growers in North Carolina and other producing states must be maintained.

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 and others as tobacco is to us.

Any action by others damaging to our tobacco trade with them could only encourage pressures for retaliatory action on our part.

I am for freer trade. I believe American producers can compete for quality and price with any in the world--but only if markets are fair.

The second great decision of this election relates to the kind of America... the kind of society...we will have for ourselves and--more importantly--for our sons and daughters, our grandsons and granddaughters.

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I reject these extremists and I call upon the American people to reject them.

There is another form of radical extremism--just as dangerous, just as corrosive to our liberties--the extremism of those who preach disrespect for our courts--for certain laws--who play to the basest fears and deepest suspicions of our people.

Mark my words carefully: this strategy of organized hate--if left unanswered and unchecked--can lead America to disaster--just as surely as the radical tactics of the shouters and disrupters.

The former governor of Alabama says he is running on a platform of law and order.

When he was governor of Alabama, he gave the American people quite a demonstration of law and order.

He decided 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 the Wallace method to the whole country.

In America the business of law enforcement rests with state and local authorities--not with the federal government.

Mr. Wallace was governor of the state with the highest murder rate in the nation. He could not maintain order in his own state...where he had the power--but now he promises to maintain order in every city and state where he will not have the power.

When I was mayor of Minneapolis, I had the same chance to do something about law and order.

I cleaned up a police department--I fought organized crime and street violence--and I brought law and order to Minneapolis. As mayor of Minneapolis, I compiled a record which received commendation from the F.B.I.

And I'm ready to do the same thing as President. I'm ready to support our state and local police--I'm ready to give the help they desperately need to stop crime and lawlessness.

I say the job can be done--and I intend to do it--not with slogans and bumper stickers--but with training, equipment, better salaries, and a coordinated attack among federal, state, and local authorities.

The most serious threat of the Wallace campaign arises from his calculated campaign to divide this nation--to deliberately inflame the fears, frustrations and prejudices of our people--to bring this nation to the brink of broad scale civil disorder.

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And these are tactics also found in the campaign of my Republican opponent--a man who deliberately courted the most radical extremist elements in his own party--and who continues this appeal in his speeches--and who will be fully in their debt should he win the Presidency.

Attacks on our courts--vilification of our law enforcement officials--setting group against group and race against race--these tactics have stockpiled the ingredients for civil explosion.

The trigger of these powerful forces is likely to be one of the patented Republican-style recessions of the 1950's. Remember? They occurred about every two years.

If we returned to the almost 7 percent unemployment of 1961--just about double the present rate of 3.5 percent--this nation could be overwhelmed by a torrent of fear, violence, and repression.

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The Humphrey-Muskie administration offers another way. We know how to maintain our present prosperity--just look at the record--90 months of uninterrupted economic growth.

We believe that education--health care--job training--Medicare--Social Security--should be strengthened. And we have offered specific programs to accomplish these objectives.

We believe that America is strong enough--prosperous enough--and smart enough--to do these things. And we say that the alternative of not doing them is rising tension and the growing threat of chaos and disorder.

Just remember--and remember well--the Democratic Party, and only the Democratic Party, has fought these battles and won these benefits for all Americans.

A defeat for the Democrats this fall will be a defeat for you...for your family...and for your future.

I appeal to you--the silent majority of Americans--to voice your belief in the decency of our democracy.

We have faced grave crises before--and we have transformed chaos into creation.

I do believe the American people can do so again--and I mean to call them to this task.

I have come here to ask your help.

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*Best under
Luther H. Hodges*
INTRODUCTION OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY AT CHARLOTTE, N.C.,

OCTOBER 2, 1968, by LUTHER H. HODGES

It's a great honor to introduce a distinguished statesman who has served America so well and whom I've known and admired for many years. I should like to say to my fellow citizens of North Carolina that this is one of the most critical elections in this century, and the next four weeks will bring about a lot of soul searching.

Events and personalities have brought on much emotion and negative attitudes, even hatred, instead of calm thinking as to what is best for this America of ours.

Although I respect every person's right to vote as he pleases, I would urge him to do some prayerful thinking about the issues and the candidates and decide in his own heart which one can get and hold the trust and confidence of the people.

One of the two main issues before us as voters is the war in Viet Nam. It is my sincere belief that the Democratic candidate will try to do more toward stopping the war and achieving peace than either of the other major candidates. I am going by the public statements made - or NOT made - by the three candidates.


Justice with law and order is the most nagging of our problems. Each candidate promises to establish or re-establish justice and law and order. Truthfully, there is little they can do as individuals. The most effective work must be done by the

states and cities, with possible help from the Congress. At least our candidate has had the most experience along these lines. He was a successful, courageous, and reform mayor of a major city.

It is difficult to understand how working men and women, farmers, small business men, retired people, and minority groups can vote against a democratic candidate if they consider with fairness what the democratic party has done for them through the last few decades. You know the record. It's impressive.

It has always been my personal belief that a state or country can become great and prosperous only when the rank and file of its people benefit from social and economic programs. Surely none can deny that our party has done the most for the average citizen in both these fields.

Ladies and gentlemen, the man who can best lead our great nation in domestic and foreign affairs during the coming years ahead is our distinguished Vice President - and the next President of the United States - The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey - whom I proudly present to you.



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Statement
Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey
Charlotte, North Carolina
October 2, 1968

I have long known of the tremendous importance to this country and particularly to North Carolina of tobacco exports. In 1967, exports of unmanufactured leaf came to \$500 million and when added to exports of manufactured tobacco products of \$140 million dollars totalled nearly two-thirds of a billion dollars.

Without that trade, our balance of payments position would have been substantially worse.

In the Kennedy Round of tariff negotiations, the U.S. obtained from foreign countries the reductions of tariffs on much of this trade, including reductions as \$114 million of imports by the European Common Market, our most important tobacco outlet. But a proposal has been made within the European Community that would make it harder, not easier, for us to sell tobacco there. It would permit uncontrolled production in the community at high support prices, coupled with restrictive measures that could be applied against our tobacco. Another proposal has to do with taxation on tobacco products which would strongly favor those made largely of local tobacco and would penalize quality brands having a high content of American leaf.

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 ours.

As President, I will make it clear to the European Community that it cannot adopt policies that impair tariff concession and damage such an important segment of our export trade without loss of some of its valuable markets here.

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RALLY -- CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
October 2, 1968

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much, Governor Hodges, our friend and National Committeeman Frank Graham, all these distinguished guests and officials of the party of the State of North Carolina. Might I add that your good Governor was there at the airport today to greet me and welcome me here to this great State of North Carolina.

By the way, last week I sent to North Carolina the best part of the Humphrey family. Mrs. Humphrey was at Winston-Salem and had a wonderful visit. We want to thank you for being so nice to her.

Look at this wonderful great crowd, Mr. Nixon -- look at it.

I want to tell you something else. There are 5,000 people outside who can't even get in. Who said North Carolina wouldn't go Democratic and vote Democratic?

Why, we are going to start a collection tomorrow of antiques -- old Nixon and Wallace buttons. (Applause.)

Who said the young people don't want a Democratic candidate? Look at them.

It is great to come to North Carolina, because they know how to be Democrats, where they have voted every time for the Democratic nominee save once; every time, and you are going to do it again. You voted for Kennedy in 1960, Johnson in 1964, and Humphrey in 1968.

And let's let the whole world know we are going to vote straight Democratic in 1968. (Applause.)

What a night. What a night. Ah, if this isn't a Democratic rally, I have never seen one. What a night -- great.

I have got to tell you a story. I have to tell you a little history. You know, 200 years ago, Mr. Mayor -- by the way, Mr. Mayor, God Bless you. You are a wonderful friend. Mayor Brookshire, one of the fine mayors in the U. S.

Well, Mr. Mayor, about 200 years ago, there was a general that came to Charlotte and he was well equipped, well financed. He had lots of men. He was dressed well. He had an efficient organization. He was cool and he was confident. 200 years ago, almost. But what happened? Well, they said in the history book that he ran into a hornets' nest here in Charlotte and he didn't stop running and retreating until they played "The World Turned Upside Down" for him at Yorktown, and that was Lord Cornwallis. (Applause.)

Well, what a wonderful heritage. What a wonderful heritage it is for Democrats, because let me tell you what's going to happen this year. It is going to happen all over again. Because General Lord Richard Nixon is coming to town and he has got the men and he has got the organization and he is cool and he is confident and he has got the confetti. But you know what we are going to do to him? I will tell you what we are going to do. We are going to make Charlotte, North Carolina, and this whole nation such a hornets' nest for Mr. Nixon that he will be running right out again.

