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HUMPHREY PLEDGES MORE DEMOCRATIC, MORE OPEN NATION AND PARTY

Chicago, Nov. 1 -- Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey tonight promised to make America and the Democratic Party more democratic and more open and to press forward with the work of peace and of building a better society.

Speaking at Chicago Stadium, Humphrey said: "I call upon the Democratic Party tonight, and in the years ahead, to rejuvenate itself, to stay alive and responsive, to reject the status quo, to avoid political hardening of the arteries, and to renew itself year by year, day by day, in the struggle to build a better America."

Democrats, Humphrey said, "have differed over issues -- because we care and we care deeply about those issues. Yet we have always united around our common concern for justice.

"Tonight I am happy to report to you that our party is uniting, that those brave men who led dissent last spring have made their mark on policy, that they have helped the search for peace, that they are coming home, and that justice is once more the cause that binds us."

The Democratic nominee urged opening the opportunities of America to all its citizens. "If Chicago had shut out the Polish people, the Italians, the Lithuanians, the Yugoslavs, and all those who came here to seek a better life, they and their children would not have built this great city. Today, we're talking about black people and Spanish-speaking people -- immigrants, too, people from the outside wanting in."

"Because this is America, all people who want to share the burden of building a better society deserve to participate fully in that society. And they will -- when I am your President," Humphrey said. The text of his remarks is attached.

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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

CHICAGO STADIUM

NOVEMBER 1, 1968

We've come a long way since August in Chicago.

It's been uphill for Ed Muskie and me. Sometimes it's been a lonely fight.

But we're moving fast tonight ... and we're going to keep right on moving ... and next Tuesday we're going to win this election -- with your help.

There are those who say there isn't much difference this year between the two parties and the two candidates.

I tell you there's all the difference in the world.

I have pledged full employment -- but not Richard Nixon.

I have pledged a program of full education in America ... A Marshall Plan for our cities -- but not Richard Nixon.

Adlai Stevenson demanded an end to nuclear testing -- but not Richard Nixon.

President Kennedy got the Peace Corps -- but not Richard Nixon. President Johnson got the Civil Rights Voting Act --but not Richard Nixon. Robert Kennedy fought for the disinherited, from Appalachia

and the California grape fields to Spanish Harlem and the red dust of Mississippi -- but not Richard Nixon.

Gene McCarthy had the courage to speak out from his conscience on Vietnam -- but not Richard Nixon.

I want to debate the great issues of this campaign -- but not Richard Nixon.

Next Tuesday the people of the United States will elect a President they can trust -- but not Richard Milhous Nixon.

I have travelled America from coast to coast, from border to border in this year of anguish and anxiety.

Americans have been through a lot in 1968 -- more than most Nations could take.

And today they want -- and need -- a President they can trust.
They want a President who can build a solid and an honorable
peace.

They want a President who can hold this country together ...
and keep it growing and open and free.

As your Democratic candidate, I can tell you something else.
This is a great Nation.

But it can be greater.

And the Democratic Party is a great party.

But it can be greater.

It is up to us here tonight to make it so.

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First, the future of our Nation.

Ours is a Democratic society -- but not Democratic enough.

It is an open society -- but not open enough.

It isn't right when --

-- children go to bed hungry on Indian reservations;

-- when teenagers are out of school and out of work in the
asphalt desert of our urban slums;

-- when Mexican-American children drown in California
irrigation ditches because their mothers have no day nurseries to
care for them.

-- when a grandfather loses hope in a lonely room;

-- when an able-bodied man comes to the city hunting a job,
but finds he isn't trained to hold one.

It isn't right when over 20 million Americans do not have
enough to eat while millions of others are concerned with the
problems of overweight.

We must change it -- and we will.

If Chicago had shut out the Polish people ... the Italians ... the Lithuanians ... the Yugoslavs ... and all the rest who came here to seek a better life, they and their children would not have built this great city.

Yesterday it was the Poles and the Italians.

Today, we're talking about black people and Spanish-speaking people -- immigrants, too ... people from the outside wanting in.

Because this is America, all people who want to share the burden of building a better society deserve to participate fully in that society.

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Now, the Democratic Party.

Ours is a Democratic Party -- but not Democratic enough.

It is an open party -- but not yet open enough.

Any political party can develop hardening of the arteries.

The Republican Party has had hardening of the arteries since the days of William McKinley.

It hasn't produced a new idea since then.

That is why we Democrats have won elections. We have won because we have welcomed the young ... dared to try new ideas ... changed and grown with the times.

We must keep on changing.

We must generate new ideas.

