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REMARKS  
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
AIRPORT RALLY  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
October 22, 1968

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The economy was stagnant.

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And this nation's needs were ignored.

Mr. Nixon does not believe he can trust anyone but his close little group of Republican managers.

I trust the people.

And they can trust me:

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And let's break through to a New Day for the American people.

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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you.

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

Thank you. Thank you. By the way, if you think you want Humphrey, let me tell you, Humphrey wants you.

(Applause.)

Governor, thank you for your welcome once again. Thank you, Senator, all the members of the congressional delegation that are here with us today. I am particularly honored to be in the area, the congressional district of Earle Cabell and Graham Purcell, nice to see my old friend, Henry Gonsales, who is always here with me, always helping me, and, Henry, you know what they say, they say siempre con Humphrey. Is that all right? Arriba, okay?

And I am very honored once again to have the privilege of being in the company of and having the generous support of Jim Wright, the great congressman over in Fort Worth.

(Applause.)

We are so happy with Bob Poage and Olin Teague, with Ray Roberts and the others who have all been working with us, and may I just take a moment to thank the band, that wonderful band, that just played the Minnesota Rouser (applause), the Bishop College band. I want to tell them something. I wish that band had been up in Minnesota last weekend, because the Dallas Cowboys took the Minnesota Vikings (applause), you took the Minnesota Vikings 20 to 7. Now listen, you owe me something. (Laughter). Having defeated us on the football field, I want you to defeat the Republicans by the same score.

(Applause.)

Well, we have much to talk about here today. By the way, Texas has been mighty good to me today, we have had a great turnout of people. I agree with Ralph Yarborough, this is one of the finest and one of the largest airport rallies that I have ever seen, and besides that it is one with great enthusiasm.

(Sound of plane.)

That is just another Democrat coming in wanting to get in on the meeting here. There are quite a few of them coming in. Those are some that the Republicans drove away a while ago. They are former Republicans and now they decided to fly safely and they are going Democratic all the way.

(Applause.)

Ladies and gentlemen, we have got a great fight on our hands. I remember when there was once a Democrat who was called the Happy Warrior, and I want you to know that from here on out that for these two weeks that are left in this campaign, that we are going to carry out a campaign of vigor, of vitality, of enthusiasm, of spirit that is going to sweep away these Republican cobwebs, and we are going to send Mr. Nixon back to his law practice up in New York. (Applause.)

All over America, all over this country, people are rallying to our banner. I wish you could have been with me just yesterday in New York City, last week up in Connecticut, out in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio; wherever we have been, the crowds get a little bigger, the enthusiasm is a little more, the attention is a little better, the polls get a little better, but let me tell you -- (applause) -- let me tell you the best Pole of them all. He is a fellow by the name of Ed Muskie, my running mate.

(Applause.)

You know, the Republican candidate has made two decisions that you ought to be interested in. The first decision that he made was who would be his running mate, and may I say that is the most vital decision that any man makes when he seeks the office of

presidency, and he decided to take on a man as his running mate who I believe does not compare with the quality of the man that is on the Democratic ticket.

(Applause.)

The second decision of the Republican candidate was that he just wasn't going to talk. He was going to have parades, he was going to have parties, he was going to have sort of setup interviews. Whenever the crowd got a little loud, he would go inside. Whenever the crowd inside was a little small, he would come outside, but he won't talk, he won't talk on the issues. I have had to call him Richard the Silent because he just won't talk.

(Applause.)

I will say this: that Mr. Nixon has been mighty good for the balloon business. There never has been quite so many balloons. He has floated more balloons and fewer ideas than any candidate in modern history.

(Applause.)

He has had more parades and fewer programs than any candidate in modern history. And he has had more television time and more advertising than any candidate in modern history. But I will tell you what is going to happen to him. He is going to have too few votes on November the 5th.

(Applause.)

I am going to depend on you to see that this comes through.

