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REMARKS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
ALBEE SQUARE, BROOKLYN,
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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much. Thank you.

Thank you, fellows. Thank you very much.

Congressman Hugh Carey and my other colleagues in the Congress of the United States, and my good friends of Albee Square in Brooklyn, it is a great pleasure to hear those young men cheer out there. Don't you like that?

(Applause)

Now, my friends, we are going to have a little meeting here today to talk about our vote, and we are going to talk about our country, and we are going to talk about Brooklyn, and we are going to talk about the Empire State. And, ladies and gentlemen, I think maybe you would like to hear me talk, wouldn't you?

(Cries of "yes.")

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

Thank you, thank you. Thank you, that is all right. Thank you very much.

Now, fellows, ladies and gentlemen, we are going to make a great choice in this country in just a very, very few days. Within 14 days the American people are going to decide in whom they can place their trust to be in charge of this country and the White House, and I think the choices are pretty obvious. I think the choice -- I think the choice is between whether or not you want a candidate like Mr. Nixon, Mr. Agnew, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Lemay, or whether you would like -- or whether you would like to have some friends that have worked with you, that want to work with you, that will work with you like Humphrey and Muskie.

(Applause.)

Now, let's see, let's see why that choice ought to be made.

The very first decision that a candidate for President makes is a decision as to who will be his running mate, and when the Republican nominee made his decision he had to consult with somebody, and with whom did he consult, to whom did he go to seek advice? Well, I think this audience knows. I think this audience knows that the Republican nominee did not seek advice from liberals and progressives. He sought advice from the most conservative elements in the South, in other words, the Republican nominee went to Mr. Thurmond of South Carolina to seek advice as to who should be his vice presidential nominee.

The Democratic candidate had only to seek advice from his conscience, and that advice told me that the best man to be on that ticket was the man who could have your trust and confidence, and a great American and a great senator by the name of Ed Muskie.

(Applause.)

So I must say to you that you have some choices to make, you have a choice as to whether or not you want some of the same that you have had in years gone by, whether you want a George Wallace who preaches bigotry and racism (cries of "no"), whether you want a Richard Nixon (cries of "no"), or whether you want a Democratic team, a Democratic team (applause), a Democratic team that is going to work for you.

Now, not long ago, not long ago, the Republican nominee for vice president visited this area, and when he was over in one of the communities of this greater New York, he said that if you

visited one slum, you have seen them all.

He is the man -- he will speak next week. All right, shall we tell it to them? Shall we tell it to them like it is, tell it to him like it is? All right, I will tell you, bless your hearts, I will tell you what, we are going to tell it to him like it is, and we are going to tell it to him like it will be, too.

(Applause.)

And like it is is simply this, that if you put a Republican administration in the White House, you are going to lose some jobs, you are going to lose some hope, you are going to lose some of this country. But if you put a Democratic administration in the White House, you are going to have a part of this country.

If you will give us a chance, if you will give us a chance, we are going to build the kind of an America where we can work together, where we can trust each other, where we can have a better education for our kids, where we can build homes in a neighborhood where we want to live, where we can have people who have decent health, where we can have our elderly cared for, where we can have our little ones with pre-school. Give us the chance, my friends, to help build you a better America.

And, my friends, and my friends, let me tell you something, we are not going to settle a single thing by the kind of chanting and ranting that you are hearing from a little clique out here. They must be Wallace supporters.

(Applause.)

Wallace -- imagine Mr. Wallace and Mr. Nixon sending this crowd up here to interrupt this meeting.

(Applause.)

Why, isn't that awful. They will stoop to anything. And look at all the Democrats around here. Look at them.

(Applause.)

Look at the people here, look at the people here that believe that the Democratic Party can offer them hope for a better day, look at them out here by the hundreds.

(Applause.)

And you know what, we are not going to let Republicans and we are not going to let racists, and we are not going to let people who shout disrupt us, we are going to go on and we are going to build a better America for every one of us.

(Applause.)

So, I will tell you what we are going to do, black and white together. We are going to do it together. You bet you, and I will tell you what we are going to do, and I will tell you what we are going to do, we are going to work hard enough and we are going to build hard enough so that every one of us that vote. Democratic can live like a Republican.

And I will tell you what we are going to do, I will tell you what else we are going to do, we are going to rebuild these cities, we are going to make them better places. We are going to have playgrounds for our kids, we are going to clean out these slums, we are going to build us some real decent places in which to live.

(Applause.)

And I will tell you why Mr. Nixon doesn't want to come and debate me, I will tell you why, because Mr. Nixon -- Mr. Nixon is afraid to stand on the same platform with us.

(Applause.)

Mr. Nixon -- Mr. Nixon and his Republican Party don't want to face an audience like this and tell you, and tell you, and tell you that they believe in more unemployment just as they have said they did here this past week. They don't want to face an audience like

this and tell the young people that they voted against federal aid to education.

I know why Mr. Nixon doesn't want to debate. He doesn't want to debate because he doesn't have anything to say -- "Silent Richard."

(Applause.)

So, my friends, let's do it this way. We have a great chance on November 5th, we have a chance of a lifetime, we have got a chance to put the Democratic people against the Republican money, and I think the Democratic people can beat the Republican money in any election on any day. Don't you?

(Applause -- cries of "yes.")

Now, let's find out. Do you want Wallace for president?

