

NOTES ON MEETING OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY WITH THE
 CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
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The Vice President met for 50 minutes this afternoon with about 125 members of the Conference, which is made up of 21 national Jewish bodies -- religious and secular -- whose members represent the majority of the Jewish community of the United States.

After the meeting, during which the Vice President answered 10 questions, Rabbi Herschel Schacter, Chairman of the Conference, said those present "were heartened by Mr. Humphrey's understanding of the problems that are of deep concern to the American Jewish community." He was asked if the Conference endorsed the Vice President. He said the Conference "never endorses candidates." He said the Conference "was satisfied with the Vice President's candid answers to the questions." Mr. Nixon made a similar appearance before the Conference on October 21.

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Following are notes from the question and answer session:

The Vice President was asked about the delay in the sale of Phantom jets to Israel. The Vice President answered that he favors prompt sale of the jets. "Our country is going to see to it that Israel's defense needs are met," he said. "I promise that there will be no delay after January 20."

He called the Middle East "a very dangerous area." He said it would take "delicate negotiations balanced with firmness" to bring about stability and peace. He said, "The people of Israel and its government are justly concerned." He reiterated his six point program for a settlement in the Middle East. He said, "There are neither new positions nor campaign promises. I didn't get any new religion. I've fought for these positions for a quarter of a century. I am neither a new nor a fair weather friend."

The Vice President pointed out that in 1956 while he was a delegate to the United Nations he "denounced our policy of intervention in the Suez crisis. My opponent took to television to announce that Suez was our finest hour."

He philosophized about what America should look for in its relationships with other countries. He said he would look for "a willingness to fight for one's own independence...an interest in human welfare -- education, housing and health...an attitude toward individuals in the nation-state -- the right to speak, to write, to think." "These are the ideals we should look for, and Israel represents a great deal of this," he said. "We can't afford to have this kind of light snuffed out. We need these kind of candles to light the darkness."

The Vice President was then asked how he would respond to a Soviet threat to the security of Israel. "Aggression will not be permitted and will be resisted," he said.

He was asked about a settlement that might be forced by the major powers on the Middle East. The Vice President answered, "I would hope that we might use the good offices of the United Nations to effect a settlement. But basically peace in the Middle East must be worked out by neighbors. I am not in favor of an imposed settlement."

He added that he was hopeful that the United States and the Soviet Union "can come to some agreement to end the arms race -- both nuclear and conventional weapons."

He was asked about lines of communication to the White House. He answered that he hoped he would always be available, as in the past, to talk with both individuals and groups.

He was asked about anti-Semitism in other nations. He answered, "I have never thought the United States has taken a sufficiently strong position with the Soviet Union on this issue." He added, "This is one of the guidelines I will lay down to my Secretary of State. There will be a new Secretary of State." He said, "We have a right to a clear definition of human rights," from the Soviet Union.

He was asked about his service as Vice President. He answered, "It has been a wonderful but very difficult period of my life."

He was asked about summit meetings. He replied that he has proposed a series of summit meetings. "The dialogue can be helpful," he said. "It isn't always a matter of peace and war. It's a matter of the environment you help create." He emphasized the need for firmness in dealing with the Soviet Union. "The Soviet Union pounds away at us year after year after year. That's what we have to do. Our weakness is that we give them a light little slap and then move on."

He was asked about the role he would give voluntary organizations in solving urban problems. He received long applause when he answered, "I intend to have my Vice President, Mr. Muskie, be the coordinator of our domestic programs." He said he believed in broad citizen participation, especially in planning new programs. "There will be no problem about participation of the people in my Administration," he said. "The problem will be if you have enough time."

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Remarks

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

Conference of Presidents

Major Jewish Organizations

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I intend to make my remarks brief today and leave
~~some~~ time for questions.

I do not intend to speak extensively on the Middle East
today. In the last quarter of a century, I have made hundreds of
speeches in behalf of our country's vital interest in preserving the
independence and territorial integrity of Israel.

There are six basic steps which must be taken in the
Middle East.

The fundamental, irreducible points are these:

1. The existence of the State of Israel must be accepted by all of its neighbors;
2. The boundaries of all these countries must be transformed into agreed and secure frontiers;
3. The State of Israel must have free navigational rights in all international waters, including the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba;
4. The arms race must be ended;
5. The international community must assist in solving the human tragedy posed by the Arab refugees;
6. The resources of the Middle East must be used for human and economic development rather than war and destruction.

These are neither new positions nor campaign promises with me. I have stated and fought for these basic principles for a quarter of a century -- both publicly, and in the most private.

executive sessions of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and in the inner councils of the executive branch.

