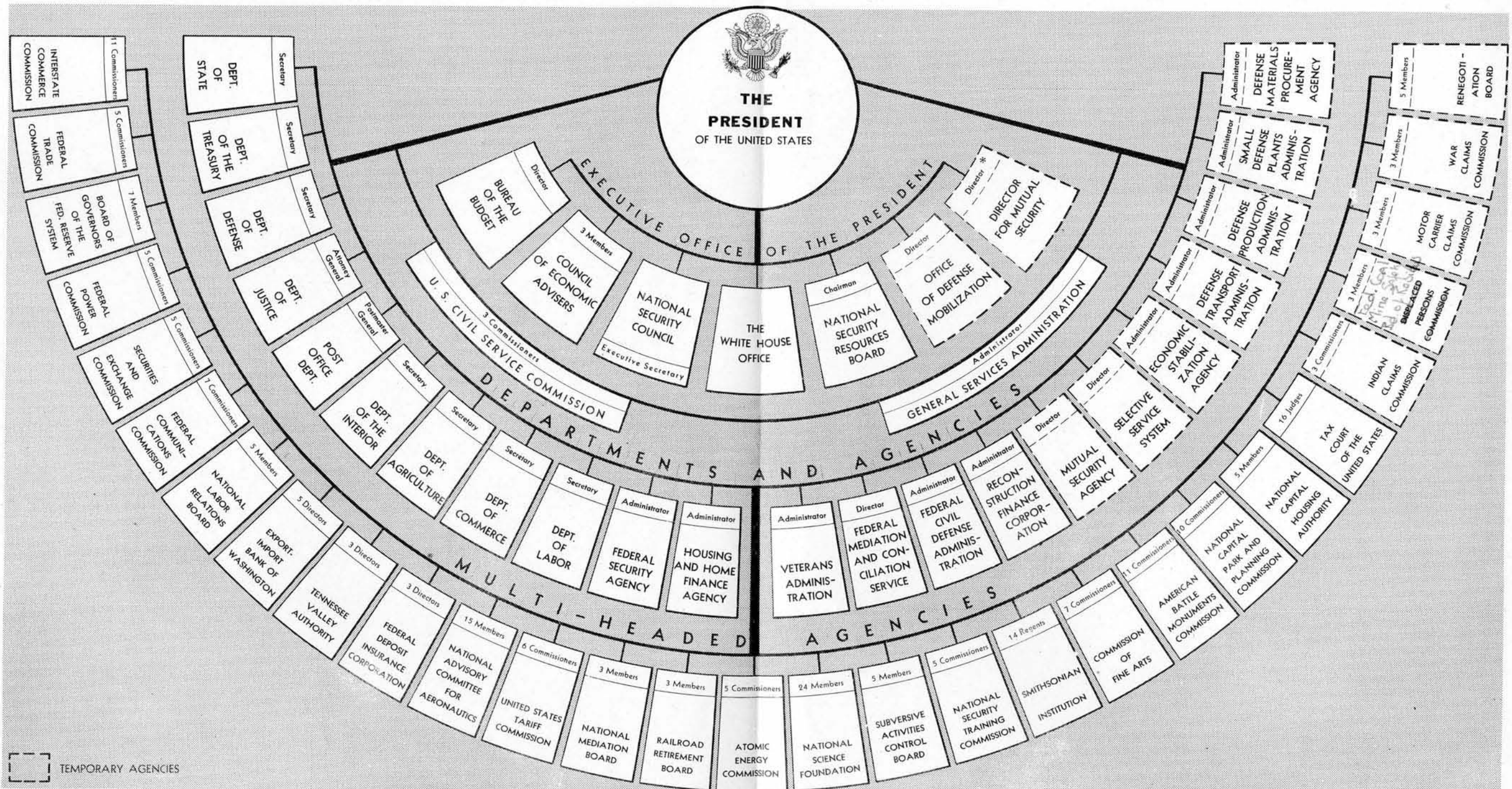


EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT



* Serves also as the Director of the Mutual Security Agency

Harold E. Stassen
Director for Mutual Security

Shant
February 10, 1953

There are more of these new cards of
yours in the top right hand drawer and
Mrs. HES has additional at 3312.

