

REMARKS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 31, 1968

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Aren't they wonderful, aren't they great? Give them a great hand.

(Applause.)

May I say, Senator Hart, and to the director of this band that if you ever wanted to make a man feel good, a man that has been on the road many hours today and has talked to, oh my goodness, many audiences, you have revitalized me tonight. This wonderful Battle Creek Democratic crowd.

And that choir, or that singing and choral group, listen, is there any chance that I could just take this band and group with me from here on out?

(Applause.)

Are you ready to go?

(Cries of "Yes.")

Well, they are just grand, and I know that they have entertained you tonight as has my good friend Chubby Checker and his group here, and as has Miss Pat Morrow, and I am sure you have met my friend Rafer Johnson. These wonderful people that come with us and help us. There are so many here tonight that quickly I would like to just acknowledge because you have waited oh so long, but I am going to tell you why, and I think you may be will forgive me. I hope you will forgive me. But I do want to especially thank tonight a lady that has helped me so much in Michigan, that was with me early and has been steadfast in her helpfulness and loyalty and support and that is Patty Knox, and, Patty, I have been waiting to do this a long time.

(Applause -- cries of "We want Humphrey.")

You have got him. He is right here.

(Applause.)

And the distinguished Attorney General, Mr. Kellen, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Hare.

(Applause.)

And the two next congressmen that we need for the 3rd and 4th Districts, Tom Keenan -- (applause) -- and John Martin from the 4th District.

(Applause.)

I hope you had as much good fortune as I expect to have and as I feel we are going to have because tonight, ladies and gentlemen, as it has been for many a day, I feel that there is a big, big, big surprise ready to be -- just to be unpackaged and unleashed on November the 5th, 1969, when Hubert Humphrey and Ed Muskie are elected.

(Applause.)

You know this is Halloween, and I declared Halloween this morning the official Republican national holiday.

(Applause.)

But I must say that we Democrats have undercut it a little bit because on Halloween it is supposed to be both tricks and treats, but for several weeks now you have been having some Nixon Republican tricks and on November 5th you are going to have some Humphrey-Muskie treats.

(Applause.)

Yes, good friends, that is what is going to happen. I have told many an audience that I have read these stories of doom and gloom about our campaigns, and at times they almost impressed me, and I read a couple of weeks -- three weeks ago where the election was said == Mr. Nixon had the election in the bag, and you know what somebody told me last week? He said, "Don't let that bother you, Hubert, just don't let it bother you a bit because," he

said, "when Mr. Nixon opens that bag on November 5th, out will jump Humphrey and Muskie."

(Applause.)

And I want you to be around to witness it because that is going to be quite an act. We are going to really enjoy it.

Now, friends, how can one properly thank an audience like this except to get right down to business. You have been here, you have waited, and the people at the airport were there tonight. This audience -- auditorium is jam packed, and outside there are yet hundreds that could not come in, and I consider it one of the high tributes and honors that can be paid to any person in public or private life, and I want to talk to you both seriously and pointedly about the decision that we are about to make. As a matter of fact, in the next four days -- the next four days we are going to decide what is going to happen in this country for the next four years, and the decisions that are going to be made in the next four years are going to have a great bearing on what is going to happen in this country and other countries for many years.

Tonight I feel much more -- or let me say that I feel more pointedly, more deeply serious about the nature of this campaign than ever before, because of developments that have taken place that your President announced and also because of something else. When I saw these wonderful young people that are behind me on this stage tonight, and the others that I see in this audience, since I have young people of my own, I feel an extra sense of both duty and opportunity to serve and to be worthy, may I repeat, to be worthy of their confidence, to be worthy of their trust. If there ever is anything that can make a man want to do good and want to do well, it is when young men and women put their faith in him and their trust in him, and I want this audience to know tonight that the young people that are here, if I can possibly do it, and I think I can, that I shall be fully worthy of their trust and of their confidence. I want to do so.

(Applause -- cries of "We want Humphrey.")

My dear, and Humphrey wants you.

(Applause.)