We must welcome the young.

We have differed over issues -- because we care and we care deeply about those issues.

Yet, we have always united around our common concern for justice.

Tonight I am happy to report to you that our party is uniting ... that those brave men who led dissent last spring have made their mark on policy ... that they have helped the search for peace ... that they are coming home ... and that justification and that justice once more is the cause that binds us.

I am proud to say that many thousands of the young people who went door-to-door in New Hampshire; in Indiana; in Nebraska; and Oregon and California, will go from door-to-door next Monday for our party, for Ed Muskie and me -- but, most of all, for justice.

Chicago last August was filled with pain.

But despite our troubles ... we took steps in our convention to open the selection of our convention delegates.

We struck down racial barriers.

We laid the groundwork for the elimination of the Unit Rule.

Some other things happened in Chicago and at our convention that I'm not proud of -- and that you're not proud of.

But if we quarrel over the past, we can lose the future.

Blame is not important. Self-examination is.

What is important is the future.

What is important in our turbulent tortured time is change.

We know there must be change.

The question is: Will change be peaceful and constructive, or will it be violent and destructive?

Our party must do more than make room for change.

It must give voice to those who cry out for change.

It must ... itself ... be the instrument of change.

I call upon the Democratic Party tonight ... and in the years ahead .. to rejuvenate itself ... to stay alive and responsive ... to reject the status quo ... to avoid political hardening of the arteries ... and to renew itself year by year, day by day, in the struggle to build a better America.

This has been our historic mission.

Let it be our cause tonight.

I want to lead the fight -- the fight for a better, more open, more Democratic Party.

I want to lead that party.

And I want to lead this nation.

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Then, the Presidency.

Exactly eleven weeks from Monday two men will stand on the steps of the Capitol in Washington and take their solemn oaths as President and Vice President of the United States ... one to lead this Nation ... the other to be ready to lead it.

Those men will chart a course for all of us in the next four years.

Those men will have the power to change or destroy the world -- in a nuclear age.

The Democratic Party offers leadership ready to meet that awesome challenge.

Let me tell you what kind of a President I will be -- if the people give me that chance.

First, I will try to earn and deserve the people's trust.

I will tell the people the truth.

I will open the White House doors and listen to the people ... really listen.

Second, I will do everything within my power to heal the wounds and end the divisions among our people --

-- between the angry black and the fearful white;

-- between the worried rich and the despairing poor;

-- and between the young rebel without a cause and his anxious father -- by offering the boy a cause ... the cause of justice.

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I want to appeal to the best in our people, not the worst ...
I want to ignite our hopes, not our fears and hates.

I want to lift up our people, not put them down. And I will
do it if you give me a chance.

Third, I want peace.

Our President on Thursday took a wise, a firm, and a courageous
step toward ending the cruel war in Vietnam -- a step that a united
Democratic Party can support -- a step that all Americans who love
peace will support ... because we are, most of all, a peaceful people.

There is another priority of peace.

Beyond Vietnam -- and even before that struggle is ended, I
commit myself to the end of the dangerous nuclear arms race.

Mr. Nixon says he favors building an ever-escalating nuclear
weaponry and increasing the influence of the military over our
foreign policy and our national life.

He would add 50 billion dollars to our staggering defense
budget ... for the wrong purpose ... for the wrong weapons ... at
the wrong time.

-- \$50 billion for arms we do not need ... but precious
little for the needs of our schools and cities;

-- \$50 billion that would escalate the nuclear race and
could lead us to the final, irrevocable disaster.

I disagree -- and so do the American people.

I worked with President Kennedy to get the Limited Nuclear
Test Ban Treaty -- which Mr. Nixon called "catastrophic nonsense."

I urged the Senate to ratify immediately the treaty to stop
the spread of nuclear weapons -- while Mr. Nixon stood silent.

When I am President, I will press for the ratification of
that treaty.

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I will continue to keep America -- as it is today -- the strongest Nation on earth.

But I will find a way to halt the suicidal nuclear arms race before the nuclear arms race halts mankind.

I pledge my life to it.

Finally, I will press forward with the great work of building the real America.

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

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

I want to move forward, not stand still, with the basic building blocks of health ... of education ... of Social Security ... and of continued economic prosperity.

I want to use those building blocks not to stave off trouble, but to do what is right.

Yes, I want to change things.

And, when I am your President, I will.

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I want to change not only laws, but hearts.

Not through fear, but through hope.

Not through hate, but through compassion.

I speak to the decency and to the goodness of the American people.

I have plans and I have dreams for this country.

