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NIXON PLAYS FAST AND LOOSE WITH AMERICAN SECURITY

Akron, Ohio, October 28 -- Vice President Humphrey charged today that Richard Nixon in his "extra effort" to catch votes is "playing fast and loose with our national security" both at home and abroad.

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The worst thing that Nixon is doing is "undermining the confidence of our allies," Mr. Humphrey said: "He is risking miscalculation by our enemies. He is urging a mad escalation of the nuclear arms race. And he is advocating an increasing militarization of American life and American foreign policy."

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The text of Humphrey's speech is attached.

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Those are the facts, Mr. Republican, and you know it.

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I say if you've seen one Nixon, you've seen them all.

The real Nixon has emerged--right on schedule.

So batten down the hatches--for the most desparate and cynical display of political irresponsibility ever seen in America. That's the real Nixon--and that's the Nixon we're going to beat next Tuesday.

But let's get on to more important matters.

The next President must end the war in Vietnam...and I am the only candidate to talk frankly with the American people on this vital issue...the only candidate to set forth in detail how I would proceed as President if the tragic conflict is still going on when I assume office on January 20, 1969.

The next President must hold this country together.

He must heal the wounds our people have suffered. He must build one nation, not two.

He must create a society where dissent is heard, the poor are helped, and the young are proud to be Americans.

He must enforce the laws.

He must ensure order.

And he must help our states and municipalities have the resources they need to make every citizen secure and our streets safe once again.

Yes, this is an important issue this year. George Wallace and the Republicans have said a lot about it.

But what have they said?

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But it will cost money. I say anybody who is not ready to support their local police with money doesn't support them at all.

We have a lot to do, so we'd better get going.

We have to plan for the 1970's...to set new patterns of government...education...society...that will last a generation.

America is going through its most profound changes in history.

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We can seize the opportunities, and make these changes work for us. We can find out where we are, and work for the future we want to see.

Or we can be plowed under in the relentless march of history and progress.

There is much we have discovered how to do:

-- to heal the sick;

-- to end poverty;

-- to make education relevant to the lives of all our people;

-- to make technology work for us, and not the other way around;

-- to use our great wealth of knowledge for the practical benefit of all mankind;

-- to make our lives...our government...our society...more relevant to our needs and times.

We can do it. But I need your help. Not just to win, but to create a new world for the 1970's.

American needs your ideas, your experience, and your talents.

We need new people taking part, to make our efforts work.

America needs you, everyone of you...and now.

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 SUMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you very much, thank you. Well now, that sounds better. For a while I thought this was Nixon weather. But it is turning out to be Democratic Humphrey weather.

Thank you very much, Senator Gilligan, United States Senator John Gilligan. Is that right?

(Applause.)

And Congressman Ocasek.

(Applause.)

My good friends, might I first thank Bob Blakemore, the chairman here of Summit County. I want to thank the University of Akron band. And I want to thank all my friends from Kent State that are here. I want you to tell Bob Pickett over there hello for me. He has been doing a lot of work for me this past year.

My friends, it is just great to be here in Akron. I sent the best member of the Humphrey family here sometime ago. Mrs. Humphrey was out here. I have had one of my sons out here.

So we have sort of taken up residence. And I hope that you will be good to us comes election day.

This is the rubber capital of the world. This is what it is known for. And I hope that you will stretch out enough votes here to really snap Mr. Nixon right out of the picture.

(Applause.)

You know, Peter O'Grady told me that, he said that you are going to have to work hard up here, Mr. Vice President. He said, "After all, your Republican opponent said a couple of weeks ago that he was going to throw on the coal and put in some extra effort." Now you know what Mr. Nixon meant by that extra effort. He meant that he was going to spend some more money to buy some more TV time, to float some more balloons, to have some more confetti, to put on some staged television shows.

Now, here is what we are going to do. We don't have that money. But we got you. And we are going to ask you to go to work for us now.

(Applause.)

We have got just another week to go, and have we ever caused some commotion. You remember when we used to talk about Mr. Nixon. He was the cool, the confident, the poised candidate. Everything was running so smoothly. You remember he never appeared on a single national television show. For two years. But you know what we did? We smoked him out at long last.

