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Senator Humphrey. Thank you very much.

Thank you very much, Congressman Ullman. Thank you for your welcome. And may I thank the good people of Pendleton, Oregon, and the neighboring areas who are taking time out of your busy day to come here to the airport, into this hangar where we can visit just a little while about some of the problems that face us and some of the decisions, or should I say the decision, that we will be called upon to make between now and November 3rd.

I want at this moment to thank the young people of the Junior High School Band that played for us when we arrived. I am very honored by their presence and by the quality of their music. They played the Minnesota rouser with such enthusiasm that I told them if our football team could play football as well as they played that Minnesota rouser this year, we would win more games.

But they surely have honored me with their presence.

I am particularly pleased that here today with us on the platform are not only your Congressman, a personal friend of mine, and one of the most able members of the House of Representatives, and one who performed great service for the Democratic Party at the convention in Atlantic City, and should be honored and respected for that leadership. But also that we have the candidate for Congress from the Fourth District in the State of Washington.

Now, it is unusual to speak for a candidate in a different state. But here we are in Pendleton, Oregon, and we say also a good word for Stephen Hussa, who is from the State of Washington, and I believe he is from the Fourth District there.

And I am delighted to see an old friend, Gene Conklin, who is the candidate for the State Senate from Pendleton, and I do hope that you folks are going to get that man elected, too.

And Martin Buchanan, your candidate for the State Representative.

So you have a full job cut out for you, to elect these good men.

Well, Martin, you have got some supporters back there. I hope they can vote, too. And if they can't, if they are young ones, they can always get their parents to vote.

Now, let me take a moment, Chief, to thank you -- thank you for your gracious presentation, for the Chief Joseph blanket. And for that wonderful robe which both Mrs. Humphrey and myself will cherish as a fond remembrance of Pendleton, and a remembrance, sir, of you and your people. I am very honored.

I do want to say once again that in my office there is a sign that says, "Chief Leading Father." Not Chief Leading Father; Chief Leading Feather. And I am honorary chief of the Red Leg Band of the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota. And only the other day I was made an honorary chief of the Rosebud Sioux Indians, out in South Dakota.

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I must say that if there is any finer people in the world than our people of Indian descent, I haven't met them. And I only hope that our government will keep in mind the many obligations that we have to these fine and good citizens, fine and wonderful people.

We are going to be together here for just a little while. I first want to address my remarks to our junior members. They are always enthusiastic. And one of the heartening parts of this great national campaign has been the privilege of meeting with so many young people. These young people come to us with a sense of idealism and enthusiasm. And now we come to them with a message of cooperation and an urgent plea for their assistance.

In most States you have to be 21 years of age and over before you can vote. In the State of Kentucky, Georgia, if you are 18 years of age you are permitted to vote.

So I ask my young friends in Oregon, and those that may come from the neighboring state of Washington, or wherever you may come from, I ask you now to become the chief adviser in your family household.

Your parents from time to time advise you what to do. I am sure that has happened to you. You have been called in, occasionally even called on the carpet, by a parent or teacher and said, "Now, here is the way you ought to do things. We expect you to act this way" or that way.

So it is your turn to get even, so to speak. Between now and November 3 may I suggest to every young boy and girl in this audience, to every young man and woman under age 21, when you go home, you call in mother and dad and say, "Now, listen here, it is about time we had a heart to heart talk about some of the political facts of life." And you talk to them about their citizenship responsibility. Because the truth is, my young Americans, the truth is that there is no free country on the earth, no free country of Democratic institutions that has a poorer voting record than the United States of America. I hate to have to say that, but it is a fact.

Here we are, the great Democracy. Here we are a nation telling everybody that they ought to live by the standards of freedom. And yet the United States of America has never at any time in its history been able to produce at election day two thirds of the eligible voters to cast a ballot.

In the recent British election, almost 90 percent of all of the eligible voters in Britain cast their ballot. In the Scandinavian countries, many of you here are of Scandinavian extraction -- over 90 percent always cast their vote. In Germany, 90 percent. In Italy, 93 percent. And in the last election in France, 95 percent of all the French adult citizens eligible to vote cast their vote.

