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3 SPEECH OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
4 on
5 FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 2, 1968
6 at
7 EDWARD J. JEFFRIES HOUSING PROJECT
8 CITY OF DETROIT
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13 ELGIN BAYLOR: The next person I am
14 about to introduce over the past twenty years or more we
15 can say he has truly been an all-American, an all-pro. I
16 think his ability, his performance, past, present, and
17 future, have justified this.

18 Without further ado, it gives me great
19 pleasure to introduce our next President of The United
20 States, Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

21 (Applause.)

22 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you,
23 thank you very much, Elgin Baylor.

24 Ladies and gentlemen, you have noticed,
25 you have noticed that I can get to this microphone a little
easier than Elgin.... When I speak now I'm speaking right
in it. Everyplace I go with Elgin Baylor I find he gets an
awful lot of cheers and I have found the best way for me to
get elected President is just to hang onto Elgin Baylor
everywhere I can.

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(Applause.)

I'm very happy that I can be here with you today, very happy to see this wonderful audience, all these many fine people. I am happy to be in the neighborhood, a neighborhood that has produced two members of a great singing group that has just recently been kind enough to extend their endorsement to my candidacy. I am sure all of you remember the Supremes.

(Applause.)

Listen here... listen here now. The Supremes, Diana Ross and Cindy Birdsong, both of them from this very neighborhood, told me in New York recently when they endorsed my candidacy that they grew up in the Jeffries Project --

(Applause.)

-- which I understand, which I understand, according to them, is "soulville." That's our word.

(Applause.)

Now, another friend of mine, another friend of mine, and I'm sure you remember this man James Brown --

(Applause.)

-- well, James Brown was with me out in Los Angeles and out at Watts. James Brown and I sang a duet together --

(Laughter and applause.)

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And I want to tell you he was better at it than I was. He told me, he told me that I didn't have a soul if I could not do the boogaloo. Can you do the boogaloo?

(Applause.)

Do you like Jim Brown?

(Applause.)

Do you like the Supremes?

(Applause.)

So do I!

(Applause.)

Well, I have come to the land of Motown and the Supremes and I have come here to get a little of that soul.

(Applause.)

And I want to, I want to urge every boy and girl here and every adult, I want to urge you and ask you to help us to do just one thing: I want you to help us get the folks registered so they can vote. That's what we are here for, to get your name on the voting list so next November when you have a chance to cast your vote -- this is for the adults -- that you will have a chance to have something to say as to who is going to run it.

I hope when you cast your vote that you find it in your hearts to cast it for me. I want to work with you; I want to help you to make this a better country

1 for them.

2 (Applause.)

3 Thank you very, very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 How about Robert Henderson? Has he done
6 a good job for you?

7 THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

8 (Applause.)

9 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: How about
10 Trini Lopez? Has he done a good job for you?

11 THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

12 (Applause.)

13 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: How about
14 Hubert Humphrey? Has he --

15 THE AUDIENCE: Yes. We want Hubert
16 Humphrey.

17 (Applause.)

18 VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: I want to say
19 thank you very, very much, Starlights.

20 (Applause.)

21 I want to thank again Bobby Taylor and
22 the Vancouvers. Give them a big round of applause.

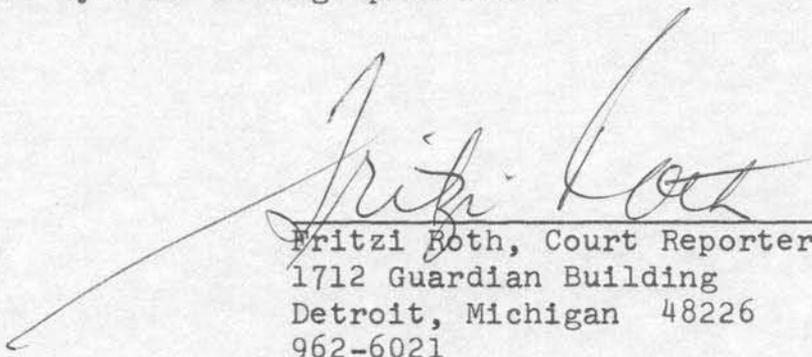
23 (Applause.)

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