The question is for every voter, and the question is for those yet to be voters, because they have a new and a great influence in our country, is whom can we trust, in fact you will have to answer this question very personally in the quiet and secrecy of the voting booth, whom do you trust with the presidency, the highest office in the gift of this land.

(Cries of "you.")

And you have to answer a second question, whom do you trust, whom do you trust to stand just one -- (cries of "Humphrey") -- whom do you trust to stand just one heartbeat, one heartbeat away from the presidency?

(Cries of "Muskie.")

And it really boils down to whom do you trust -- (cries of "Humphrey") -- for the future of America.

Now, it is that beautiful word "trust" that means so much, and it is a word that is like a contract, it is a bond. The element of trust binds our democracy together. Trust in each other carries us through the most difficult and turbulent times, like trust in a family, and trust in each other gives the people and the President a strength together the strength that we are going to need to build - better America, a just and prosperous society, an open society for every American, no matter who he is or how he looks, his race, his creed or his color, because every American deserves the best that we have to offer in our country.

(Applause.)

Now, Ed Muskie, my running mate, and isn't he a wonderful man --

(cries of "yes") -- Ed Muskie, and I have come with you, or come to you, with our campaign and our statement of issues. We have literally the dust of America on our shoes from our many walks and travels, and we have shaken your hands and we have looked into your eyes, and we have heard your cheers as I have heard them tonight, and we have listened to your complaints, and we have come to you, the American people, in audiences like this, open to anyone, on street corners, wherever we can go. We have come because we care and because we have the basic belief in the ability of the American people to make honest judgment. We haven't screened our audiences, we haven't tried to sanitize them or deodorize them or pick them or select them. We have just gone to the people, to the poor and the rich, to the city and the rural, into the ghettos, and on the great avenues of New York, we have been there, and we think that we have had a message to give and that message is that we represent a party and a government that cares about people, and a party and a government that cares about people is fulfilling what Thomas Jefferson once said is the only legitimate objective of government, and what did he say it was? The welfare and the well-being and happiness of the people.

Now, that is the pu-pose of this government. We are trying to exemplify that in our contact with the people, and we told the people the truth as we saw it. We told them the truth about peace and about war in Vietnam, and that peace tonight, my friends, is closer, thank goodness, and it is this that has detained me from this meeting. As I walk with others --

VOICE: Tell us why you killed the Americans, you pig.

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: All right, all right.

(Cries of "Throw him out.")

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Sit down. Please be quiet, let this man speak.

(Cries of "Let him speak.")

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Please.

VOICE: I thank you for the opportunity to speak.

(Cries of "Shh.")

VOICE: Sir, I thank you for the opportunity to speak. I had no desire to speak, but I have very strong feelings. I feel that the issues of our country are very, very important as you have brought out.

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Let this man be heard.

VOICE: Sir, I feel that the issue of war and peace is essential. I feel and I believe many Americans feel that while you may end this war, I would like to know what you are going to do. Is a new war going to be in Thailand?

(Cries of "Get out.")

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you, thank you. Thank you. May I as this audience, may I ask this audience to let this young man speak. Are you through?

Before this young man leaves, may I say that every man is entitled to his point of view. I just wish he would address me by my right name, that is all.

(Applause.)

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Dear friends, don't let one unhappy and indiscreet moment break up what is a good meeting. People have a right to their point of view. I just regret that sometimes it is expressed in terms that are not always as polite as they would like. We all make mistakes. I don't stand here in a glass house. Let me just repeat what I said a moment ago. We have told the people the truth as we saw it, and we told the people the truth about Vietnam, and that peace, I say again, is closer tonight,

thank God. Hanoi has agreed to proceed with prompt and productive discussions. The President has taken an action by his order for the cessation of bombing of the north that I believe will have the support of the vast majority of the American people. I know that I support it. Now let us hope we make -- (applause) -- now let us really hope and reverently pray that the negotiations which are underway in Paris will now be able to move forward towards a truly honorable and lasting settlement. This is the desire of the American people because the work of this nation is then -- has been and continues to be the work of peace, peace here at home amongst ourselves and peace in this troubled world that surrounds us, and let us dedicate ourselves tonight by word and deed and prayer and thought to the attainment of that wonderful objective of harmony at home, peace at home, and a real genuine peace abroad. This is what we have addressed ourselves to.