That is right. Mr. Nixon is going to get stung by the American people with their votes because he won't debate the issues. He is afraid to come on the platform and debate with me.

And Mr. Nixon, Mr. Republican, I tell you to take up my challenge. I am going to sting you and sting you like a hornet, a bee, and --

Why, I can't imagine this great North Carolina, I can't imagine this wonderful Democratic state voting for a Republican president. I can't imagine it.

Nix on Nixon -- that is what it's got to be.

Now, my friends, let me direct your attention to what I think is the truly great challenge and the choice in America in 1968. I spoke this Monday night, this week, about the challenge that faces us in the ugly, costly, frustrating and costly war in Vietnam. And I spoke to you candidly from my heart. And I spoke to you about slowing down the arms race. And I told you that the first priority of the new Administration, the Humphrey-Muskie Administration, the first priority will be to bring peace in Vietnam -- (Applause)

But my friends, I will spare no effort. I will do everything in honor and decency that is in the power of the Office of the President of the U.S. to see to it that that war is brought to a conclusion and that we divert those resources and those men to building a better America. (Applause)

Now, let me say a little something about something local. This audience tonight is made of young and old, black and white, I suppose rich and poor. This audience tonight is interested in this economy, in this great nation and this great state. North Carolina represents the best that there is in America. North Carolina represents the future of this country. This state is on the move, on the go, and I am going to help keep it that way.

North Carolina has great industry. It depends to a large degree upon the tobacco industry and the textile industry that has been here since the inception of this state. And I want every businessman and worker to know my position. I mean to see that those industries get a fair break in the world market. We need exports, we need jobs. The world needs our product, and as President, I am going to see that those industries have the care and the help and the substance that will keep them a going industry. (Applause)

I have pledged and I want my distinguished friends on this platform to listen well to me now. Just look at this state -- the Governor of South Carolina, the Governor of Virginia, the Governors of the other states know, they know that I have been working with them not just during this campaign. I have not come here to issue some new statement hurriedly in order to get their help. They know that through these years, I have worked with them to put available the resources of this government to see to it that our workers have jobs, that our businessmen can invest. And when I am your president, I pledge to use all the resources of our government to achieve orderly international trade in textiles and apparel and see to it that our markets are protected and that our exports are expanded. (Applause)

Let me tell you, if it takes additional authority from the Congress to do what I have pledged I will do tonight, I will go after it.

I don't intend to see an American worker unemployed because his President didn't do what he ought to do. (Applause)

Now, let me talk to you about a second matter. There is a great decision, a great decision before this audience tonight because you represent America. And it is a decision of what kind of America you want, what kind of a society will we have for ourselves and will we have for our children and our children's children? I have seen and I have heard the extremists who chant and sometimes disrupt meetings and seek to deny the freedom of speech to persons with whom they disagree. And let me say right from this platform that all of my life I have protected and fought for the right of people to speak, to be different and if need be, to dissent. But disorder is not dissent. Dissent, yes. Disorder, no. Disorder is the enemy of dissent. (Applause)

Destruction and violence is not debate. Indeed, the violence of destruction only silences the vitality of debate. And let it be clear to those who engage in disorder by breaking up meetings or violence on our streets, they do not serve the cause of Democracy. They serve to destroy it. (Applause)

Now, there is another form of extremism -- radical extremism. Just as dangerous as the extremism of the Left, of the chanters, of the disrupters, just as corrosive to our liberties. And that is the extremism of those who preach hate, who preach disrespect to our courts, who play to the basic fears and the deepest suspicions of our people. The apostles of hate and suspicion and fear are the enemies of our great society. (Applause)

And mark my words, this strategy of organized hate if left unanswered and unchecked, if our young people and our decent citizens don't stand up against it, can lead America to disaster just as surely as the radical tactics of the shouters, the agitators, the provokers and the disrupters. Both of these extremes are exactly what they say they are. Both of them seek to destroy what we have and both of them must be rejected by the American people.

Now, let me get specific. The young people today say tell it like it is. Other people say lay it on the line. Harry Truman says Give 'em you know what. (Applause)

I say to you that I am going to level with you and tell you what's in my heart, in my mind, whether we win or lose. We are at least going to put up a clean fight and we are going to come through. (Applause)

I have been cautioned, I have been told. They have said, Mr. Humphrey, be careful now when you go down South. Be careful. You had better be careful; remember, you are in Wallace Country. You are in Nixon Country.

(From audience: No!)

I tell you, I am in American Country, that is what I am in. (Applause)

We are going to lay it on the line. There is a beautiful song that is entitled "This is My Country" and it is our country. We are going to take care of it and we are not going to let some people, we are not going to let some people mislead it. I want

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to talk to you about two candidates and then I want to talk to you about two parties. First, I want to talk to you about the third party candidate so we can get the record straight.

Now, the Governor of Alabama says he is running on a platform of law and order. Well, let's take a look at the record. When he was Governor of his state, what did he do? Well, he gave you a pretty good demonstration of what he means by law and order. He decided 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 wants to teach the Wallace System to the whole country. I say no, no, no.

(From audience: No!)

Let the public know that this man who goes around the country with simple answers to complex problems, let them know the record. I don't say this because of any dislike for people. The people of Alabama are as fair as the people of North Carolina or Minnesota or Maine. They are wonderful people. But let Mr. Wallace know this, that while he preaches law and order up and down the countryside, his state has the highest murder rate of any state in the Union. (Applause)

And Governor, if you couldn't preserve law and order in your own state, where you had the power, how do you think you could preserve law and order in this state and in other states when as President you don't?

Law and order, law enforcement -- the President of the U. S. is not your sheriff. He is your President. He must speak as your President. He must encourage respect for the law. He must try to set an example of law observance. But ladies and gentlemen, we do not want a federal police force going around this country. We have got enough power already in Washington. (Applause)

I will tell you what we want. We want our local governments. We want our state governments. We want them to have the means, the money, the police officers, the training, the equipment, to see to it that laws are enforced. And we don't need to have someone come around telling us that he will put a soldier with a bayonet every five feet to keep the law. We don't need that. (Applause)

I tell you people, I am the only candidate in this election that has been responsible for a police department. I served my City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, over a half million people, for two terms as mayor. I ran the police department. I drove out organized crime. I drove racketeers from my city. If you can't believe it, Mr. Republican, go there and ask any of my friends and they will tell you that Hubert Humphrey gave Minneapolis law and order. They'll tell you that.

But we gave those cities something else. We gave those cities something else. We gave it better schools, better jobs, better housing, better recreation. We make for better people. Law and order, yes, but justice, yes. (Applause)

And we are not going to get law and order until you start to pay your police departments what they deserve. Then you recruit more and better men, then you train them better, then you will get what

you want.

But my friends, that is not the big problem. The most serious problem is the nature of this campaign being waged by the third party candidate, a campaign calibrated to divide this nation, to inflame fear, to play on the frustrations and the prejudices of our people. And if it succeeds, it will bring this nation to the brink of large-scale civil disorder. Ladies and gentlemen, those tactics are unworthy of American politics and we must reject them.

And those tactics are not only the tactics of Mr. Wallace. They are found, regretfully, in the campaign of our Republican opponent. My Republican opponent is no racist, I know that. I would not do him a disservice. But let me tell you, Mr. Republican, you have made a very strange marriage, a very strange alliance. You have deliberately courted the most radical extremist elements in your own party, and I am beginning to wonder what the debt is that has to be paid if that man is elected President of the U. S. (Applause)

We do not want, we do not want an Administration that has somehow or another made an alliance with the midnight darkness of American politics. You need a president that has made an alliance with the dawn of a new day in American politics -- Humbert Humphrey.

Now, let me talk to you about economics, because my Republican friend has a truth squad following me. Now, that is a play on words if you ever saw one. They have got an airplane that takes a crew of Republican governors and congressmen and they go around the country in what they call truth squads. The other day, I thought maybe they were bringing Mr. Nixon. Then I saw it said "Truth Squad" and I knew he wasn't in the plane. (Applause)

But I want to tell you the truth and I want these young people to hear the truth and I want everybody to hear the truth about Republican economics. What has the Republican Party ever done for the South? Nothing!

(From audience: Nothing!)

The last Republican that ever went through these precinct was Sherman. (Applause)

The Republican Party has never helped the farmer in this part of America. The Republican Administration has never helped the educators in this part of America. The Republican Administrations have never helped the old people in any part of America. The Republican Administration has never helped the young people in any part of America.