I want an America --

-- where every family can live in safety;

-- where every man has the tangible things that mean self-respect;

-- where we have order -- but order with liberty, too;

-- where every voice is heard.

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I want an America at peace --

-- and America that our young people will be proud to call their own;

-- an America where the people trust their President ... and where he puts his trust in them.

And I want a world where the nuclear cloud -- and the deadly burden of the arms race -- is lifted from the backs of the ordinary people of this earth.

With your help, we shall have that country and that world.

Four days from now, the American voter will be alone with his conscience in the voting booth.

And, in that privacy, he will ask: Which men, and which party, deserve my trust?

To you here tonight of the Democratic Party I say: Help us -- help Ed Muskie and me, and our party -- win that trust.

And to all my countrymen everywhere, I say: vote on Tuesday.

In our Democracy, voting is a privilege.

This year it is more than that. It is a solemn duty.

There are powerful forces at work within our society this year -- many of them dark and repressive.

You alone can insure the triumph of the good.

The choice you make next Tuesday can well set the course for America in this last third of the 20th Century.

Community or apartheid?

Peace or tension?

Justice or repression.

Growth or stagnation?

These are the stakes of 1968.

As for myself, I offer you the words of Nathan Hale:

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the Grace of God, I shall do."

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I have prepared for this moment.

I do not shrink from it.

With the help of the people -- and, above all, with faith in the people -- I shall lead the country forward, to a new day of peace ... of unity ... and, above all, of justice.

I am ready now.

I ask your help.

Will you give that help?

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REMARKS OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CHICAGO STADIUM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 1, 1968

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY: Thank you, thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor, and thank you very much my fellow Democrats for that real Democratic cheer.

(Applause.)

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

Thank you, thank you. Well now, my dear friends, if you think you want Humphrey, let me tell you Humphrey wants you.

(Applause.)

Mr. Mayor, Governor Shapiro, and indeed the next governor of the State of Illinois, Sam Shapiro. And Mr. William Clark, our great candidate for the Senate -- (applause) -- and the next senator from Illinois, Bill Clark, and then a man who will always be the senator, always will be the senator from this state, always be the great senator of the United States, Paul Douglas.

(Applause.)

These wonderful state candidates, you know every one of them, these fine country and city candidates, every one of them a Democrat, may I suggest that you start at city hall up to the courthouse, up to the Congress, and then into the White House, and make it a real democratic victory.

(Applause.)

Well, friends, we have come a long way, we have come a long way since August in Chicago. It has been an uphill fight for Ed Muskie and me, and sometimes it has been a lonely fight, but not tonight, we are in this fight together tonight.

And Mr. Nixon, I want you to know we are moving fast tonight, and we are going to keep right on moving and next Tuesday we are going to win this election with your help.

Well, my friends, there are those who say there isn't much difference this year between the two parties, and the two candidates, but let me tell you there is a world of difference, all the difference in the world. First of all, your Democratic candidates have pledged full employment, but not Richard Nixon.

(Boos.)

I pledge a program of full education for every boy and girl, but not Richard Nixon.

(Applause.)

I pledged a Marshall Plan for renewal, the rebuilding of our cities, but not Richard Nixon.

(Applause.)

The late and beloved governor of this state, Adlai Stevenson, the man that wanted an end to nuclear testing, but not Richard Nixon.

(Boos.)

President Kennedy, President Kennedy got the Peace Corps, but not Richard Nixon.

(Boos.)

President Johnson got the Civil Rights Act, but not Richard Nixon.

(Boos.)

Robert Kennedy fought for the disinherited from Appalachia and the California grape fields to Spanish Harlem and the red dust of Mississippi, but not Richard Nixon.

(Boos.)

Gene McCarthy had the courage to speak from his conscience on Vietnam, but not Richard Nixon.

(Boos.)

Ladies and gentlemen, I was privileged to author the Job Corps which gave jobs to thousands of young men, but not Richard Nixon.

(Doos.)

And tonight, tonight on this platform I have a special treat for you, tonight on this platform is a man who at the very time that Mr. Nixon was saying that we ought to do away with the training of the Job Corps, this young man was being decorated with the highest honors of the international Olympics, a gold medal for the United States, and he was the young man who said that the Job Corps gave him his chance. He is George Foreman, Olympic heavy-weight champion, who -- (applause) -- yes, friends, here he is, George Foreman, who thrilled America by waving the American flag in Mexico City from the Job Corps to the greatest title that can be given in amateur athletics, and Mr. Nixon on the same hour, the same night, says we ought to abolish the Job Corps. That is the difference between these two parties.

