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VOTERS FACE CRUCIAL DECISION TUESDAY, HUMPHREY SAYS

Elizabeth, N.J., October 31 -- "Don't let anyone tell you there are no life and death issues in this campaign...that you have no choice in this election," Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said today.

"In the quiet of that polling booth," he said, American voters "are going to make a decision that will determine whether the last third of the 20th Century will be one of progress, of chaos, hope or despair, peace or increasing world tension."

Humphrey cited differences between himself and Nixon on speaking out on the issues and detailing plans for peace in Vietnam, on education, Social Security and Medicare, full employment, elimination of slums, and nuclear weapons control.

Citing the crucial issue of trust, Humphrey said: "Ed Muskie and I have not taken you for granted -- and we never will. We have come to you with the dust of America on our shoes. We have looked you in the eye. We have told you the hard truths about our nation's problems -- and we've told you what we'll do about them, and I think we have earned your trust."

The text of his remarks is attached:

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He has refused to fill the empty chair in the debate.

I suggest the voters of America will refuse to let him fill the empty chair in the White House on January 20, 1969.

My position on the big issues is clear.

We believe that every child is entitled to a good education.

The Nixon-Republicans have opposed federal aid to education.

We believe Social Security should be expanded. The Nixon-Republicans have opposed every Social Security increase except one -- in 1954.

We believe in Medicare. 93 per cent of the Nixon-Republicans opposed Medicare.

We want to create new jobs and full employment. Mr. Nixon's advisers are seriously suggesting it would be good to have "a little more unemployment." They think it will cool off the economy.

I agree: Cutting away American jobs, as Mr. Nixon proposes, will cool off the economy -- and put it in the deep freeze of recession.

There is no longer any question that if you let the Republicans back in the White House, there will be increased unemployment. They are committed, as a matter of policy to deliberately throwing men out of work. They have said so. The only question now is how long the recession will last and how deep it will cut.

Under the Democrats, you've enjoyed 92 months of prosperity. That's a record -- a record I intend to break again and again.

And, Governor Agnew, a special word for you: I have seen a lot of slums and they are not all alike -- each one has its own special brand of despair.

I say, if you've seen one slum, that's one slum too many.

We believe that the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty has helped keep the food you eat and the air you breathe uncontaminated by radioactivity. Mr. Nixon called it a "cruel Hoax."

We believe in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We don't want atomic weapons in the hands of the Nassers and Castros of the world. Mr. Nixon has scuttled this treaty for this session of Congress.

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Ⓟ U.S. Marine Corps

Ⓧ Ft. Monmouth

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Helicopter Pilot
600 Museum

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Stowers & Haunted

Rev De Char Fitz (High Church)

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meg Smollen
meg Donnelly

Rev Heinz Kuebler

REMARKS

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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Rev. John Ryan

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Rev Watto

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

October 31, 1968

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Ⓟ Jerry
Joe
Rogin
Johnson

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There's a goodness, a sense of decency - a greatness.

Yes Despite our divisions, there is still the chance for unity. *Trust*

↳ Despite our fear, there is still a tremendous reservoir of good will *and fair play.*

↳ I've heard the message you have sent --- and when I am President, I promise to keep those channels clear.

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We face tremendous challenges. I need not tell
you that peace in Vietnam is the Number One task of
~~my Administration.~~ Pray it comes soon.

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ATTENTION TED VAN DYK OR JOHN MARTIN
FROM JOHN AND DOUG

HERE'S WHAT WE WOULD DO FOR FRIDAY AM'S FOR USE EITHER AT THE RCA PLANT IN NEWARK, OR IN ELIZABETH, DEPENDING ON WHICH YOU CONSIDER BEST FOR PRESS PURPOSES. THE OCCASIONS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL, AND WE NEED EMPHASIS ON THE BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES. WE WILL SEND NOTES ON BATTLE CREEK---IT'S SO LATE THAT IT WOULDN'T DO FOR FRIDAY AM'S

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RCA--NEWARK, N. J. OR ELIZABETH, N. J.

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Ed Muskie and I have not taken you for granted--we never will.

HE THOUGHT HE HAD YOU RIGHT IN HIS BACK POCKET. HE SPENT MORE THAN TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE SURE. YOU BETTER CHECK YOUR BACK POCKET, MR. NIXON. YOU CAN'T BUY THE WHITE HOUSE, MR. NIXON.