(Cries of "no.")

Do you want Nixon for president?

(Cries of "no.")

Louder, louder.

(Cries of "no.")

Do you want Humphrey for president?

(Cries of "yes.")

Well, so do I. And listen, and listen, together we will do it, right?

(Cries of "yes.")

Together we will do it, right? Together up there we will do it?

(Cries of "yes.")

All right, right now, let's go out and cast our vote on November 5th; thank you very much.

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ALBEE SQUARE RALLY

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 21, 1968

Let me ask you a question.

Are the Democrats going to win this election?

Let me tell you why we're going to win.

Every day more and more Americans are asking the
crucial question: Who can I trust to lead this nation for the
next four years?

When you think about Democratic record . . . when you consider the alternatives . . . the answer comes through loud and clear.

You can trust Hubert Humphrey, Ed Muskie and the Democratic Party . . . and you can't trust Nixon, Wallace, Agnew and Le May.

You and your neighbors are going to vote Democratic because you care what happens to America.

You care that there should be a peace in Vietnam.

You care about ending the strife and division in America.

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

You want to build upon the good work of the past . . . and go forward now.

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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You and I know that Mr. Nixon and the Republicans don't care . . . and they never have.

Mr. Nixon and his Republican friends have a slogan about "forgotten Americans." They ought to know.

They forgot our parents and grandparents when they fought Medicare and they fought it for years.

They forgot our children when we Democrats were fighting for federal aid to education.

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

They even forgot you when the Democrats pushed to protect you and your families . . . against unsafe automobiles . . . against dirty water and air . . . against drugs that harmed our unborn children . . . against baby blankets that could burst into flames . . . and they forgot all about you when we Democrats cared enough to try to fight the vicious and filthy menace of rats in our cities.

Yes, that is what the Republicans and their candidate have always done for the American people: They have forgotten them.

And right now there are a lot of 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.

He's hoping they will forget that his top economic adviser the other day said that what the economy needs is a little more unemployment.

Are you ready to vote for a Presidential candidate who is afraid to come out of the shadows and debate me . . . who won't risk revealing where he stands on the issues to all the people? . . . and his vice presidential urban ambassador who is afraid to take his case to the people of the cities . . . who says their views aren't important?

I didn't think so. Americans want leaders they can trust . . . leaders with the courage to stand for something.

We came to this country burning with the idea that one man was as good as another . . . that what was wrong could be made right . . . that people possessed the basic wisdom and goodness to govern themselves without conflict.

Now we come to a new moment of crisis in that journey.

We are called:

--To heal the hatreds and divisions among us;

--To reaffirm the basic decency of spirit which lies within us as a people;

--To reassert this Nation's moral leadership in a world that desperately seeks that leadership;

--To tell a new generation that what we have is good . . . that it is worth saving . . . that the dream of their parents is still a worthy dream.

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--and 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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"Who shall speak for the people?" Carl Sandburg asked.

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

I ask your help.

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Albee Square

I come to you today in the middle of the greatest political fight of my life.

And I ^{to Brooklyn} come here because this is your fight, too.

Yes, I come to Brooklyn today because you care.

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You care about the gains we have made for all Americans in the last generation . . . hard-won gains for you and your family. And you are not going to put those gains for safe-keeping in the hands of the party and the man who fought Harry Truman . . . John Kennedy . . . Lyndon Johnson . . . and Hubert Humphrey every foot of the way.

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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federal aid to education. ~~Last year alone, federal loans and scho-~~
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~~college . . . and you won't forget that because some of them were~~
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He's hoping they will forget his past record . . . against
social security increases . . . against medicare . . . against higher
minimum wages . . . against aid to education . . . housing . . .

against the ordinary people all down the line.

Are you ready ^{to} ~~for~~ forget all that?

Are you ready for some more of those patented Republican recessions?

And if you aren't . . . then any of you out there who are thinking about voting for Mr. Wallace had better think again . . . because a vote for Wallace is a vote against the Democrats and for the Republicans.

There is something else the American people aren't going to forget--Mr. Nixon's first and most important appointment--Spiro T. Agnew.

Mr. Nixon tells us that Governor Agnew is his ambassador to the cities.

Well, the "ambassador" said the other day that he wasn't going into the cities in this campaign because he could prescribe for their problems from the safe distance of the suburbs.

Listen to what the Republicans' big urban expert said the other day.

He told the poor people in the cities--and I quote--"You may give us your symptoms but we will make the diagnosis, and we, the Establishment . . . will implement the cure."

I say NO, Mr. Agnew . . . NO . . . NO . . . NO.

Two hundred years ago our forefathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for the idea that the ordinary people . . . rich and poor . . . farm dwellers and city dwellers . . . could govern themselves.

And we Democrats are going to stick to that pledge.

Are you ready to take the risk that Spiro Agnew will become President of the United States?

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And I don't think you are ready to vote for George Wallace and his trigger-happy running mate . . . I call them the Bombsie Twins.

I see where General LeMay wants to give nuclear weapons to everybody . . . that he thinks a bomb is a good manhood symbol for a country.

I say that's the quickest way to send the whole world . . . not just North Vietnam . . . back to the stone age.

No, you aren't going to vote for George the Loud . . . or Richard the Silent . . . because you care.

I say this country is better than Mr. Nixon and Mr. Wallace say it is... I think America is the greatest country in the world.

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