(Doos.)

You see, there are some other differences. I want to debate the issues. I wanted to debate the great issues of this campaign, but not Richard Nixon. He is no debater.

And next Tuesday the people of the United States will elect a president that they can trust, but not Richard Nixon.

(Applause.)

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

Yes, my friends, I have traveled America from coast to coast, from border to border in this year of anguish and anxiety, and we know that Americans have gone through a lot in 1968, more than most nations could ever take, and in the next four years they want and they need a president that they can trust. They want a president who can build a solid and honorable peace, and they want a president who can hold this country together and keep it growing and open and free to every American.

(Applause.)

That is your candidate.

As your candidate, let me tell you something else. I have seen this nation, and I know that it is a great nation, but it can be greater, and the Democratic Party is a great party, but it can be greater, and it is up to us here tonight and in the weeks and the days ahead, yes, the years ahead, to make this nation greater, and to make this party greater.

First, the future of our nation: Ours is a democratic society but not democratic enough. It is an open society, but not open enough. It isn't right when children go to bed hungry on Indian reservations, when teenagers are out of school and out of work in the asphalt desert of our urban slums or when Mexican-American children drowned in California irrigation ditches because their mothers have no day nurseries to care for them or when a grandfather loses hope in a lonely room or when an able-bodied man comes to a city hunting a job but finds he isn't trained to hold one.

No, my friends, it isn't right when over 20 million Americans do not have enough to eat while millions of others are concerned with the problems of overweight. It isn't right, and we must change it, and we in the Democratic Party, we will change it.

(Applause.)

If Chicago, this great city of Chicago, had shut out the Polish people, the Italians, the Czechs, the Slovaks, the Lithuanians, the Yugoslavs, the Ukrainians and all the others, all those who came here to seek a better life, they and their children would not have built this great city but they did build it and yesterday it was the Poles and the Italians who were being shut out, and today we are talking about the black people and the Spanish people, the Spanish-speaking people, immigrants, too, people from outside wanting in.

(Applause.)

And because this is America, all peoples, all of our people want to share the burden of building a better society. They deserve to participate fully in the benefits of that society, and they will, they will have their chance, every one of them when I am president.

(Applause.)

Now, a word about the Democratic Party, our party, this party that has been the instrument of great progress. Ours is a democratic party, but, frankly, it is not democratic enough. It is an open party, but not yet open enough. Any political party, like any person, can have hardening of the arteries. The Republican Party has had hardening of the arteries since the days of William McKinley.

(Applause.)

I doubt that it has produced a new idea, I doubt it has produced a new idea since that false promise of two chickens in every pot and two cars in every garage. But at least that was their last idea.

Now this is why we Democrats have won elections. We have won because we welcomed the young, and we dared to try new ideas. We changed and we have grown with the times, and I am here to say tonight that we must keep on changing, we must generate new ideas, we must welcome new people, we must welcome the young.

We have differed over issues because we cared, and because we cared deeply about those issues. Yet we have always united around our common concern for justice and for the ordinary man. This is the hallmark of the Democratic Party.

(Applause.)

Tonight I am happy to report to you -- I am very happy to report to you that our party is uniting, that those brave men who led dissent last spring have made their mark on policy, and they have helped us search for peace, they are coming home, and that justice once more is the cause which binds us together, Democrats of all kinds tonight on this first day of November of every faction in our party, Democrats tonight are united, to win this election for the Democratic ticket.

(Applause.)

Yes, I am proud to say from this platform tonight, gentlemen and ladies, that many thousands of the young people who went door-to-door in New Hampshire last winter, and Indiana, in Nebraska, in Oregon, in California, that those thousands of young people will go from door to door next Monday and next Tuesday for our party, for Ed Muskie and me, but most of all they will go door-to-door for America and for justice in this country.

(Applause.)

We know every one of us here in Chicago last August was filled with pain, but despite our troubles we took steps in our convention to open the selection of our convention delegates. We struck down racial barriers, we laid the groundwork for the elimination of the unit rule, and some other things happened in Chicago at our convention that we are not proud of and that you are not proud of. But if we quarrel over the past, I tell you that we will lose the future; blame is not important, self-examination is, and what is important is the future. What is important in our turbulent, tortured time is change, and we must, and we know that there must be change and the question is will the change be peaceful and constructive, or will it be violent and destructive? Our party must help decide that question here tonight.

(Applause.)

