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## VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY EXTENDS WELCOME TO ALL DEMOCRATS

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 30 -- Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey today welcomed back all those Democrats who had previously withheld support for his candidacy.

Asserting that "our Party is uniting," Humphrey said that "those brave men who led dissent last spring have been listened to....have made their mark on policy and....are coming home."

In a speech delivered at the Pikesville Armory, Humphrey noted that though Democrats may differ over the issues, it is "because we care, and we care deeply about those issues." He said that the Democratic Party, for more than 30 years, has led this country in the "search for human rights, social justice and continued economic prosperity."

He expressed confidence that though "the hour is late," his campaign is rolling "and we're going to keep on rolling, right down to the wire." He warned that this election is too important to stay home, saying "voting is always a privilege. This year it is a solemn duty."

Noting that "there is much to do in America," he declared that he is nonetheless confident that "fear will wither in the voting booth; that hope is in our nation's heart; that greatness will prevail."

Stressing that there has never been a greater need for "people to learn once again to trust one another....and to trust their President," he promised to conduct an "Open Presidency and I shall be a people's President."

The text of Mr. Humphrey's speech is attached.

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REMARKS  
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
PIKESVILLE ARMORY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
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I did not come here tonight to talk to you about a man who has, in the short space of a few weeks, become a household word in America.

You know him better than I -- and I'm sure you'll be glad to have him back in Annapolis after next Tuesday.

Neither did I come here tonight to talk to you about the man who put him on the Republican ticket this year, Richard Milhous Nixon.

You know him too -- and so do all the American people.

Mr. Agnew has said if you've seen one slum you've seen them all.

I say if you've seen one Nixon you've seen them all.

But beyond the partisanship of the hour, beyond the banners and the slogans, lie the grim realities -- and the great opportunities of America's future.

One week from tonight the people will have recorded their solemn choice... their choice of who shall lead us all for the next four fateful years.

And exactly twelve weeks from tonight that new President will have spent his first full day alone in the White House.

For on January 20, when the balloons have collapsed and the confetti is gone, when the television commercials are silent and the crowds have gone home -- on January 20, one man will stand alone on the steps of the Capitol in Washington and take the solemn oath as President of the United States of America.

Under that man's leadership, this country will take a new direction -- and so will the world.

The choice the American people make a week from today will chart a course for all mankind.

I want to talk with you tonight about that course -- about what kind of a President I will be if the people give me that chance.

First I will by my every word and deed try to earn and deserve the people's trust.

I will tell the people the hard truths about our world.

I will open the White House doors and listen to the people.

I approach this subject in difficult times.

Never have we had more need for a leadership of strength and wisdom...to heal...to guide...to reconcile...and to help us find a new sense of confidence in ourselves.

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I shall have such an open Presidency...and I shall be a people's President.

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-- Not just for ourselves;

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Our power confers responsibility; our strength requires restraint.

One billion people in the world look to the American President for leadership towards peace. And all men everywhere must trust in him to keep that peace.

I shall be a peace President...beginning in Vietnam and continuing with effective controls on the strategic arms race. And I shall look to all Americans...as part of the open Presidency...for wisdom ...ideas...and support in my effort.

As the Prophet Isaiah said: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace." (Isaiah, 52:7)

That should be America's role in the world. That will be America's role when I am President.

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And there is the third reality of our time...the reality of stagnation...or progress...in the search for human rights...social justice...and continued economic prosperity.

We are a great people...but our true greatness has not been fulfilled.

In this campaign, I have spoken out for progress, despite warnings that Americans have had enough...that they want to be let alone...that our people are seeking only ease and security.

I just don't believe it.

I believe that the American people now more than ever before, want to press forward in the never-ending struggle for justice, the never-ending search for greatness.

I believe they are determined--

-- That no single child shall go hungry;

-- That no single child shall be denied good health...an excellent education ...a chance to unlock the door to life...and develop to the limits of his abilities;

-- That no single family shall live in poverty;

-- That no one who wants to work shall lack a job at decent wages.

You here tonight know which party has led this fight for more than 30 years-- the Democratic Party.

You know, too, that sometimes we Democrats have differed over issues -- because we care, and we care deeply -- about those issues.

Tonight I am happy to report to you that our Party is uniting...that those brave men who led dissent last spring have been listened to...that they have made their mark on policy...and that they are coming home.

With their help, with the help of all of you, we are going to win this election.

The hour is late. Only five days remain before election day.

Our road has been uphill.

But we're rolling tonight. And we're going to keep on rolling, right down to the wire.

I urge all of you here tonight, who believe with me...who believe in the ideals of the Democratic Party...to give me your help in this election.

And I urge all the people of Maryland, whatever their political beliefs, to vote on Tuesday.

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This election is too important for anyone to stay home.

Voting is always a privilege. This year it is a solemn duty. America needs each and every one of you -- next Tuesday, and in the years ahead.

During my travels this fall, I have seen the wealth of this nation.

I have seen a people glow with fantastic vigor.

My vision of America these last few weeks has made me confident;

-- That fear will wither in the voting booth;

-- That hope is in our nation's heart;

-- That greatness will prevail.

This is the promise of America -- 200 years old -- which, together we shall fulfill:

-- With the firm leadership of a people's President;

-- With the courageous effort of the American people;

-- And with the special grace that comes to those who know, as President

Kennedy said: "That here on earth...God's work must truly be our own."

There is much to do in America.

And together we can do it.

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(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Let me tell you that Humphrey wants you.

(Applause.)

And I want to let you go on like that, but you have paid television, and we just can't afford to have you say those things that long, you see. Say it on election day, November 5th, that is the time that will count.

(Applause.)

Senator Brewster and Senator Tydings, this great congressional delegation, all the officers in this party and this state government that are here, our friends, I wish that I had the time tonight to go up and down these tables to just pay my respects to every person here that has given of such great service in this campaign and more importantly, service to this great State of Maryland, to our country. But if I did so, the time would soon be consumed, and I am sure I would leave somebody out, and I would go away broken hearted. So tonight all I say to all of you is thank you, thank you for what you have been doing for me, for what you are going to do for yourself and for your country.

(Applause.)