(Applause.)

Of course he won't debate me. But he has been debating himself. He has made -- he has had so many different positions on the issues that it has become quite interesting to hear what he is going to say next. It is sort of like going into a supermarket. Take your choice. The trouble is there is no truth-in-packaging or truth-in-labeling on any of the Nixon commodities.

(Applause.)

Now, dear friends, the question before the country in the next few days is a serious one. And we can get right down to business.

With all of the issues, the fundamental issue is this. Who can you trust to lead this country?

(Cries of "Humphrey.")

Well, be sure you tell your friends and neighbors that.

Who can you trust to win this peace, to win the peace that we need to have, to cut back the great arms race that is underway? Who can you trust to hold this country together?

You know, a presidential candidate makes two great tests. The first decision he makes is on his running mate. And I will leave it up to this audience. Who do you think made the best decision when he chose a vice presidential candidate?

(Cries of "Humphrey.")

How do you like Ed Muskie?

(Applause.)

Don't you think that ticket of Humphrey and Muskie would sell good up here around Akron, Ohio? Well, I will be watching for the votes on election night. And I want to be sure that Summit County, Akron, Ohio, comes through with a great victory for every one of these Democrats right from the top of the list to the bottom of the list, from the courthouse to the White House.

Now you know I am hopeful that Mr. Nixon will really start to talk on some of the issues. I know why he hasn't wanted to debate me, because he didn't want me to ask him some questions. He didn't want me to ask him why he fought against social security, why he fought against federal aid to education, why he opposed Medicare, why he opposed minimum wage expansion. You just name it. And I will tell you one thing you can be sure of. Richard Milhous Nixon was against it. He was against it.

So let me ask the people here. What did Nixon ever do for you?

(Cries of "Nothing.")

What are you going to do for Nixon?

(Cries of "Nothing.")

Sounds fair to me.

(Laughter.)

Now, take a look at the other record. Every gain that this country has had that relates to the elderly people, to our young people, to our workers, every one of those gains has come under a Democratic administration. The Democratic administration has one characteristic. It may make mistakes. No one can claim perfection. But the one thing that the Democratic Party can claim is that it does care, it cares about people. And I want you to care about it.

But you know, I think I have to really quote the record here today. I notice that Mr. Nixon now says he is for federal aid to education. Let me remind you of some very immortal words of scripture. "Ye shall judge them by their deeds, not by their words," and particularly not a week before the election.

(Applause.)

I know why Mr. Nixon is standing up now saying he is for all of these good things. I know why, because he is going to see what is going to happen to him. He is going to be defeated. And he knows it.

(Applause.)

You know, I wonder what all these magazines -- I wonder what all these magazines are going to do. You remember those stories -- why, I remember two weeks ago I read one of them that said it is all over, Nixon has won it, Humphrey won't carry four states. I hope to goodness they give that magazine and all that is left over to the Salvation Army so they can trade it in. All of these hotshots that had this campaign all wrapped up. Mr. Nixon and his Madison Avenue public relations that were sure that they could take the people for granted, that were sure that all they needed was a big advertising budget, that were sure all they needed to do was to scare you. Well, it isn't working. We are going to give them the worst defeat that they have ever had since Harry Truman.

(Applause.)

And I will tell you why. Because people here in this city remember. Mr. Nixon says that he wants a little more of the same when he gets to be president, like they had under those Republican

days. Well, I was in Akron in 1958. I was in Akron back in those days. And may I say to my friends in the Rubber Workers, you had a lot of unemployment around this town, plenty of it. And I will tell you what the Republican medicine is. It is small doses of political economic arsenic, that is what it ads up to.

(Applause.)

Let me look at this audience out here. Mr. Nixon's top adviser said only a week ago -- and he said Mr. Nixon agreed to it -- he said that what this country needed in order to get price stability was a little more unemployment. He thought maybe up to 5.5 million. Well, ladies and gentlemen, what this country doesn't need is unemployment. Whose job is he talking about?

Now, I got one suggestion for unemployment. Nixon is the one.