ED MUSKIE AND I HAVE COME TO YOU WITH OUR CAMPAIGN. WE HAVE THE DUST OF AMERICA ON OUR SHOES. WE HAVE SHAKEN YOUR HANDS. WE HAVE LOOKED YOU IN THE EYE. WE HAVE TRIED TO TELL IT LIKE IT IS, AND I THINK WE HAVE EARNED YOUR TRUST.

IT IS BECAUSE YOU TRUST US THAT WE ARE GOING TO WIN... AND WE ARE (UNDERLINE ARE) GING TO WIN!

THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN DRIVING THE POLLSTERS CRAZY...BUT IT HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME.

AS I HAVE TRAVELLED BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, THE STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE GAVE ME STRENGTH. THE WISDOM OF THE PEOPLE MADE ME WISER. THE COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE GAVE ME COURAGE.

DESPITE OUR DIVISIONS, THERE IS STILL UNITY.

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DESPITE OUR FEARS, THERE IS STILL A TREMENDOUS RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL.

DESPITE OUR LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS, THERE IS STILL A GREAT PRIDE IN AMERICA. THAT'S THE MESSAGE YOU HAVE GIVEN ME.

I CAME TO TEACH, AND I HAVE LEARNED. I CAME TO INSPIRE, AND I HAVE BEEN INSPIRED. I CAME TO WIN YOUR TRUST, AND YOU HAVE WON MINE.

WE COMMUNICATED -- AND WHEN I AM PRESIDENT, I PROMISE TO KEEP THOSE CHANNELS CLEAR.

WHEN I GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE, I WILL LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN. IF THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, I WILL TAKE THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE ROAD, AND COME TO YOU.

I WILL LISTEN TO THE SOFT VOICES OF SOCIETY AS WELL AS THE LOUD. MR. NIXON HAS SINGLED OUT THE FINANCIAL FRATERNITY AS ONE OF HIS SPECIAL GROUPS FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. WELL, I HAVE A SPECIAL GROUP THAT I PLAN TO GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT -- THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

WE FACE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES. I NEED NOT TELL YOU THAT PEACE IN VIETNAM IS THE NUMBER ONE TASK OF MY ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE MADE MY POSITION CLEAR.

MR. NIXON HAS NOT BEEN ABOVE USING THE FACES OF OUR FIGHTING MEN IN HIS MADISON AVENUE COMMERCIALS, BUT HE HAS BEEN ABOVE DEBATING THE ISSUE.

HE HAS REFUSED TO FILL THE EMPTY CHAIR IN THE DEBATE. I SUGGEST THE VOTERS OF AMERICA WILL REFUSE TO LET HIM FILL THE EMPTY CHAIR IN THE WHITE HOUSE ON JANUARY 20, 1969.

MY POSITION ON THE BIG ISSUES IS CLEAR.

WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY CHILD IS ENTITLED TO A GOOD EDUCATION. THE NIXON-REPUBLICANS HAVE OPPOSED FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION.

WE BELIEVE SOCIAL SECURITY SHOULD BE EXPANDED. THE NIXON-REPUBLICANS HAVE OPPOSED EVERY SOCIAL SECURITY INCREASE EXCEPT ONE -- IN 1954.

WE BELIEVE IN MEDICARE. 93 PERCENT OF THE NIXON-REPUBLICANS OPPOSED MEDICARE.

WE WANT TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND FULL EMPLOYMENT. MR. NIXON'S ADVISERS ARE SERIOUSLY SUGGESTING IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE "A LITTLE MORE UNEMPLOYMENT." THEY THINK IT WILL COOL OFF THE ECONOMY.

I AGREE -- FIRING ABOUT ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL (UNDERLINE WILL) COLXXX COOL OFF THE ECONOMY -- AND PUT IT IN THE DEEP FREEZE OF RECESSION.

YOU'VE ENJOYED 92 MONTHS OF PROSPERITY UNDER THE DEMOCRATS. THAT'S A RECORD -- A RECORD I INTEND TO BREAK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

AND, GOVERNOR AGNEW, A SPECIAL WORD FOR YOU: I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF SLUMS AND THEY ARE NOT ALL ALIKE -- EACH ONE HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL VXXX BRAND OF DESPAIR.

I SAY, IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLUM, THAT'S ONE SLUM TOO MANY.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY HAS HELPED KEEP THE FOOD YOU EAT AND THE AIR YOU BREATHE UNCONTAMINATED BY RADIOACTIVITY. MR. NIXON CALLED IT A "CRUEL HOAX."