By the way, some people have been asking me lately, they say, "What is it that has happened? What kind of a happening is this that things seem to be moving so rapidly, that the momentum is with us, that the Humphrey campaign seems to have taken off?" And I guess folks just forgot that I had a secret weapon, my Muriel. Muriel, you stand up here and let them take a look at Mrs. Humphrey.

(Applause.)

And she will make a mighty good first lady even if you won't like me as president.

(Applause.)

Why I had a person say the other day over here in Akron, Ohio, somebody stuck their head in the window and said, "Well, I don't know about Humphrey, but I sure do like his wife."

(Applause.)

And I said, "Let's not quibble about details, we go together in this whole thing."

(Applause.)

Friends, this is the last week of the campaign, and I am going to let you in on a secret. I feel better this last week than I felt the first week.

(Applause.)

And I hope you feel as confident as I feel tonight, because I am absolutely sure that if we keep doing what we are doing, if we keep building as we are building, if we keep fighting as we are fighting, if we keep this sense of buoyancy and confidence that we have, we are going to win this election and we are going to have a victory.

(Applause.)

You know, I read about two or three weeks ago in one of the weekly magazines it said Mr. Nixon had this election in the bag, and then somebody came by here about a week ago and consoled me and said, "Don't let that bother you, Mr. Humphrey, don't let that bother you at all," and I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "When they say Mr. Nixon has this election in the bag, I want to tell you what is going to happen on election day. When he opens that bag, out jumps Humphrey and Muskie."

(Applause.)



By the way, don't you like the sound of that ticket, Humphrey and Muskie?

(Applause.)

He has been a wonderful help, a great asset to us, and we are going to win this campaign for another reason, a basic one, because we trust the people, and I have taken my message to the people, I have talked the issues to the people, and the people trust us. Now tomorrow is the national Republican holiday, it is Halloween.

(Applause.) (Laughter.)

Our holiday, our holiday will be on November 5th. Now let me explain it to you. You know you have heard about tricks and treats. Well now, you have had several weeks of Nixon's tricks that come to and end on October 31, and the treats start with Humphrey and Muskie on November 5th.

(Applause.)

You know, dear friends, I have been trying to state why the people of this country should be with us, and why the people of this land cannot accept the leadership of the other candidates. I believe I can put it best in just a series of questions, questions that go right to the heart of some of the things that concern us, a nation with a younger population all the time, a nation with more and more people that are 60, 65 and over, a nation that is growing rapidly, a nation that has a great mission in this world, a nation that is changing more rapidly than time itself, and I can't help but think when they use that slogan for the Republicans that Nixon is the one that every question could be answered the same way, because the first question I would ask is who voted no when our youngsters needed some help, and our schools needed help? Who voted no on federal aid to education? We know the answer. When the chips were down, the tie vote, Nixon was the one. He was the one.

Who joined his Republican friends in years and years in killing federal aid to education on the basis of either race or religion? You know, Mr. Nixon and his Republicans or with his Republican cohorts, and who voted a consistent anti-labor record against every form of labor organization in this country? You know the answer. Mr. Nixon was the one.

And who was it that said you couldn't possibly put any faith in Medicare, that it wouldn't work, that it was the wrong way to do things, and that it was filled with all sorts of uncertainties? The man that fought it all of his life and now says he would like to improve it. I will tell you, I will tell you, Nixon was the one.

I wouldn't trust him five minutes with Medicare. I will be glad to give him some, but I won't trust him with it.

(Applause.)

(Cries of "Sock it to 'em.")

Who was it, my friends, that never once cast a single vote to help an unemployed man get a job, that never once lifted his voice for training, for a young teenager that might have dropped out of school and needed a chance, and who was it that only the other night on Face the Nation said, "Let's do away with the Job Corps," and as one of the American heroes at the Olympics, George Foreman, heavy-weight champion, representing the United States, holding high the American flag, with the gold medal on his chest, and when he received that high honor, what does he say, and as Mr. Nixon is speaking on Face the Nation, he said, "I got my chance in the Job Corps," and yet Mr. Nixon says do away with it.

(Applause.)

(Cries of "Sock it to 'em.")

And who is it that thinks that a little unemployment, not only a little, quite a little, 5.5 million, if you please, might be good for this economy, what kind of talk is this for a man that wants

to be president of these United States, to talk in terms of statistics as if it was a bookkeeping operation? We are talking in terms of human lives, we are talking in terms of families, we are talking in terms of human needs, and yet Mr. Nixon said that if it wasn't over 4.5 million, it wasn't dangerous, and he has raised his ante now, and his chief adviser says we could possibly go up to 5.5 million. Whose job are you talking about, Mr. Nixon? Maybe yours, because I intend to see that you are unemployed November the 5th.

(Applause.)

Yes, my friends, the record is here, and as the Scriptures say, "We shall judge them by their deeds and not by their words," particularly not by their words a week before the election.

Oh, what a debate Mr. Nixon has been having. It is the Nixon versus Nixon, the old and the new, the old positions and the more recent positions, which only reveals the real position that he hasn't changed a bit, except for election purposes.

(Applause.)

Who was it, my friends, when we were struggling to slow down the arms race, called the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty a cruel hoax, and who said it was catastrophic nonsense? You know the man. Thank God that the President of the United States didn't listen to it, and I had the rare privilege as a member of the Senate, along with your senators, to sponsor the resolution and the fight for many years for a test ban treaty to protect the peace of the world, to protect the health of our people. Mr. Nixon called it a cruel hoax. I call it a building block in sanity and peace for the world.

(Applause.)

And who was it that called the Peace Corps, which it was my privilege to author, who was it that called it a haven for draft dodgers? You know the answer, ladies and gentlemen. A man that can't see that the Peace Corps was one of the finest exhibitions of American kindness and of American know-how, a man that can't see that cannot have the vision to lead this nation as president.

(Applause.)

And who was it within the last week has told the American people without either fact or information that there was a security gap in our country that could lead to a survival gap, misinforming the American people, destroying confidence of our allies, misleading our enemies that could lead to miscalculation; who was it that totally misrepresented the facts and demonstrated his incapacity for leadership of this country? Mr. Nixon, the Republican candidate, you know the answer.

(Applause.)

Somebody said from this state if you have seen one slum you have seen them all -- (laughter) -- and I say, my friends, if you have seen one Nixon, you have seen them all.

(Applause.)