Let me mention just a few things to you. First of all, I want my good friend Congressman Cabell to know that as a former fellow mayor I am very, very much pleased with his accomplishments in Congress, for the wonderful things that he has been able to do here during his service as mayor and as congressman for this great city of Dallas. He was able to start the rebuilding of the city, to make it one of the most modern cities in America. You have here transportation facilities, first class highways and expressways, your airport, and your plans for an even more modern one are the product, are the product of what I want to see for the future, the product of cooperation, of partnership between a Federal Government that wants to work with you and a local government that wants to be a partner with the Federal Government.

Now, I know -- (applause)-- I know that this costs money, and I know this is a sort of thing that the Republican candidates can blink at. But I want to remind you of something, there is a great program here that is authorized, that is going to mean jobs, that is going to mean new prosperity for this area, that is going to mean growth, it is going to mean more private enterprise, it is going to mean more private business, and I refer to the Trinity-River development project.

Now back in 1962, the governor of this state, Governor John Connelly, seeking then the governorship of the State of Texas, came to this city and he said that he was for the Trinity River development project. He stood squarely for it. His Republican opponent, he didn't know. He was like the present Republican nominee, he was kind of for it but, and it ended up he was against it and how did we find out about it? The governor, Governor Connelly, then candidate, was able to debate his Republican opponent, and out of that debate came the truth, and out of that debate came the election of Governor Connelly of Texas and out of that debate, my friends, came a good Democratic victory.

(Applause.)

So I have been trying to get Mr. Nixon to debate me. I would like to find out what he thinks about some of these projects. I would like to smoke him out, I would like to get him out from under the sagebrush. I would like to get him out from behind the shadows of these hills. I would like Mr. Nixon to come out

say what he is for. I know he wants to get elected, but I want to know if he is for the people. I want to know if he is for this Trinity River project. I want to know if he is for the development of our cities. I want to know if he is for these job training programs. I want to know where Mr. Nixon stands. I know where he sits, but I want to know where he stands.

(Applause.)

I want to know, for example, I want to know if Mr. Nixon is going to be the kind of a president that would encourage our aircraft industry. Here is Dallas, the center of finance. Here is Dallas, the center of the aircraft industry; here is Dallas, a center of the electronics industry. I want to know whether or not we are going to have a president that is going to encourage commercial aviation, help build new airports, help in safety, help develop the kind of a great commercial transport system that America needs in modern aircraft. Why doesn't Mr. Nixon speak out? What he does, he says he is cool. He is confident. He is ahead. He thinks he has got it wrapped up. He thinks you folks are going to let him sneak in the back door of the White House. I don't think so, do you?

(Applause -- cries of "no.")

He thinks the White House if for sale, he thinks that, if you please, with a big advertising budget you can buy it. You know what I think? I think with the people you can earn it and I want the people to help me. (applause) I want you to help. I need your help, but frankly I think you need the help of the Democratic Party and the Democratic leadership. That is the way we built this country. We have invested in it. We haven't had a country that grew what it is today through trickle-down economics. We have had a country that has grown from the people. The strength of this country is in its people, it is in the education of that child, it is in the training of that man that needs a job, it is in bringing from the slums and from the areas of poverty people who can stand on their own feet. It is in better education, it is in better health, it is in rebuilding our cities.

The Democratic Party thinks of the tomorrows, the Democratic Party and its leadership is thinking about how we are going to educate people who have not had an education, how we are going to give better training to people who need a job, how we are going to rebuild their cities, how we are going to conserve our water, how we are going to take care of our land, how we are going to take care of our people. That is the difference between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.

(Applause.)

Let me -- (Cries of "Sock it to 'em.")

I am going to sock it to 'em.

(Applause.)

And I want you to sock it to 'em with your ballott on November 5th. That is what we call the Tuesday punch, not the Sunday punch. Give it to them.

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't come to you with fiction, I come with fact. Many of the young people here may not remember it, but in the 1950s when Republican leadership was in charge this country was plagued with recessing, this country was plagued with unemployment, the profits were down, the jobs were down, the income was down, the needs of America went unmet, and that is a fact. With the coming into the presidency of John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, this country has been on the move, and I want to keep it on the move.

(Applause.)

We have not, we have not forgotten our promises. We have kept our promises. We have performed. The elderly, who needed Medicare, they got it from Democrats, not Republicans. The young people who needed a better chance in education and higher education

and elementary education and secondary education, they got their help not from the Republicans but from the Democrats. And let's not forget it.