Our party, but our party must do more than make room for change. It must give voice to those who cry out for change. It must itself be the instrument of change, and I call upon the Democratic Party tonight and in the years ahead to rejuvenate itself, to stay alive,

to reject the status quo, to avoid political hardening of the arteries, to renew itself every year, year by year, in the struggle to build what you and I want, a better America through the Democratic process.

(Applause.)

And I want to lead that fight. I want to lead that fight, that fight for a better, for a more open, for a more democratic party, and I want to lead that party, and I shall, and I want to lead this nation, and with your help I shall.

(Applause.)

(Cries of "We want Humphrey.")

Now, friends, now the presidency itself: 11 weeks from Monday, 11 weeks from this Monday, two men will stand on the steps of the Capitol in Washington. They will take their solemn oath as president and vice president of the United States, one to lead this nation, the other, if necessary, to be ready to lead it, and those two men will chart a course for all of us in the next four years, and those men will have the power to change or destroy the world in a nuclear age.

The Democratic Party offers leadership ready to meet that challenge, so let me tell you what kind of a president that I will be if you the people give me the chance.

(Applause.)

Thank you, thank you.

Let me tell you the kind of a president that I will be if you give me the chance. First, I will try to earn -- (cries of "We want peace.") -- to earn and deserve the people's trust. I will be willing to tell the people the truth. I will open the doors of the White House to listen to the people, those who talk in soft voice and those who talk loudly. I will do everything within my power to heal the wounds and end the divisions of our people between the angry black and the fearful white, between the worried rich and the desperate poor, between the young rebel without a cause and his anxious father by offering the boy a real cause, the cause of social justice in America.

(Applause.)

Thank you, thank you.

(Cries of "We want peace.")

All right, my fellow Americans, I want to appeal, I want to appeal to the best in our people, not the worst. I want to ignite our hopes, not our fears and our hates. I want to lift up the people, not put them down, and I will do it if you give me the chance.

Now every man knows, and I want you to know, that I, like you, want peace. Our President on Thursday this week took a wise, courageous, firm decision, a step towards ending the cruel war in Vietnam.

(Applause.)

It is a step, it is a step that all Americans who love peace will support, because we are most of all a peaceful people and a peaceful nation that wants peace for ourselves and for the world.

Now there is another priority of peace. Beyond Vietnam -- and that struggle will come to an end, and even before it is ended -- I commit myself tonight to end the dangerous nuclear arms race.

(Applause.)

Mr. Nixon says he favors building even more nuclear weaponry, he favors increasing the influence of the military over our foreign policy and our national life.

(Doos.)

We reject that, we Democrats. We would ask -- he said he would add anywhere from \$25 billion to \$50 billion to our staggering defense budget, and it would be for the wrong purpose, for the wrong

weapons, at the wrong time; \$50 billion for arms that we do not need, but precious little, Mr. Nixon, for the needs of our children, our schools and our cities in your plan.

I worked with the late beloved President Kennedy to get the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty which Mr. Nixon called a cruel hoax and catastrophic nonsense. I have urged the Senate to ratify immediate a treaty to stop the spread of these dangerous nuclear weapons while Mr. Nixon stood by silent, and when I am your president, I will press for the ratification of that treaty, and I will continue to keep America as it is today, the strongest nation on the earth.

(Applause.)

Finally, friends, we will do what you and I know we must do, we must press forward with the great work of building the real America. Mr. Agnew says if you have seen one slum, you have seen them all. I say if you have seen one slum, you have seen one too many.

(Applause.)

I want to move forward. I want to move forward, not stand still. I want to move forward with the basic building blocks of help for our people, education for our children, social security for our elderly, and continued economic prosperity for this economy. That is our program.

(Applause.)

I want to use those building blocks not to stave off trouble but to do what is right.

Yes, I want to change things, to right old wrongs, to correct old injustices, and when I am your president, with your help, we will do it. We will do it.

(Applause.)

I want to change not only laws, but I want to change hearts, not through fear, but through hope; not through hate, but through compassion.

I speak to the decency and the goodness of the American people, and it is there, my friends, and I have plans, and I have dreams for this country. I want an America where every family can live in safety, where every man has the things that mean self-respect; where we have order, but order with liberty, too; where every voice is heard.

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(Applause.)

And I want a world where the nuclear cloud, that ghastly nuclear cloud, that deadly burden of the arms race, is lifted from the backs of the ordinary people of this earth, and, with your help, and only with your help, we shall have that kind of a country and that kind of a world, and it is worth fighting for, my friends.

(Applause.)

So, tonight, four days from tonight, the ballots will be counted, four days from now the American voter will be alone with his conscience and his God in the voting booth, and in that privacy he will ask, "Which men and which party deserve my trust?" To you here tonight of the Democratic Party, I say help us, help Ed Muskie and me and our party, help us win that trust.