Serious business, ladies and gentlemen, very serious business. Campaigns are not confetti and balloons; campaigns should be substance and ideas. Campaigns should be able to tell the people what we are thinking, not just exactly how many miles we can travel. One week from tonight, yes, just a little less than one week, the people will have recorded their choice, and their choice of who shall lead this nation in the next four fateful years, and that is the people's decision. It is because of that that I have wanted this man to stand along side of me, on the same platform and discuss the issues, man to man. I say that a man that is unwilling to debate the issues with his competition in a free and open election in America where we have the right of free speech, the right to debate, to discuss and dissent, that if he can't do that here, how can he possibly discuss our case before the enemies



of of democracy abroad. How can he possibly represent us?

(Applause.)

(Cries of "Sock it to 'em.")

Exactly 12 weeks from tonight that new president will have spent his first full day in the White House, and from -- on January 20th, when the balloons have collapsed, the confetti is gone and the television commercials are silent and the crowds have gone home, on January 20th a president and a vice president will stand together on the steps of the Capitol in Washington and they will take the solemn oath as president and vice president of these United States of America, and under the president's leadership this country, this great country of ours, will take its direction and so will the world. The choice that the American people make six days from now, just six days, will chart, I believe, the course for all mankind, because it is still true that Lincoln -- as Lincoln put it, that America is the last best hope of earth, and when we vote here, we do not merely vote for ourselves or for the generation that is ours. We vote for generations yet unborn, and above all we vote for mankind. So I want to talk to you tonight about a course, about what kind of a president that I would hope to be if the people would give me that chance.

First of all, I want you to know I will by my every word and deed try to earn, to merit, and deserve the people's trust. I will tell the people of this country the hard truth, domestic and foreign, the truth about our society at home and the world in which we live.

I am one of those Americans that believe that the American people have a toughness of character, a quality of integrity which needs to be tested, and I will open the White House doors and listen to the people.

I approach this subject in the most difficult of times. Never have we needed, never have we needed more, longed more, for a leadership of strength and wisdom, a leadership to to heal, to guide and to reconcile, and to help us find a new sense of confidence in ourselves.

Too many Americans have been saying that America has lost its way. I say to this audience tonight that it has not. I say that America is finding its conscience, and that is good news.

(Applause.)

Never has there been a time, never has there been a time or a need for the people to trust their president more than now, because the people and the president must be one. We need what I call, and what we must always have, the open presidency, a presidency that can close the widening gap between Americans that live in the great cities, Mayor D'Alesandro, like Baltimore, and the people who live in the rural areas, the people who live in towns, and the government in the faroff -- what is to them faroff Washington. We need a presidency that can enable each American to feel that he is important, that he is needed, that he is a part of the great democratic process, despite our bigness.

We need a presidency that is responsive to the people.

I shall do my best, yes, I shall have such a presidency, because my hope and my only hope and purpose is to be the people's president, not some people's president, but all the people's president.

(Applause.)

The times tell us that there are stark realities that face us, and the first is the reality of war or peace, not just for ourselves but for all mankind.

America has awesome power and great wealth, but what America needs with that power and wealth is the sense of strength that comes from its people, and the compassion that comes from understanding.

Our power confers responsibility upon us, and our strength requires restraint.

I have always believed that the greatest task that a president has is not the use of power but restraint in the use of that power. Over one billion people in this world look to the American nation and the American president for leadership -owards peace in the days ahead just as they do this very night and in the days past, and all men everywhere must trust him to keep that peace.

I want to be, as I know my own President now wants to be, and I shall be, a peace president, because peace is the highest calling of statesmanship.

(Applause.)

The Prophet Isaiah put it so beautifully when he said, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace."

This is the mission of this country. This is America's role in the world, and it is this role that is trying to be fulfilled even as I now speak to you. When a man sits in the White House tonight who strives for peace, works for it with all of his heart and all of his mind, and if there ever was a man that needed our prayers and n-eded our confidence, it is tonight the President of the United States as he seeks that peace.

(Applause.)

Now there is a second reality that I must call to your attention, and you know it. There is a division in America, the division in our society, and there are those who prey upon it. There are those demagogues who spread confusion and doubt and bitterness and hatred, who build their political career upon it. They are unworthy of the trust of the American people. They are unworthy of the gift even of American citizenship. There is no room in America for hatred, the toxin of prejudice and bigotry and discrimination, and I call upon the people of Maryland to reject it as anti-American and immoral.

(Applause.)

Yes, that president, and if I am permitted to be your president, must understand the temper of our people, their trials, and they have them, and their fears, and the key to unlocking their energies and common purpose, and the president must use that great office to educate and to lead, to inspire and to guide.

I happen to believe -- to be one of those persons who believes that there is a basic goodness in the American character. I happen to believe that there is a greatness in this nation, and the task of the leader is to tap that goodness, and to call forth that greatness because without the goodness and the greatness of which I speak there can be no great America, and our work cannot be great or good. But it is here to be called upon, and need your help in calling.

We can no longer satisfy ourselves with our worldly goods and our petty needs. If we are to be the nation that we think we are, and if we are to realize the American dream, then that richness of goodness which is inherent in this character of the American nation and that great spirit of greatness which is there to be released, it must be found, and your president and the people together must unlock this great source of power, of goodness and greatness.

Yes, I hope to be able to inspire us with confidence that our efforts will succeed and that our unity means a new freedom for each of us, because if there ever was a time that we needed a new freedom of opportunity, a new freedom of participation, that hour is now, and that president must listen, listen very carefully to the people. He must listen to the quiet voice as well as the loud, and he must listen to the common man as well as his spokesman.

If we are to be a united people, and that is the only way we can succeed, the president must serve as a symbol of trust and confidence. His very life must represent the embodiment of this nation, one nation indivisible, a nation of people that trust one another and in trusting one another they can trust the institutions of their government, and they can trust their president because all of it they have created with their own trust and with their own hands. That is the dream of this land.

(Applause.)

My friends, there is yet the third reality of our times, the reality of stagnation or progress, and that is the choice in this election. Will we tread water as the rivers of change and time flow by us, or will we move with the stream and chart its course? Will we move with social progress and human rights towards social justice and continued economic prosperity, or will we fall back into bad habits and old practices?