WE BELIEVE IN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. WE DON'T WANT ATOMIC WEAPONS IN THE HANDS OF THE NASSERS AND CASTROS OF THE WORLD. MR. NIXON HAS SCUTTLED THIS TREATY FOR THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU THERE ARE NO LIFE AND DEATH ISSUES IN THIS CAMPAIGN. DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU WE CAN AFFORD TO STAND STILL OR, EVEN WORSE, GO BACKWARDS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

EVERYONE OF YOU PROBABLY KNOWS AT LEAST ONE FENCE SITTER, OR ONE VOTER WHO SAYS HE IS GOING TO SIT THIS ONE OUT.

JOHN F. IXXX KENNEDY HAD A FAVORITE QUOTATION FROM DANTE. IT WENT "THE HOTTEST PLACES IN HELL ARE RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO IN TIME OF GREAT MORAL CRISIS MAINTAIN THEIR NEUTRALITY."

I WANT YOU ALL TO GO OUT AND SAVE AT LEAST ONE SOUL FROM HELL. THAT'S A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION THAT WON'T COST YOU A CENT, BUT WILL ADD A JEWEL TO YOUR CROWN IN HEAVEN.

IN THE QUIET OF THAT POLLING BOOTH, YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE A DECISION THAT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THE LAST THIRD OF THE 20TH CENTURY WILL BE ONE OF PROGRESS OR CHAOS, HOPE OR DESPAIR, PEACE OR INCREASING WORLD TENSION.

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WILL YOU FIND THAT GREATNESS IN THE PARTY OF RICHARD NIXON AND SPIRO AGNEW?

I'M SKXX ASKING YOU TO VOTE FOR ED MUSKIE AND ME. I'M ASKING YOU TO PUT US TO WORK. I'M ASKING YOU TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GET ON THE TEAM -- BE PART OF THIS GENERATION OF GREATNESS -- THIS GENERATION THAT SAYS TO THE 20TH CENTURY-- YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET!

ATTENTION: SAM KEITH. THE FOLLOWING SPEECH IS TO BE USED IN BOTH HARRISON AT THE RCA PLANT AND ELIZABETH AT THE RALLY. IT WILL BE LOCAL RELEASE ONLY FOR RCA PLANT AND GENERAL RELEASE FOR ELIZABETH (FRI AM).

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IT IS BECAUSE YOU TRUST US THAT WE ARE GOING TO WIN THIS ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY -- IF EVERY ONE OF YOU GIVES US YOUR HELP.

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RCA - Newark, N.J.

or

Elizabeth, N.J.

Friday, A.M.'s

A. Scott
10/29/68

HOUSTON SPEECH

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But Mr. Nixon, the man behind the balloons, thought he didn't have to risk debating the issues before you. He thought he had it made. He thought he had you right in his back pocket. He ^{more than} spent twenty million dollars to make sure. You better check your back pocket, Mr. Nixon. You can't buy the White House, Mr. Nixon.

~~Nobody owns the American people, Mr. Nixon, and I predict they will make that abundantly clear on November 5th.~~

Ed Muskie and I have come to you with our campaign.

We have the dust of America on our shoes. We have shaken your hands.

We have looked you in the eye. We have tried to tell it like it is, and

I think we have earned your trust. [It is because you trust us ~~and only~~

~~because you trust us~~ that we are going to win ... and we are going to

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The wisdom of the people made me wiser, the courage of the people gave

me courage.

~~We are indeed, a great nation. You should give yourselves a round
applause.~~

Despite our divisions, there is still unity. Despite our fears,
there is still a tremendous reservoir of good will. Despite our legitimate
complaints, there is still a great pride in America. That's the message
you gave me. ^{have given} ~~It's amazing.~~ I came to teach, and I learned. I came
to inspire, and I ^{have been} inspired. I came to win your trust, and you won
mine. We communicated -- and when I am President, I promise to keep
those channels ^{clear} open. When I go to the White House, I will leave the
door open. If that's not good enough, I will take the White House on
the road, and come to you.

~~I will not tolerate a gap between the President and the people.
We need your ideas, your experience, your talent, your participation.
I will not be a push button, punchcard, programmed President. I will
be a People's President.~~

I believe in people power. That is the power that is going to elect us on November 5th.