(Applause.)

And the handicapped, I saw in Fort Worth, as I went to the platform, children, crippled, mentally retarded, physically handicapped. Did the Republican Party care? (Cries of "no.") Not on your life.

My dear friends, it is not even something to shout about, it is something to cry about. Here is the great rich nation, the first time that an administration cared about the emotionally disturbed, about the mentally retarded, one out of every 400 babies born in this land mentally retarded, was when the Johnson-Humphrey administration put into law programs to aid mothers and fathers and the blessed little ones who never had a chance to live. We care, the Democratic Party. We care.

(Applause.)

And our record for the needy, a government must have a conscience, a government must not only be strong and prudent, but it must be wise and compassionate, and we have seen something happen in America, my friends, that is a great reawakening. We have seen it happen, we have seen people, the children of the slums, that have known poverty come into their own. Ten million Americans, ladies and gentlemen, 10 million Americans that only seven years ago were on relief, poverty stricken, hopeless, despairing, and angry, bitter, 10 million of them today are self-sustaining, tax-producing, revenue-producing, taxpaying American citizens, black and white along, standing free.

(Applause.)

I want to remind this audience that the greatest treasures of America are yet to be discovered, and we intend to discover them.

Bob Gibson, the great pitcher of the St. Louis Cardinals, has a book entitled "From the Ghettos to Glory." A son of the poorest of the poor, a gentleman that would grace any home, a man, if you please, of not only great athletic ability but a great mind and great character; out of the poor have come some of the great people of this land, and may I say those great human resources are there yet to be found, and we are doing something about it with Project Headstart, with Job Corps, with Vista, with a hundred and one different programs. Some will, some won't, but they help people.

And finally may I say that, that every time you help someone else, you help yourself. Every time that you help someone stand on his own feet, it means that is someone that you don't have to hold up.

Mr. Businessman, every investment that we make in job training, in job placement, in health centers, every investment we make in education, elementary, secondary, community college, higher education, comes back a hundred fold in dividends.

America is a richer and better country today because we cared about the little people.

Mr. Nixon talks about the forgotten people. He ought to know, he forgot them. His party forgot them. He ought to know, he forgot them. I want you to know that we remember the people, and I am proud to carry on in the tradition of great Democratic leaders to build on what we have already constructed, to seek peace in this world and to seek peace here at home, to see to it, to see to it, our neighborhoods are safe and not merely go around and put bumper stickers on cars that say "Support your police." That is not enough. If you want equal protection of the law, if you want equal rights of the law, if you want law enforcement, then like peace and freedom itself it is not cheap. You pay for it with better

police, with better equipment, with better training, with better salaries, and with local enforcement, and with trust amongst the people, with trust amongst the people.

(Applause.)

My dear friends, I ask you now to give me your help. I ask you to not only give me your hand, I ask you to give me your confidence, I ask you to put your trust in the Democratic leadership, and I ask every American out here, Spanish surname, black, white, whatever your background, I ask you above all to live as neighbors, not as enemies, to live in community, not in animosity, I ask you to live in trust of one another, because the dream of this country is still a dream that can come true, and I believe in this dream. I believe in it with all the conviction of my heart, that this can be one nation, it must be, and it can be one nation under

God and indivisible, it must be, and it must be liberty and it must have justice but it must have liberty and justice for all. That is what we stand for in this nation.

Thank you.

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THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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FROM: John Stewart

SUBJECT: DALLAS SPEECH

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And I say it's worth every penny.

I know what the opposition is saying behind the scenes in this election.

They say "law and order" but they really mean black and white.

*And that is the difference between myself and Mr. Nixon, and between our parties.*

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They say: Humphrey wants to give a black man a job. He wants to give a Spanish-surnamed-American a job.

And it will be your job.

Humphrey wants to go too fast.

Let me tell you something:

Yes, I want to give a black man a job.

I want everybody in this country to have a job.

-- black, white, red, green, or yellow -- and with a booming Democratic economy they will.

Can the recession-ridden Republicans make that statement?

In the 1950's we had three job-killing, profit-killing recessions.