But, Mr. Worker, I saw a sign over here that tells me of the labor movement. Well, let me make it clear to my working friends of the labor movement, Republicans had eight years of this country, from 1953 to 1961. In eight years, they had three recessions -- three recessions. In eight years, they never did anything to help Charlotte. In eight years, they never did anything to help agriculture. In fact, agricultural income dropped \$3 billion.

In eight years, they had 7-1/2 percent unemployment. Mind you, the presidential candidate, Mr. Nixon, says that 4-1/2 million unemployed, when you get up to that figure, it is not dangerous. But when you get over it, it is serious. 4-1/2 million unemployed.

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How many of those lived in North Carolina?

Ladies and gentlemen, you cannot afford to have an Administration that tries to keep prices down by recessions. You cannot afford to have an Administration that believes in a cushion of unemployment. You cannot afford to have an Administration that fought against Medicare, Social Security, Federal Aid to Education -- (Applause)

The Humphrey-Muskie Administration offers you a better way. We know what to do. We will continue these Democratic programs and build on them and expand them that have given 90 months of constant prosperity, that have increased income and profits.

Mr. Businessman, a word to you -- one year of Democratic prosperity in your pockets has been equal to the combined eight years of Republican economics -- one year.

I repeat, the Democratic Party has always had friends in the South. The Democratic Party has been the friend of the South. And the South, the New South, the South of North Carolina, the South of New Industry, the South of new universities, the South of people living together, black and white as one family -- that is the South that I want. (Applause)

I have read all the polls. I am supposed to be behind. Well, let me tell you, Mr. Nixon, don't look over your shoulder or I am going to pass you on the inside. (Applause)

Isn't this America? Now I come to you, my fellow citizens, you have great stakes in this election; an economic stake. You have a stake for peace in this election. My opponent has yet to say one word except that he isn't going to say anything. (Applause)

And you have another stake in this election. Your family. You need an income, jobs, business, so you can pay the mortgage on your house, send your son or daughter to a university, live a good life. And I do not brag and I do not exaggerate when I say that the Democratic Party's program has helped America become a better nation and a stronger nation.

And now, my friends, we will decide in this election the greatest issue of all time. We are going to decide what we are going to do with America. We are going to decide whether America is going to be two societies, separate and unequal, or whether it is going to be one nation. We are going to make a basic decision in this country, a moral decision. We are going to decide whether we are going to give people a chance, we are going to decide whether we want to train the unemployed so they can be productive, we are going to decide whether we are going to care for the indigent so they can live decently. And we are going to decide something else. We are going to decide whether we are going to be neighbors or enemies. We are going to decide whether we can live together as a family of Americans or whether we live in hostility.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have got to make the right decision. The whole world depends on it. Our Democracy -- (Applause)

And tonight I want to ask you to do something. This is a hard fight. I am giving it everything I have, every bit of strength that I have. And I want your help. I need your help, not so much

for me, may I say, as ultimately for this country. We are going to have to decide tonight, between now and November 5, if you want an America filled with hostility and bitterness or whether you want America filled with understanding and tolerance and forbearance -- that is what you have to decide.

My fellow Americans, I give you the choice tonight. The Great American Dream. It is not yet realized, but it can be. It is almost like a prayer. And I want you to stand with me and I mean I want you to stand with me to pledge tonight as you have never pledged before that we are going to make this one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all. (Applause)

Thank you.

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(CARROLL MC GAUGHEY, ADAM LYNCH, News Director, WIIC-TV, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; KINLEY JONES, News Director, WSB-TV, Atlanta, Georgia; AUBREY MORRIS, News Director, WBS-RADIO, Atlanta, Georgia, and DONALD WAYNE, News Director, WHIO-TV, Dayton, Ohio, will question the Vice President)

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Mr. Lynch. Mr. Vice President, your statement on a bombing halt in Viet Nam has been examined and re-examined and discussed now for quite sometime. I was wondering if we could carry it one step further. Sir, if in fact the North Vietnamese do not show any indication, direct or indirect, of neutralizing the DMZ, can you tell us what your next step will be in that eventuality?

Vice President Humphrey. Well, sometime ago, I decided that the best way for me to handle this discussion of the Viet Nam issue was by a prepared paper. The reason I do that is because there is always the tendency to find there is some little variance between one statement one week and one statement the next week. And after some rather difficult experiences, I said let's put it down on paper. What I have done is to put down what I believe is a responsible and sensible approach when and if I become President of the United States. What would I do? I have written it out very carefully without regard to whether or not this is in variance with other points of view. In other words, some people have said to me, does this meet with the Administration approval or doesn't it? That was not the matter that was in my mind. What was in my mind was what do I think, because on January 20, 1969, there will be a new President and I hope it shall be myself.

Between now and January 20, 1969, President Johnson will be the man in charge and he will call the signals. It will be his voice that is heard at the conference table.

And I believe that my statement recognizes what the Democratic Convention told the next President to do. He should be willing to take some risks for peace, just as we have to take some risks on the battle field to prevent the success of aggression. And I have a measured statement which I believe puts the emphasis where it belongs. I said in my television address that I would stop the bombing in North Vietnam, that I would regard this as an acceptable risk for peace.

I also said, and I quote the exact language, in weighing that risk and before taking that action, I would place key importance on evidence, direct or indirect, by deed or word, of Communist willingness to restore a demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam.

I went on to say that if the Government of North Viet Nam were to show bad faith, I would reserve the right to resume the bombing.

Now, the points I had in mind were the security of our own troops, first of all, and those troops are out in the demilitarized zone; and secondly, the safety of South Viet Nam itself.

I believe that my statement speaks for itself. I think it gives, I think it provides for the President a great deal of flexibility. But it also provides for prudence and caution in whatever action is taken in so far as the safety of our own troops is concerned and the safety of South Vietnam.

Now, the demilitarized zone has been occupied at times by the North Vietnamese forces. They have no right to be there. They have to get out. It has been used as a base for artillery. That surely ought to stop.

I think the statement, therefore, will speak for itself and I am going to leave it as such, because I don't want to fog the issue anymore. I want very much for these negotiations to succeed in Paris right now.

I know President Johnson wants them to succeed. But if they do not, I want it very clear that my purpose is to end this war as soon as possible and get these men and resources back to this country and that I would do that through diplomatic channels, that I would stop the bombing along the lines that I have laid down, and I would try to improve the negotiation process.

But again, I want to say that my method, the methodology that I have laid down is the one that seems to make sense to me and that was in my statement.

Mr. Lynch. Then specifically, sir, you do not want to go beyond that point relative to what might happen if they do not?

Vice President Humphrey. No, I don't want to, because I believe the next President of the United States must be able to do what I have also said in the statement, to reassess the situation as he sees it, to take his own inventory. He is like a new manager. He comes in, the new Commander in Chief. He must take a look at the entire military and diplomatic situation. The next President will come in with new advisers, he'll come in with a new team and a new administration. This is in no way to cast any reflection on the past. It is just a fact, it is just the way it works.

As I have pointed out, I don't believe that either repudiation or vindication of past policies adds anything to the cause of peace.

Mr. McGaughey. Sir, rather than pursuing that one, let's bring one a little closer to home. You are quoted in a current national magazine as saying I think my greatest achievement in politics was that I was one of the leaders who fought the conservative coalition of Republicans and Southerners, year in and year out, until they were slowly beaten down. Was it not this very fight that has made you something of a persona non grata among some old line Democratic Southern circles, and is it not

that very vote that you now are wooing?

Vice President Humphrey. No, I am not wooing that vote. I am wooing the vote of the new south. Mr. Nixon made his alliance and it is a very strange one, but I suppose it was maybe to be expected. I believe that there are two Souths, so to speak. There is the South of what I call the midnight of the past. That is personified by the Senator from South Carolina, Mr. Thurmond.

There is the South of the dawn of what I consider a new day -- new education, better education, industrialization -- a whole new attitude about human relations, the spanning of the economy. And there are governors across this south in this state, South Carolina, there are governors in other states. I have just left Tennessee. Buford Ellington, for example, Bob McNair, Dan Moore -- men of this quality -- John McKeithen of Louisiana -- that I think represent a new endeavor to broaden the opportunities for people in the south. I believe that there is a new spirit that has come across this part of America. That is the one that I appeal to.

Mr. Nixon has made his choice. I have made mine. I have come here to this great State of North Carolina and see a tremendous educational system, one of the finest in America. I see a great endeavor being made here to give people opportunity, to treat people as first-class citizens of the United States.

I see a great endeavor being made to comply with every standard of American law and American conduct. And I must say that that is the south that I like and that is the one that I am working with. That is the one that I have tried to make my appeal to.