(Applause.)

But let me tell you we don't need any unemployment in Akron. And we don't need it in any family. I want to call the attention of every mother in this audience. Your children depend on that wage check. Your home depends on it. And let me just remind this audience that we had eight years of Republicanism, and you had three job-killing, profit-killing recessions. You had 7 percent of your work force unemployed. This country was in trouble. And then came John Kennedy, and we got this country moving again.

(Applause.)

And now, my dear friends, Ohio didn't carry for John Kennedy. I stood along side of John Kennedy. I worked for him after those primaries. I campaigned throughout this country for him. And I will tell you we can even the score now, in 1968. We can carry Ohio for the Democratic ticket, and we will mark it up all the way from Kennedy right on up through 1968.

(Applause.)

And now, friends, we have had in these last eight years 92 months of uninterrupted economic growth. We have had ten million new workers added to jobs. There have been 12 million people come out of poverty. And here I notice last night, Mr. Nixon on the TV. You know, that was some experience to see him on there. He was a little uncomfortable. He hasn't been on for two years. I have been on Meet the Press 18 times, facing the reporters, the tough ones. Mr. Nixon faced them once in two years, last night.

That is all.

But let me tell you something. Any guy that can't face the reporters can't face the voters. And you know it.

(Applause.)

What did he say last night? He said well one of the things he wanted to do was to eliminate the Job Corps. Now, the Job Corps, that has helped more young people that never had a chance than Mr. Nixon can count. It has helped 135,000 young men that were school dropouts, kids that never had a break. Many of them that couldn't even read and write. One of those Job Corps boys was George Foreman who won the Olympic medal for the heavyweight -- the heavyweight class. And you know what George Foreman said? He said when he received his medal, at the very time that Dick Nixon was talking on Face the Nation, George Foreman is receiving his gold medal on behalf of the United States for his great victory in the Olympics. He said he got his chance in the Job Corps. And Nixon says let's do away with it. I say let's do away with the Nixon candidacy.

(Applause.)

And then what did he do last week? This fellow is really swinging wild now. You know, I told you, I made one prediction. I said the real Nixon would come out before this campaign is over. That veneer they had on him, that nice polish job, that new Nixon that you get every four years, yes -- well, I will tell you, it is scratched up a little bit now. And he hasn't seen anything yet. We have got

a week to go. Just wait.

And then what did he do? What did he do? He started talking about the security of this country. And he said that we have had under the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations a security gap which will result in a survival gap, to frighten you. And when we brought out the figures, and pinned him down, and showed him that he was wrong, that he was misleading this country, misrepresenting the facts, when we told him that, and he was challenged on the TV, he had nothing to say at all, except he said he thought he got it out of some report.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is dangerous business. You cannot vote for a man that plays politics with national security, and I think it is time to tell Mr. Nixon to stay to the truth, and not to stay to his Republican fiction.

(Applause.)

Well, friends, you had another man speak here not long ago. George the Loud, yes, he was here. He spoke, I understand, right from these same steps. I am glad the courthouse is still here.

(Laughter.)

And he spoke about law and order. That is the favorite topic. He has got a great system for law and order. If you lie down in front of his car, he says he will run over you. If he doesn't like the judge, he defies him. If he doesn't like certain laws, he refuses to obey them. If he doesn't like certain court orders, he defies those. If he doesn't believe somebody ought to go to school, he stands in front of the door.

Ladies and gentlemen, we don't need that kind of law and order in America, and we are not going to have it.

And here is a man who talks law and order, that has the highest murder rate of of any state in the Union. Just think of that. Here is a man who when he was governor had the second highest aggravated assault rate of any state in the Union. And he wants to bring that kind of law and order to Washington. I say keep it in Alabama. They don't even want it there.

(Applause.)

Now, the way you get law and order is to put enough resources behind your police, behind your courts. Put some funds and moneys into rehabilitation. Do something about the injustices in this country. Do something about the despair and the inequities in this country. Then you can have people who respect the law on the one hand and police who know how to enforce the law. That is the way you get it. You don't get it with bumper stickers, and you don't get it with somebody making a speech. You have to pay for it, and you have to work for it, and you have to work for law enforcement, and you have to work for social justice. And I call upon this city to back that kind of a program, and particularly the young people. We do not want a police state in America. We want a state of law and order that is fair and just and decent.