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1. I was with General Eisenhower in New York on the evening and early morning of his election and visited with him at that time.
2. It is my present plan to continue to serve as President of the University of Pennsylvania and to continue to assist General Eisenhower in every way I can in his new responsibility as President.
3. There has been no agreement or understanding of any kind between General Eisenhower and myself for any position whatsoever. My early support of him, the transfer of my delegates to him to clinch the nomination at the end of the first ballot, and my work for him and with him since the nomination have all been based on my conviction that this was the best thing to do for the future of our country. I have no anxieties at the present time!
4. I have never had a "strong desire to some day become President of the United States." My very active campaign of 1948 was conducted because of my belief that President Truman's policies would lead to the loss of ground for the forces of freedom in the world situation with tragic consequences for America and because of my conviction that if nominated I could defeat him and establish a successful administration. I am thrilled that General Eisenhower has now accomplished what I was unable to do in 1948 and have a deep sense of satisfaction and a confident outlook that he will give America the leadership so much needed at home and abroad.
5. It would not be proper for me to comment on a question of this kind. I assume you know of my very high regard for Governor Warren.

6. At approximately 8:30 P. M. when the returns indicated that he was decisively carrying Connecticut. It was at this time that I was interviewed by Robert Trout on CBS and stated that in my judgment he would be elected with the largest popular vote that any President had ever received. The reason for this conclusion was that Connecticut as an industrial state heavily unionized could not be carried unless a large proportion of members of ^{organized} ~~authorized~~ labor were voting for General Eisenhower notwithstanding the endorsements of his opponent. This fact, added to our knowledge of other strengths, made a very decisive victory evident. I should add that I was very confident of a decisive election ten days before election day.
7. Confidence in General Eisenhower and trust of his leadership was in my judgment the deciding factor. The very bad Truman record was the second reason. The specific issues revolved around the Korean War, foreign policy generally, inflation and corruption.
8. It is not proper for me to comment on this question.
9. The Democratic Party will still be a strong party with many city and state administrations and organizations and almost one-half of the membership of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. No one could make an intelligent prediction now of the relative position of the parties in 1956.
10. Because of the relationship which I have had in an advisory capacity with General Eisenhower, it is not proper for me to comment on this type of question. On this and on similar questions however I would caution that you should not take seriously any claims or stories or statements by columnists or writers or political leaders as to what General Eisenhower intends to do. He is very definitely a

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leader. He makes up his own mind, makes his own announcements, and moves in accordance with his own principles and his own conscience.

November 7, 1952

A TALK WITH PRESIDENT STASSEN

By request of Morrie Kaplan of the Daily Pennsylvanian

Question 1. Have you spoken to or tried to contact Eisenhower since his election?

Answer: I was with General Eisenhower in New York on the evening and early morning of his election and visited with him at that time.

Question 2. In view of the election results the rumor on campus is stronger than ever that you will be resigning from your post as President in the very near future. Would you care to comment on the validity or false-ness of this rumor?

Answer: It is my present plan to continue to serve as President of the University of Pennsylvania and to continue to assist General Eisenhower in every way I can in his new responsibility as President.

Question 3. Drew Pearson in his 'Washington Merry-Go-Round' column of October 26 picked you as the probable choice for Secretary of Labor. Has there been any agreement or understanding between you and Eisenhower to the effect that if he won the election you would receive the post of Secretary of Labor? Are you anxious to obtain the post?

Answer: There has been no agreement or understanding of any kind between General Eisenhower and myself for any position whatsoever. My early support of him, the transfer of my delegates to him to clinch the nomination at the end of the first ballot, and my work for him and with him since the nomination have all been based on my conviction that this was the best thing to do for the future of our country. I have no anxieties at the present time!

Question 4. Does Eisenhower's election in any way change your strong desires to someday become President of the United States? Do you think your chances for becoming President are now hampered in view of Eisenhower's election, especially since a strong campaign point in the '52 election has been the desire for a "change in parties".

Answer: I have never had a "strong desire to some day become President of the United States." My very active campaign of 1948 was conducted because of my belief that President Truman's policies would lead to the loss of ground for the forces of freedom in the world situation with tragic consequences for America and because of my conviction that if nominated I could defeat him and establish a successful administration. I am thrilled that General Eisenhower has now accomplished what I was unable to do in 1948 and have a deep sense of satisfaction and a confident outlook that he will give America the leadership so much needed at home and abroad.

Question 5. Do you think Governor Warren will give up his Governorship to become Attorney General?

Answer: It would not be proper for me to comment on a question of this kind. I assume you know of my very high regard for Governor Warren.