I say we are a great people, but the true greatness is yet to be fulfilled. The story of America is the story of its unfinished business, and I am proud to represent a party tonight that has understood that America is but another name for the future, a future with promise and with hope, and I come to this audience tonight to ask you to continue the progress that we have made, not to draw down the shades and cut out the light, but rather to let the sunlight of progress and social change come through those windows of freedom that are ours.

I ask you tonight, my friends, not to vote your hates but rather to call upon the people to vote their hopes, and if they vote their hopes, the United States of America will be in good hands. If they vote their hopes, my fellow Americans, the Democratic cause will have a victory and the candidates that will win are your candidates, the Democratic candidates of Humphrey and Muskie.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

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I just don't believe it.

I believe that the American people now more than ever before, want to press forward in the never-ending struggle for justice, the never-ending search for greatness.



I believe they are determined --

--that no single child shall go hungry;

--that no single child shall be denied good health. . .

an excellent education . . . a chance to unlock the door to life . . .

and develop to the limits of his abilities;

--that no single family shall live in poverty;

--that no one who wants to work shall lack a job at  
decent wages.

You here tonight know which party has led this fight  
for more than 30 years -- the Democratic Party.

You know, too, that sometimes we Democrats have differed  
over issues -- because we care, and we care deeply -- about those  
issues.

Tonight I am happy to report to you that our party is  
uniting . . . that those brave men who led dissent last Spring  
have been listened to . . . that they have made their <sup>mark</sup> ~~work~~ on  
policy . . . and that they are coming home.

With their help, with the help of all of you, we are going to win this election.

The hour is late. Only five days remain before election day.

Our road has been uphill.

But we're rolling tonight. And we're going to keep on rolling, right down to the wire.

I urge all of you here tonight, who believe with me . . . who believe in the ideals of the Democratic Party . . . to give me your help in this election.

And I urge all the people of Maryland, whatever their political beliefs, to vote on Tuesday.

This election is too important for anyone to stay home.

Voting is always a privilege. This year it is a solemn duty. America needs each and every one of you -- next Tuesday, and in the years ahead.

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During my travels this fall, I have seen the wealth  
of this nation.

I have seen a people glow with fantastic vigor.

My vision of America these last few weeks has made  
me confident;

--that fear will wither in the voting booth;

--that hope is in our nation's heart;

--that greatness will prevail.

This is the promise of America -- 200 years old -- which,  
together, we shall fulfill:

--with the firm leadership of a people's President;

--with the courageous effort of the American people;

--And with the special grace that comes to those who know,  
as President Kennedy said: "that here on earth . . . God's work must  
truly be our own."

There is much to do in America.

And together we can do it.

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## REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

FUND RAISING DINNER

*Philadelphia Army ~~John F. Kennedy~~*  
~~PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA~~

*Baltimore, Maryland*

~~OCTOBER 29, 1968~~

*October 30, 1968*

This is the last week of this campaign. It's been a long uphill road -- but we're going to win.

We're going to win for one basic reason: We trust the people -- and the people know they can trust us.

One week from tonight across the nation the polls will be closing.

One week from tonight the people will have recorded their solemn choice ... their choice of who shall lead us all for the next four fateful years.

And exactly twelve weeks from tonight that new President will spend his first full day alone in the White House.

For on January 20, when the balloons have collapsed and the confetti is gone, when the television commercials are silent and the crowds have gone home, -- on January 20, one man will stand alone on the steps of the Capitol in Washington and take the solemn oath as President of the United States of America.

Under that man's leadership, this country will take a new direction -- and so will the world.

The choice the American people make a week today will chart a course for all mankind.

I want to talk with you tonight about that course -- about what kind of a President I will be if the people give me that chance.

First, I will by my every word and deed try to earn and deserve the people's trust.

I will tell the people the hard truths about our world.

I will open the White House doors and listen to the people.



I will close the gap between Americans and their government in faroff Washington. For the people are wise, and if we put our trust in them, we will earn their trust in us.

Second, I will do everything within my power to heal the wounds and end the divisions among our people ... between white and black ... between young and old ... between rich and poor.

I will do everything within my power to help them work together and live together ... to become one nation, indivisible, not two.

The President must guard the nation's security -- but he must also bespeak the nation's conscience.

I want to appeal to the best in our people, not the worst ... I want to ignite our hopes, not our fears. I want to bring forth compassion, not hate.

I want to lift up our people, not put them down. And I will do it, if you give me a chance.

Third, I will make peace in Vietnam. I am hopeful that that cruel war will end, and end soon -- that the Paris talks will succeed. It would be imprudent to say more about them tonight.

But I will say this: The man who is our President now is retiring. On January 20, I will be my own President. I will make peace in Vietnam -- and I will make it my own way.

Fourth, I will labor night and day to end the insane nuclear armaments race.

Here the choice between Mr. Nixon and me is clearcut. Mr. Nixon said last Thursday that he favored building an ever-escalating military establishment and increasing the influence of the military over our foreign policy and our national life.

I called this irresponsible -- and so did countless Americans -- and he tried to turn around 180 degrees in 48 hours.

My own position is clear. When I was in the Senate and President Kennedy was in the White House, I worked with him to get the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty -- which Richard Milhous Nixon once called catastrophic nonsense and a cruel hoax -- and the world is a safer place today.

This very month I urged the Senate to ratify immediately the treaty to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. A single word from Mr. Nixon would have ratified it. But he stood silent. ~~Now, when it is too late, he says he is for it.~~

When I am President, I will press for the ratification of that treaty. I will continue to keep America the strongest nation on earth. But I will also explore every possibility that can halt the suicidal nuclear arms race -- before the nuclear arms race halts mankind.

Fifth, and finally, I will press forward the great work of building a better society for all our people.

I want progress, not stagnation, in human rights ... social justice ... health and education .. and continued economic prosperity.

Mr. Agnew says if you've seen one slum, you've seen them all.

I say if you've seen one slum you've seen too many.

This has been the great work of the Democratic Party, <sup>-- and this</sup> begun by ~~Franklin Roosevelt~~ -- indeed, begun by Woodrow Wilson. *work will go forward in the Humphrey-Muskie Administration*

*(A) → Democrats live for ideals -- and from these*  
~~Some say this is ancient history. But the ideal they stood~~  
*ideals come a vision of our future.*  
~~for is not history -- it is our future.~~

It is the American dream --

-- to give every child a chance;

-- to get as good a doctor for the poor as for the rich;

-- to work without letup to end poverty;

-- to see that every man and woman has a job;

-- and to build the society of our dreams.