(Applause.)

Senator Muskie and I have also told the truth as we saw it about the subject called law and order and how we can make our America safe, safe for everyone, black and white, rich and poor, make it safe once again by supporting our laws, by supporting our local police, by supporting them not with just slogans and bumper stickers but with better pay and better training and better equipment and then, too, by building a better and a more just society for the many people in this society that feel that organized society has not been fair to them. Now this is what we need to do.

(Applause.)

Now, our opposition, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Wallace, have appealed not to reason but to fears and emotions. They have not offered plans for programs. They have offered talk, but fear and emotion can never bring you and your family the security and the safety that you have every right to expect. The first duty of government is to protect life, to insure liberty, and hopefully to make that life a little more meaningful, so that you can be blessed with a degree of happiness throughout your life. These are the duties that were laid out even in the Declaration of Independence, subscribed to in our Constitution, and may I say an oath of office taken by every member in public life to support that Constitution, to support the protection of life, and indeed the protection of property, and I can tell this audience tonight that the Humphrey-Muskie administration will be one not only of civil order but will be one of civil justice because the two go together.

(Applause.)

And we believe the American people will understand all of this on election day. We believe the American people are going to vote their hopes and not their hates. We believe, my friends -- we believe the American people have more faith in this country than they have doubt. We believe they have more trust in this country than they have suspicion, and we are going to put our case on the line, on the basis of appealing to the essential goodness and the decency of the American character, and I think you are going to see it come forth once again on election day in a great national referendum.

(Applause.)

And we told some other truths as we saw them. We told the truths about economic progress in the past eight years under Democratic administration, and we are reminded of another truth in this city alone. In 1960, one out of every 13 workers were out of a job here in Battle Creek, Michigan, one out of every 13. Today that number has been reduced to 1 out of every 25. We say that is still too high.

Mr. Nixon's advisers say something else. They say that what

America needs is a little more unemployment. Well, I tell you that will cool things off all right, and it would send America right into the deep freeze of another Nixon Republican recession.

(Applause.)

And we told the truth about something that relates to these schools. We told the truth about federal aid to education from pre-school in Headstart, to elementary and secondary, to higher education and indeed vocational and special education. We told the truth about how our children must have the best education that we can possibly give them, and how the money spent on education is the best investment that we can make, and if you don't believe it, look at the young people on this platform tonight. There is the living proof of it.

(Applause.)

My friends, we have also told the truth of how federal aid can help lift the crushing load of the local property tax which every community today faces, and without assistance from your Federal Government, which has the income tax base, local governments will be forced to apply heavier and heavier and higher and higher property taxes until home ownership and property ownership becomes not an asset but a liability.

Ladies and gentlemen, the answer to the overburdened local property taxpayer is a better degree of federal aid for your schools so that the tax base can be more equitably shared, and we are going to do it.

(Applause.)

Now, Mr. Nixon has fought federal aid to education all of his life. I noticed within the last two weeks he has had a sudden conversion. I must say that it is both sudden and subtle. I can't help but feel that this is what I call political deathbed religion. I think we should judge them by their deeds, not by their most recent words, and, Mr. Nixon, Richard Milhous Nixon, for 20 years, you have stabbed in the back every program of federal aid to education, and I don't believe you support it now.

(Applause.)

Mr. Nixon has come to this city and he has brought a message on the date of October 23rd which says the "U.S. World Lead Lost Nixon tells Battle Creek Audience," and what did he say? He said we have lost our military superiority over the Soviet Union in such crucial areas as bombers, tactical fighters, and submarines. When he was challenged both by myself and the Secretary of Defense, his only answer was another radio broadcast to say that he suddenly realized maybe he should be interested in peace. He knew that he misled the public. He knew there were no facts to justify his conclusions. He knew that he helped destroy the confidence of our allies, and he must have known that his words could have led to miscalculation by our enemies.