Mr. Jones. As you know, sir, five top Democratic officials in Georgia have switched to the Republican Party, and others, including Governor Maddox, are openly backing George Wallace. Do you say good riddance to those defectors or do you wish they had remained in the Democratic Party?

Vice President Humphrey. Well, I don't like to be insulting to anybody, but I think possibly Governor Maddox has found his proper home. That is up to him.

The State of Georgia, though, is a great state, and great people. I don't recall any Republicans have ever done anything for Georgia except Sherman and you know what he did to it. The Republican Party has never been good to the south. The Republican Party really has held the south in disdain. The Republican Party has not helped build the southland. The Democratic Party has.

The Democratic Party has been the best friend the South ever had. The Democratic Party has brought tremendous resources to this part of America, and this part of America has brought great leadership to the Democratic Party. So it is a two-way street.

But Georgia above all has been a great Democratic State

and I don't believe that Georgia is going to leave the Democratic column this year. I will tell you why I don't.

When I think of the Georgia farmer and when I think of Richard Nixon and what he knows about cotton and what he knows about agriculture -- when a man will go up to Iowa and say that he -- he got on a corn picker up there and he said, it is good to be on this corn picker and plow a straight furrow. When you can plow a straight furrow with a corn picker, you are really some farmer, I will tell you that.

The Republican Party bankrupted the Southern farm economy. The Democratic Party has been the greatest friend the South has ever had in every area of its economy -- in education, in agriculture, in health. Look at this great triangle, this great center here in the State of North Carolina where the Democratic Party again came in and helped as a Democratic Administration.

I am glad you asked that, because I will tell you this: If I were a Southerner, I would sure look with great suspicion upon any of these Republicans. I can't remember one thing the Republican Party has done for this part of America except to milk it and except to cause it trouble.

Mr. Jones. One factor in these defections is that some Democratic officials who would have supported Hubert Humphrey felt they were double crossed at the Democratic Convention. They felt that the setting, the way in which the setting of the Georgia delegation was brought about, made it impossible for them to support Hubert Humphrey in Georgia. How important was it to your nomination that at least a portion of the challenged delegation led by Julian Bond be seated there?

Vice President Humphrey. Well, that was a decision that was made by the Credentials Committee. I did not serve on the Credentials Committee. But I do think that the decision that was made was about as fair as you could out of a very difficult and complicated situation. I know it did not satisfy either side. But I will say this for the Democratic Convention, we did more to modernize the Democratic Party, to democratize the Democratic Party, and that is what it ought to be in this Convention than any that I can recall. And compared to the Republican Convention instead of modernizing it, they reached back on years and brought in Strom Thurmond. I just don't believe that is the way you make a Party responsible to present day needs.

I come back again, I regret that people would claim themselves as Democrats saw fit to leave the cause of the Democratic Party. I think they made a great mistake. Some of them did that with Barry Goldwater in 1964. I think that was a mistake. I am saying this with great sincerity and not just partisan polemics. I do not recall what the Republican Party has ever done for this part of the country that has been helpful. When it was in power the last eight years, there was unemployment in this part of the country, great unemployment. The cotton industry, the textile industry were in great trouble after eight years of Republicanism. Little or nothing was done for the tremendous educational needs of this party.

In the last eight years, one price cotton, the International

Cotton Agreement, great help to the universities, the institutions of higher education; large amounts of federal contracts have come in here for medical research, space research, all kinds of research activity. And a farm program that has been helpful to the peanut farmer, to the tobacco farmer, to the cotton farmer, to the feed grain farmer. I know what this Administration has done. I understand these problems with agriculture and with industry.

Take a look at this beautiful city of Charlotte. There is one program after another that is helping with this city, with its urban renewal, its model cities program, its manpower training program. The Republican party never had one manpower training program, not one; it didn't have any housing for the elderly; it didn't have any aid to higher education, did not have any aid to elementary and secondary education, and literally hundreds of millions of dollars are being poured into these states as elsewhere today because of Democratic Administration.

I want to say to my Southern friends, don't forget your home. Your home is the Democratic Party. Don't go wandering off here and playing around the fringes because you are going to get in trouble. Every time you do it, you pay a terrible price.

Mr. Wayne. Mr. Vice President, you have talked now about what the Republicans have not done for the South. George Wallace, the former Governor of Alabama, was a Democrat. He now heads the American Independent Party. Why this rising tide of support for George Wallace? What does it reflect? Disillusionment, dissatisfaction with the major parties?

Vice President Humphrey. Well, I think it is fair to say that we are living in a time of tremendous change. The remarkable thing is that our institutions have been able to have the flexibility, the vitality to take the impact of change -- the race relations, the economic structure from essentially agrarian economy to an industrialized economy, from a rural economy to an urban economy, the threat of war, the unbelievable developments that have taken place in these last 20 to 25 years. So people get frustrated. They get so angry. There have been some riots, there has been some violence and Mr. Wallace plays on the cause of law and order.

Of course, he has the most miserable record of any man in the United States on law and order that's on this ticket, in this campaign. Alabama has the highest murder rate of any state. It has one of the highest rates of aggravated assault.

Now, the governor of a state, the mayor of a city and the sheriff of a county, they're the law enforcement officers. The President of the United States has no real police power, thank goodness. Isn't it interesting that Mr. Wallace, who is the state's rights candidate is the man who today is talking about using federal bayonets to be able to police the countryside.

Now, the day that the Federal Government starts taking over all the police powers in this country, on that day, every American is in danger.

We have got a strong central government today in Washington. It is plenty big, plenty strong. I never believed that Mr. Wallace would want to give it the police power.

Now, I want to see law enforcement, law and order. I am a law and order man. I am more for law and order than Mr. Wallace is and I have given more of it. I was the Mayor of my city, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I broke up organized crime, drove the racketeers from my city, put down violence in the streets. And I did not go around asking for federal troops. I did it by modernizing the police department, doubling their pay, recruiting more police officers, giving them training. That is what I advocate now if I become the President and when I become President. I am going to advocate that we have substantial federal assistance to local authorities so that a mayor and a chief of police can have a modern police department, modern equipment, expert training, academies that can train in modern police methods. I am going to do that. That is not Mr. Wallace's program.

Mr. Wallace's law and order program is sheer demagoguery and the American people ought to know it. He gets a big play because he says if they lie down in front of my car, I will drive over them. He says in Washington, D. C., if they have trouble, I will have a bayonet, a man and a bayonet every five feet.

Well, now, that is hard talk, but it is just talk. I don't want to see the Alabama law enforcement program brought on a nationwide basis because we can't afford that high a rate of murder and that high a rate of aggravated assault.

By the way, the Republican candidate isn't much better. The Vice Presidential candidate comes from a state that has the fourth highest crime rate in the union. My Vice Presidential candidate comes from one that has the fifth lowest. My state has one of the lowest crime rates in the union. I don't think that proves it was Mr. Muskie or myself that did it. But if they are going to make an issue out of law and order and I am perfectly willing to let 'em do so, because we are the law and order people -- law and order. The government, the local county, local community. That is who we are going to support and I have laid out a program to give them that support.

Mr. Wayne. There is a possibility, though, that Mr. Wallace might throw this presidential election into the House of Representatives? Would not you consider that this would constitute a constitutional crisis, possibly heavily damage the image of the presidency?

Vice President Humphrey. Yes, I would, and I hope and pray that does not happen. I spoke on this matter to the student body of the University of Tennessee in a rather firm and well-documented message. Some of the electors that Mr. Wallace has have backgrounds that I would not want for the electors -- former Ku Klux Klan members, members of White Citizens Councils. I don't think the Presidency of the United States ought to be settled by that kind of elector or that kind of choice. I believe we have got to face up to the fact that Mr. Wallace is appealing to racism and separatism in this country. And I

think it is dangerous, very dangerous. That's what I call extremism of the right.

Then there is another crowd over here, the hecklers, the provocateurs, and the agitators and the anarchists, another handful that over here are trying to -- that I call the extremists of the left. They, too, have a disdain for the Democratic process. Both of these represent, I think, serious threats to our constitutional system and our democratic system. And I believe this election is going to determine very much the future course of America. We are going to decide in this election by a referendum whether we can live together as neighbors and as a community of people or whether we are going to be in armed camps and whether we are going to be divided on the basis of race and whether or not hate and suspicion and doubt are going to characterize the American countryside or whether or not confidence and faith and trust and neighborliness is going to be the characteristic of the American society. And I am going to fight it out on that ground, because I happen to believe that we cannot fulfill our destiny here at home or abroad as a divided people, a people that are responding to passion and emotion. We have got to think it out, reason it out, and we can. It has been proven right here in this great State of North Carolina. There isn't a single place in America that we can't settle our problems across a table. We can settle none of them in violence, none of them in doubt and fear and suspicion, and any candidate that promulgates that kind of philosophy is doing a disservice to his country.