⌞ I am neither a new nor a fair weather friend. And here I will be outrightly partisan -- because I think something must be said forthrightly and now.

⌞ In 1956, on the floor of the Senate, I denounced the Eisenhower-Dulles intervention in Suez. I opposed efforts to block UJA contributions at the time. I fought the ban on travel to Israel which ~~Mr. Nixon's~~ ^{the Republican} Administration imposed for four months.

⌞ As Vice President, you will recall, Mr. Nixon took to the television networks and announced that Suez was our nation's finest hour by striking a blow against our colonial allies, Britain and France, to show our independence, and to join hands with the "third world" nations.

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L My Middle East views were recently published in an interview for the Jewish Chronicle of London which appeared last Friday. They were kind enough to note that my promise to supply Israel with phantom jets was announced well before the President instructed Secretary Rusk to enter into negotiations -- indeed, before any other candidate took a position.

L I believe there will be no undue delay. I promise there will be none in January when I am President

Incidentally, and I quote from the Chronicle, "Mr. Nixon did not answer the "Jewish Chronicle's" questions directly but asked our correspondent to find the answers to them in his B'nai B'rith speech. In the days Prior to, during and after the 6 day war, I was Israeli friend

Tooke In the broader area of foreign affairs, I have outlined the steps of what I call "A New Strategy for Peace." As you know, I have spelled out in detail my Vietnam position. I have talked about strengthening NATO, the United Nations, and expanding our multi-lateral commitments to help developing nations.

There are other issues of vital concern in this campaign. One is racism. You know where I stand.

Aid to education is another crucial issue -- a matter of deep concern to everyone in this room. I have been an advocate for decades. The Kennedy-Johnson-Humphrey Administration has a magnificent record in education.

The opposition party has fought federal aid to education every step of the way -- and Mr. Nixon personally killed legislation to provide classroom construction and increased teachers salaries by casting a tie-breaking vote in the Senate when he was Vice President.

Last week, he campaigned throughout California with the superintendent of public instruction, Max Rafferty -- a man he said he needed to help him move his programs forward in Washington-- A man whom the John Birch Society, in a recent fund-raising invitation, claimed as their own. I also recall total silence when

our good friend Tommy Kuchel was in the rugged primary battle with Rafferty.

Americans are deeply concerned over the question of civil order. We see attacks on our courts and on the law itself -- supposedly in the cause of law and order. We have seen Mr. Nixon and his allies block the nomination of Abe Fortas.

I bought time on national television and gave the nation some straight talk on the "law and order" issue.

I proposed specific programs to combat crime, to strengthen police, to go after dope pushers.

Is there anyone in this room who does not know, through five thousand years of history, that justice is fundamental to a healthy society -- that attacks on our courts are a fundamental blow to liberty?

The final issue is arms control and disarmament. You know that this has been one of my abiding interests. One of my proudest accomplishments was the nuclear test ban treaty. Now we have the non-proliferation treaty whose ratification Mr. Nixon decided to block in this session of Congress.

Finally, let me say that I expect to meet with this group next in the White House. And I expect to meet with you frequently. But on those occasions when I am unavailable, I intend to designate a member of my White House staff who will be available to you on a continuing basis -- a staff person to whom you can turn whenever you feel that matters of importance should be brought to my attention.

The next President will have to be mature and decisive in his exercise of judgment and leadership. He will have to command and merit respect. The crucial question before the American

people in this election is: who can you trust to lead this country in the next four years? On that basis, I am ready for the electorate's decision on Tuesday.

Questions, please.

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NOW MR. MARTIN JUST GAVE ME SOMETHING ELSE HOLD ONE

MEETING WITH CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENT OF MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1968

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THIS IS A COORDINATING BODY, ORIGINALLY INFORMAL BUT NO PERMANENTLYXXX
PERMANENTLY STRUCTURED, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MAJOR JEWISH
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT SPEAKS WITH ONE VOICE FOR
THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, PAXXX PRIMARILY IN AREAS OF
INTERNATIONAL CONCERN.

NIXON APPEARANCE ON MONDAY, OCT. 31, 1968:

I RECEIVED A REPORT THAT NIXON WAS WELL BRIEF AND MADE A GOOD
IMPRESSION. THE GROUP MET PRIOR TO THE SESSION AND POSED
A SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO NIXON THAT THEY AGREED SHOULD BE
ANSWERED. A DIFFERENT PARTICIPANT WAS ASSIGNED EACH QUESTION.