America today is the strongest nation on the face of the earth, and for Mr. Nixon to indulge in politics that says we are losing our lead is to, let me say, to play with the crucial issue of national security, foot loose and fancy free, dangerous politics there.

(Applause.)

And according to one of our leading newspapers, his proposals would cost about \$5 billion a year more with national defense. That same money which is not needed for our national security, that same money could have sent 12.5 million young people to college for four years. I think that would be a wiser investment for the President to make.

(Applause.)

And we told the truth as we saw it about how we must halt the nuclear arms race before that nuclear arms race halts humanity. And let me say this now as clearly as possible: I say

that you cannot trust Mr. Nixon or Mr. Agnew with the awesome responsibility of stopping that arms race, and you can't trust them to protect the people's interests. In this campaign Mr. Nixon has made appeals to the very special private interests. The duty of a president is to have but one interest, and that is the interest of the entire nation to be the people's representative in the White House every day of the year.

(Applause.)

Now, there is a third party candidate, you have heard of him.

(Boos.)

His name is George Wallace -- (boos) -- and he has as his candidate for vice president a man who is a distinguished militarist but is known as a bombing general. Now George Wallace and I disagree on almost everything.

(Applause.)

And I hope that you and George Wallace disagree on almost everything.

(Applause.)

And I want to give Mr. Wallace credit for one thing, he was willing to stand up and debate the issues of this election and that is more than you can say about Mr. Republican. At least Mr. Wallace was willing to debate.

Now, the question which Mr. Wallace's supporters have to answer for themselves, and they can only do it themselves in the voting booth, is this: As they search their conscience, as they think about their families, as they think about their jobs, as they think about their mortgages, as they think about their children, the question that they have to answer is, Can Mr. Wallace run the government? Can he keep the economy strong? What are his plans, if any? Can he keep workers on overtime and off unemployment lines?

My answer is he couldn't do it as governor of Alabama, and I fear that he couldn't and wouldn't do it as president of the United States.

(Applause.)

A vote for Mr. Wallace is really a vote for Mr. Nixon, and if you put the Nixon Republicans into the White House, indirectly or directly, you will have another recession on your hands here in Michigan as surely as you are in this hall, and you know it, and let's not let it happen, because recession would only exacerbate and exaggerate the tensions which are already in our country. Imagine the incredible problems that we would have. We dare not play with our destiny in this election, ladies and gentlemen.

(Applause.)

So we come down now to the finish line. Your next president, whoever he is, and I hope that I know in your heart who it will be -- (Cries of "Humphrey") -- that was a pleasant thought -- (laughter) -- your next president has some awesome responsibilities, and this is why he needs along side of him a man of great integrity, competence, maturity, experience and responsibility. In this election you are not voting for just one man. You are voting for president and vice president. You are voting for a man to be your president and another man that stands a heartbeat away. You are voting in a time of unprecedented events, of uncertainty, and, my friends and fellow Americans, the first test of a presidential candidate is what kind of a man did he select as his running mate, and I ask you to think of that as you go to that voting box. I ask you to think about the possibilities that could happen in this country. I do not like to think of them myself, because they carry with them tragedy, personal tragedy, at least for one, but you must think of your country and so must I, and we must think of the future of this country, and not just of its present moment. So that its next president must have a working partner with him, and if you elect me as your president, there will be a trustworthy, competent

working partner standing along side of me to work with me.

(Applause.)

So then what shall we do? That next president must help, if peace is not obtained by January 20, to secure that peace in Southeast Asia. He must end and indeed he must have the courage to end the nuclear armaments race, and he must hold this country together because only together can we build. He must heal the wounds, and he must, above all, be dedicated to building one nation, one great America, one nation under God and indivisible and with liberty and justice for all because without it it is for none.

(Applause.)

