REMARKS

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What a job to be here in big ... noisy ... lovable ... beautiful Brooklyn.

I feel sorry for Spiro Agnew ... he never gets to see a crowd like this ... because Mr. Nixon won't let him out of his hotel room.

And when they do let him out occasionally ... he never comes downtown.

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

But the "ambassador" is keeping a safe distance.

He says he can prescribe for the problems of the cities without even visiting them.

He says: Don't bother me with the views of the people who live in the cities ... The Establishment will take care of everything.

I say NO, Mr. Agnew. You are dead wrong ... one hundred percent wrong.

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

Democrats still stand by that pledge.

Nixon-Republicans talk a lot about the forgotten Americans.

They ought to know. They have been forgetting the American people for as long as any of us can remember.

They forgot our parents and grandparents when they fought the Democrats tooth and nail on medicare. They forgot our children when the Democrats were fighting for federal aid to education.

The Nixon-Republicans forgot the ordinary people when the Democrats went to bat for a strong economy ... good jobs at decent wages ... increased social security ... housing ... job training ... education ... Project Head Start.

They forgot you when we sought protection for you and your families ... from unsafe automobiles ... from dirty water and air ... from drugs that harmed our unborn children ... from baby blankets that burst into flames .

They even forgot when the Democrats tried to get a simple, humane rat control bill through the Congress.

Well, the Democrats are not going to write you off. We never have ... and we never will.

Americans who care want leaders they can trust ... leaders they can trust with the future of America ... and the future of the world.

This is the question you will decide in two weeks. Who can you trust to lead this country for the next four years?

You want leaders dedicated to responsible measures to avert the danger of nuclear holocaust.

You are not going to vote for George Wallace and his trigger-happy running mate, the bombing general ... I call them the Bombsie Twins.

You are not going to vote for Richard Nixon who helped kill, for this year, the treaty to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of such leaders as Castro and Nasser.

One of the greatest threats to peace is the explosive situation in the Middle East. By shipping massive quantities of arms to the Arab States during the last two years, the Soviets have upset an already delicate balance.

To re-establish balance ... to preserve the security of the region ... we must provide Israel with phantom jet aircraft.

And we must -- and we will -- continue to support Israel with the weapons to protect democracy in the Middle East.

But we cannot hope for peace ... permanent peace ... lasting peace ... unless there are arms control agreements among all parties to protect the peace-loving people of the Middle East.

That must be our ultimate objective, even as we make sure now that Israel can defend itself against any aggression.

It takes courage ... strength ... quiet determination and forthrightness... to be President of the United States.

It takes the quality of trust ... and you can trust the Democrats.

You know it ... now let's win that election for the Democrats.

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And now they have written off -- forgotten -- all of urban America
... through a vice presidential ambassador who refuses to set foot in a city.

Well, the Democrats are not going to write you off. We never have ... and we never will.

We know that you care.

You care what happens to America.

You care that there should be peace in Vietnam.

You <u>care</u> about ending the strife and division in America ... which threatens to tear this country apart in fear and hatred.

You care about our continuing belief in social progress ... social justice ... human rights. You want to build upon the good work of the past ... and go forward now.

You care about the gains we have made for all Americans in the last generation ... hard won gains for you and your family.

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Where does Mr. Nixon stand on this great treaty?

He says he is for it . . . but that he is against ratifying it now.

I say we must have that treaty . . . in the name of inter-

national sanity and hope for mankind.

Every wasted day increases the danger that the Nassers and Castros of the world will get their hands on the bomb.

Are you ready to trust a man who plays politics with nuclear

disaster?

I say you are not going to place your trust in a man who is afraid to come before the people in open debate with me and tell

America where he stands . . . not just on the treaty . . . but on

all the issues in this election.

For eight long years Mr. Nixon has been telling us that Presidential debates were here to stay . . . because the public interest demanded them.

But now he is having his Seventh Crisis.

He has changed his mind about what the public interest demands flexional now that the interests of Richard Nixon are served by something else.

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