IN RESPONDING TO THE FIRST QUESTION, NIXON ANSWERED ALMOST ALL OF
THEM.

YOUR REMARKS TO THEM MIGHT INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS THE
FOLLOWING:

(1 ISRAEL: ON ISRAEL YOU MIGHT MENTION THE "OLD AND CONTINUING
FRIEND" (HHR) IS MORE TO BE COUNTED ON THAN A "NEW FRIEND"
OR RECENT CONVERT (NIXON). YOUR RECORD IN THIS AREA IS UNPARALLELED
AND GOES XXX BACK A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. MORE SPECIFICALLY,
THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT
TO THE PLAXXX PHANTOM JETS, WHICH THE PRESIDENT INDICATED WOULD BE
MADE AVAILABLE. AFTER PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL'S VISIT WITH THE
PRESIDENT ALMOST A YEAR AGO, THERE WAS WIDE-SPREAD BELIEF THAT
THE 50 JETS WOULD BE SENT SHORTLY THEREAFTER. YOU SHOULD MAKE
CLEAR THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE JET PLANES WILL NOT
BE PERMITTED TO BE DRAGGED OUT AND THE JETS WILL BE SENT PROMPTLY.
OF COURSE, YOU CAN REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ISRAEL.

(?) GARBLED LINE.

(2 PAST HISTORY: TIED IN WITH YOUR COMMENT ON "OLD

WASH. H U RECEIVING? YES. OK THE MACHINE'S GETTING SCARY AGAIN.

I'LL CONTINUE

(2 PAST HISTORY: TIED IN WITH YOUR COMMENT ON "OLD FRIENDS"
COMPARED TO NEW CONVERTS MIGHT BE A REMINDER OF WHAT OCCURRED UNDER
EISENHOWER-NIXON-DULLES IN 1956. YOU WILL RECALL THAT FOR A PERIOD
AN EFFORT WAS MADE TO BLACK THE UNXXX BLOCK THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ISRAEL AT THAT TIME. THAT A BAN WAS PUT ON
TRAVEL TO ISRAEL FOR 4 MONTHS. AND OF COURSE, THE TXXX THE EISENHOWER-
NIXON ADMINISTRATION JOINED WITH THE SOVETXXX VOXXX SOVIET IN PREVENTING
ENGLAND, FRANCE AND ISRAEL FROM CONCLUDING THE ACTION WHICH WAS TAKEN.

(3 THE PROBLEM OF JEWS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IN PARTICULAR
POLAND, RUSSIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND IS MORE VIOLENT OF A TYPE THAN IN RUSSIA,
BUT THE PROBLEM OF JEWISH SURVIVAL IN CURRENT COUNTRIES IS OF
CONTINUING CONCERN TO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. SPECIAL CONTACTS
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE NOT BEEN AS HELPFUL AS IN PREVIOUS
YEARS.

MOREOVER, THERE IS A FEELING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS JEWISHXXX
HAS SOMEONEXXX HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT ISOLATED FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.
(SUCH A LIASON EXISTED IN THE TRUMAN-EISENHOWER-KENNEDY ADMINISTRATIONS)
SEE ITEM 4 BELOW.

(4 LIASON WITH AMERICAN EXXX JEWISH COMMUNITY:

AS I STATED ABOVE THERE HAS BEEN GREAT UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE
FAILURE OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE
OF THE 3 PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS WITH RESPECT TO A LIASON OR
SPECIFIC CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE WHITE
HOUSE.

IF YOU DO NOT MENTION IT, YOU WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE A QUESTION
ON IT. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER ANTICIPATION OF THE QUESTION AND
STATE THAT YOU PLAN TO HAVE SUCH A TOP DESIGNEE OF YOUR STAFF IN
THE WHITE HOUSE.

(5 QUESTIONS FROM THE GROUP:

I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT YOU WILL HAVE A SOLID SYMPATHETIC MAJORITY.
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT JACQUES TORCNER, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, AND MAX VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN
JEWISH COMMITTEE, ARE BOTH SUPPORTING NIXON AND MR. FISHER
AN OFFICIAL DESIGNEE AS AN ADVISOR TO HIM.

NOTE: QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THIS, PLEASE CALL ON PHONE ALICE
DAVENPORT, WHO IS JOEL BERSON'S SECY. NUMBER IS 212 689-9940

END.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THAT BUT THAT'S IT.

ANYTHING ELSE GA PLS

YES. DID TED SEE THE GARMENT DISTRICT RALLY REMARKS. WHAT IS THE
STATUS OF THEMXX THEM.