He must enforce the laws but he must also work to see that the laws are just. He must insure order, but he must also see that every injustice and every inequity and wrong is righted. These are the things that I want for America. These are the reasons that I come to you to ask for your help, not your help only for me, because I am involved as a candidate, and you are involved as the popular sovereigns of this country, and on election day you will be heard. On that day the power of the ballot becomes the most powerful instrument in the hands of the people.

These are the things that I have outlined tonight that I think that we can do, and these are the things that we will have if you will give me your help. And I ask you to go out now and work these last days as you have never worked before. I ask you to see that every voter votes. I hope he will be able to vote for our ticket. But, above all, I want him to perform the duty and the privilege of American citizenship, and I call upon the young in this audience below voting age to make themselves committees of one in their own homes to make sure that every person of 21 years of age and over is at the ballot box early to cast a vote for this last best hope of earth which is your country and mine --let's take care of it -- so help me God.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE VICE PRESIDENT:

FACTS ON BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

Stay off civil rights and Job Corps. Kalamazoo, 20 miles away, has been plagued by civil disturbances. Job Corps Center was pulled out of Battle Creek because of disorder and tension with local residents.

You should, however, hit Wallace -- principally on economic issues, as we have suggested in the text.

Bread and Butter arguments are crucial --- also education linked to rising property taxes. The Congressional candidate, Tom Keenan, suggests attacking Nixon on his special interest politicking. Keenan's opponent has been doing a lot of appealing to special interests, and the issue is HOT in Battle Creek.

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Frank Kelly
Jim Hare

Phil Hart

Aspen choir
Matt Le
Creek
Central
band

⊗ Tom Keenan^{3rd}
(cong candidate)

⊗ John Martin^{4th}

Patti Knopf

magnificent

REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

RALLY

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

OCTOBER 31, 1968

Roger Johnson
Pat Murray

Hallsweater
Frank's Trust

In the final days of the Presidential campaign,
one issue dominates all others.

bag

Whom do you trust with the Presidency?

Whom do you trust to stand a heartbeat from the
Presidency?

Whom do you trust with the future of America?

Whom do you trust

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We have come to you
Because we care ... because Democrats always care about people.

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~~gent has just addressed the nation and it appears - - -~~
↳ Hanoi has agreed to proceed with prompt and productive discussions. I fully support the action undertaken by the President -- his order for the cessation of the bombing of the North, as I am sure the vast majority of the American people will support it. Now, let us hope and pray that the negotiations in Paris will be able to move forward now towards an honorable and lasting settlement. That is my statement to you.

↳ We have told the truth about law and order . *and*
~~about~~ how we can make America safe once again ... by
supporting our local police with better pay -- better training --
better equipment ... and by building a better society.
of more just

↳ ~~And we have given you specific plans about~~
~~how to do it.~~ - *and gun & people plans*

↳ Mr. Nixon and Mr. Wallace have appealed to your
fears and emotions. - *not with Plans + Program*

↳ But fear and emotion can never bring you and
your family the security and safety you have every right to
expect.

↳ And we believe the American people will
understand this on election day. |

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of the past eight years under Democratic leadership.

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↳ That would cool things off all right ... and send America right into the deep freeze of another Nixon-Republican recession.

↳ We have told the truth about federal aid to education ... *From Project Head Start - elementary, secondary, Colo. + higher education* about how our children must have the best education we can give them ... about how money spent on education is the best investment we can make ... and how ^{federal} aid helps lift the crushing load of local property taxes.

For years the Nixon-Republicans fought federal aid to education ... Mr. Nixon even cast the deciding vote in 1960 which killed one and a half billion dollars for school construction and teachers' salaries.

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Mr. Nixon has now proposed spending about \$50 billion more a year on National Defense ... but that same money could send twelve and a half million ^{Young People} ~~children~~ to college for four years.

We have told the truth about how we must halt the nuclear arms race before the nuclear arms race halts humanity.

Let me say this as clearly as possible: You can't trust Mr. Nixon --- and Mr. Agnew --- with the awesome responsibility of stopping the arms race.

and you can't trust them to protect the Peoples interest, when during this Campaign Mr Nixon has made his Appeal to the special interests.