Mr. Jones. Mr. Vice President, you spoke of the hecklers and the left. I think they like to call themselves members of the New Left. What do you believe was the reason for the riots of this New Left? Where has the Johnson-Humphrey Administration failed so that these people would be satisfied with our social-political systems as they exist today?

Vice President Humphrey. First of all, I think we ought to announce that this phenomenon is a worldwide one, not just in America. There is this kind of activity going on from Mexico City to Stockholm, to London, and to Paris, to Rome, to New Delhi, to Tokyo. There is a restlessness. Now, there are two kinds of dissent groups. I happen to be a man that believes in the legitimate dissent. I guess I practiced a lot of it. Peaceful protest, picketing, getting out and saying your piece, being against somebody if you want to. I think that is the ferment of democracy.

But any government or any mob that abridges or violates free speech is a danger. Any government or any mob or any group of people that violates freedom of assembly is dangerous. And any group that violates the right to vote is dangerous. And when you hear that there is a handful, and that they're organized militant provocateurs, radicals, extremists, and that is what they are -- they are not these bright-eyed idealists, young college students that have had many causes that they have worked on. Those people are already separated out. They are in the normal processes now of democracy.

But that hard core group that says, for example, there will be violence in the streets and they will lie down in the

election booth and the police will have to drag them out, and that they're going to break up every meeting of mine or Mr. Nixon's or Mr. Wallace's -- I care not -- those people are dangerous threats to the democracy and the Democratic institutions. What is the reason for it? I frankly don't know.

I do know that many a young college student and many a young person that is discouraged and upset, as some of them have been over the war, or over what they consider to be the failure of the university administration to take them into consideration-- that is normal. That is not only normal, that is a healthy kind of dissent. I don't have any argument with that. People can oppose me on many an issue. But when a man starts breaking up George Wallace's meeting because it is George Wallace or Richard Nixon's meeting because they don't like Nixon, or my meeting because I am the Vice President of the United States and I get much more than anybody else, I consider it an attack not upon me but upon the institution of government and upon the office, and more important, upon the democratic process.

Mr. Lynch. Mr. Humphrey, could you address yourself to -- just for a moment to what appears to be a reallignment of traditional political affinity in this country? I am from Pittsburgh.

Vice President Humphrey. Yes.

Mr. Lynch. Pittsburgh, as you obviously know, is a strong labor town, all up and down the Valley. The AFL-CIO is working very, very hard to fight what they feel is a strong Wallace threat. Is labor slipping away from the traditional democratic fold?

Vice President Humphrey. I hope not and ultimately, I think not. I believe that what you have said represents the situation now. I think there are a number of people that we call blue-collar workers, that when they are polled, they say, well, I guess I will vote for that fellow, Wallace. Because Wallace gives simple answers, very demagogic answers to very complex questions. Many of them don't want to vote for Mr. Nixon because they are traditionally Democrats. So they strike out. But I think when they find out at the time of the election that that vote will maybe cost them their job, if the Republican Administration gets in -- because Mr. Wallace is not going to be elected President. He can be a spoiler, but he is not going to be elected President. If that resulted in the election of Mr. Nixon, I think that worker will understand that he is doing a great disservice to his family because the last eight Republican years, Republicanism gave us three recessions, every second year. We got two years of reasonably good economy, then boom. And you would get another one and a half years or so and then another recession.

I am familiar with the area of Pittsburgh as you know. Many a worker lost his job up there. Now, the Democratic Party has seen to it that this country has had 90 consecutive months or more of good prosperity. A growth rate of between four and five percent per year as compared to two and a half under the Republicans; a family increase in income after taxes even including a rise in the cost of living of 32 percent as compared to nine percent under the Republicans. And I am sure

that when Mr. Worker finds out that Mr. Wallace has the lowest wages in his state of any state in the Union and he has the second lowest per capita expenditure on education of any state in the Union and the lowest workmen's compensation of any state in the union, and a six percent sales tax on every housewife if they buy groceries, I think those workers are going to take another look. In the meantime they may be just waltzing around a little bit, kind of keeping us on our toes. But I do not believe that the American worker that loves his family, wants his child or his son or daughter to go to college, that wants to be able to pay his mortgage, wants to be able to buy that new car, wants to be able to have good working conditions, is going to abandon the political party that has been his friend, the Democratic Party. I don't believe they are going to do it.

Mr. McGaughey. Mr. Vice President, we have only a couple of minutes. One of your closest campaign lieutenants, former Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina, recently made a statement in which he said and seemed to agree with Mr. Nixon's statement, that he felt the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the school guidelines group or enforcement officials, had gone too far and too fast in attempting to dictate how desegregation should be accomplished in the South. What is your position on that? Not Mr. Sanford's.

Vice President Humphrey. Yes. Well, my position is that we have court decisions bearing on this matter. I support those court decisions. And we have legislation bearing on this matter and I support the legislation. I can't be selective. If I become President of the United States, I am required to uphold the law.

Now, that legislation I am very familiar with. I had a great deal to do with civil rights legislation and we placed a reliance on the maximum degree of local initiative and local school boards and local school districts to comply with that legislation. And almost all of the school districts in the country have demonstrated such initiative. From time to time, there have been some that have not, and it is there when the Federal Government has at times taken some action. Actually the Federal Government has been, I think, restrained. You know what the penalties are. It's the withholding of funds. That's the penalty. If the desegregation process does not go on under a so-called guideline. Now, there have not been many communities that have suffered the withholding of funds. There has been an effort on the part of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to bring some of the recalcitrant school districts around to a little faster pace of desegregation. This has been a difficult problem. But we have made real progress.

And I don't think we'd have made as much progress in this matter if we waffled on the issue and wobbled on it like Mr. Nixon did. Mr. Nixon said he was for the court decision. Then he went ahead and said that he thought the Federal Government was pushing it too fast.

Well, it is my view that if you are going to be President -- now, it is one thing if you are just getting a layman's opinion. But if you are going to be President of the United States, you have an obligation whether you like it or not to up-

hold that court decision. And if you are going to be President, you ought to have some common sense, too. When I have worked with Southern Governors on this matter, we have made great progress. I am not going to go around and pick laws that I like and ones that I don't. I can't do that when I have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution. I really believe that we could work with these school boards to make the progress that we ought to make and we can do it without breaking up the school structure. We have done well with it.

Mr. McGaughey. Gentlemen, our time is up.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
October 2, 1968

✓ Billy Webb
✓ Sen. Elliott Jordan

✓ Mayor Brook Sher

✓ Gov. Toles

✓ Gov. Terry Sanford

✓ Go to museum

① Great Crowd
young people

Once upon a time, a highly touted general came to Charlotte. That was back near the birth of this city that is now celebrating 200 years of greatness.

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Tennessee
State

This general was well-equipped ... he was well-financed ... he had lots of men ... and a good, efficient organization.

— Cool & Confident

But what happened? He ran into a "hornet's nest" here in Charlotte, and didn't stop running until "the world turned upside down" for him at Yorktown.

— Lord Cornwallis

You could say the beginning of the end for Lord Cornwallis was here in Charlotte. What a great heritage!

Tar-Heel by Adoption!
(Barebeque)

✓ Wm. H. Winston
Salon

N.C. - only once Republican
✓ 1960⁻² JFI
✓ 1964 HBI

And this year, it's going to happen again. General
Lord Richard Nixon is coming South. He's got the men from
Madison Avenue ... he's got the slick big business organization ...
he's got all that big money ... all that confetti ... all those
balloons. — Efficient - cool - confidential

What are we going to do?

I'll tell you what:

We're going to make Charlotte ... and North Carolina ...
and this whole nation into such a hornet's nest ... and what a
hornet's nest of fighting Democrats ... that Mr. Nixon and his
Republicans won't stop running until we've won that election.

Mr. Nixon is going to be stung by the American people
because he won't debate the issues facing this nation.

J. Edgar

Debate!!

And, my friends, until he shows he has some concern for the people of this country, he's also going to feel my sting.

Yes, Mr. Nixon and his crowd are going to run into a hornet's nest all right -- ^{from} people in this nation who worked to make America great, and aren't about to let anyone -- I said anyone -- take it away.

1968 is a year of great challenge and choice in America.

I spoke on Monday night about the challenge regarding peace in Vietnam ... and about slowing the nuclear arms race.

And there is a great deal of unfinished international economic business which must be confronted by the next Administration.

out + arms

out soon

Example Business!