WE WILL BE SENDING BACK SOON. I'LL CALL BACK ON

OK. THANKS. ENDS

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS
MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
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No release

I INTEND TO MAKE MY REMARKS BRIEF TODAY AND LEAVE SOME TIME FOR QUESTIONS.

I DO NOT INTEND TO SPEAK EXTENSIVELY ON THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY. IN THE LAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY, I HAVE MADE HUNDREDS OF SPEECHES IN BEHALF OF OUR COUNTRY'S VITAL INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ISRAEL.

THERE ARE SIX BASIC STEPS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WHILE IT MAY BE NEWSWORTHY WHEN MY REPUBLICAN OPPONENT MAKES AN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENT, SUCH AS ON THE PHANTOM JET ISSUE, MY 25-YEAR OLD COMMITMENT WILL HARDLY MAKE HEADLINES.

THE FUNDAMENTAL, IRREDUCIBLE POINTS ARE THESE:

1. ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND HER FRONTIERS MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED BY HER ARAB NEIGHBORS.

2. SHE MUST HAVE FREE NAVIGATIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING SUEZ AND AQUABA.

3. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE FLOW OF ARMS FROM RUSSIA TO THE ARAB STATES AND WE MUST GUARANTEE THAT ISRAEL WILL NEVER BE INSECURE THROUGH ANY FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE U. S. THIS INCLUDES IMMEDIATE SALE OF THE PHANTOM JETS--A POSITION I STATED PUBLICLY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST.

4. WHILE THIRD PARTY EFFORTS MAY FACILITATE AGREEMENT, THERE OBVIOUSLY CAN BE NO FINAL [REDACTED] RESOLUTION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE AREA WITHOUT DIRECT [REDACTED] NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES ACTUALLY INVOLVED.

I ALSO BELIEVE IN THE NECESSITY TO PRESS RUSSIA ON A GENERAL REDUCTION IN THE ARMS RACE AND IN THE NECESSITY FOR COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE ENTIRE AREA.

THESE ARE NEITHER NEW POSITIONS NOR CAMPAIGN PROMISES WITH ME. I HAVE STATED AND FOUGHT FOR THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY--BOTH PUBLICLY, AND IN THE MOST PRIVATE, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND IN THE INNER COUNCILS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

I CONSIDER ISRAEL'S SECURITY AS VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. I LOOK TO ISRAEL AS AN OUTPOST OF DEMOCRACY [REDACTED] IN THE ENTIRE REGION.

I AM NEITHER A NEW NOR A FAIR WEATHER FRIEND.

I DO NOT USE THE TERM "FAIR WEATHER FRIEND" LIGHTLY. WE ALL REMEMBER THE LAST TIME MR. NIXON HELD PUBLIC OFFICE--WHEN HE SPOKE POLICY, NOT CAMPAIGN ORATORY.

IN 1956, ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE, I DENOUNCED THE EISENHOWER-DULLES INTERVENTION IN SUEZ. I OPPOSED EFFORTS TO BLOCK UJA CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE TIME. I FOUGHT THE BAN ON TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WHICH MR. NIXON'S ADMINISTRATION IMPOSED FOR 4 MONTHS.

AS VICE PRESIDENT, YOU WILL RECALL, MR. NIXON TOOK TO THE TELEVISION NETWORKS AND ANNOUNCED THAT SUEZ WAS OUR NATION'S FINEST HOUR BY STRIKING A BLOW AGAINST OUR COLONIAL ALLIES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE, TO SHOW OUR INDEPENDENCE, AND TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE "THIRD WORLD" NATIONS. I ASK YOU NOW, HOW MANY FRIENDS IN THE THIRD WORLD DID THAT PARTICULAR POLICY GAIN US?

MY MIDDLE EAST VIEWS WERE RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN AN INTERVIEW FOR THE JEWISH CHRONICLE [REDACTED] OF LONDON WHICH APPEARED LAST FRIDAY. THEY WERE KIND ENOUGH TO NOTE THAT MY PROMISE TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH PHANTOM JETS WAS ANNOUNCED WELL BEFORE THE PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED SECRETARY RUSK TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS--INDEED, BEFORE ANY OTHER CANDIDATE TOOK A POSITION.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE STILL DRAGGING OUR FEET. I HOPE AND BELIEVE THERE WILL BE NO UNDUE DELAY. I PROMISE THERE WILL BE NONE IN JANUARY.