(Applause.)

Well, friends, it is cold. I thought I would warm you up a little bit. Now let me tell you something. Did I warm you up a little bit?

Now let me ask you a couple of questions. Are you planning to vote for George?

(Cries of "No.")

You know what I call them. The Bombsy Twins.

So let's get it clear. I want to hear. Are you planning on voting for Wallace?

(Cries of "No.")

Did you hear anybody say he was going to vote for Nixon?

(Cries of "no.")

How would you go for the Humphrey-Muskie ticket?

(Applause.)

All right, friends. If you believe that, then help us. Will you make it your business the next few days, and particularly you young people? Will you help us now? I want you to go on out and call on every door, call on the neighbors, get them out to vote. And just remember this, when you call on an elderly couple, remind them he voted only once in his life for social security. Remind them he never helped you in federal aid to education. Remind the working family what it means to have a Republican administration. You work as you have never worked.

Somebody said we didn't have enough materials. Well, I guess that is right. But we have enough people if we put them to work. We are short on money, but we are strong on people. We have people power.

(Applause.)

So listen, I feel great. I tell you we are going to give the biggest political upset this country has ever seen. And I want you to be a part.

(Applause.)

You think we are going to win?

(Cries of "yes.")

Do you want to win?

(Cries of "Yes.")

ARE you going to help me win?

(Cries of "yes.")

Will you do it this week?

(Cries of "Yes.")

All right, let's give it to him. Sock it to him.

(Applause.)

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In his "extra effort" to catch votes, Mr. Nixon is playing fast and loose with our national security.

Worse than that, he is undermining the confidence of our allies.

~~He is proposing~~

His proposals would add at least another 50 billion dollars ~~to our~~ annually to our military budget.

He is risking miscalculation by our enemies.

He is urging a mad escalation of the nuclear arms race.

And he is advocating an increasing militarization of American life and American foreign policy.

But he will not prevail. Because his figures are phoney -- and his facts are wrong -- and the American people will reject him as they have rejected him before.

I say these times are too difficult and perilous for anyone to tell less than the truth about our national security. And Mr. Nixon has certainly given us less than the truth.

This is an uncertain political year. But I made one prediction long ago that has come true: That during the last days of the campaign the "real" Nixon would emerge.

~~I say if you've seen one Nixon, you've seen them all.~~

~~The real Nixon has emerged -- right on schedule.~~

So batten down the hatches -- for the most desperate and cynical display of political irresponsibility ever seen in America. That's the real Nixon -- and that's the Nixon we're going to beat next Tuesday.

But let's get on to more important matters.

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~~And he must help our states and municipalities have the resources they need to make every citizen secure and our streets~~

~~safe once again.~~

We must work with states + citizens

~~Yes, this is an important issue this year.~~ *George Wallace*

and the Republicans have said a lot about *law + order.*

But what have they said?

Can you remember a single answer that George Wallace gave you from those courthouse steps that would mean a "safer Akron?"

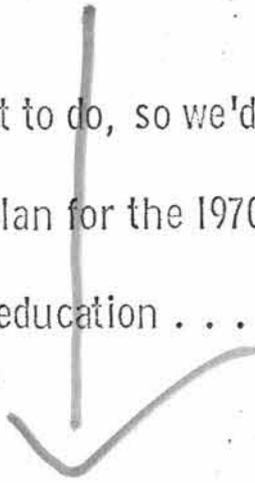
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Well -- I have some answers. I gave them to you over national television two weeks ago. And the fundamental ingredient is this: Put enough federal resources behind our police, our courts and our prisons to let them do the difficult job we ask them to do.

~~But it will cost money. I say anybody who is not ready to support their local police with money doesn't support them at all.~~

We have a lot to do, so we'd better get going.

We have to plan for the 1970's . . . to set new patterns of government . . . education . . . society . . . that will last a generation.



