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Vice President's Remarks
to Dallas and Tarrant County Democrats

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Future
YOU LOOK AT THE RECORD SO THAT
YOU CAN JUDGE HOW A MAN, A POLITICAL
PARTY, A PRESIDENT WILL PERFORM.
A GREAT RECORD IS THE PROMISE OF A
BRILLIANT FUTURE.

— AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING
ABOUT TODAY — THE FUTURE —
THAT IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT.

— WHEN WE DEMOCRATS TALK ABOUT
WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE, WE
ARE NOT TALKING WITH EMPTY
WORDS. WE ARE TALKING FROM
EXPERIENCE. WE HAVE CUT OUR
TEETH ON TROUBLE. WE HAVE FOUGHT
OUR WAY THROUGH DIFFICULTY AND
ANGER. WE HAVE A RECORD. AND
THAT IS WHY WE CAN TALK
SERIOUSLY AND MEANINGFULLY OF THE
FUTURE.

Wealth
WE ARE WEALTHY BEYOND UNDERSTANDING.
BUT WE DO NOT HAVE UNLIMITED WEALTH.

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Power
WE ARE POWERFUL BEYOND COMPREHENSION.
BUT WE DO NOT HAVE UNLIMITED POWER.

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Promises
AND, THEREFORE, WE MUST GIVE OUR
ATTENTION, OUR ENERGY, AND OUR
TIME TO THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH
CLEARLY DEMAND PRIORITY.

Prosperity

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Poverty

— WE HAVE THE BEST EMPLOYMENT RATE IN OUR HISTORY. YET MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE STILL WITHOUT JOBS. ~~AND~~ AND IT IS AN OLD AMERICAN SAYING THAT IDLENESS BREEDS MISCHIEF AND TROUBLE

— SO JOBS — THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORK — THIS IS A BASIC PRIORITY — NOT ONLY FOR INDIVIDUALS, BUT FOR EVERY COMMUNITY.

Cities
&
Crime

WE HAVE SOMEHOW PERMITTED OUR CITIES TO BECOME AREAS OF HIGHER AND HIGHER CRIME RATES. AND IT IS THE POOR AND DEFEATED OF OUR CITIES WHO ARE THE CHIEF VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS. WE HAVE PERMITTED THE ESTRANGEMENT OF OUR POLICE FORCES FROM THE VERY PEOPLE WHO NEED THEIR PROTECTION THE MOST.

— LAW ENFORCEMENT — AND LAW OBSERVANCE — CITIES IN WHICH IT IS SAFE TO BE ON THE STREETS, ANYWHERE — SURELY THIS IS A PRIORITY.
— FREEDOM CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT LAW + ORDER.

Edna / AND EDUCATION.

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HERE IS THE VEHICLE WHICH HAS MADE THE MOST PROFOUND CHANGES FOR GOOD IN OUR SOCIETY. AND HERE — IN THIS AREA IN WHICH WE HAVE MADE THE GREATEST ADVANCES IN HISTORY UNDER PRESIDENT JOHNSON — HERE WE ARE FACING A COUNTER-ATTACK BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN CONGRESS WHICH WOULD SET BACK THE GAINS WE HAVE MADE IN THE DIRECTION OF FULL AND EQUAL AND EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY MOTHER'S CHILD IN AMERICA.

Opportunity

Education is the KEY TO ~~THOSE~~ UNLOCK THE FUTURE FOR MILLIONS OF CHILDREN BORN IN THE SLUMS AND THE BACK ALLEYS OF OUR AFFLUENT SOCIETY. EDUCATION MEANS ESCAPE FROM POVERTY AND DEGRADATION, FROM CRIME AND VIOLENCE.

WE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PUT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN — AND THE REPUBLICANS ARE ALREADY TRYING TO WRECK OUR PROGRAMS.

AND SAFETY —

- THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE CANNOT SO ORGANIZE OUR SOCIETY — WITH GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WORKING TOGETHER — SO THAT THE AIR WE BREATHE IS SAFE — SO THAT —
- THE WATERS THAT FLOW THROUGH OUR CITIES AND TOWNS ARE SAFE AND CLEAN
 - SO THAT OUR HIGHWAYS ARE MADE SAFE, OUR CITY STREETS ARE SAFE, OUR AUTOMOBILES ARE SAFE
 - IT SIMPLY REQUIRES OUR THOUGHT, OUR ATTENTION, OUR HARD WORK, AND OUR INVESTMENT.

