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AMERICANS ARE FORGOTTEN BY NIXON AND THE REPUBLICANS, HUMPHREY SAYS

New York, N.Y., October 21--"Mr. Nixon and his Republican friends" ought to know about "forgotten Americans" because time after time it was they who forgot the American people, Vice President Humphrey said today.

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"They forgot the people when the Democrats cared about job training, good jobs at decent wages, housing, increased social security, fair labor laws, a strong economy."

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Humphrey said the Nixon-Agnew ticket in turn is hoping the voters will forget Nixon's early political campaigns, his secret letters to special interest groups, his top economic adviser's view that the economy needs more unemployment, and Agnew's statements on urban problems.

Humphrey said "the Democrats are going to win this election" on the issues of trust--on the voters judgments of who can be trusted to lead America, end the war in Vietnam, halt the nuclear arms race, heal divisions at home, and build trust among Americans.

The text of Humphrey's remarks at a rally at Herald Square is attached.

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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
HERALD SQUARE RALLY
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 21, 1968

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Mr. Nixon and his Republicans forgot the American people time after time.

And right now there are many things Mr. Nixon is hoping the American people will forget.

He's hoping they will forget his early political campaigns.

He's hoping they will forget all his secret letters to the special interest financial groups.

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You care what happens to America ... and you know the Democrats care.

We care that there should be a peace in Vietnam.

We care about ending the strife and division in America.

We care about our continuing belief in social progress ... social justice ... human rights ... a better life for every family.

This is work for all of us.

I seek to work through the Presidency of the United States. My Presidency would be an open Presidency ... an active Presidency ... a Presidency calling forth participation by all Americans -- especially the young.

We can build into reality the free and open society we all came to find.

That is the choice before us ... who can you trust to lead America forward?

It is a choice among men ... a choice among parties ... a choice about our basic direction as a people.

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And I answer: I shall speak and I shall act.

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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you, thank you. Thank you very, very much.

So do I.

Thank you very much, Arthur Levitt and ladies and gentlemen, thank you so much for this splendid turnout on this good crisp day on 34th and Broadway of the Americas, where we have a chance to do a little talking to each other and do a little talking about what is going on in this great campaign of 1968.

Now there are only 14 shopping days, election days. I hope Macys understands that. Fourteen shopping days, and on election day I predict not a miracle on 34th Street but a Democratic miracle on Main Street all across the United States.

(Applause)

You know the American people are a pretty savvy bunch. The American people are catching on to the clever sales technique of the Republican opposition, of those balloons, of the confetti, of the staged and carefully rehearsed interview shows, of hiding out in hotel rooms, and always staying away from the people -- who stayed away from the issues. I have been trying to get the Republican nominee and the third party nominee to stand up here on these platforms with me across this country to debate the issues, to let you judge us, to hear what we have to say, to hear how we stand, and then let the American people, the 200 million of this great American jury, on election day cast their verdict.

I am willing to put my record on the line. I would like to have Mr. Nixon put his record on the line.

(Applause)

But I don't think the American people are going to be fooled by a Nixon-Agnew two for one sale.

So on election day I predict bankruptcy for the Nixon Republicans. They are going to close up shop, and there will be a lot of used furniture available.

Why do I make this prediction? Because I think the essential question that needs to be asked is, Who do we trust in this country of ours to lead America in the next four years? Who do we trust and how can we build trust amongst ourselves so that we can work together, so that we can live together, so that we can prosper together, which team, and I repeat, which team, which team is it that you can trust on this election day.

May I suggest that we give you some answers. Who can we trust to heal the divisions in this country? Who can build trust among our people, all of our people, black and white, rich and poor? Who can we trust that will really work, that will really work to bring peace to Southeast Asia and arms control throughout this world? These are the issues.

Who can we trust that will help make this, keep this country prosperous, that will help keep jobs, that will help take care of our elderly, that will help provide for our children for an education; who can we trust?

Well, I don't think the people are going to trust the old Nixon or the new Nixon or the real Nixon or Lemay or Agnew or Wallace, because the people remember what happened the last time they put some trust in them.

You know, Mr. Nixon and his Republican friends, they have got a new slogan, and imagine them having this slogan about forgotten Americans. Well, they ought to know, they forgot them plenty of times. They forgot our parents, they forgot our grandparents, when the Nixon Republicans fought Medicare, fought social security, when Mr. Nixon said it wouldn't work. A man that didn't

know that much surely doesn't know enough to be president of the United States.

(Applause)

And the Nixon Republicans forgot our children, yes, they forgot them when we Democrats were fighting for federal aid to education. This morning I see where Mr. Nixon is now for aid to our pupils. Well, isn't that lovely. When he had a chance to cast a vote, when he had a chance to help aid to education, when he had a chance to help a college student or a university student or a kid in grade school or an elementary or secondary school, what did Mr. Nixon do? He forgot you, he forgot the kids and he forgot all of the Americans. He voted no. Now he says with this election year religion, and boy does he get pious on election year, he gets so sweet and lovely, almost likable, if we didn't know him so well.

Yes, these Nixon Republicans, they forgot the people when the Democrats carried, carried about job training, cared about decent wages, cared about the labor movement, cared about low-income housing, cared about a strong economy.