But this country tells everybody else about Democracy. We give more lectures on how other people ought to live than any other people. And yet when it comes to the choice in America of voting for our representatives in Congress or the state legislature, or a city council, or a county commissioner, or a President,

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the average vote in this country has never been over 63 percent. And that was in the last election.

So, young friends, if you want to scold your mother and father, this is your chance. If you want to tell them about what their votes are, this is your chance. And I wish that every boy and girl in America would make it their business to be a sort of a constant ringing bell in the house, and saying every 15 minutes on the minute, "Mother, are you going to vote?" "Father, are you going to vote?" If you have a 21 year old brother, ask him if he is going to vote. Ask him so often that he will pray for November 3 to hurry up, so he can get his obligations over with.

And then let me tell you one other thing you can do. You can call Dad and mother aside privately, as they have done it with you once in awhile, and you say, "Now, look, I have urged you to vote, I gather you have gotten the message. Now, I want to give you a little advice on how to vote." You tell them that you met a friend by the name of Senator Humphrey, and you were impressed with what he had to say. That you think that he was right, and that if they want -- if these parents want to protect your future, if they want to assure a better America, if they want to see a world that lives in peace, the way to do it is to vote for President Lyndon Johnson on November 3."

And don't forget to back up the President with some Congressmen, like Al Ullman, right here in Oregon, and also -- I heard you -- and also Stephen Husa.

Now, my friends, just a word or two about one or two matters of concern to us.

Just as I was waiting to come to this platform, I was privileged to meet with some of the representatives of agriculture in this area. Pendleton, Oregon, is one of the great agricultural centers of America, and the people here know, as should people all over America, that there is a great interdependence and a great relationship between the prosperity of agriculture and the prosperity of the total community.

In other words, you cannot have much prosperity on main street if there is no prosperity out on the farm to market roads of rural America.

This is a great area for wheat producers. This is a great area for cattle raising. And we have gone through some difficult days in America, in our agriculture, even though I must say that compared to the rest of the world we have done very well.

When you stop and think that in the Soviet Union agriculture is a colossal failure, and in America our problems about agriculture is because we are too successful, I think we Americans have something to be proud about, something to be most grateful for.

I want to say to the wheat producers here -- and I shall make it brief -- that I do believe that the Wheat Act which was passed was of benefit to our agricultural community. I think, as was said in our little private conversation behind this platform, that the tools are there for a good, solid, substantial constructive agricultural program for the wheat producer.

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What we need is to have a closer working relationship between that producer and the government, and what we need to do is to keep in mind at all times that the purpose of an agricultural program is to raise farm income. That is its purpose.

And I come here, as the representative of President Johnson, I come here to tell you from this platform that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration will bend every effort within our power to make these programs better and more workable, to make them better income-producing programs, to make them better programs for rural America and for the entire Nation.

We believe we can do it, and with your help we will get it done.

I am sure you realize that the candidate of the opposition party, Mr. Goldwater, has said quite frankly that he does not believe in these farm programs. And not only has he said so -- he has voted that way. He has asked for the prompt and final termination of the farm price support program. And I ask every wheat producer in this great valley, I ask every wheat producer in America, to think about the consequences of that policy. Because if that policy were to be followed, the wheat producer of America would be getting about 50 percent of the income that he is receiving today. And that only wouldn't bankrupt the wheat producer, but it would tend to lead to disastrous economic consequences throughout the entire nation.

Mr. Goldwater is no friend of the farmer. He said he doesn't know anything about agriculture, and his votes prove it.

I don't think you want to trust your future to that man. I don't believe that there is a thoughtful farmer in America that really believes that if you took the government programs away, that America agriculture would be better. In fact, what we need to do are to improve those programs, to make those programs even more effective than they are. And that will help America, and help the farmer, and help the world.

Let me add just this other matter. That this area that I visit today is in the Columbia River Basin. This great river was given to us by a beneficent divine Providence. These rivers were put here to help us, not to hurt us. These rivers represent energy and power and wealth.

If man will but put himself to the task of cooperating with the river, of harnessing its waters.

(Background noise)

There goes Barry, -- frankly, I didn't think we were going to get rid of him until November 3rd.