And those three Republican recessions were color-blind ... black and white workers were out on the sidewalk.

Let's not fool ourselves: When someone gets a job who didn't have one before ... when somebody gets education or training who didn't have it before -- all of us benefit.

We lift the country.

We create new tax-paying citizens. Then, we get real order and real justice.

And what's more, we do what is right.

Yes: I want to change things. I want to change them for the better.

Some Americans have been left waiting outside for more than a 100 years. It's time they had their chance.

I say this country does not have to be torn and divided.

We don't have to hate each other.

We can build this country together -- just as we built the buildings of mortar and steel in our great cities.

I say: Now is the time to stand up for America -- because there is no greater country in the world.

Now is the time for everyone who cares to join hands in this country ... to stand up against racism ... to stand up against suspicion and hate ... to stand up against those who want to stop this country's journey into the future.

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I say now is the time to start trusting one another.

We began our journey more than 200 years ago.

We came to this country burning with the idea that one man was as good as another ... that what was wrong could be made right ... that people possessed the basic wisdom and goodness to govern themselves without conflict.

Now we come to a new moment of crisis in that journey.

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*Dallas*  
~~BASIC TEXAS RALLY SPEECH~~

*TWY to  
Dallas for  
local release,  
no other  
release.*

Block #1 -- Optional local color intro

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Block #2 -- Standard Texas rallies

I say we can win this election ... and I've come to Texas to prove it.

Texas is great Democrat country.

I am proud to have the support of two great Texas Democrats ... Governor John Connally and Senator Ralph Yarborough.

We have won a lot of battles together in the past ... and with your help we Democrats are going to win this one.

And I'm deeply proud to have another great Texas Democrat in my corner.

*Lyndon Baines Johnson --*

You know who I am talking about -- a President who hasn't just talked about progress, but who has worked for it. ... *and achieved it.*

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There are two weeks left in this campaign.

It's time we focused on the central issue: ~~Who~~ who can the American people trust to lead this country for the next four years.

Can we trust each other as people?

My Republican opponent has made two decisions in this campaign which speak directly to this crucial issue of trust.

First, he decided who should be his vice Presidential running mate -- the man who would be a heart-beat from the Presidency itself in this nuclear age.

And Mr. Nixon chose Spiro T. Agnew -- a so-called "Urban Expert", who says "when you've seen one slum you've seen them all" ... a man who says he can't wait to try out his "new-found expertise" in foreign policy.

I think my Republican opponent played fast and loose with the security of this nation.

Mr. Nixon then made a second decision. He decided to say nothing else for the rest of the campaign.

He's been on vacation -- and I say the White House is no place for a vacationer. What'll he do? ... turn off the hot line two days a week while he rests up?

He has refused to speak out on any vital issues.

He has refused to debate -- even though I offered to buy time on national television.

He has stayed in the shadows -- stayed off the issues -- and relied instead on a massive advertising campaign, staged TV shows, balloons and confetti.

I say this is no way to run for President.

~~I know why Mr. Nixon won't debate. He's afraid that the people will find out where he stands.~~

The people... to trust you... have to know where you stand.

~~Dallas inserts:~~

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I pledge this today. My Presidency will be an Open Presidency: *an Active Presidency:*

-- a Presidency that overcomes the ~~increasing~~ gap between Americans living in cities and towns, and government in far-off Washington;--

- A Presidency that enables each American to feel that he is an important part of the democratic process...despite our bigness;

--a Presidency responsive to the people... not just at the end of a long chain of bureacucrazy... but directly.

For the real strength of America is not in Washington, it is in the people... ~~In the people~~ and it is in ~~the individual~~ what they can do for themselves.

There is a lot your federal government can do --not to you, but with you...and for you.

Congressman Earle Cabell when he was Mayor of Dallas demonstrated how a progressive city can work with the federal government to clean up slums, ~~and~~

Your transportation facilities...your first-class highways and expressways...your airport and your plans for an even more modern one--are a product of that kind of federal-local partnership. Yes, it cost

half a billion federal dollars. I say it was worth it.

And I say the Trinity River Development Project is worth the investment, too. It will mean

more jobs...more prosperity...more growth for our  
private economy...more opportunity.