Mr. Nixon, during your years in public office, you never once advocated a job training program for an unemployed worker, never once. You never even helped bring about low income, low rent housing for low income people, and I just don't believe you mean it when you get yourself all dressed up in 1968. A man that has been in public life for 22 years has a record, and I suggest, ladies and gentlemen, the way you find out what a man is going to do in the future is to take a look at what he has done in the past, and when you do I think you will vote Democratic for Humphrey and Muskie.

Yes, my friends, and there are some thing that Mr. Nixon would like to have you forget right now. He would like to have all you investors in mutual funds, you people that put a few dollars in a mutual fund, he would like to have you forget that he wrote a private letter down here to Wall Street telling them that he thought the government was regulating them too much.

Now, Mr. Nixon is going to look after their interests. I am going to look after your interests, that is what a president is for.

Maybe he would like to have you forget something else. His top economic adviser just said last week that Mr. Nixon thought it might be all right to have a little higher unemployment. Read the Wall Street Journal of this morning, front page story. Mr. Nixon thinks it might be all right to continue the surtax and to have a little higher unemployment. Well, my friends, who is going to be unemployed? I have got an idea who it ought to be, but that isn't what he meant. When a man can say that he thinks 4.5 million unemployed is not dangerous, and then when he adds on to that that he thinks you ought to have some more, I think the people who earn a living and work for it, I think the people who are the wage earners, better ask themselves, Is this the man you want for president, because let me tell you, he knows how to get you unemployment.

The last time the Republicans were in power in those fifties you had three recessions in eight years, and you have 7 percent of the work force unemployed. And since 1961 in these eight Democratic years you have added 10 million new workers to the work force, and incomes are better, unemployment has been cut in half.

I think the American people are going to take a good look.

Then here the other day Mr. Spiro Agnew, Mr. Spiro Agnew, he said when asked about a slum, he said, "If you have seen one, you have seen them all." When asked about poor people, he said, "You don't learn anything about poverty from poor people. You learn it from experts" -- Republican experts that are paid about \$50,000 a

year.

Well, let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that in this campaign you cannot afford to have people in control of your government who believe that a little higher rate of unemployment is good for you, who believe that the nuclear treaty to stop the spread of nuclear weapons shouldn't be ratified now. You can't have people in charge of your government who believe that if you see one slum you have seen them all. You can't have people in charge of your government who believe that you will never learn anything about poverty from poor people. You can't have that kind of people, my friends, and we are not going to have it.

So I just leave it to you, I ask you, my friends, do you want the Bobsy Twins of Wallace and Lemay?

(Cries of "no.")

Do you want the two for one sales job of Nixon and Agnew?

(Cries of "no.")

Do you want to continue with the Democratic administration with Humphrey and Muskie?

(Cries of "yes.")

We are ready, we are ready to go to work for you, we are ready to go to work for the elderly. We are ready to go to work for our kids. We are ready to go to work for the working man. And, may I say to every businessman here on this corner, you never had it any better than you have had it under Democratic administrations and you know it.

(Applause)

If there is any one group in America that has never had it so good, it is the American investor and the American corporate director, and I want to say to my business friends that it is all right for you to say that you are Republican, I understand that. It goes over good in social circles. Sometimes it makes you feel better. But I want to tell you, if you want to live like a Republican, you had better vote Democratic, that is the way.

So I leave you with this note. The fundamental issue is whom can you trust? The fundamental issue and basic issue in this country is can we trust each other. And I say we must. I say to you, my friends, that the demagogues that preach hate and bigotry are your enemy. The people that preach fear and suspicion are your enemy. The people that say we are going too fast and too far do not understand the times in which we live.

Yes, my dear friends, I used an analogy the other day. I said that Mr. Wallace and Mr. Lemay were like pilots who saw a thunderhead and they are ramming through and will crack up, and they will crack up this country. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Agnew are the kind who look up and see a cloud in the sky, and they say, Let's not take off."

Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Muskie are the kind who see these clouds of trouble in the sky but say that we know how to get through, and we have the courage and the experience and the confidence in our ship of state and in our system to be able to bring this country through any trouble and any difficulty.

My fellow Americans, we can realize none of our hopes, none of our goals without a prosperous America. We can realize none of our hopes, none of our goals for peace at home or peace abroad unless we can live here together in harmony, here in America, and I say to you, and I say to you, the time has come for leadership in Washington that will work with the young people of this country, try to understand them and work with them, to work with labor and capital in this country, to try to get them to pull together, to work with black and white in this country. We have us all understand that it is our country, it belongs to each of us. Every one of us has an investment in it, and every one of us has a share in it, and I want to be your manager. I want to be your president so that we can build this country into a better America for a better people, for a better people. Together we can do it.

Thank you very much.

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Yes, you care . . . and every day more and more Americans are waking up and standing up and telling their neighbors: We Care.

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There are those this year who say: stay home ... don't
vote ... you don't have a stake in this election.

I know -- and you know -- you do have a stake in this
election.

The Republicans talk a lot about the "forgotten Americans."

I say, put them in office, and you'll find out what it is to
be forgotten.

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~~When you think about Democratic record . . . when you
consider the alternatives . . . the answer comes through loud
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But

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