But these great rivers, such as the Columbia River, the Tennessee River, the Cumberland, the Ohio, the Mississippi, the Missouri, the Arkansas, and others -- I have visited all of these areas. Every one of these great river areas has the potential for wealth or destruction, floods destroy,

the harnessing of the waters of the river build and create. And I say that one of the reasons that Oregon and the State of Washington are two of the fastest growing States in America is because of the Columbia River Basin and the development of the hydroelectric power and the flood control programs on those rivers.

This is your wealth.

And these areas which were traditionally agricultural are now becoming industrial, and with great development in industry there means more jobs, more income, a diversified economy, a more stable economy. And all of it is possible because a government, a friendly government, a government that was willing to work with the people, did work with the people. And the people and the government working together have produced really a whole new society in these areas of our great river valleys.

I want to assure this audience once again that President Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey, and your congressman Al Ullman, and the Congressman from the Fourth District in Washington, Mr. Hussa, that we will stand together and work together to see to it that these great river resources are further developed, so that there may be industrial progress and better community living all through the entire Pacific Northwest.

Now, then, let me leave you with this thought.

I mentioned early in my remarks the importance of agriculture to this area. I think I know a little bit about this. I have served on the Committee on Agriculture for 10 years. I come from the midwest. I frankly have put a good deal of my time and energy into the study of agricultural policy, and becoming acquainted with the needs of our rural America.

I want to see our rural America have every opportunity of our metropolitan America. But I also want America, all of America, to appreciate what rural America is doing for America and for the world.

I want now just to speak a word about one of the best programs of our government, called the Food for Peace Program.

The Food for Peace program is one of the building blocks of America's efforts to build world peace. The Food for Peace program has celebrated its 10th Anniversary, and that program has been expanded and developed, intensified, under the administration of the late President Kennedy, and now President Johnson.

I am one of the authors of the Food for Peace program. I saw early the necessity of putting our food abundance to work for a better world, for a more peaceful world, for a more just world. And the wheat growers of this great area, along, may I say, with the dairy farmers of my State of Minnesota, and the feed grain producers of southern Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, and other areas -- these great farm people have produced an abundance of food and fiber that has made possible one of the most effective foreign aid programs, one of the most effective assistance programs that we have today. This program has made possible the saving of millions of lives. The wheat growers themselves can honestly

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say that with heir wheat they have saved country after country from revolution, that with their wheat they have not only fed the hungry, and fulfilled really the great promise of biblical admonition, "Give Us This Day our Daily Bread" -- ladies and gentlemen, we now have the possibility, the potentiality, through agricultural science, through the knowledge that we have in agriculture, of banishing from the face of the earth for the first time man's ancient enemy of hunger and famine.

Never again need famine stalk this earth. And what a marvelous achievement that is. And as we hear people today talk about the evils of our time -- and we have one candidate that preaches to us all the time about our sins and our evils, telling us how bad America is, how debauched our people are, I want to remind that candidate, and I want to remind you, that we have performed an act of mercy, an act of compassion and charity in our Food for Peace program. That Food for Peace program has not only fed the hungry, which within itself would be enough to make any American proud, but it has healed the sick, it has built hospitals, it has provided the construction of schools, it has afforded hundreds of thousands of people an education, and it today provides school lunch programs for 100 million children in Latin America and in Asia and Africa. American food doing the work of peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, while we have been doing this, it has helped our own farm producers, it has been good economics at home, it has been good morals privately and publicly. And might I say that when one speaks of morality, he might also consider the needs of his fellow citizens, the needs of people who have less than we. Food for Peace has developed commercial markets for the wheat growers of Oregon. And I give you this good news -- that in the month of December of this year there will be a conference of the growers and of government representatives and of people who seek to expand our markets and of our church groups who seek to use this food for charitable purposes -- there will be a conference to see how we can expand the use of wheat in our overseas program of Food for Peace, particularly for the Far East and to the Oregon wheat producer this means so much economically, and to America it means so much morally.

I want to wish all of you the very best. And I hope that on November 3, Election Day, that you will join with me in seeing to it that our country moves forward, in seeing to it that we have in the White House a man who is dedicated to peace and security, and if you believe, as I believe, that the gains we have made over the past 30 years must be preserved, and that we must march to even higher ground of accomplishment, if you believe, as I believe, that America has a role to play in preserving the peace and helping to build a better world, then I think you are going to vote as I am going to vote, for President Lyndon J. Johnson, and those that support him on November 3.