Health

AND HEALTH —

WE HAVE MADE FANTASTIC BREAKTHROUGHS IN RESEARCH — AND WE ARE INVESTING EVER MORE IN THE WAR AGAINST THOSE POWERFUL AND IMPLACABLE ENEMIES OF MAN — CANCER AND HEART DISEASE AND MENTAL ILLNESS. THESE ARE EFFORTS THAT MAKE THE HEART SING — THEY ARE GOING FORWARD, AND WE MUST NOT PAUSE.

AND, FINALLY, ALL THAT WE HAVE BUILT, ALL THAT WE HAVE WON, ALL THE GOOD THAT HAS BEEN DONE — ALL CAN BE WIPE OUT — ALL CAN BE DESTROYED, IF WE CANNOT REMEMBER THAT A FREE AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY CANNOT LIVE UNDEFENDED.

Security

THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION IS A MATTER OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY.

AND THE ULTIMATE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES — LET US NEVER FORGET IT — IS THE CREDIBILITY OF THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT.

American commitment

DESTROY THAT CREDIBILITY AND THE UNITED STATES (AND THE WORLD) IS IN MORTAL DANGER. ALL THAT WE ARE, ALL THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO BE, ALL THAT WE SEEK TO BE — WOULD BE IN PERIL OF DESTRUCTION.

AND WE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FOR THIRTY YEARS AND MORE, UNDER DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS AND A REPUBLICAN, HAVE KEPT AS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY THE SECURING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND THE DEFEAT OF AGGRESSION.

THROUGH DIPLOMACY, THROUGH PERSUASION, ⁽⁶⁾
AND, WHEN NECESSARY, WITH THE
COMMITMENT OF OUR FINEST YOUNG MEN —
WE HAVE FOLLOWED A HARD AND
DIFFICULT, (AND ~~ROUGH~~ ~~PATH~~ ^{SOMETIMES}
LONELY) PATH.

WE HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS, AND
WE HAVE HONORED THEM.

WE HAVE PLEDGED OURSELVES, AND WE
HAVE KEPT THOSE PLEDGES — AND IT
HAS COST US OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND
CASUALTIES SINCE 1947, AND BILLIONS
OF DOLLARS, AND BLOOD AND SWEAT
AND THE TEARS OF FAMILIES.

L — AND WE HAVE AVERTED A WORLD WAR,

L — WE HAVE CHECKED AGGRESSION AGAIN
AND AGAIN;

L — WE HAVE provided SECURITY — A
SHIELD AND A PROTECTION — BEHIND
WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE
LIVED IN EVER-INCREASING PROSPERITY
AND OPPORTUNITY;

L — AND WE HAVE GIVEN HEART AND
CONFIDENCE TO NATIONS WHO tumble
IN THE FACE OF AGGRESSIVE POWER.

L — WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR JUSTICE, FOR
THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, FOR A WORLD
OF LAW, NOT CRUTE FORCE.

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— WE HAVE A RECORD, IN
WAR AND PEACE, WE STAND ON
THAT RECORD. WE HAVE
DEMONSTRATED THAT WE CAN BE
BOTH COMPASSIONATE AND COURAGEOUS,
THAT WE CAN ~~BE~~ LOVE PEACE
AND DEFEND OURSELVES, THAT
WE CAN CRITICIZE OUR OWN SHORT-
COMINGS AND ~~FIGHT TO DEF~~
UNITE IN THE COMMON DEFENSE.

— AND WE KNOW THAT THE HARD
TASKS OF KEEPING THE PEACE
~~WILL NOT BE~~ IS NOT BEHIND US,
~~WE~~ BUT WE SHALL PERSEVERE,
AS WE HAVE PERSEVERED, IN WAR
AND IN PEACE

Graham
 ✓ Cong Purcell
 ✓ Cong ^{Earle} Cabell
 chr ✓ Will Davis

✓ Mayor Johnson
 * Mayor Dewitt
 Mc Kenney

" Will Rogers
 no organized
 Party" (X)

county chr Dallas city
 * Joe Rich (Dallas
 county)

N.E. Texas
Dallas - Tarrant
 county N.E. Texas
 (X) Bill Potts Tarrant
 county

(Earle Cabell (second)
Joe Poole
 Dallas Tiger League
Graham Purcell (league)
Legulators | YDS!

Mr Eddy
 Bishop ^{Band} College

(X) Ralph Jarbo
Joe Rich - Dallas
 county
 ✓ Bill Potts - Tarrant
 county

N.E. Texas
Chromen Will Davis
 (X) Unit - Feminist!



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