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REMARKS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
FLUSHING, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 30, 1968

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much.

Thank you very much, Moe Weinstein, for your introduction, and may I just call to your attention you have your congressman here, Ben Rosenthal, and you have Congressman -- two men that are working for you down in the House of Representatives.

Ladies and gentlemen, my friends in Queens, they tell me that as Queens goes so goes New York, and as New York goes, so goes the nation, and I guess that Queens is going Democratic on November 5.

It was just a little while ago that Mr. Nixon had the election in the bag, but I will tell you what is going to happen when he opens that bag on November 5th. Out will come Hubert Humphrey and Ed Muskie, right out of the bag.

You know we are coming into the Halloween season, tomorrow night is Halloween, trick or treat. Well, you have had several weeks of Nixon's tricks, and on November 5th you are going to have some Democratic Humphrey-Muskie treats.

Ladies and gentlemen, we need your help in this election. Something happened in America, and what has happened is that the American people want somebody in the White House that they can trust, and they are going to vote for the Democratic ticket because the Democratic ticket is a trustworthy ticket; someone that you can trust to get peace, someone that you can trust to help build this country, someone that you can trust for your young people, someone that you can trust for your elderly people.

Let me ask you, let me ask you something -- somebody that you can trust to get that noise out of the air, too, by the way.

Let me ask you what did Nixon ever do for Queens.

((Cries of "Nothing."))

What did he ever do for the young people up here?

((Cries of "Nothing."))

What did he ever do for the old people.

((Cries of "Nothing."))

What did he ever do for New York?

((Cries of "Nothing."))

Well, what are you going to do for Nixon on election day?

((Cries of "Nothing."))

You have got the right idea. How about a Democratic victory on election day? How about you folks getting out now and making sure that everybody votes on election day? I want every person here, every person regardless of their political choice, to make it their business to see that on election day we have the greatest turnout of voters that this nation has ever known. Let's have no one stay home, for those that stay home, all they are doing is helping reaction. For those that vote, you are having a decision in the future of your country. So I call particularly upon the young people, the young people here in Queens; I call upon you to get out that vote, get the parents out, get people out, and get them to vote Democratic.

((Cries of "We want Humphrey."))

What's that?

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That is right.

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Let's hear that a little louder.

((Cries of "Humphrey for President."))

All right. Well, Humphrey wants you, too.

Now, friends, we have got a tremendous upsurge going on in this country, a tremendous upsurge for progressive government. Everybody now knows that there is going to be a political upset, and

I want you to be a part of it. I want Queens to be in the forefront of the Democratic victory on November 5th. What do you say? What do say?

(Cries of "Humphrey for President.")

We want Queens to lead the way in New York. What do you say?

(Cries of "Humphrey for President.")

I want to ask you, how do you like my man for vice president, Mr. Muskie?

How do you think about the Republicans? Now then, what do you say if we just elect the ticket of Humphrey and Muskie November 5th?

Thank you very much.

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CASINO BOULEVARD AND MAIN STREET, FLUSHING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1968

(Audience: Middle income, a little higher than Bronx, though still a subway crowd. A swing audience -- could go either way. JFK carried it; so did Eisenhower. Theme: Crack Nixon on Agnew; pocketbook issues. Can go nuclear if wish. Tone: Serious, sincere.)

In the last few days before the election, each of us must search our hearts for the answer to the vital questions facing our nation and our people:

Whom can you trust to lead America during the next four years?

Whom can you trust to bring the peace ... and then keep that peace?

Whom can you trust to unite this country again ... and make us one people, not two?

And whom can you trust to face the unfinished business of human rights and social progress ... to keep America the greatest country in the world?

I say that these questions are important ... not just for today ... but also for tomorrow and the world that our children will have to live with.

Trust begins with the President of the United States. You have to have a man you can trust in the difficult days ahead. You have to know he will listen to the people ... that he will respond to the needs of a nation ... and that he will pick the right people to stand with him in his midnight moments of trial.

I have thought a lot about these problems ... and I have already acted, by making sure that the man who will stand closest to me ... my Vice President ... is Senator Ed Muskie of Maine.

But regretablely, Mr. Nixon did not take this problem so seriously -- this matter of trust -- and he picked a man of no experience in national and international affairs.

I say the selection of Spiro Agnew tells us a lot about Mr. Nixon ... and raises the question of whether this is a man -- that this is a team -- that can be trusted with our future in a nuclear age.

First, there's peace.

We have to end the tragic war in Vietnam.

And if that war is still unsettled on January 20, I will do everything in my power to bring it to an end.

But the issues of war and peace will still be with us.

We must end the madness of the nuclear arms race before it ends mankind.

For twenty years I have worked to bring the awful terror of nuclear weapons under control.

Apparently Mr. Nixon doesn't agree. He called the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty a "cruel hoax" and "catastrophic nonsense."

You and I know that it was not. And we know that when President Kennedy negotiated that treaty -- with my help every step of the way -- the world became safer.

But still Mr. Nixon has not learned his lesson. He failed to speak the single word that would have gotten the Senate to ratify the treaty to stop the spread of nuclear bombs around the world.

And now he accuses us of having a "security gap," when he knows it isn't true.

I seriously question whether a man who would pick Spiro Agnew and who doesn't understand the facts -- the grim facts -- of the nuclear age, should be trusted with the Presidency.

And I don't think he and the rest of the Nixon-Republicans should be entrusted with our economy, either.

-- Three recessions in eight Republican years ... and the threat of more recessions to come.

-- Nearly 7% unemployed when the Republicans last left office -- and a promise, yes a promise, of more unemployment if we let them get back into office.

-- Votes against education, against health care for our parents, against job training, why -- you know -- even 97% of House Republicans voted against the control and extermination of rats.

Yes, this election is about trust ...

-- trust in the men who will run the country ...

-- trust that they can bring peace ... unite America, and keep that prosperity that is the cornerstone of so many other things we want to do.

I think you can trust the Humphrey-Muskie ticket.

And we trust you to do right by America next Tuesday.

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