Now the Repuklicans are against that sort of thing.  
They call it government spending.

I call it an investment--an investment that  
will be repaid both in dollars and in human dignity and  
new strength for America. ~~imman~~ And I say it's worth

*the holy penny.*

Where do you stand on Medicare? You used to call it a socialist scheme.

What about aid to education? You broke a tie vote in the Senate against federal aid to education in 1960.

What about Head Start and the Bi-lingual Education Act?

What about the Peace Corps? Do you still think its a haven for draft dodgers?

What about that treaty against nuclear testing we now have in the books. Is it still the "cruel hoax" you used to think it was?

Are you against the passage of the treaty to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of the Nassers and the Castros of the world because you think that's a "cruel hoax", too?

Where do you stand on Vietnam, Mr. Nixon? When are you going to reveal your secret plan? Or is Mr. Agnew right ... was the whole thing a 'ploy'?

There is another fellow in this race besides Richard the Silent ... George the Loud.

George Wallace dishes out some mighty tough talk about law and order ... and then he claims to be the friend of the workingman.

If it weren't so serious, it would be ridiculous.

Law and Order: George Wallace couldn't provide it in Alabama. He had the highest murder rate in the country.

And his program for law and order in the country is to run over people he doesn't like with his car.

And as for the working people in George Wallace's Alabama ... they make the third lowest wages in the country.

He was a union-busting Governor ... and you know it.

And mothers, Alabama doesn't spend that six per cent sales tax on education ... it has the second lowest per pupil expenditures for education ... black and white ... of any state in the country.

\* Can the recession-ridden Republicans make that statement?

Let's not fool ourselves. When someone gets a job who didn't have one before . . . when somebody gets education or training who didn't have it before -- all of us benefit.

In the 1950's we had three job killing,  
profit killing recessions. [And the time Republican  
recessions, over 60 million black and white workers  
screwed out of the marketplace.]

~~America doesn't need your brand of medicine, Mr. Wallace.~~

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I know what the opposition is saying behind the scenes *in this election.*

They say "law and order" but they really mean black and white.

They say: Humphrey wants to give a black man a job. He wants to give a Spanish-surnamed-American a job.

And it will be your job.

Humphrey wants to go too fast.

Let me tell you something:

Yes, I want to give a black man a job.

I want everybody in this country to have a job.

-- black, white, red, green, or yellow.

~~Let's not fool ourselves:~~ When someone gets a job who didn't have one before ... when somebody gets education or training who didn't have it before -- all of us benefit.

We lift the country.

*add insert  
in Ft. Worth  
march here*

We create new tax-paying citizens. Then, we get real  
~~law and order.~~ *and not justice*

And what's more, we do what is right.

Yes: I want to change things. I want to change them for  
the better.

Some Americans have been left waiting outside for more than  
a 100 years. It's time they had their chance.

I say this country does not have to be torn and divided.

We don't have to hate each other.

We can build this country together -- just as we built the  
railroads ... just as we built our highways ... just as we built  
the buildings of mortar and steel in our great cities.

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I say: Now is the time/stand up for America... *because this is  
the greatest country in the world.*

Now is the time for everyone who cares to join hands in this  
country ... to stand up against racism ... to stand up against suspicion  
to  
and hate ... to stand up against those who want/stop this country's  
journey into the future.

*I say: Now is the time to start trusting one  
another.*

We began our journey more than 200 years ago.

We came to this country burning with the idea that one man was as good as another ... that what was wrong could be made right ... that people possessed the basic wisdom and goodness to govern themselves without conflict.

Now we come to a new moment of crisis in that journey.

We are called:

- to heal the hatreds and divisions among us;
- to reaffirm the basic decency of spirit which lies within us as people.
- to reassert this nation's moral leadership in a world that desperately seeks that leadership.
- to tell a new generation that what we have is good ... that it is worth saving ... that the dream of their parents is still a worthy dream.

This is work for all of us.

I seek to work through the Presidency of the United States.

I do not have a massive advertising budget. I do not have a multi-million dollar TV blitz. I only have you

... millions of people against millions of dollars.

Let's break through Mr. Nixon's smokescreen.

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