(Applause.)

And to all of our country and everywhere I say this, to every American everywhere I say vote, vote on Tuesday. In our democracy voting is a privilege. This year there is more to that. It is a solemn duty. There are powerful forces at work within America, many of them dark, bitter and repressive, and you alone, the people, can insure the triumph of decency and good.

The choice that you make next Tuesday can well set the course for America in this last third of the 20th century. It will be community or separatism, peace or tension, justice or repression, growth or stagnation. These are the stakes of the election of 1968. As for myself, I offer you tonight the words of a great American patriot, Nathan Hale, and here is what he said. "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I want to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."

Eight years ago, eight years ago this very night John F. Kennedy came to this very place in search of victory over Richard M. Nixon. The stakes were high then as they are now. Chicago and Illinois responded to John F. Kennedy. John Kennedy carried Chicago, he carried Illinois, and America won. Tonight I ask the same help from you tonight in building a great Democratic victory. Will you help me as you helped John Kennedy?

(Cries of "Yes.")

If you do, we shall win.

(Applause.)

SOUTH WORTH
Sen Douglas

Wm Mayor
Gov Shapiro
Wm Clark
Sen Douglas
State, County
& City candidates

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∟ It is an open society -- but not open enough.

∟ It isn't right when --

-- children go to bed hungry on Indian reservations;

-- when teenagers are out of school and out of work in the

asphalt desert of our urban slums;

-- when Mexican-American children drown in California
irrigation ditches because their mothers have no day nurseries to
care for them.

-- when a grandfather loses hope in a lonely room;

-- when an able-bodied man comes to the city hunting a
job, but finds he isn't trained to hold one.

NO ∟ It isn't right when over 20 million Americans do not have
enough to eat while millions of others are concerned with the problems
of overweight.

⌞ We must change it -- and we will.

⌞ If Chicago had shut out the Polish people ... the Italians ... the Czechs

the Slovaks, the Lithuanians ... the Yugoslavs, ... and all the rest who came here to seek a better life, they and their children would not have built this great city.

⌞ Yesterday it was the Poles and the Italians.

⌞ Today, we're talking about black people and Spanish-speaking people -- immigrants, too ... people from the outside wanting in!

⌞ Because this is America, all people who want to share the burden of building a better society deserve to participate fully in that society.

⌞ And they will -- when I am your President. !

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⌞ Now, the Democratic Party.

⌞ Ours is a Democratic Party -- but not democratic enough.

⌞ It is an open party -- but not yet open enough.

Any political party can develop hardening of the arteries.
The Republican Party has had hardening of the arteries
since the days of William McKinley.

It hasn't produced a new idea since then.

That is why we Democrats have won elections. We have won because we have welcomed the young ... dared to try new ideas ... changed and grown with the times.

We must keep on changing.

We must generate new ideas.

We must welcome the young.

We have differed over issues -- because we care and we care deeply about those issues.

Yet we have always united around our common concern for justice.

Tonight I am happy to report to you that our party is uniting ... that those brave men who led dissent last spring have made their mark

on policy ... that they have helped the search for peace ... that they are coming home ... and that justice once more is the cause that binds us.

I am proud to say that many thousands of the young people who went from door-to-door in New Hampshire; in Indiana; in Nebraska; and Oregon and California, will go from door-to-door next Monday for our party, for Ed Muskie and me -- but, most of all, for justice.

Chicago last August was filled with pain.

But despite our troubles ... we took steps in our convention to open the selection of our convention delegates.

We struck down racial barriers.

We laid the groundwork for the elimination of the unit rule.

Some other things happened in Chicago and at our convention that I'm not proud of -- and that you're not proud of.

But if we quarrel over the past, we can lose the future.

Blame is not important. Self-examination is.

What is important is the future.

What is important in our turbulent tortured time is change.

We know there must be change.

The question is: Will change be peaceful and constructive,
or will it be violent and destructive?

Our party must do more than make room for change.

It must give voice to those who cry out for change.

It must ... itself ... be the instrument of change.

I call upon the Democratic Party tonight ... and in the
years ahead ... to rejuvenate itself ... to stay alive and responsive ...
to reject the status quo ... to avoid political hardening of the arteries ...
and to renew itself year by year, day by day, in the struggle to build
a better America.

This has been our historic mission.

Let it be our cause tonight.

↳ I want to lead that fight -- the fight for a better, more open, more democratic party.

↳ I want to lead that party.