America is going through its most profound changes in history.

We can seize the opportunities, and make these changes work for us. We can find out where we are, and work for the future we want to see.

Or we can be plowed under in the relentless march of history and progress.

There is much we have discovered how to do:

- to heal the sick;
- to end poverty;
- to make education relevant to the lives of all our people;
- to make technology work for us, and not the other way around;
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America needs your ideas, your experience, and your talents.

We need new people taking part, to make our efforts work.

America needs you, everyone of you . . . and now.

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MEMO TO VP.

FROM

Doug Bennett
Sub: Akron (Cline) Speech

810 431 2009

I did a speech advance on Akron, Lorain and Cleveland. Here are

a few points on the Akron text:

1. You will stand on the court house steps from which Wallace spoke 10 days ago. The next building is a two-year-old "city county safety building" which houses the police, who are now conducting a vigorous referendum campaign (Issue "7") for more police and firemen, and for better pay. You should not take a stand on the local issue, but we have put in a little extra on crime control because ~~this is the site~~ the site and the issue of the campaign will put this uppermost in the audience's mind.

2. Akron people believe that Harry Truman's speech in the Akron Armory, at the end of a six whistle-stop tour through Ohio, was the moment when his campaign caught fire. You ~~might~~ might use this -- but without suggesting that your own campaign is only next now catching fire.

~~Actn: For your information I have~~ ~~Shuchberg~~

A. K. R. N.

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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
AKRON, OHIO ~~Patricia A. K. R. N.~~ Akron, Ohio
OCTOBER ~~28~~ 1968

28,

My Republican opponent is now half-way through his "extra effort"

in the closing days of the campaign.

~~I have been saying...~~

But look what's happening; the American people ~~are now seeing~~ ^{now see} the real

And

choices in this election.

Who can you trust to lead this country for the next four years?

Who can you trust to win the peace?

Who can you trust to hold this country together?

~~And~~ Who can lead this country forward?

The Republicans? -- ~~who~~ ^{- Year in and year out, they} have fought social security, federal

aid to education, medicare, minimum wage, conservation legislation --

you just name it! . . .

Or the Democrats ^{we have} ~~who have been responsible for every piece of~~ ^{- Time after time, I moved this}

Country forward.

~~constructive legislation passed in the last 35 years?~~

That's our Democratic heritage -- and that's
~~Mr. Nixon's "extra effort" is an effort to mislead the American people.~~

what the Humphrey-Muskie ticket offers America
you to today in this election.

Mr. Republican's "extra effort" is nothing more
than a cynical attempt to mislead the American people.

~~Election day is getting closer.~~ So Mr. Republican now says he is for federal aid to education.

Then why did he cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate that killed federal aid to education in 1960?

Mr. Republican now proposes a national teacher corps -- but the Democrats created a ~~National~~ ^{three} Teacher Corps ^{years} ago -- despite the 95 percent opposition of the Republicans.

What about Medicare, Mr. Republican?

In 1962, Mr. Republican said Medicare "would do more harm than good."

~~Now~~ ^{now} ~~he~~ ^{he'll make Medicare more effective.}

~~Now~~ Mr. Republican says ~~he supports Medicare.~~ But I say a man who

has opposed Medicare every step of the way -- a leader of a party that has

fought Medicare for years -- ~~can't jump on the bandwagon now.~~ ^{can't jump on the bandwagon now.}

~~Frankly, I'm worried that he and his Republicans~~

~~I challenge Mr. Republican to stand up and debate -- like a man --~~

~~Coburn would do that -- just like they promised for years,~~ ^{and we'll find out who's for Medicare -- Democrats or Republicans.}

Mr. Republican said in Flint, Michigan that for every person on a private payroll in America today there are three persons on welfare rolls.

The only problem with that statement is that there aren't that many people living in the United States today.

~~During the Democrats trained over me~~

~~me~~

What about jobs, Mr. Republican?

Now you say ~~you're~~ ^{you're} a friend of the working man.
Mr. Republican is saying he's the friend of the working man.

But when

~~but when~~ the Nixon-Republicans were running the country in the 1950's,

they increased unemployment by two million.