IN THE BROADER AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, I HAVE OUTLINED THE STEPS OF WHAT I CALL "A NEW STRATEGY FOR PEACE." AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE TALKED ABOUT CALCULATED RISKS FOR PEACE, INCLUDING A BOMBING HALT, A CEASE-FIRE, DE-AMERICANIZATION OF THE WAR AND FREE ELECTIONS, IN THE EVENT THE PEACE TALKS HAVE NOT MOVED FORWARD BY JANUARY 20, 1969. I HAVE TALKED ABOUT STRENGTHENING NATO, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND EXPANDING OUR MULTI-LATERAL COMMITMENTS TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS.

THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES OF VITAL CONCERN IN THIS CAMPAIGN. ONE IS THE WAY IN WHICH MR. NIXON AND I HANDLE THE RACIST CHALLENGE OF MR. WALLACE'S CANDIDACY. MY APPEAL HAS BEEN TO THE "NEW SOUTH" OF TERRY SANFORD, CHARLES WELTNER AND JULIAN BOND; MR. NIXON'S SOUTHERN STRATEGY INCLUDES SUCH CAMPAIGN ADVISORS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF HIS "KEY ISSUES" GROUP, SENATOR TOWER OF TEXAS, AND MY OLD OPPONENT, STROM THURMOND.

AID TO EDUCATION IS ANOTHER CRUCIAL ISSUE--A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN TO EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM. I HAVE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR DECADES. THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION HAS A MAGNIFICENT RECORD IN EDUCATION.

MR. NIXON'S PARTY HAS FOUGHT FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION EVERY STEP OF THE WAY--AND MR. NIXON PERSONALLY KILLED LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION AND INCREASED TEACHERS SALARIES BY CASTING A TIE-BREAKING VOTE IN THE SENATE WHEN HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT.

AND LAST WEEK, HE CAMPAIGNED THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA WITH THE SUPERINTENDANT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MAX RAFFERTY--A MAN HE SAID HE NEEDED TO HELP HIM MOVE HIS PROGRAMS FORWARD IN WASHINGTON;--A MAN WHOM THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, IN A RECENT FUND RAISING INVITATION, CLAIMED AS THEIR OWN. I ALSO RECALL TOTAL SILENCE WHEN OUR GOOD FRIEND TOMMY KUCHEL WAS IN THE RUGGED PRIMARY BATTLE WITH RAFFERTY.

AMERICANS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE QUESTION OF CIVIL ORDER. WE KNOW WHAT WALLACE MEANS BY "LAW AND ORDER".

AND WE KNOW WHAT MR. NIXON HAS ON HIS MIND WHEN HE DOWNGRADES PROGRAMS TO GET AT THE ROOTS OF CRIME AND CONCENTRATES ON ATTACKING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE SUPREME COURT, AND BLOCKS THE NOMINATION OF ABE FORTAS.

WHAT THESE MEN HAVE ON THEIR MINDS IS GARNERING REACTIONARY VOTES.

I BOUGHT TIME ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND GAVE THE NATION SOME "STRAIGHT TALK" ON THE LAW AND ORDER ISSUE.

I PROPOSED SPECIFIC [REDACTED] PROGRAMS TO COMBAT CRIME, TO STRENGTHEN POLICE, TO GO AFTER DOPE PUSHERS.

IS THERE ANYONE IN THIS ROOM WHO DOES NOT KNOW, THROUGH FIVE THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY, THAT JUSTICE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO A HEALTHY SOCIETY--THAT ATTACKS ON OUR COURTS ARE A FUNDAMENTAL BLOW TO LIBERTY?

THE FINAL ISSUE IS ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. YOU KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF MY ABIDING INTERESTS. ONE OF MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. NOW WE HAVE THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WHOSE RATIFICATION MR. NIXON DECIDED TO BLOCK IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT I EXPECT TO MEET WITH THIS GROUP NEXT IN THE WHITE HOUSE. AND I EXPECT TO MEET WITH YOU FREQUENTLY. BUT ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN I AM UNAVAILABLE, I INTEND TO DESIGNATE A MEMBER OF MY WHITE HOUSE STAFF WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU ON A CONTINUING BASIS--A STAFF PERSON TO WHOM YOU CAN TURN WHENEVER YOU FEEL THAT MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO BE MATURE AND DECISIVE IN HIS EXERCISE OF JUDGMENT AND LEADERSHIP. HE WILL HAVE TO COMMAND AND MERIT RESPECT. THE CRUCIAL QUESTION BEFORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THIS ELECTION IS: WHO CAN YOU TRUST [REDACTED] TO LEAD THIS COUNTRY IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS? ON THAT BASIS, I AM READY FOR THE ELECTORATE'S DECISION ON TUESDAY.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.



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