Thank you.

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At a time when human survival depends upon the exercise of responsible power, they encourage nuclear adventurism and shooting from the hip.

Events of the past two weeks demonstrate the need for a President who understands fully the destructive nuclear power which is his to unleash. These events illustrate the need for a man in the White House who knows peace is not pursued through the rattle of rockets or the issuing of ultimatums.

The central fact which has emerged from the campaign is that Americans do not want Barry Goldwater's finger on the nuclear trigger.

By contrast, our President is a man of prudence and compassion--a man fully conscious of this responsibility to use our awesome military power with restraint and reason.

Under the leadership of Lyndon Johnson, America will never risk the extinction of the torch of world leadership by the bitter whirlwind of nuclear holocaust.

In every area of foreign and domestic policy the Goldwater faction cultivates catastrophe. It invents catastrophe. With a conspiratorial spirit, its leaders assume that everything in America is dishonest.

The free spirit which invigorates American life and provides the environment for our great accomplishments does not exist for the Goldwater faction--they live in the conspiratorial police state of their own twisted imaginations.

The United States is a great, diverse nation of almost two hundred million people. The overwhelming bulk of the population, Democratic or Republican, urban or rural, white or Negro, northern or southern, is composed of individuals who are loyal to the fundamental values of our society.

Some of them may be unhappy about the decisions that are made by the elected officials, by the President and Congress, or by the courts. Yet it would never enter their heads, or their hearts, to decry as treason decisions which they personally oppose.

The opposition is a loyal opposition. The government is a loyal government. Sometimes it may be mistaken, depending on one's viewpoint, but nonetheless it is committed to those priceless ideals which we hold in common. This is the faith which has sustained American democracy for almost 175 years.

President Johnson and the American people are wholly committed to this spirit of liberty. We are committed to this spirit with the faith and devotion expressed in this statement by the late Judge Learned Hand:

"...The spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women... the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the

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These events illustrate the need for a man in the White House who knows peace is not pursued through the rattle of rockets or the issuing of ultimatums.

The central fact which has emerged from the campaign is that Americans do not want Barry Goldwater's finger on the nuclear trigger.

By contrast, our President is a man of prudence and compassion - a man fully conscious of ~~this~~ ^{his} responsibility to use our awesome military power with restraint and reason.

Under the leadership of Lyndon Johnson, America will never risk the extinction of the torch of world leadership by the bitter whirlwind of nuclear holocaust.

In every area of foreign and domestic policy the Goldwater faction cultivates catastrophe. It invents catastrophe. With a conspiratorial spirit, its leaders assume that everything in America is dishonest.

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The free spirit which invigorates American life and provides the environment for our great accomplishments does not exist for the Goldwater faction - they live in the conspiratorial police state of their own ~~twisted~~ imaginations.

The United States is a great, diverse nation of almost two hundred million people. The overwhelming bulk of the population, Democratic or Republican, urban or rural, white or Negro, northern or southern, is composed of individuals who are loyal to the fundamental values of our society.

^{Americans}
Some ~~of them~~ may be unhappy about the decisions
that are made by the elected officials, by the President and
Congress, or by the courts, ^{and so on, at times,} Yet it would never enter
^{our} ~~their~~ heads, or ^{our} ~~their~~ hearts, to decry as treason
decisions which ^{we} ~~they~~ personally oppose.

The opposition is a loyal opposition. The government
is a loyal government. Sometimes it may be mistaken,
depending on one's viewpoint, but nonetheless it is
committed to those priceless ideals which we hold in common.
This is the faith which has sustained American democracy
for almost 175 years.

President Johnson and the American people are
wholly committed to this spirit of liberty. We are committed
to this spirit with the faith and devotion expressed in
this statement by the late Judge Learned Hand:

"....The spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women...the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, near two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten: that there is a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest."

This is the spirit which will cause Americans of all political persuasions -- Democrats, Republicans, and Independents -- to vote overwhelmingly for Lyndon B. Johnson November 3rd.

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