Question 6. At what point during the returns of the voting do you think Eisenhower clinched the election?

Answer: At approximately 8:30 P. M. when the returns indicated that he was decisively carrying Connecticut. It was at this time that I was interviewed by Robert Trout on CBS and stated that in my judgment he would be elected with the largest popular vote that any President had ever received. The reason for this conclusion was that Connecticut as an industrial state heavily unionized could not be carried unless a large proportion of members of organized labor were voting for General Eisenhower notwithstanding the endorsements of his opponent. This fact, added to our knowledge of other strengths, made a very decisive victory evident. I should add that I was very confident of a decisive election ten days before election day.

Question 7. Which issue or point in the Presidential race do you think was the deciding factor in influencing the American people to vote for Eisenhower?

Answer: Confidence in General Eisenhower and trust of his leadership was in my judgment the deciding factor. The very bad Truman record was the second reason. The specific issues revolved around the Korean War, foreign policy generally, inflation and corruption.

Question 8. Which men do you think Eisenhower will pick for his cabinet, and what posts do you think these men will receive?

Answer: It is not proper for me to comment on this question.

Question 9. Do you think the Democratic party has been broken in spirit, influential and financial backing, and organization by Eisenhower's sweeping election, or do you feel the Democrats are still potentially strong enough to make a comeback in '56?

Answer: The Democratic Party will still be a strong party with many city and state administrations and organizations and almost one-half of the membership of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. No one could make an intelligent prediction now of the relative position of the parties in 1956.

Question 10. Do you think Eisenhower will try to arrange a meeting with Stalin in the near future? Do you believe anything will be gained by such a meeting?

Answer: Because of the relationship which I have had in an advisory capacity with General Eisenhower, it is not proper for me to comment on this type of question. On this and on similar questions however I would caution that you should not take seriously any claims or stories or statements by columnists or writers or political leaders as to what General Eisenhower intends to do. He is very definitely a leader. He makes up his own mind, makes his own announcements, and moves in accordance with his own principles and his own conscience.

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They have all
the records of
every act of
Govt & for
40 years

And all they
can do is make
false charges

Get out history
to E quality
& record

Taff forces
claimed E
denied by T

Not T's fault
Claims E denies
by T.

Both wrong

Rose
Wharton
Public utility

Two great generals
pulled ^{control away} from
out of ~~these~~ ^{upset} ~~these~~ ^{blunders}

Med & E

T's slander both
of them

Set up a political trap

Not happy
about McLeith's
situation

But

Left Road
11 AM
Winnahuden
7-8215

Wm Green AF 12
Nat 3875

Miss Fench
Cincinnati Ohio 200
* after lunch

2 P.M.

Sgt. Zoluech
Good talk for phone
He would see General
man to ~~know~~ or with me
when is General coming East.
His later leave is ~~last~~ ch.
Mrs J. 211 - slightly injured
Cher Con Aug 10th

Al Hayes

Int. Assoc of Merchants
9th & N. W. P

Nat 4135

Very happy to meet with him

with
Petersen
Gardner

K.C. Sept 8th

Sept 1st

Before I meet
glad to fly

Phil Murray

718 Jackson N.W.

Exec. 5581

11 AM

Chgo

Amalgamated Banks
Blackstone

City
Aug 10th

Harry Bates

Bushdenger

Dash to an

1882

1613 Grand St NW

815 15th St

1:15

Glad to call
thinks certainly would do so
He will discuss with
Green & with Murray
when they return from Chgo

Unlisted

Nat. 6393

W.S.B. #

1-1545

Cover Com meeting
July 28th

Cannot establish
peace by cutting
off all trade.

Sole criterion

Introducer

Sentimental stuff

Go to Church

Sentimental stuff

Sat.

Shirley

No war party

Primer 1916

Balanced Policy

Free world
can be held

Strong summary Allen

God will
Patience

Dynamic Power

Friend

Ever Present Help
in Time of Trouble

Disparate trouble
years.

worldwide
~~policy~~
Policy must meet
present

Carnes & Sons

All peoples

Spiritual

Blue branch

Man walking
down street with
gun as his big

Longing of people
everywhere for peace

Only way to keep
world from it
is to prevent it

new bus driver
new adm

7 years

A bad war risk

Half of this century

Yalta - Siberia

Korea

Bengal into Pakistan

Freedom Cries
Slavery

7 years ago

Party in Power

What I ever struck you

More than coincidence

This is the most
serious thing in
the world to do

I do not want to
make an overstatement
a very serious
subject

What I would propose

What it takes to win

Economic Sanctions

Balance of Payments
Effect

Mendall parties

W

I have entered South

Republican nominees

One gave them up as hopeless

& the other had them
in the bag

Atlanta - Bob Jones

President of South.