↳ And I want to lead this nation.

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↳ Then, the Presidency.

↳ Exactly eleven weeks from Monday two men will stand on the steps of the Capitol in Washington and take their solemn oaths as President and Vice President of the United States ... one to lead this nation ... the other to be ready to lead it.

↳ Those men will chart a course for all of us in the next four years.

↳ Those men will have the power to change or destroy the world -- in a nuclear age.

↳ The Democratic Party offers leadership ready to meet that awesome challenge.

Let me tell you what kind of a President I will be -- if the people give me that chance.

First, I will try to earn and deserve the people's trust.

I will tell the people the truth.

I will open the White House doors and listen to the people ...
~~really listen.~~ *this off voice, as well as the loud.*

Second, I will do everything within my power to heal the wounds and end the divisions among our people --

-- between the angry black and the fearful white;

-- between the worried rich and the despairing poor;

-- and between the young rebel without a cause and his anxious father -- by offering the boy a cause ... the cause of justice.

I want to appeal to the best in our people, not the worst ... I want to ignite our hopes, not our fears and hates.

I want to lift up our people, not put them down. And I will do it if you give me a chance.

2 Third, I want peace.

∟ Our President on Thursday took a wise, a firm, and a
courageous step toward ending the cruel war in Vietnam -- a step
that a united Democratic Party can support -- a step that all
Americans who love peace will support ... because we are, most
of all, a peaceful people.

∟ There is another priority of peace.

∟ Beyond Vietnam -- and even before that struggle is ended -- I
commit myself to the end of the dangerous nuclear arms race.

∟ Mr. Nixon says he favors building an ever-escalating
nuclear weaponry and increasing the influence of the military over
our foreign policy and our national life.

∟ He would add 50 billion dollars to our staggering defense
budget ... for the wrong purpose ... for the wrong weapons ... at
the wrong time. !

-- \$50 billion for arms we do not need ... but precious
little for the needs of our schools and cities;

-- \$50 billion that would escalate the nuclear race and
could lead us to the final, irrevocable disaster.

↳ I disagree -- and so do the American people.

↳ I worked with President Kennedy to get the ~~signed~~ Nuclear
Test Ban Treaty -- which Mr. Nixon called "catastrophic nonsense." *actual Hoop*

↳ I urged the Senate to ratify immediately the treaty to stop
the spread of nuclear weapons -- while Mr. Nixon stood silent.

↳ When I am President, I will press for the ratification of
that treaty.

↳ I will continue to keep America -- as it is today -- the
strongest nation on earth.

↳ But I will find a way to halt the suicidal nuclear arms race
before the nuclear arms race halts mankind.

↳ I pledge my life to it.

Finally, I will press forward with the great work of building the real America.

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

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

I want to move forward, not stand still, with the basic building blocks of health ... of education ... of Social Security ... and of continued economic prosperity.

I want to use those building blocks not to stave off trouble, but to do what is right.

Yes, I want to change things.

And, when I am your President, I will.

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I want to change not only laws, but hearts.

Not through fear, but through hope.

Not through hate, but through compassion.

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↳ I speak to the decency and to the goodness of the American people.

↳ I have plans and I have dreams for this country.

⊗↳ I want an America --

-- where every family can live in safety;

-- where every man has the ~~little~~ things that mean self-respect;

-- where we have order -- but order with liberty, too;

-- where every voice is heard.

⊗↳ I want an America at peace --

-- an America that our young people will be proud to call their own;

-- an America where the people trust their President ... and where he puts his trust in them.

↳ And I want a world where the nuclear cloud -- and the deadly burden of the arms race -- is lifted from the backs of the ordinary people of this earth.

↳ With your help, we shall have that country and that world.

X ↳ Four days from now, the American voter will be alone with his conscience in the voting booth.

↳ And, in that privacy, he will ask: Which men, and which party, deserve my trust?

↳ To you here tonight of the Democratic Party I say: Help us -- help Ed Muskie and me, and our party -- win that trust.

↳ And to all my countrymen everywhere, I say: Vote on Tuesday. !

Vote ↳ In our democracy, voting is a privilege.

↳ This year it is more than that. It is a solemn duty.

↳ There are powerful forces at work within our society this year -- many of them dark and repressive.

↳ You alone can ensure the triumph of the good.

↳ The choice you make next Tuesday can well set the course for America in this last third of the 20th Century.

Community or ~~apartheid~~ separation

Peace or tension?

Justice or repression?

Growth or stagnation?

These are the stakes of 1968.

American Patriot

As for myself, I offer you the words of Nathan Hale:

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything,
but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do!
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."!