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↳ Can he keep our economy strong? —

↳ Can he keep the workers on overtime and off unemployment lines? — ~~Can he guide our nation through the turbulent waters of Foreign Policy.~~

↳ He couldn't do it in Alabama, and I feel he

wouldn't do it as President of the United States.

wallace + educ - wages - workmen compensation.

L A vote for Mr. Wallace is really a vote for
Mr. Nixon. L And if you put the Nixon Republicans into
the White House, you'll have another recession on your
hands --- and you know it! #

But let's get on to more important matters.

L Your next President has awesome responsibilities.

L He ~~must~~ ^{my haunto} secure the peace in Southeast Asia.

L He must end the nuclear armaments race.

L He must hold this country together --- heal the
wounds --- and build one nation, indivisible.

L He must enforce the law.

L He must ensure order.

Those are the things I want for America in the
years ahead.

Those are the things we'll have -- if you give
me your help.

Vote - Vote# - #Vote

REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
BATTLECREEK
OCTOBER 31, 1968

FOR LOCAL RELEASE ONLY

IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, ONE ISSUE DOMINATES ALL OTHERS.

WHOM DO YOU TRUST WITH THE PRESIDENCY?

WHOM DO YOU TRUST TO STAND A HEARTBEAT FROM THE PRESIDENCY?

WHOM DO YOU TRUST WITH THE FUTURE OF AMERICA?

WHOM DO YOU TRUST ... PERIOD.

THE ELEMENT OF TRUST BINDS OUR DEMOCRACY TOGETHER ... TRUST IN EACH OTHER CARRIES US THROUGH DIFFICULT AND TURBULENT TIMES... TRUST IN EACH OTHER GIVES THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE -- ACTING TOGETHER -- THE STRENGTH WE NEED TO BUILD A JUST AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY FOR EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN.

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 AND LOOKED INTO YOUR EYES. WE HAVE HEARD YOUR CHEERS AND WE HAVE LISTENED TO YOUR COMPLAINTS.

BECAUSE WE CARE (ULINE CARE) . . . BECAUSE DEMOCRATS ALWAYS CARE (ULINE CARE) ABOUT PEOPLE.

WE HAVE TOLD THE PEOPLE THE TRUST . . . ABOUT PEACE IN VIETNAM . . . AND HOW WE HOPE TO END THAT TRAGIC WAR.

MY REPUBLICAN OPPONENT HAS SAID NOTHING.

WE HAVE TOLD THE TRUST ABOUT LAW AND ORDER . . . ABOUT HOW WE CAN MAKE AMERICA SAFE ONCE AGAIN . . . BY SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL POLICE WITH BETTER PAY, BETTER TRAINING, BETTER EQUIPMENT AND BY BUILDING A BETTER SOCIETY.

AND WE HAVE GIVEN YOU SPECIFIC PLANS ABOUT HOW TO ID.

MR. NIXON AND MR. WALLACE HAVE APPEALED TO YOUR FEAR AND EMOTIONS.

BUT FEAR AND EMOTION CAN NEVER BRING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE SECURITY AND SAFETY YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT.

AND WE BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND THIS ON ELECTION DAY.

WE HAVE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF THE PAST EIGHT YEARS UNDER DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP.

IN 1960 ONE OUT OF EVERY 13 WORKERS WAS OUT OF A JOB IN BATTLE CREEK. TODAY THAT NUMBER HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ONE OUT OF EVERY 25.

WE SAY THAT IS STILL TOO HIGH. MR. NIXON'S ECONOMIC ADVISOR SAYS SOMETHING ELSE: HE SAYS THAT WHAT AMERICA NEEDS IS A LITTLE MORE UNEMPLOYMENT TO COOL OFF THE ECONOMY.

THEY'D LIKE TO COOL OFF THE ECONOMY BY FIRING ABOUT ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE.