They ~~also~~ plunged the country into three profit-killing, job-killing recessions.

Do you remember 1958? Every factory worker and every store owner in Akron remembers 1958. You know it didn't have to happen.

~~America had the lowest economic growth rate of any industrialized country~~

~~in the world.~~

Today -- after eight years of Democratic government -- ~~we have one~~

~~of the highest economic growth rates in the world~~ -- unemployment stands

at the lowest level in 15 years . . . we have had 92 months of

uninterrupted economic expansion . . . we have added 10 million new jobs

and trained more than one million workers last year to come off welfare

rolls and move on to payrolls. *And it shows for Akron to Appalachia . . . from everywhere.*

Those are the facts, Mr. Republican, and you know it.

What about your economic adviser who announced that what America needs

is a little more unemployment?

Who's job do you want to abolish, Mr. Republican?

*Whose overtime will be the first to go?
he has five*

But Mr. Nixon's most irresponsible attempt to mislead the American

people was the statement he made last Thursday about our national security.

He charged that the administrations of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson have weakened our defenses to the point where a "security gap" exists today and a "survival gap" may soon exist.

I say to you: There is no security gap. And there will be no "survival gap" -- unless we follow Mr. Nixon's advice.

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I have shown those figures and those percentages to be false.

~~I will not repeat them now. They are ^{public} on the record.~~

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~~When he began his "extra effort", Mr. Nixon announced in Cincinnati that he wasn't going to engage in any name-calling in the campaign. He then cleared his throat and called me an adult delinquent.~~

~~I didn't realize that Mr. Republican was getting so desperate that he had to borrow lines from Spiro T. Agnew -- as when he accused anyone working to control the arms race of being an appeaser.~~

It works the other way too.

Mr. Agnew was borrowing from Mr. Nixon when he said I was soft on Communism. This would be the laugh-in if it weren't so serious.

~~I think there are better ways to run for this nation's highest office.~~

This is an uncertain political year. But ~~I think~~ ^{made} I can make one prediction ^{long ago that has come true: the last days of the Campaign} safely. That during ~~Mr. Nixon's "extra effort"~~ in these final days, the

"^{would} real Nixon will emerge.

So far, we have had several Nixons.

We had the confident Nixon, vacationing in the Florida sunshine, taking the American people for granted.

Then we had the statesman Nixon, above the battle -- above the battle for jobs, above the battle for prosperity, above the battle for peace at home and peace abroad.

Then we had the liberal Nixon -- who talked for awhile about choosing John Lindsay for his vice presidential candidate, but ended up -- when the chips were down -- by yielding to Strom Thurmond and picking the incredible Mr. Agnew.

~~Then we had the Southern Nixon, reading the crime news from the daily newspapers to Southern audiences.~~

~~Then we had sheriff Nixon, and then professor Nixon, and so on and so on.~~

Mr. Agnew says that if you've seen one slum you've seen them all.

~~It was Mr. Nixon's decision to choose Mr. Agnew.~~

~~I say if you've seen one Nixon decision, you've seen them all.~~

~~For that matter,~~ if you've seen one Nixon, you've seen them all.

The real Nixon ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{ed} ~~is~~ emerging ~~right~~ ^{right} on schedule.
So ~~button down the hatch~~ ^{button down the hatch} - for the most demanding
Mr. Nixon appears to be his old self. And that's enough for anyone.
+ Cynical display of political irresponsibility ^{has} ~~has~~ been seen in America.
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We can ensure the security of this nation -- even as we push forward -- step by slow and painful step -- to a safer and saner world . . . a world which cannot be destroyed by one rash act, one error in judgment, which unleashes a nuclear holocaust upon all humanity.

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Yes, this is an issue that you and I have discussed in the past. I would like to see you a lot about. But what have you said? Can you remember a single conversation with me for those court cases that you would have had? No. He talked division, fear and hate. Well, I have some answers. And I'll give you a national



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Well--I have some answers, and I gave ^{them to you} you a half-hour's worth of them over national television a ~~month~~ ^{two weeks} ago.

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