Tobacco & Textiles

North Carolina had a great tobacco industry before Cornwallis' time, and textile and textile-related industries go back almost as far.

I mean to see that those industries get a fair break in the world market.

We need the export earnings.

And We need the jobs. !

And the world needs our products. !

Textile I The textile industry has undergone a period of unprecedented change during the 1960's -- technological change ... and change due to the fact that emerging nations have been taking the first step toward industrialization ... which is almost assured in textiles.

↳ We must assure there is sufficient order in the flow of world goods to our shores so that the vitality of our textile industry -- one which means so much to our economy, -- is not sapped and undermined.

ⓧ ↳ It is for these reasons that I have pledged to use all the resources of our Government to achieve orderly international trade in textiles and apparel.

↳ A key part of this effort must be to remove unwarranted barriers which some countries impose on our exports, and those of other countries, so that all may share more equitably in total world trade.

It would be best to achieve this through an international agreement. And I would seek such an agreement.

If I need any additional authority I'll ask the Congress for it.

④ I shall take more measures as they are needed to prevent disruption of the domestic textile and apparel market, and to protect jobs. - Jobs!

⑤ Tobacco earns America two-thirds of a billion dollars a year in foreign markets.

△ I want to make it clear that the export business of tobacco growers in North Carolina and other producing states must be maintained. - and will be under a Humphrey

△ 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 and others, as tobacco is to us.

Mustie
Admiration

Any action by others damaging to our tobacco trade with them could only encourage pressures for retaliatory action on our part.

abstract Trade Policy
I am for ~~freer~~ trade. I believe American producers can compete for quality and price with any in the world -- but only if markets are fair.

2'd Decision
The second great decision of this election relates to the kind of America ... the kind of society ... we will have for ourselves and -- more importantly -- for our sons and daughters, our grandsons and granddaughters.

Extremists
I've seen and I've heard extremists who chant and disrupt meetings and seek to deny freedom of speech to persons with whom they disagree.

∟ Disorder is not dissent. Indeed, ~~disorder~~,
especially organized disorder, is the enemy of dissent.

∟ Destruction is not debate. Indeed, the violence
of destruction can only silence the vitality of debate.

∟ I reject these extremists and I call upon the
American people to reject them.

There is another form of radical extremism --
just as dangerous, just as corrosive to our liberties -- the
extremism of those who preach disrespect for our courts --
for certain laws -- who play to the basest fears and deepest
suspensions of our people.

extremis →

└ Mark my words carefully: This strategy of organized hate -- if left unanswered and unchecked -- can lead America to disaster -- just as surely as the radical tactics of the shouters and disrupters. *Shout*

└ The former Governor of Alabama says he is running on a platform of law and order.

└ When he was Governor of Alabama, he gave the American people quite a demonstration of law and order.

└ He decided 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 the Wallace method to the whole country.

Law + Order

In America, the business of law enforcement rests with state and local authorities -- not with the Federal government.

Mr. Wallace was Governor of the state with the highest murder rate in the nation. He could not maintain order in his own state ... where he had the power -- but now he promises to maintain order in every city and state where he will not have the power.

When I was Mayor of Minneapolis, I had the same chance to do something about law and order.

 I cleaned up a police department -- I fought organized crime and street violence -- and I brought law and order to Minneapolis. As Mayor of Minneapolis, I compiled a record which received commendation from the FBI.

And I'm ready to do the same thing as President. I'm ready to support our state and local police -- I'm ready to give the help they desperately need to stop crime and lawlessness.

I say the job can be done -- and I intend to do it -- not with slogans and bumper stickers -- but with training, equipment, better salaries, and a coordinated attack among Federal, state, and local authorities.

The most serious threat of the Wallace campaign
arises from his calculated campaign to divide this nation --
to deliberately inflame the fear, frustrations and prejudices
of our people -- to bring this nation to the brink of broad scale
civil disorder.

And these are tactics also found in the campaign
of my Republican opponent -- a man who deliberately courted
the most radical extremist elements in his own party -- and who
continues this appeal in his speeches -- and who will be fully in
their debt should he win the Presidency.

Attacks on our courts -- vilification of our law
enforcement officials -- setting group against group and race
against race -- these tactics have stockpiled the ingredients for
civil explosion.

Recession

✓ No Fed Aid to States

✓ No Medicare

✓ No Jobs

✓

Rep Economics

The trigger of these powerful forces is likely to be one of the patented Republican-style recessions of the 1950's. Remember? They occurred about every two years.

If we returned to the almost 7 per cent unemployment of 1961 -- just about double the present rate of 3.5 per cent -- this nation could be overwhelmed by a torrent of fear, violence, and repression.

~~Republican Record~~
~~Democrat Record~~

The Humphrey-Muskie Administration offers another way. We know how to maintain our present prosperity -- just look at the record: 90 months of uninterrupted economic growth.

We believe that education -- health care -- job training -- Medicare -- Social Security -- should be strengthened. And we have offered specific programs to accomplish these objectives.

Research Triangle
(Gov Hodges Failed)

↳ We believe that America is strong enough --
prosperous enough -- and smart enough -- to do these things.

And we say that the alternative of not doing them is rising
tension and the growing threat of chaos and disorder.

↳ Just remember -- and remember well -- the
Democratic Party, and only the Democratic Party, has fought
these battles and won these benefits for all Americans.

A defeat for the Democrats this fall will be a defeat
for you ... for your family ... and for your future.

I appeal to you -- the silent majority of Americans --
to voice your belief in the decency of our democracy.

Friend
of
the South

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We have faced grave crises before -- and we have transformed chaos into creation.

I do believe the American people can do so again -- and I mean to call them to this task.

I have come here to ask your help.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.

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IS BOB SPENCE RCVG AT THIS #

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DEM FOR HHH DC
THIS IS VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS FOR CHARLOTTE. @ PLEASE HOLD
UNTIL U HEAR FROM US BY PHONE-- TEXT MAY BE CHANGED.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 2, 1968

ONCE UPON A TIME, A HIGHLY TOUTED GENERAL CAME TO CHARLOTTE.
THAT WAS BACK NEAR THE BIRTH OF THIS GREAT CITY THAT IS NOW CELE-
BRATING 200 YEARS OF GREATNESS. (LEAVE OUT GREAT BEFORE CITY IN LINE ABV

THIS GENERAL WAS WELL-EQUIPPED ... HE WAS WELL-FINANCED ... HE
HAD LOTS OF MEN ... AND A GOOD, EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION.

BUT WHAT HAPPENED? HE RAN INTO A "HORNETS NEST" HERE IN
CHARLOTTE, AND DIDN'T STOP RUNNING UNTIL "THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE
DOWN" FOR HIM AT YORKTOWN.

YOU COULD SAY THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR LORD CORNWALLIS WAS
HERE IN CHARLOTTE. WHAT A GREAT HERITAGE!

AND THIS YEAR, IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN. GENERAL LORD RICHARD
NIXON IS COMING SOUTH. HE'S GOT THE MEN FROM MADISON AVENUE ... HE'S
GOT THE SLICK BIG BUSINESS ORGANIZATION ... HE'S GOT ALL THAT BIG
MONEY ... ALL THAT CONFETTI ... ALL THOSE BALLOONS.

MONEY.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT:

(2) WE'RE GOING TO MAKE CHARLOTTE ... AND NORTH CAROLINA ... AND THIS WHOLE NATION INTO SUCH A HORNETS NEST ... AND WHAT A HORNETS NEST OF FIGHTING DEMOCRATS ... THAT MR. NIXON AND HIS REPUBLICANS WON'T STOP RUNNING UNTIL WE'VE WON THAT ELECTION.

MR. NIXON IS GOING TO BE STUNG BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BECAUSE HE WON'T E

MR. NIXON IS GOING TO BE STUNG BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BECAUSE HE WON'T DEBATE THE ISSUES FACING THIS NATION ...

AND, MY FRIENDS, UNTIL HE SHOWS HE HAS SOME CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE (ULINE) OF THIS COUNTRY, HE'S ALSO GOING TO FEEL MY (ULINE) STING.

YES, MR. NIXON AND HIS CROWD ARE GOING TO RUN INTO A HORNETS NEST ALL RIGHT -- PEOPLE IN THIS NATION WHO WORKED OXXX TO MAKE AMERICA GREAT, AND AREN'T GOXXX ABOUT TO LET ANYONE -- I SAID ANYONE (ULINE) -- TAKE IT WAXXX AWAY.