The mess is basically

Top to Bottom

your kids

higher taxes
higher prices

Admits brush man

Full Treatment

wash mess.

my hon. opponent has
admitted

Bungling with Peace

Concluding

necessity

mounting high taxes

Mr. J. is not a crook
congress

22 cal man
ma 45 cal job

Evidence down
the line

Penpointing belongs
to others

Sen William Told me*

Fed Judge - Wilson

You make out my text
must be about expansion

Anti U. at least tax collect

any undeposited commitments left
the mess

Repul & Plans

And How

He can't cure it

Nothing certain
I can cure that mess

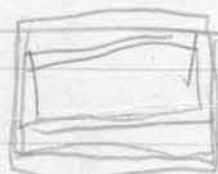
Of course

Bungled up for Bob

Sherman Adams

Morse

visit Monday



Poll - pick up - on left

4970

970 Adv Ind

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N.Y. Mass. Wisc.

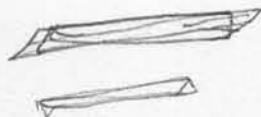
HOTEL



Commodore

42ND STREET AT LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
TELEPHONE MU 6-6000

1. AFR Breakfast
2. AFR 2 guests
1 Senator & Congressman
3. Reception
4. Speech distribution
5. Call Eaton



10. Depts with Comptroller
- 10.7 Bad Bungalows
- 10.12 Betrayers

How would I go
about it
Able men & women to help
Cooperation of Eugene
~~Clear cut~~ ^{Objectives}
I would keep my
sense of humor
but I would not
spend my time
wrecking.
Times two important for that

1052

5:15

Call
Auriculars
Dave

Sharn Adams

Sept 17 to

George F. Smith
Hammond
Indiana

6 P.M.

Slack niggleship
Sound leadership

Adapt at
grumping, ~~niggling~~,
jeering, sneering,
stopping, and making
~~discovery~~ and bullying
usually at hooking

Sharpest niggling

but a pickling ^{of leadership} ~~structure~~

Offers niggleship
or leadership

Labor leaders
give enormous
impression

Claim spread
furus

Steel wages
over period of time

Army Government

We can do better for
the American workers
in the long run than this

Coal

Cost of labor
per ton of Coal
mined

Steel recommendations

Cost per day + fringe

Cause two strikes
loss of wages
Bad admin strategy

Barnet

Strength married
to Justice

Monday

Tues —

wed

Thurs

24

Barnes

Do not let rap & sleep
our strength away

January

Facing Penobscot

Prosecution not persecution

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Special committee

no red herrings
or smearing

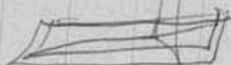
Shirley Adams
re 08 22
Re McCarthy speech

Personal Action
NW 1st

You mentioned it
so good

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Korea War



Whispering Campaign

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

urgently then

General E's
birthday
October 14

Hiss at Yalta

Truman - Platter

E is same

It was made
clear to me
if I would
accept Platter

all forms of
vital action.

If I accepted
Platter

Truman

Truman use his
office

E. Maintenance of wages
not slip back
Take Home Pay

If willing to
nurture the
structure of offer

manure

I am encouraged

I believe I can
do a job for America

Unsettled
No one trying to put
on ^{secret} conditions
No deals

E. No discrimination
use of Federal Fund
Recreation - Parks

Put out your
heart to the
people

I know it would
not be easy

I act out of offer

Some disheartened
others responsible
Divided

Used independents

Chicago Rally

Economic Policy Economic

Oct 24

? Korean War & Foreign Policy

Oct 29

Giveaway Show

Oct 31

Chicago ? TV

Washington

The Consideration that human
happiness and moral duty
are inseparably connected, will
always continually prompt me
to promote the former by manifesting
the practice of the latter

I do not claim to be an expert on
labor laws. But I do feel that I
know a little something about the Army.
And I feel very strongly that the United States
Army should be used to defend America and
it should not be used as a strike breaking
organization or as an industrial reserve army.

If the people do name me as
their president, I do not want to have
arbitrary power in the White House over
either unions or industries. I want
to lead toward



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