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October 28, 1968

*Tonight*

I want to say a few words ~~today~~ about two men who are not running

for office this year,

- two great Democrats;
- two men who suffered great abuse during their time of leadership;
- two Presidents who tried to meet the country's problems -- instead of covering them over in a cloud of rhetoric.

I mean Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson.

Each of these men fought for social change in America.

Each of them gained new ground for the ordinary citizens of our country.

Harry Truman asked for Medicare in 1948. The special interests beat him with a clever slogan -- "socialized medicine." But he made Medicare part of the American agenda.



Under Lyndon Johnson, Medicare became law -- and today it protects nearly 20 million Americans from devastating medical bills.

Harry Truman de-segregated the armed services. And he knew that America must secure justice for all its people -- in uniform and out. So in 1948 he called for the first truly comprehensive human rights program in American history.

Lyndon Johnson asked for, and got, three great Civil Rights Acts -- in 1964, 1965 and 1968 -- that marked the death-knell of official and systematic discrimination in America.

Harry Truman signed the Employment Act of 1946 -- that expressed a national policy of full employment for every man and woman who was willing and able to work.

During Lyndon Johnson's Presidency, the unemployment rate moved down to less than half of what it was under Republican rule.

These are tremendous achievements -- and you might imagine that men who secured them would leave office surrounded by the acclain of their people.

But both these men were fated to lead America at a time of testing abroad.

*at a time of tragic overseas military engagements.*

Both met a Communist aggression in the Far East -- because they believed that the success of aggression would be contrary to America's security interests in that part of the world.

Both wars were long and frustrating. While they continued, many people grew impatient -- some to get out at once -- no matter what the cost; some to follow the militant policy of an old soldier who wouldn't fade away.

Yet both Presidents persevered -- seeking a settlement that did not, by weakness, yield all our men had fought for; or that did not, by escalation, threaten to involve other major powers in the conflict.

A few years after Harry Truman left office, he began to hear the praise for his Presidency that had been denied him on his departure. When the controversy over the Korean War had ended, people began to sum up the Truman Years -- and they found them years of progress, years of growth, years marked by courage and compassion in the White House. Not everyone agreed with every decision Harry Truman had made; but they knew he had given America the best that he had, ~~and that it was mighty good.~~

I believe the American people will make the same judgment about Lyndon Johnson in the years to come. When they realize what he has

done to improve education and health, to give greater dignity to  
the years of age, to help the poor gain a better break in life, to  
save millions of acres of our land for the public good, to reduce  
the danger of a nuclear war with the Soviet Union, -- I believe they  
will sum it up with a "well done."

During the last two months of constant travel, I have seen the wealth of this nation.

I have seen a people aglow with vigor and on the move.

My vision of America these last few weeks has made me confident:

-- that fear will wither in the voting booth;

-- that hope is in our nation's heart;

-- that greatness will win the day ... in this election, and in the next four years.

Now my friends, a final word about this election.

Next Tuesday you will cast what may well be the most important vote of your life.

Everybody agrees that Mr. Nixon has been running a slick campaign.

We haven't. We've just been talking sense to the American people.

It's been uphill.

But now its moving ... and gaining momentum every minute. I've felt it all last week and this, from New York to California, from Albuquerque to Akron, from Los Angeles to Pittsburgh.

I don't care what the pollsters say: We can win.

And Mr. Nixon knows it. Let me tell you something. This next seven days is going to be the longest seven days in Mr. Nixon's life.

But to win, we need every vote. We need the vote of every man and woman who can put his trust in me ... who believes with me in the Democratic Party ideals.

And Pennsylvania can be decisive. The keystone state can be the key to this election. Pennsylvania can take the lead in choosing the next President -- and the course our country will take in the next four years.

If you're undecided, decide.

This election is too important for anybody to stay home.

America needs you, every one of you -- and now.

John F. Kennedy had a favorite quotation from Dante. It went:

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a time of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

I ask your help in this election.

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY AMS OCTOBER 31, 1968

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
PIKESVILLE ARMORY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
OCTOBER 31, 1968

I DID NOT COME HERE TONIGHT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT XXXX ABOUT A MAN  
WHO HAS, IN THE SHORT SPACE OF A FEW WEEKS, BECOME A HOUSEHOLD  
WORD XXXX IN AMERICA.

YOU KNOW HIM BETTER THAN I -- AND I'M SURE YOU'LL BE  
GLAD TO HAVE HIM BACK IN ANNAPOLIS AFTER NEXT TUESDAY.

NEITHER DID I COME HERE TONIGHT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT XXXX ABOUT THE  
MAN WHO PUT HIM ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET THIS YEAR, RICHARD  
MILHOS XXXX MILHOUS NIXON.

YOU KNOW HIM TOO -- AND SO DO ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MR. AGNEW HAS SAID IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLUM YOU'VE SEEN  
THEM ALL.

I SAY IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE NIXON YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL.

BUT BEYOND THE PARTISANSHIP OF THE HOUR XXXX HOUR, BEYOND THE BANNERS  
XXX BANNERS' AND THE SLOGANS, LIE THE GRIM REALITIES -- AND THE GREAT  
OPPORTUNITIES OF AMERICA'S FUTURE.

ONE WEEK FROM TONIGHT THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE XXXX HAVE  
RECORDED THEIR SOLEMN CHOICE...THEIR CHOICE XXXX CHOICE OF WHO SHALL  
LEAD US ALL FOR THE NEXT FOUR FATEFUL YEARS.

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WILL HAVE SPENT HIS FIRST FULL DAY ALONE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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CONFETTI IS GONE, WHEN THE TELEVISION COMMERCIALS  
ARE SILENT AND THE CROWDS HAVE GONE HOME -- ON JANUARY 20, ONE MAN  
WILL STAND ALONE ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON AND TAKE  
THE SOLEMN OATH AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

UNDER THAT MAN'S LEADERSHIP, THIS COUNTRY WILL  
TAKE A NEW DIRECTION -- AND SO WILL  
THE WORLD.