1968 IS A YEAR OF GREAT CHALLENGE AND CHOICE IN AMERICA.

I SPOKE ON MONDAY NIGHT ABOUT THE CHALLENGE REGARDING PEACE IN VIETNAM ... AND ABOUT SLOWING THE NUCLEAR ARMS SPIRAL.

AND THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF UNFINISHED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC BUSINESS WHICH MUST BE CONFRONTED BY THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION.

NORTH CAROLINA HAD A GREAT TOBACCO INDUSTRY BEFORE CORNWALLIS' TIME, AND TEXTILE AND TEXTILE-RELATED INDUSTRIES GO BACK ALMOST AS FAR.

I MEAN TO SEE THAT THOSE INDUSTRIES GET A FAIR BREAK IN THE WORLD MARKET.

WE NEED THE EXPORT EARNINGS.

WE NEED THE JOBS.

3 AND THE WORLD NEEDS OUR PRODUCTS.

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS UNDERGONE A PERIOD OF UNOXXX UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE DURING THE 1960'S -- TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE ... AND CHANGE DUE TO THE FACT THAT EMERGING NATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING THE FIRST STEP TOWARD INDUSTRIALIZATION ... WHICH IS ALMOST ASSURED IN TEXTILES.

WE MUST ASSURE THERE IS SUFFICIENT ORDER IN THE FLOW OF WORLD GOODS TO OUR SHORES SO THAT THE VITALITY OF OUR AND LONG-ESTABLISHED TEXTILE INDUSTRY, ONE WHICH MEANS SO MUCH TO OUR ECONOMY, IS NOT SAPPED AND UNDERMINED.

IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT I HAVE PLEDGED TO USE ALL THE RESOURCES OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE ORDERLY REGULATIOXXXX REGULA-TIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES AND APPAREL.

A KEY PART OF THIS EFFORT MUST BE TO REMOVE UNWARRANTED BARRIERS WHICH SOME COUNTRIES IMPOSE ON OUR EXPORTS AND THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES SO THAT ALL MAY SHARE MORE EQUITABLY IN TOTAL WORLD TRADE.

IT WOULD BE BEST TO ACHIEVE THIS TRXXX THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. AND I WOULD SEEK SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

I SHALL TAKE MORE MEASURES AS THEY ARE NEEDED TO PREVENT DISRUPTION O F THE DOMESTIC TEXTILE AND APPAREL MARKET AND TO PROTECT JOBS.

TEXT OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS VITAL INDUSTRY.

TOBACCO EARNS AMERICA TWO-THIRDS OF A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN IN FOREIGN MARKETS I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE EXPORT BUSINESS OF TOBACCO GROWERS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND OTHER PRODUCING STATES MUST BE MAINTAINED.

TRADE IS A TWO-WAY STREE. WE IMPORT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF AUTOMOBILES , METAL PRODUCT, S, AND COUNTLESS OTHER

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COMMODITIES XXXX COMMODITIES THAT ARE AS VITAL TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
ECONOMY AND OTHERS AS TOBACCO IS TO US.

ANY ACTION BY OTHERS DAMAGING TO OUR TOBACCO TRADE WITH THEM
COULD ONLY ENCOURAGE PRESSURES FOR RETALIATORY ACTION ON OUR PART.

I AM FOR FREER TRADE. I BELIEVE AMERICAN PRODUCERS CAN COMPETE
FOR QUALITY AND PRICE WITH ANY IN THE WORLD -- BUT ONLY IF MARKETS
ARE FAIR.

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THE SECOND GREAT DECISION OF THIS ELECTION RELATES TO THE KIND
OF AMERICA ... THE IXXX KIND OF SOCIETY ... WE WILL HAVE FOR OURSELVES
AND -- MORE IMPORTANTLY -- FOR OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, OUR GRANDSONS
AND GRANDDAUGHTERS.

I'VE SEEN AND I'VE HEARD EXTREMISTS WHO CHANT AND DISRUPT MEEIXXX
MEETINGS AND SEEK TO DENY FREEDOM OF SPEECH TO PERSONS WITH WHOM THEY
DISAGREE.

DISORDER IS NOT DISSENT. INDEED, DISORDER, ESPECIALLY ORGANIZED
DISORDER, IS THE ENEMY OF DISSENT.

DESTRUCTION IS NOT DEBATE. INDEED, THE VIOLENCE OF DESTRUCTIO
CAN ONLY SILENCE THE VITALITY OF DEBATE.

I REJECT THESE EXTREMISTS AND I CALL UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO
REJECT THEM.

THERE IS ANOTHER FORM OF RADICAL EXTREMISM -- JUST AS DANGEROUS,
JUST AS CORROSIVE TO OUR LIBERTIES -- THE EXTREMISM OF THOSE WHO
PREACH DISRESPECT FOR OUR COURTS -- FOR CCERTAIN LAWS -- WHO PLAY
TO THE BASEST FEARS AND DEEPEST SUSPICIONS OF OUR PEOPLE.

MARK MY WORDS CAREFULLY: THIS STRATEGY OF ORGANIZED HATE --
IF LEFT UNANSWERED AND UNCHECKED -- CAN LEAD AMERICA TO DISASTER --

5 JUST AS SURELY AS THE RADICAL TACTICS OF THE SHOUTERS AND DISRUPTERS.

THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA SAYS HE IS RUNNING ON A PLATFORM OF LAW AND ORDER.

WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA, HE GAVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE QUITE A DEMONSTRATION OF LAW AND ORDER.

HE DECIDED WHICH COURTS SUITED HIM -- AND HE DISOBEYED THE REST.

HE DECIDED WHICH JUDGES HE LIKED -- AND HE INSULTED THE OTHERS.

HE DECIDED WHICH LAWS BXXX HE PREFERRED -- AND HE TRIED TO VIOLATE THE OTHERS.

NOW HE PROPOSES TEACHING THE WALLACE METHOD TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

IN AMERICA THE BUSINESS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTS WITH STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES -- NOT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

MR. WALLACE WAS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE WITH THE HIGHEST MURDER RATE IN THE NATION. HE COULD NOT MAINTAIN ODXXX ORDER IN HIS OWN STATE ... WHERE HE HAD (ULINE HAD) THE POWER -- BUT NOW HE PROMISES TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN EVERY CITY AND STATE WHERE HE WILL NOT (ULINE NOT HAVE THE POWER.

WHEN I WAS MAHOR XXX MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS, I HAD THE SAME CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT LAW AND ORDER.

I CLEANED UP A POLICE DEPARTMENT -- I FOUGHT ORTXXX ORGANIZED CRIME AND STREET VIOLENCE -- AND I BROUGHT LAW AND ORDER TO MINNEAPOLIS. AS MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS, I COMPILED A RECORD WHICH RECEIVED COMMENDATION FROM THE F.B.I.

AND I'M READY TO DO THE SAME TING AS PXXX THING AS PRESIDENT. I'M READY TO SUPPORT OUR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE -- I'M READY TO GIVE THE HELP THEY DESPARATELY NEED TO STOP CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS.

I SAY THE JOB CAN BE DONE -- AND I INTEND TO DO IT -- NOT WITH

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SLOGANS AND BUMPER STICKERS -- BUT WITH TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, BETTER SALARIES, AND A COORDINATED ATTACK AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT OF THE WALLACE CAMPAIGN ARISES FROM HIS CALCULATED CAMPAIGN TO DIVIDE THIS NATION -- TO DELIBERATELY INFLAME THE FEARS, FRUSTRATIONS AND PREJUDICES OF OUR PEOPLE -- TO BRING THIS NATION TO THE BRINK OF BROAD SCALE CIVIL DISORDER.

AND THESE ARE TACTICS ALSO FOUND IN THE CAMPAIGN OF MY REPUBLICAN OPPONENT -- A MAN WHO DELIBERATELY COURTED THE MOST RADICAL EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN HIS OWN PARTY-- AND WHO CONTINUES THIS APPEAL IN HIS SPEECHES -- AND WHO WILL BE FULLY IN THEIR DEBT SHOULD HE WIN THE PRESIDENCY.

ATTACKS ON OUR COURTS -- VILIFICATION OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS -- SETTING GROUP AGAINST GROUP AND RACE AGAINST RACE -- THESE TACTICS HAVE STOCKPILED THE INGREDIENTS FOR CIVIL EXPLOSION.

THE TRIGGER OF THESE POWERFUL FORCES IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE PATENTED REPUBLICAN-STYLE RECESSIONS OF THE 1950'S. REMEMBER? THEY OCCURRED ABOUT EVERY TWO YEARS.

