

STATEMENT

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L WE HAVE SEEN IN THIS CAMPAIGN TWO DEVELOPMENTS
THAT ARE FRIGHTENING AND DANGEROUS.

L ON THE ONE HAND WE HAVE THE REFUSAL OF THE
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE ... MR. NIXON ... TO HELP
RATIFY THE TREATY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.

L FOR SEVERAL YEARS I HAVE WORKED WITH PRESIDENT
KENNEDY AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SAFEGUARD THE
WORLD AGAINST NUCLEAR DISASTER.

L WE NEGOTIATED AND RATIFIED THE LIMITED NUCLEAR
TEST BAN TREATY, THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT OF THE
KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION AND THE FIRST STEP TOWARD
SANITY AND SAFETY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE.

WHEN THIS TREATY WAS FIRST PROPOSED, MR. NIXON CALLED IT "CATASTROPHIC NONESSENCE" AND A "CRUEL HOAX."

WE NEGOTIATED THE TREATY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AROUND THE WORLD. THAT TREATY IS NOW AWAITING RATIFICATION IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

THIS TREATY WAS DISCUSSED AND NEGOTIATED WITH THE UTMOST CARE DURING THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS.

IT CONTAINS ALL NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS, IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY MORE THAN 80 NATIONS. ~~IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.~~ IT IN NO WAY REDUCES

OUR OWN STRENGTH.

*It is in our national interest
to the interest of world peace.*

WHAT IT DOES DO IS PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE BOMB TO OTHER NATIONS WHO COULD INCINERATE THE WORLD.

THE RATIFICATION OF THIS TREATY BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE IS A MATTER OF UTMOST URGENCY WITH EACH DAY THAT PASSES THE LIKELIHOOD OF RATIFICATION THIS YEAR DIMINISHES. DELAY CAN BE DANGEROUS DEADLY DANGEROUS.

BUT MR. NIXON HAS BEEN EVASIVE ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAYS HE IS FOR THE TREATY, BUT AGAINST RATIFYING IT NOW.

HE SAYS HE IS FOR THE TREATY BUT HE HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT IT.

HE SAYS HE IS FOR THE TREATY BUT HE WILL NOT ENCOURAGE THE SENATE TO RATIFY IT.

MR. NIXON IS THE LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IT IS WITHIN HIS POWER TO GUARANTEE RATIFICATION OF THIS TREATY THIS YEAR.

HE HAS NOT DONE SO. HE HAS MAINTAINED SILENCE --
JUST AS HE HAS MAINTAINED SILENCE ON VIETNAM AND OTHER
IMPORTANT ISSUES.

L I SAY THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR SURVIVAL -- AS
REPRESENTED IN THIS TREATY -- IS TOO IMPORTANT FOR
SILENCE AND EVASION.

L THE SECOND FRIGHTENING DEVELOPMENT OF THIS
CAMPAIGN IS THAT MR. WALLACE, WHOSE APPEAL IS TO
HATE AND FEAR, HAS ADDED TO HIS TICKET A MAN WHO SAYS
HE LOOKS UPON THE NUCLEAR BOMB AS JUST ANOTHER
WEAPON -- WHEN EVERYONE KNOWS IT IS THE ULTIMATE
WEAPON.

L GENERAL LEMAY HAS A WELL-KNOWN FONDNESS FOR
NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE ONCE SUGGESTED THAT WE BOMB

NORTH VIETNAM "BACK TO THE STONE AGE."

~~YESTERDAY WHEN HE ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY~~
~~FOR THE SECOND HIGHEST OFFICE IN AMERICA, HE SAID,~~
~~"IF I FOUND IT NECESSARY I WOULD USE ANYTHING THAT WE~~
~~COULD DREAM UP, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IF IT~~
~~WAS NECESSARY."~~

THIS IS THE MAN WHO WOULD STAND IN LINE TO
SUCCEED THE THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE IN THE PRESIDENCY
Were he to become President,
IF THEY WON THE ELECTION, HIS FINGER WOULD BE ON THE
NUCLEAR TRIGGER.

IN MY OPINION, THIS IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND DEADLY
DANGEROUS POLITICS.

MR. WALLACE HAS ALREADY TALKED ABOUT RUNNING
PEOPLE DOWN WITH HIS CAR.

Ze May
NOW HE HAS PUT A BOMBER GENERAL ON HIS TICKET.

L The Wallace - Le May ticket

~~HE~~ SEEMS TO FAVOR BRUTE FORCE AT HOME AND

CATASTROPHIC FORCE ABROAD.

L I SAY SUCH VIOLENCE CAN ONLY LEAD TO MORE

VIOLENCE -- AND THIS VIOLENCE CAN TEAR THIS NATION

APART.

L I AM GLAD THAT MR. NIXON HAS JOINED ME IN

CRITICIZING THE LE MAY NOMINATION. *L* I ONLY WISH HE

WOULD JOIN ME IN HELPING THE TREAY TO STOP THE BOMB

FROM SPREADING -- AND STOP IT NOW.

L THESE TRENDS IN AMERICAN POLITICS TODAY ARE

ALARMING OUR OWN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. *6*

L ~~GENERAL LE MAY HIMSELF SAID YESTERDAY HE WOULD~~

PROBABLY BE MISQUOTED AND REGARDED AS AN IDIOT.

INDEED, SOME OF WHAT HE SAID WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR.

I CHALLENGE MR. NIXON AND MR. WALLACE ~~TO DEBATE~~
~~WITH ME~~ ^{to} AND CLARIFY THEIR VIEWS,

I WANT MR. WALLACE TO EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICAN
^{Such a man}
PEOPLE WHY HE PUT ~~THE BOMBER~~ ON HIS TICKET. I WANT

MR. NIXON TO EXPLAIN SOME OF HIS EARLIER STATEMENTS
^{when + when to use}
WHICH LEAVE UNCLEAR HIS VIEWS ON ~~USING~~ NUCLEAR

WEAPONS ~~IN MILITARY ACTIONS.~~

AND I WANT MR. NIXON TO EXPLAIN WHY HE OPPOSES
THE IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY TO CURB
~~THE SPREAD OF THE BOMB.~~

I WILL MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE ON MEET THE PRESS
OR FACE THE NATION OR ISSUES AND ANSWERS OR ANY OTHER
~~NATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAM.~~

FOR THAT MATTER, I WOULD BE PLEASED IF THEY
~~WOULD BRING THEIR VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ALONG~~

~~AND I'LL BRING MINE, SENATOR EDMUND MUSKIE.~~

THE GREATEST DANGER TO THE LIVES OF AMERICANS

~~and to spread~~
AND ALL MEN IS THE NUCLEAR BOMB, THE AMERICAN

PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW WHAT THEIR CANDIDATES

PROPOSE TO DO ABOUT IT. -

although to question values
I THINK IT'S TIME ~~TO STOP TAKING THE AMERICAN~~

~~PEOPLE FOR GRANTED.~~

*to talk Sensibly
and to act responsibly -*
Politics is too important
in a Democracy to be
left to those who ~~are~~ ^{find}
simple answers through
force + power - or to
those who seek to
give simple answer



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