O O There is no doubt that the Nixon Administration and the Republican Congressional leadership will provide us with the issues on which the campaign of 1970 will turn. Already the three Congressional victories out of four special House races shows the vitality of our Party in wide, diverse parts of the nation. Our business tonight is to send forth the word that there will be critical contests throughout this nation for every Senate and House seat. The control of the ninety-second Congress will be critical to our success in the Presidential elections of 1972, Let no one suspect that either of these often said -- and I sincerely believe--that we were not defeated in 1968 by the Nixon-Agnew ket---we Deprocrats beat ourselves. Let that warning go out tonight -- a warning to ourselves that victory or defeat in 1970-- and in 1972, will be in our hands and in our commitment and dedication

Congressional seats--Senate seats--Governors' races--and the vital question of the control of State Legislatures are all on the docket for next year. The results will affect every redistricting decision in the nation following the 1970 census. the results in 1970 could set the political destiny of this nation for the next decade. We will never be able to outspend or outmerchandise the Republican Sut our leadership in Congress and throughout States have the confidence of the American people. in the months ahead with roll calls on tax reform food for the hungry, consumer protection, vital issue of priorities for America's human and economic resources.

If we do this job well,

If we make the record and call the roll.

If we do not falter in face of difficult times and tensions in the nation.

Then there is no question that the reins of leadership will continue in the men we honor tonight-and be ready to be held by the leaders of every level who will join them after November 1970.

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