IF WE RETURNED TO THE ALMOST 7 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT OF 1961 -- JUST ABOUT DOUBLE THE PRESENT RATE OF 3.5% -- THIS NATION COULD BE OVERWHELMED BY A TORRENT OF FEAR, VIOLENCE, AND REPRESSION.

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THE HUMPHREY-JUSKIE ADMINISTRATION OFFERS ANOTHER WAY. WE KNOW HOW TO MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT PROSPERITY -- JUST LOOK AT THE RECORD -- 90 MONTHS OF UNINTERRUPTED ECONOMIC GROWTH.

WE BELIEVE THAT EDUCATION-- HEALTH CARE -- JOB TRAINING --

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MEDICARE -- SOCIAL SECURITY -- SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. AND WE HAVE
OFFERED SPECIFIC PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES.

WE BELIEVE THAT AMERICA IS STRONG ENOUGH -- PROSPEROUS ENOUGH --
AND SMART ENOUGH -- TO DO THESE THINGS. AND WE SAY THAT THE ALTERNA-
TIVE OF NOT (ULINE NOT) DOING THEM IS RISING TENSION AND THE GROWING
THREAT OF CHAOS AND DISORDER.

JUST REMEMBER -- AND REMEMBER WELL -- THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND
ONLY (ULINE ONLY) THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS FOUGHT THESE BATTLES AND
WON THESE BENEFITS FOR ALL AMERICANS.

A DEFEAT OXXX FOR THE DEMOCRATS THIS FALL WILL BE A DEFEAT
FOR YOU. (ULINE YOU) ... FOR YOUR FAMILY ... AND FOR YOUR FUTURE.

I APPEAL TO YOU -- THE SILENT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS -- TO VOICE
YOUR BELIEF IN THE DECENCY OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

WE HAVE FACED GRAVE CRISES BEFORE -- AND WE HAVE TRANSFORMED
CHAOS INTO CREATION.

I DO (ULINE DO) BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN DO SO AGAIN --
AND I MEAN TO CALL THEM TO THIS TASK.

I HAVE COME HERE TO ASK YOUR HELP.

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END OF CHARLOTTE TEXT.

ABOUT MID-WAY TEXT -- LINES BEGINNING "TEXT OPPORTUNITY " & "VITAL
INDUSTRY" -- MEAN NOTHING (MISPRINT) YOU LOST NONE OF TRANSMISSION.
AGAIN -- DON'T RELEASE UNTIL WE CALL, THERE MAY BE MINOR CHANGES
WHICH WILL HAVE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE MEANING. THANX

DEM FOR HHH DC

ADV VP CHARLOTTE, N.C.

DEM FOR HHH DC
ATTN: BOB SPENCE

FOLLOWING IS FOR RELEASE THURSDAYS A.M.S
AFTER VICE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE

STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF CHARLOTTE

EVERY AMERICAN, BLACK OR WHITE, RICH OR POOR, WHETHER HE LIVES IN A BIG CITY OR A SMALL TOWN HAS THE RIGHT TO A SAFE AND A DECENT NEIGHBORHOOD. OURS MUST BE A SOCIETY IN WHICH ORDER AND JUSTICE PREVAIL. . . ON THIS THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE.

I KNOW THAT YOU IN CHARLOTTE HAVE REFUSED TO MAKE THAT COMPROMISE AND I COMMEND YOU FOR IT.

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME, ABOUT VIOLENCE, ABOUT DISORDER ... IT IS PROPER THAT YOU AND ALL AMERICANS OF GOOD WILL SHOULD BE SO CONCERNED.

CRIME IS A NATIONAL CHALLENGE. IT IS NOT -- AND SHOULD NOT BE -- A PARTISAN POLITICAL ISSUE. OF COURSE, IT IS EASY TO TOSS STATISTICS AROUND, AND I AM AS GOOD AT PRODUCING STATISTICS AS MY OPPONENTS ARE. GOVERNOR AGNEW'S MARYLAND RANKS NUMBER ONE IN ALL STATES IN VIOLENT CRIME AND NUMBER FOUR IN OVERALL CRIME ACCORDING TO THE F.B.I. GOXX GEORGE WALLACE'S ALABAMA IS FIRST IN MURDERS PER CAPITA. BUT GOVERNORS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME ANY MORE THAN PRESIDENTS OR ATTORNEYS GENERAL EVEN THOUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT IS PRIMARILY A STATE AND LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

LET'S STOP THE DOUBLE TALK.

THE ANSWER TO CRIME DOES NOT LIE IN IRRESPONSIBLE ATTACKS ON OUR COURTS, ON OUR LAWS, OR ON OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

THE ANSWER LIES IN REASONED, EFFECTIVE ACTION BY STATE, LOCAL

AND FEDERAL AUTHORITY, EACH BEARING ITS SHARE OF THE BURDEN.

IT LIES IN STRENGTHENING LOCAL POLICE FORCES WITH ACTION, NOT JUST WORDS.

AS PRESIDENT I WILL PUT THE SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEHIND YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT -- SUPPORT FOR SALARIES SO THAT WE CAN ATTRACT AND HOLD CAPABLE MEN, SUPPORT FOR TRAINING SO THAT OUR POLICE WILL HAVE THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO FIGHT CRIME, SUPPORT FOR BETTER EQUIPMENT SO THAT THEY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF EVERY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE.

I SAY WE MUST EXTEND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING AND FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT :: PROGRAMS MADE POSSIBLE BY THIS ADMINISTRATION'S CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETSXXX STREETS ACT.

WE MUST INSTITUTE A MASSIVE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ASSAULT ON ORGANIZED CRIME AND DRUG ACTIVITIES.

WE MUST COMMIT OURSELVES TO MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF CHARLOTTE, FOR EVERY RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, FOR EVERY AMERICAN. PROTECTION FOR ALL AGAINST CRIME MUST BE A POLICY NOT OF REPRESSION BUT OF LIBERATION, A POLICY NOT IN REACTION TO FEAR, BUT IN AFFIRMATION OF HOPE.

END OF STATEMENT

DID YOU RECEIVE MESSAGE OK?

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DEM FOR HHH DC

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STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF CHARLOTTE

Every American, black or white, rich or poor, whether he lives in a big city or a small town has the right to a safe and a decent neighborhood. Ours must be a society in which order and justice prevail....On this there can be no compromise.

I ~~xx~~ know that you in Charlotte have refused to make that compromise and I commend you for it.

I know that you are concerned about crime, about violence, about disorder...It is proper that you and all Americans of ~~xxx~~ good will should be ~~concerned~~. But I think, too, that it is time ~~xxxx~~ we set the record straight.

Crime is a national challenge. It is not--and should not be--a partisan political issue. Of course, it is easy to toss statistics around, and I am as good at ~~xxxxxx~~ producing statistics as my opponents are. Governor Agnew's Maryland ranks number one in all states in ~~xx~~ violent crime and number four in overall crime according to ~~tx~~ the FBI. George Wallace's Alabama is first in murders per capita. But Governors ~~are not responsible for~~ don't make crime any more than Presidents ~~and Attorneys General pull triggers~~...Labeling one party of the other as "soft on criminals" solves nothing. ~~Labels solve nothing.~~

Let's stop the double talk.

The answer to crime does not lie in ~~impossible~~ attacks on our courts, on our laws, or on our law enforcement officials.

The answer lies in reasoned, effective action by state, local and Federal authority, each bearing its share of the burden.

It lies in strengthening ~~the abilities of local police to~~ ~~deal with crime and disorder~~ ^{forces with action, not just words.}

~~I say we must support our police with action--not just with words.~~ As President I will put the support of the Federal government behind your police department--support ~~x~~ for salaries so that we can attract and hold capable men, support for training so that our police will have the skills necessary to fight crime,

support for better equipment so that have the benefit of every possible technological advantage.

I say we must extend federal funds for state law enforcement planning and for research and development of new law enforcement techniques and equipment--programs made possible by this Administration's Crime Control and Safe Streets Act.

We must institute a massive federal, state and local assault on organized crime and ~~drug~~ drug activities.

At the same time we must seek out and cure the root causes of crime. So long as there is unemployment, poverty, frustration, ~~the existence of a large segment of the population living in poverty and alienation of any segment of society from the benefits of abundance~~ there will every potential for violent behavior. To pretend otherwise is to ~~take the easy~~ take the easy, rather than the effective way out of a national dilemma, to shout a slogan rather than to seek the truth. disorder.....

We must commit ourselves to make life worth living for every citizen of Charlotte, ~~for every resident of this state~~, for every American. ~~Protection for all against crime must be a policy not of repression but of liberation, a policy not in reaction to fear, but in affirmation of hope.~~

Education and employment are basic requirements



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