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September 16, 1968

DRAFT FOR TEXAS

The Vice President:

Governor Connally, Lt. Governor Smith, Senator Yarborough,
Speaker Barnes, other honored guests of the Texas Democratic
Convention including Attorney General Martin, Secretary of State
Barrera, and Commissioner of Agriculture White. . . and members
of the Texas delegation in the House of Representatives.

I was honored to be asked to address your Convention and
I only regret that it has been impossible to rearrange my schedule
to be with you in Austin. Mrs. Humphrey and I received a warm
Texas welcome in Houston last week, and, indeed, Texas has always
given us a full measure of hospitality and friendship in whatever city

~~we have been.~~ we have visited. Yes, we like Texas!
and we say Thank you!

↳ Texas has been very good to the Democratic Party --
as the Democratic Party has been good to Texas and Texans. You
have given the country a man who will go down in history as one
of the great American Presidents, Lyndon B. Johnson. (PAUSE)

↳ You gave the country a great Speaker of the House of Representatives --
~~Sam Rayburn~~
Sam Rayburn. Members of the Supreme Court and other Texans have
served their country with distinction and honor, including your own
Governor John Connally.

And Texas and Texans are going to continue to play a major
role in the Democratic Party of the 70's and in the next Democratic
Administration. ↳ The vigor and enthusiasm, ^{the Ability} ~~and intelligence~~ of the
Texas community must continue to be utilized by the leadership
of our nation.

↳ We are going to win this election. I don't care what the
polls say or what the wisecracs and the columnists say. The
Democratic Party and the Democratic ticket are going to win in November.

And with your help, the ^{electoral} 25 votes of Texas will be the decisive weight in the electoral college!

I ask your help (PAUSE) ^{yes} I ask your help. I ask not only your support, but your enthusiasm, your dedication and your commitment.

We can unite this country. We can bind up the wounds. We can build upon the base of social and economic progress that has in the past 8 years brought the most incredible increase in economic well-being and in equal justice that any nation has ever known.

We are not going to permit the clock to be turned back!

We are not going to turn back from the ~~quest~~ ^{search} for an honorable and lasting peace. We are not going to be panicked into a return to isolationism. We are going to continue in the Democratic tradition of international leadership, in the pursuit of international

agreements to reduce tension, to prevent aggression, to resolve
international disputes at the conference table instead of on the
battlefield.

↳ And we shall do everything humanly possible to decrease
the tension and the hatreds that confuse and split our own country.

Dissent yes - Disorder no!

~~Beyond the national security of our country,~~ the uniting
of our nation is the greatest task of the American Presidency. We
cannot live as a nation convulsed by violence and hatred. We must
come together, we must reason together, we must build together.

That is the historic mission of the Democratic Party and that is
the objective of your nominee for the Presidency.

Thank you.



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