~~I promise you~~ I will listen to the soft voices of society as well as the loud. Mr. Nixon has singled out the financial fraternity as one of his special groups for preferential treatment. Well, I ~~do~~ have a special group that I plan to give preferential treatment -- the people of the United States.

⌈ We face tremendous challenges. I need not tell you that peace in Vietnam is the number one task of my Administration. I have made my position clear. ⌈ Mr. Nixon has not been above using the faces of our fighting men in his Madison Avenue commercials, but he has been above debating the issue. ⌈ He has refused to fill the empty chair in the debate. I suggest the voters of America will refuse to let him fill the empty chair in the White House on *January 20, 1969.*

My
The position on the big issues is clear.

We believe that every child is entitled to a good education.

The Republicans have
~~Mr.~~ Nixon ~~has~~ opposed federal aid to education.

We believe Social Security should be expanded. *The Republicans*
~~Mr.~~ Nixon,

have every
~~has~~ opposed Social Security ~~from the beginning.~~ *except one -- in 1954.*

93 percent of the Nixon Republicans
We believe in Medicare. ~~Mr. Nixon~~ opposed Medicare.

We want to create new jobs and full employment. Mr. Nixon's

advisers are seriously suggesting it would be good to have "a little

more unemployment." They think it will cool off the economy. I

about
agree -- firing ~~one~~ one million, five hundred thousand people ~~as they~~

~~will~~ suggest will cool off the economy and put it in the deep freeze of

recession. You've enjoyed 92 months of prosperity under the Demo-

crats. That's a record -- a record I intend to break again and again.

We believe in law and order with justice. So does Mr. Nixon, but the word justice has been missing from some of his recent speeches.

a special word for you:

And, Governor Agnew, ~~let me tell you something~~. I have seen

a lot of slums and they are not all alike -- each one has its own special

brand of despair. I say, if you've seen one slum, that's one slum too

many.

We believe that the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty has helped keep the food you eat and the air you breathe uncontaminated by radioactivity.

Mr. Nixon called it a "cruel hoax."

We believe in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We don't want atomic weapons in the hands of the Nassers and Castros of

the world. Mr. Nixon has scuttled this treaty *for this session of Congress*

We believe that the hopes of mankind are tied to a halt in the arms race. Mr. Nixon has suggested a fifty billion dollar escalation. He says we must negotiate ~~for~~ ^{from} strength, and I agree. We are far and ~~among~~ ^{away} the strongest nation on earth and the time has come to get on with the negotiations. While I'm on this subject, just for a moment consider what if, God forbid, Governor Agnew had to negotiate for the United States at the summit. Is that what Mr. Nixon calls negotiating from strength?

Don't let anyone tell you there are no life and death issues in this campaign. Don't let anyone tell you we can afford to stand still or, ^{worse,} even go backwards ^{the next} for four years.

Everyone of you probably knows at least one fence sitter, or one voter who ^{says he} is going to sit this one out. John F. Kennedy had a favorite quotation from Dante. It went "the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in time of great moral crisis maintain their neutrality."

I want you all to go out and save at least one soul from hell. That's a campaign contribution that won't cost you a cent,

but will add a jewel to your crown in heaven. ~~You get them to~~

~~the polls and let's not just win this election - let's make it a~~

~~smashing victory.~~

In the quiet of that polling booth, you are going to make a decision that will determine whether the last third of the 20th century will be one of progress or chaos, hope or despair, peace or ~~XXXXX~~ increasing world tension.

You must decide whom you trust, not only for the next four years, but for the next generation. ~~Because,~~ I firmly believe the world cries out for a generation of great men, a generation of great ideas, indeed, a generation of greatness. Will you find that greatness in the party of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew?

I predict America will answer that question on November 5th with a gigantic, "no!"

I don't have to tell you where that generation of greatness is. You've seen it yourself in the faces of Ed Muskie, Ted Kennedy, George McGovern, Abe Ribicoff, and in the bright ^{edger} ~~young~~ faces of the thousands of young people on my team who have the guts, the imagination, and the inspiration to solve the big problems, to get the big ideas, to dream the big dreams.

That's my generation of greatness!

That's the new face of leadership in America.

Ed Muskie and me

I'm asking you to vote for us. I'm asking you to put

us to work. I'm asking you to roll up your sleeves and get on the

team -- be part of this generation of greatness -- this generation that

says to the 20th century -- you haven't seen anything yet!



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