THE CHOICE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MAKE  
A WEEK FROM TODAY WILL CHART A COURSE FOR ALL  
MANKIND.

I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU TONIGHT ABOUT THAT COURSE -- ABOUT  
WHAT KIND OF A PRESIDENT I WILL BE IF THE PEOPLE GIVE ME THAT  
CHANCE.

FIRST I WILL BY MY EVERY WORD AND DEED TRY TO EARN AND DESERVE  
THE PEOPLE'S TRUST.

I WILL TELL THE PEOPLE THE HARD TRUTHS ABOUT OUR WORLD.

I WILL OPEN THE WHITE HOUSE DOORS AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE.

I APPROACH THIS SUBJECT IN DIFFICULT TIMES.

NEVER HAVE WE HAD MORE NEED FOR A LEADERSHIP OF STRENGTH  
AND WISDOM ... TO HEAL ... TO GUIDE ... TO RECONCILE ... AND  
TO HELP US FIND A NEW SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES.

NEVER HAS THERE BEEN A GREATER NEED FOR PEOPLE TO  
LEARN ONCE AGAIN TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER.

AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN GREATER FOR THE PEOPLE TO  
TRUST THEIR PRESIDENT.

WE MUST HAVE AN OPEN PRESIDENCY.

-- A PRESIDENCY THAT CAN CLOSE THE WIDENING GAP BETWEEN AMERICANS  
LIVING IN CITIES AND TOWNS AND GOVERNMENT IN FAR-OFF WASHINGTON;

--A PRESIDENCY THAT CAN ENABLE EACH AMERICAN TO FEEL THAT HE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS DESPITE OUR BUSINESS.;

----A PRESIDENCY RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE...NOT JUST AT THE END OF A LONG CHAIN OF BUREAUCRACY...BUT DIRECTLY.

I SHALL HAVE SUCH AN OPEN PRESIDENCY....AND I SHALL BE A PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT.

IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, THERE ARE THREE GREAT REALITIES THAT MUST BE FACED BY OUR PEOPLE...AND BY THEIR PRESIDENT.

FIRST IS THE REALITY OF WAR...OR PEACE.

--NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES;

--BUT FOR ALL MANKIND;

OUR POWER CONFERS RESPONSIBILITY; OUR STRENGTH REQUIRES RESTRAINT.

ONE BILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD LOOK TO THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT FOR LEADERSHIP TOWARDS PEACE. AND ALL MEN EVERYWHERE MUST TRUST IN HIM TO KEEP THAT PEACE.

I SHALL BE A PEACE PRESIDENT...BEGINNING IN VIETNAM AND CONTINUING WITH EFFECTIVE CONTROLS ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE. AND I SHALL LOOK TO ALL AMERICANS...AS PART OF THE OPEN PRESIDENCY... FOR WISDOM...IDEAS...AND SUPPORT IN MY EFFORT.

AS THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAID: "HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS, THAT PUBLISHETH PEACE." (ISAIAH, 52:7)

THAT SHOULD BE AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD. THAT WILL BE AMERICA'S ROLE WHEN I AM PRESIDENT.

SECOND, IS THE REALITY OF DIVISION IN AMERICAN SOCIETY... AND THE PARAMOUNT NEED FOR A NEW RECONCILIATION.

THE PRESIDENT MUST UNDERSTAND THE TEMPER OF OUR PEOPLE... THEIR TRIALS...THEIR FEARS...AND THE KEY TO UNLOCKING THEIR ENERGIES IN COMMON PURPOSE.

THE PRESIDENT MUST LEAD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AWAY FROM DIVISIONS AND DISCORD....TO A TRUST IN OUR FUTURE AS A UNITED PEOPLE.

THE PRESIDENT MUST INSPIRE US WITH CONFIDENCE THAT ORXXX OUR  
EFFORTS WILL SU CCEED...THAT ORXXX OUR UNITY MEANS A NEW FREEDOM FOR  
EACH OF US, THATNO MAN NEED FEAR LOSS, WHENOTHERS GAIN.

AND THE PRESIDENT MUST LISTEN TO HIS PEOPLE...LISTEN TO THE  
QUIET VOICE AS WELL AS TO THE LOUD...LISTEN TO THE COMMON MAN AS WELL  
AS T O HIS SPOKESMAN. WHEN ANY ONE OF US CALLS IN NEED...OR IN  
CONFUSION...THE PRESIDENT MUST RESPOND.

IF WE ARE TO BE A UNITED PEOPLE, THE PRESIDENT MUST SERVE  
AS A SYMBOL OF TRUST AND CNXXXX CONFIDENCE....FOR ONE NATION, AND ONE  
PEOPLE.

AND THERE IS THE THIRSXXX THIRD REALITY OF OUR TIJEXXX TIME...THE  
REALITY OF STAGNATION...OR PROGRESSSS....IN THE SEARCH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS..  
. SOCIAL JUSTICE...AND CONTINUED ECNXXXX ECONOMIC JXXX PROSPERITY.

WE ARE A GREAT PEOPLE....BUT OUR TRUE GREATNESS HAS NOT BEEN  
FULFILLED.

IN THIS CAMPAIGN, I HAVE SPOKEN OUT FOR PROGRESS, DESPITE  
WARNINGS THAT AMERICANS HAVE HAD ENOGXXX ENOUGH...THAT THEY WANT TO  
BE LET DNXXX DONE...THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE SEEKING ONLY EASE AND SECUTIRY.

I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT.

I BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE,  
WANT TO PRESS FORWARD IN THE NEVER-ENDING STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE, THE  
NEVER-ENDING SEARCH FOR GRETXXX GREATNESS.

I BELIEVE THEY ARE DETERMINED --

--THAT NO SINGLE CHILD SHALL GO HUNGRY;

--THAT NO SINGLE CHILD SHALL BE DENIED GOOD HEALTH...AN  
EXCELLENT EDUCATION...A CHANCE TO UNLOCK THE DOOR TO LIFE...AND  
DEVELOP TO THE LIMITS OF HIS ABILITIES;

---THAT NO SINGLE FAMILY SHALL LIVE IN POVERTY;

--THAT NO ONE WHO WANT TO WORK SHALL LACK A JOB AT DECENT  
WAGES.