THAT WOULD COOL THINGS OFF ALL FRIGHT . . . AND SEND AMERICA RIGHT INTO THE DEEP FREEZE OF ANOTHER NIXON REPUBLICAN RECESSION.

WE HAVE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION . . . ABOUT HOW OUR CHILDREN MUST HAVE THE BEST EDUCATION WE CAN GIVE THEM . . . ABOUT HOW MONEY SPENT ON EDUCATION IS THE BEST INVESTMENT WE CAN MAKE . . . AND HOW AID HELP LIFT THE CRUSHING LOAD OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.

FOR YEARS THE NIXON REPUBLICANS FOUGHT FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION . . . MR. NIXON EVEN CAST THE DECIDING VOTE IN 1960 WHICH KILLED 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND TEACHERS' SALARIES.

MR. NIXON HAS NOW PROPOSED SPENDING ABOUT \$50 BILLION MORE A YEAR ON NATIONAL DEFENSE . . . BUT THAT SAME MONEY COULD SEND 12.5 MILLION CHILDREN TO COLLEGE FOR FOUR YEARS.

WE HAVE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW WE MUST HALT THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BEFORE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE HALTSHUMANITY.

LET ME SAY THIS AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE: YOU CAN'T TRUST MR. NIXON AND MR AGNEW WITH THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY OF STOPPING THE ARMS RACE.

THERE'S ALSO THE THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE -- GEORGE WALLACE -- AND HIS BOMBING GENERAL.

GEORGE WALLACE AND I DISAGREE ON ALMOST EVERYTHING -- AND I'VE SAID SO THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN.

BUT I DO GIVE GEORGE WALLACE CREDIT FOR ONE THING: HE WAS WILLING TO STAND UP AND DEBATE THE ISSUES OF THIS ELECTION.

AND THAT'S MORE THAN YOU CAN SAY FOR MR. REPUBLICAN.

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HE COULDN'T DO IT IN ALABAMA -- AND I SAY HE WON'T DO IT AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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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.

The next President must end the mad escalation of the nuclear arms race.

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.

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

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

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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Battle Creek

Dictated to Sandy J.
10-30

In the final days of the Presidential Campaign, as the cliches cool off, as the balloons burst, as the slogans sink into the sunset, one issue dominates all others"

Whom do you trust with the Presidency?

Whom do you trust to stand a heartbeat from the Presidency?

America?

Whom do you trust with the future of ~~the nation~~

Whom do you trust. . . period.

The element of trust binds our democracy together. . . ~~trust~~ carries us through difficult and turbulent times. . . *Trust*

in each other

~~It~~ gives the President and the people---acting together--- the strength ^{we} they need to ~~build~~ build a just and prosperous society for every American citizen.

Ed Muskie and I hve come to you with our campaign. We have the dust of America on our shoes. We have shaken your hands and looked into your eyes. We have heard your cheers and we have listened to ~~hear~~ your ~~complaints~~ complaints.

Because we care. . . because Democrats always care about people.

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Battle Creek - Central section

[Open with trust theme.]

Ed Muskie and I have travelled ~~the~~ country . . .
from coast to coast . . . all sections of the country . . .
speaking to ^{all} the people.

~~We have never said that we live in a~~
~~war~~

We have told the people the truth . . . about
peace in Vietnam . . . and how we hope to end that
tragic war.

My Republican opponent has said nothing.

We have told the truth about law and order . . .
about how we can make America safe once again . . . by
supporting our local police with better pay, better
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~~Mr. ~~Nixon~~ Nixon would only lead us further down the path toward nuclear holocaust. . . because that's ~~the~~ the only path he knows. ~~the~~ much longer~~

~~The path to ~~xxxxx~~ nuclear sanity is ~~long~~. . . there are many pitfalls along the way. . . ~~there will~~ ^{at times} ~~be long straight stretches~~ ^{we} will grow ~~weary~~ weary and discouraged. . . but Ed ~~xxxx~~ Muskie and I are committed to walking that path. . . for we intend to ~~bring~~ make the world safer for you. . . for your families. . . for people everywhere.~~

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