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Good evening, fellow citizens of Minnesota.

I am speaking to you tonight to bring you a report of developments in our national campaign, to express my thanks for your exceptional support, and to discuss with you our plans for the coming months in 1948.

Recent news from across the nation has been very encouraging. Our trip to New England in January found strong support of the people of the Northeast area of America. Many of the outstanding leaders of the Republican Party definitely and publicly indicated their decision to back us up at the National Convention. Our January trip by air through the Western Mountain States met with many indications in the crowds at public meetings in Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico, and in the expressions of potential delegate support which was distinctly stronger than six months ago.

Each new step of progress in the campaign affords fresh evidence of the effective manner in which the men and women of Minnesota have been carrying on this nationwide effort. In nearly every state of the union, people have come up to me after meetings and have mentioned letters they have received from friends or relatives in Minnesota about our campaign. Many times people elsewhere have told me about Minnesota visitors, in their homes or at their businesses, who took time out to speak a few friendly words about our candidacy.

Likewise in the matter of campaign funds the people of Minnesota have done a remarkable job. More than half of the entire campaign funds for the entire national campaign thus far have been contributed by citizens of Minnesota. Seven thousand eight hundred and twelve men and women of Minnesota have made contributions to the campaign in an average amount of a little less than \$27.00 apiece. These are the funds that have carried more than half of the whole campaign nationally. Joined with scattered contributions from other states, these moneys have provided the essential means of paying for literature, travel expense, radio, postage, office rent, and other campaign expense.

The recent polls taken across the country carry a favorable indication that we can win this important national election.

It will not be easy, but it can be done. I pledge to each of you tonight that if our campaign ends in victory, it will be my unending resolve so to conduct the office of the Presidency that the people of Minnesota will never regret their early and enthusiastic and loyal support.

We will endeavor to carry out nationally the same fundamental philosophy of government, the same truly liberal Republican program, which on a smaller scale, with your help, we conducted in Minnesota. Naturally I have been pleased and proud of the splendid records that the Honorable Edward J. Thye and the Honorable Luther Youngdahl have made as succeeding Governors; I have been thrilled by the exceptional support that the people of Minnesota have given to their truly liberal philosophy on the whole wide range of policy of the Republican Party in Minnesota.

It will be our endeavor to work toward an increasingly better life for the people of America and of all mankind, with expanding freedom and without the suffering caused by booms and busts in an economy.

It will be our endeavor to win a victory for expanding freedom of Americans and of others without the tragedy of a third world war.

It will be our endeavor to follow a truly liberal program in keeping with the superb tradition of the founder of the Republican Party, Abraham Lincoln, with his humanitarian concern and his firm determination.

As we carry on this campaign, I will deeply appreciate your continued assistance. The Wisconsin Primary on April 6th will be of great importance. The letters and contacts that you can make with your friends and relatives in that state will count. Likewise, as the campaign increases, the need for campaign funds is ever greater and new contributions are needed. We are still following the policy, and will continue to follow it, that we will not accept any funds from anyone with strings attached. Neither will we accept any contributions that are disproportionately large. Our campaign will continue to depend on the large number of smaller contributions. We will continue to insist upon being free to make future decisions in accordance with what appears to be the best interests of the people as a whole.

I also urge upon my friends in Minnesota that in carrying on this campaign, they do not make any attack upon other candidates for the Presidency. Let us carry on our effort through a constructive presentation of our position on the great issues before our country, both in domestic and foreign affairs. Let us never engage in any personal attacks or bitter differences, but rather present to the people for their decision our liberal philosophy of government as it affects direct decisions. Furthermore, I trust my friends in Minnesota will give a courteous welcome to any leaders of the Republican Party who come into the state and give them a friendly hearing upon their views upon the problems before our party and our country. I specifically trust and urge that when Senator Robert Taft is in St. Paul for the Lincoln Day Dinner, he be extended every consideration and courtesy. He is a leader of our Republican Party for whom I have a high regard and a deep respect, even though I do differ with him on many policies. I also trust that Senator Raymond Baldwin of Connecticut who appears for the Minneapolis Lincoln Day Dinner will be given a thoughtful reception. I equally hope that if Governor Thomas E. Dewey comes to Minnesota during the campaign, he will be given a good audience and careful consideration of his views. We should never lose sight of the fact that it is our objective that the Republican Party should be united after the nominating in Philadelphia for victory in the final election. Beyond that the entire country should be united after next November in meeting the crucial decisions for the great questions of domestic and foreign policy and fulfilling its leadership in world affairs for peace and progress.

The best of conduct of a government of free people requires that issues should be met in a forthright, direct manner, that contests should be joined in accordance with free elections, and that the decision of the people should be respected.

I pledge to you a vigorous campaign in the best of American Republican tradition. We will carry on, humbly drawing lessons from the words and deeds of that first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, whose humanitarian views, quiet determination, and deep, true liberalism meant so much to our America.

Thank you and good evening.



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