YOU HERE TONIGHT KNOW WHICH PARTY HAS LED HXXX THIS FIGHT FOR  
MORE THAN 30 YEARS -- THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.



YOU KNOW, TOO, THAT SOEXXXX SOMETHIMES XXXX SOMETIMES WE  
DEMOCRATS HAVE DIFFERED OVER ISSUES -- BECUASE WE CARE, AND WE CARE  
DEEPLY -- ABOUT THOSE ISSUES.

TONIGHT I AM HAPPY TO REPORT TO YOU THAT ORXXX OUR PARTY IS  
UNITING...THAT THOSE BRAVE MEN WHO LED DISSENT LAST SPRING HAVE  
BEEN LISTENED TO...THAT THEY HAVE MADE THEIR MARK ON POLICY...  
AND THAT THEY ARE COMING HOME.

WITH THEIR HELP, WITH THE HELP OF ALL OF YOU, WE ARE GOING  
TO WIN THIS ELECTION.

THE HOUR IS LTXXX LATE. ONLY FIVE DAYS REMAIN BEFORE ELECTION  
DAY.

OUR RAXXXX ROAD HAS BEEN UPHILL.

BUT WE'RE ROLLING TNXXX TONIGHT. AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP ON  
ROLLING, RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE.

I URGE ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT, WHO BEIXXXX BELIEVE WITH ME...  
SXXX WHO BELIEVE IN THE IEXXXX IDEALS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY...TO  
GIVE ME YOUR HELP IN THIS ELECTION.

AND I URGE ALL THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND, *in Anytime in the District of Columbia* ~~WHATSOEVER~~ THEIR POLITICAL  
BELIEFS, TO VOTE ON TUESDAY.

THIS ELECTION IS TOO IMPORTANT TO XXXX FOR ANYONE TO STAY HOME  
VOTING IS ALWAYS A PRIVILEGE. THIS YEAR IT IS A SOLEMN DUTY.  
AMERICA NEEDS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU -- NEXT TUESDA, XXXX TUESDAY, AND  
IN THE YEARS AHEAD.  
DURINGXXXX

DURING MY TRAVELS THIS FALL, I HAVE SEEN THE WEATHXXXX WEALTH OF  
OF THIS NATION.

I HAVE SEEN A PEOPLE GLOW WITH FANTASTIC VAIXXXX VIGOR.

MY VISION OF AMERICA THESE LAST FEW WEEKS HAS MADE ME CONFIDENT;

--THAT FEAR WILL WITHER IN THE VOTING BOOTH;

-- THAT HOPE IS IN OUR NATION'S HEART;

--THAT GREATNESS WILL PREVAIL.

THIS IS THE PROMISE OF AMERICA -- 200 YEARS OLD -- WHICH, TOGETHER  
, WE SAHLL FLXXX FULFILL;XXX FUFIXXX FULFILL:

--WITH THE FIRM LEADERSHIP OF A PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT;

---WITHTHE COURAGEOUS EFFORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE;

--AND WITHTHE SPEICAL GRACE THAT COMES TO THOSE WHO KNOW,

AS PRESIDENT KENNEDY SAID: "THAT HERE ON EARTH...GOD'S WORK MUST  
TRULY BE OUR OWN."

THERE IS MUCH TO D IXXXX DO IN AMERICA.

AND TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT.

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

*FUND RAISING DINNER*

PIKESVILLE ARMORY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

OCTOBER 30, 1968

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF THIS CAMPAIGN. IT'S BEEN A LONG UPHILL ROAD -- BUT WE'RE GOING TO WIN.

WE'RE GOING TO WIN FOR ONE BASIC REASON: WE TRUST THE PEOPLE -- AND THE PEOPLE KNOW THEY CAN TRUST US.

ONE WEEK FROM TONIGHT ACROSS THE NATION THE POLLS WILL BE CLOSING.

ONE WEEK FROM TONIGHT THE PEOPLE WILL HAVE RECORDED THEIR SOLEMN CHOICE...THEIR CHOICE OF WHO SHALL LEAD US ALL FOR THE NEXT FOUR FATEFUL YEARS.

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I WILL OPEN THE WHITE HOUSE DOORS AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE.

I WILL CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN AMERICANS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT IN FAR OFF WASHINGTON. FOR THE PEOPLE ARE WISE, AND IF WE PUT OUR TRUST IN THEM, WE WILL EARN THEIR TRUST IN US.

SECOND, I WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO HEAL THE WOUNDS AND END THE DIVISIONS AMONG OUR PEOPLE...BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK... BETWEEN YOUNG AND OLD...BETWEEN RICH AND POOR.

I WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO HELP THEM WORK TOGETHER AND LIVE TOGETHER...TO BECOME ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE, NOT TWO.

THE PRESIDENT MUST GUARD THE NATION'S SECURITY--BUT HE MUST ALSO BESPEAK THE NATION'S CONSCIENCE.

I WANT TO APPEAL TO THE BEST IN OUR PEOPLE, NOT THE WORST... I WANT TO IGNITE OUR HOPES, NOT OUR FEARS. I WANT TO BRING FORTH COMPASSION, NOT HATE.

I WANT TO LIFT UP OUR PEOPLE, NOT PUT THEM DOWN. AND I WILL DO IT, IF YOU GIVE A CHANCE.

THIRD, I WILL MAKE PEACE IN VIETNAM. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THAT CRUEL WAR WILL END, AND END SOON--THAT THE PARIS TALKS WILL SUCCEED. IT WOULD BE IMPRODENT TO SAY MORE ABOUT THEM TONIGHT.

BUT I WILL SAY THIS: THE MAN WHO IS OUR PRESIDENT NOW IS RETIRING. ON JANUARY 20, I WILL BE MY OWN PRESIDENT. I WILL MAKE PEACE IN VIETNAM--AND I WILL MAKE IT MY OWN WAY. 2.

FOURTH, I WILL LABOR NIGHT AND DAY TO END THE INSANE NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS RACE.

HERE THE CHOICE BETWEEN MR. NIXON AND ME IS CLEARCUT. MR. NIXON SAID LAST THURSDAY THAT HE FAVORED BUILDING AN EVER-ESCALATING MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND INCREASING THE INFLUENCE OF THE MILITARY OVER OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

I CALLED THIS [REDACTED] IRRESPONSIBLE--AND SO DID COUNTLESS AMERICANS--AND HE TRIED TO TURN AROUND 180 DEGREES IN 48 HOURS.

