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I have an announcement to make...and since this meeting is off the record...I think I'll save it for tomorrow.

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A. Four Realities:

1. "Peace and freedom do not come cheap...."
2. The answers are neither easy...nor cheap...nor instant.
3. America is a grown-up nation. It is by the maturity of our judgment and statesmanship that we shall be judged.
4. We have more chance to overcome our problems than any other nation in history. Let no one sell America short.

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B. Record:

1. We have come a long way in the last four years. Ask the people of America. —(Medicare...job training and full employment...education...participation.
2. Those who deny that record distort the truth.

3. Dissatisfaction is no excuse for violence. It is time for a moratorium on the vocabulary of violence.
4. It is time for reconciliation...for law and order in American life.
5. There is a higher law and deeper order.

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C. Foreign

1. We must do our part to protect world security.
2. We are obliged to concentrate on the arts of peace:
 - a. Greater control over nuclear weapons is a top priority. Effective control is today within sight.

- b. Impoverished people trapped in a wider society of mobility and affluence are easy victims of demagoguery, incitement and hate -- in the world as at home.
 3. A world free of nuclear peril...a world without starvation and poverty -- these are objectives worthy of a great people.

D. With mature statesmanship and determination -- and avoiding the politics of pessimism and dissension -- we can have a world of ~~peace~~ and a nation of freedom.

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