MY OWN POSITION IS CLEAR. WHEN I WAS IN THE SENATE AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, I WORKED WITH HIM TO GET THE LIMITED NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY--WHICH RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON ONCE CALLED CATASTROPHIC NONSENSE AND A CRUEL HOAX--AND THE WORLD IS A SAFER PLACE TODAY.

THIS VERY MONTH I URGED THE SENATE TO RATIFY IMMEDIATELY THE TREATY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. A SINGLE WORD FROM MR. NIXON WOULD HAVE RATIFIED IT. BUT HE STOOD SILENT.

WHEN I AM PRESIDENT, I WILL PRESS FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THAT TREATY. I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AMERICA THE STRONGEST NATION ON EARTH. BUT I WILL ALSO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY THAT CAN HALT THE SUICIDAL NUCLEAR ARMS RACE--BEFORE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE HALTS MANKIND.

FIFTH, AND FINALLY, I WILL PRESS FORWARD THE GREAT WORK OF BUILDING A BETTER SOCIETY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.

I WANT PROGRESS, NOT STAGNATION, IN HUMAN RIGHTS...SOCIAL JUSTICE...HEALTH AND EDUCATION...AND CONTINUED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

MR. AGNEW SAYS IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLUM, YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL.

I SAY IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLUM YOU'VE SEEN TOO MANY.

THIS HAS BEEN THE GREAT WORK OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY--AND THIS WORK WILL GO FORWARD IN THE HUMPHREY-MOSKIE ADMINISTRATION.

I WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS TONIGHT ABOUT TWO MEN WHO ARE NOT [REDACTED] RUNNING FOR OFFICE THIS YEAR.

EACH OF THESE MEN FOUGHT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE IN AMERICA.

EACH OF THEM GAINED NEW GROUND FOR THE ORDINARY CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY.

HARRY TRUMAN ASKED FOR MEDICARE IN 1948. THE SPECIAL INTERESTS BEAT HIM WITH A CLEVER SLOGAN--"SOCIALIZED MEDICINE." BUT HE MADE MEDICARE PART OF THE AMERICAN AGENDA.

UNDER LYNDON JOHNSON, MEDICARE BECAME LAW--AND TODAY IT PROTECTS NEARLY 20 MILLION AMERICANS FROM DEVASTATING MEDICAL BILLS.

HARRY TRUMAN DE-SEGREGATED THE ARMED SERVICES. AND HE KNEW THAT AMERICA MUST SECURE JUSTICE FOR ALL [REDACTED] ITS PEOPLE--IN [REDACTED] UNIFORM AND OUT. SO IN 1948 HE CALLED FOR THE FIRST TRULY COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

LYNDON JOHNSON ASKED FOR, [REDACTED] AND GOT, THREE GREAT CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS--IN 1964, 1965 AND 1968--THAT MARKED THE DEATH-KNELL OF OFFICIAL AND SYSTEMATIC DISCRIMINATION IN AMERICA.

HARRY TRUMAN SIGNED THE EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1946--THAT EXPRESSED A NATIONAL POLICY OF FULL EMPLOYMENT FOR EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WHO WAS WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK.



DURING LYNDON JOHNSON'S PRESIDENCY, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MOVED DOWN TO LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS UNDER REPUBLICAN RULE.

A FEW YEARS AFTER HARRY TRUMAN LEFT OFFICE, HE BEGAN TO HEAR THE PRAISE FOR HIS PRESIDENCY THAT HAD BEEN DENIED HIM ON HIS DEPARTURE. 3.

WHEN THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE KOREAN WAR HAD ENDED, PEOPLE BEGAN TO SUM UP THE TRUMAN YEARS--AND THEY FOUND THEM YEARS OF PROGRESS, YEARS OF GROWTH, YEARS MARKED BY COURAGE AND COMPASSION IN THE WHITE HOUSE. NOT EVERYONE AGREED WITH EVERY DECISION HARRY TRUMAN HAD MADE; BUT THEY KNEW HE HAD GIVEN AMERICA THE BEST THAT HE HAD.

I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL MAKE THE SAME JUDGMENT ABOUT LYNDON JOHNSON IN THE YEARS TO COME.

WHEN THEY REALIZE WHAT HE HAS DONE TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AND HEALTH--TO GIVE GREATER DIGNITY TO THE YEARS OF AGE--TO HELP THE POOR GAIN A BETTER BREAK IN LIFE--TO SAVE MILLIONS OF ACRES OF OUR LAND FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD--TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF A NUCLEAR WAR WITH THE SOVIET UNION--I BELIEVE THEY WILL SUM IT UP WITH A "WELL DONE."

DEMOCRATS LIVE FOR IDEALS--AND FROM THESE IDEALS COME A VISION OF OUR FUTURE.

IT IS THE AMERICAN DREAM--

--TO GIVE EVERY CHILD A CHANCE;

--TO GET AS GOOD A DOCTOR FOR THE POOR AS FOR THE RICH;

--TO WORK WITHOUT LETUP TO END POVERTY;

--TO SEE THAT EVERY MAN AND WOMAN HAS A JOB;

--AND TO BUILD THE SOCIETY OF OUR DREAMS.

DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF CONSTANT TRAVEL, I HAVE SEEN THE WEALTH OF THIS NATION.

I HAVE SEEN A PEOPLE AGLOW WITH VIGOR AND ON THE MOVE.

MY VISION OF AMERICA THESE LAST FEW WEEKS HAS MADE ME CONFIDENT:

--THAT FEAR WILL WITHER IN THE VOTING BOOTH;

--THAT HOPE IS IN OUR NATION'S HEART;

--THAT GREATNESS WILL WIN THE DAY...IN THIS ELECTION, AND IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

AMERICA NEEDS YOU, EVERY ONE OF YOU--AND NOW.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD A FAVORITE QUOTATION FROM DANTE. IT WENT:

"THE HOTTEST PLACES IN HELL ARE RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO, IN A TIME OF GREAT MORAL CRISIS, MAINTAIN THEIR NEUTRALITY."

I ASK YOUR HELP IN THIS ELECTION.



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