Eight years ago this night, John F. Kennedy came to
this place in search of victory over Richard M. Nixon.

The stakes were high then, as they are now.

Chicago responded to John F. Kennedy.

John Kennedy carried Chicago. He carried Illinois.

America won.

Tonight I ask you for that same help in
building a great Democratic victory.

Will you help me as you helped John Kennedy? *If you*
do we shall win!
~~I ask your help.~~

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RECAP:
VICE PRESIDENT ROBERT HUMPHREY
CHICAGO STADIUM
NOVEMBER 12, 1968

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE AUGUST IN CHICAGO.

IT'S BEEN UPHILL FOR ED MUSKIE AND ME. SOMETIMES IT'S BEEN A LONELY FIGHT.

BUT WE'RE MOVING FAST TONIGHT ... AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON MOVING ... AND NEXT TUESDAY WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS ELECTION -- WITH YOUR HELP.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY THERE ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR [REDACTED] BETWEEN THE [REDACTED] TWO PARTIES AND THE TWO CANDIDATES.

I TELL YOU THERE'S ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

I HAVE PLEDGED FULL EMPLOYMENT -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

I HAVE PLEDGED A PROGRAM OF FULL EDUCATION IN AMERICA ... A NATIONAL PLAN FOR OUR CITIES -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

ALLAN STEVENSON DEMANDS AN END TO NUCLEAR TESTING -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT KENNEDY GOT THE PEACE CORPS -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON GOT THE CIVIL RIGHTS VOTING ACT -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

ROBERT KENNEDY FOUGHT FOR THE DISINHIBITED, FROM APPALACHIA AND THE CALIFORNIA GRAPE FIELDS TO SPANISH HARBOR AND THE RED DUST OF MISSISSIPPI -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

[REDACTED] SENE MCCARTHY HAD THE COURAGE TO SPEAK OUT FROM HIS CONSCIENCE ON VIETNAM -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

I WANT TO DEBATE THE GREAT ISSUES OF THIS CAMPAIGN -- BUT NOT RICHARD NIXON.

NEXT TUESDAY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL ELECT A PRESIDENT THEY CAN TRUST -- BUT NOT RICHARD MILROUS NIXON.

I HAVE TRAVELLED AMERICA FROM COAST TO COAST, FROM BORDER TO BORDER IN THIS YEAR OF ANGUISH AND ANXIETY.

AMERICANS HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT IN 1968 -- MORE THAN MOST NATIONS COULD TAKE.

AND TODAY THEY WANT -- AND NEED -- A PRESIDENT THEY CAN TRUST.

THEY WANT A PRESIDENT WHO CAN BUILD A SOLID AND AN [REDACTED] HONORABLE PEACE.

THEY WANT A PRESIDENT WHO CAN HOLD THIS COUNTRY TOGETHER ... AND KEEP IT GOING AND OPEN AND FREE.

AS YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, I CAN TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE.

THIS IS A GREAT NATION.
HUMPHREY DET

BUT IT CAN BE GREATER.

AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS A GREAT PARTY.

BUT IT CAN BE GREATER.

IT IS UP TO US HERE TONIGHT TO MAKE IT SO.

FIRST, THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION.

OURS IS A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY -- BUT NOT DEMOCRATIC ENOUGH.

IT IS AN OPEN SOCIETY -- BUT NOT OPEN ENOUGH.

IT ISN'T RIGHT WHEN --

--CHILDREN GO TO BED HUNGRY ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS;

--WHEN TEENAGERS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL AND OUT OF WORK IN THE ASPHALT
DESERT OF OUR URBAN SLUMS;

--WHEN [REDACTED] MEXICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN DROWN IN CALIFORNIA
IRRIGATION DITCHES BECAUSE THEIR MOTHERS HAVE NO DAY NURSERIES TO CARE
FOR THEM.

--WHEN A GRANDFATHER LOSES HOPE IN A LONELY ROOM;

--WHEN AN ABLE-BODIED MAN COMES TO THE CITY HUNTING A JOB,
BUT FINDS HE ISN'T TRAINED [REDACTED] TO HOLD ONE.

IT ISN'T RIGHT WHEN OVER 20 MILLION AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH
TO EAT WHILE MILLIONS OF OTHERS ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF
OVERWRIGHT.

WE MUST CHANGE IT -- AND WE WILL.

IF CHICAGO HAD SHUT OUT THE POLISH PEOPLE ... THE ITALIANS ... THE
LITHUANIANS ... THE YUGOSLAVS ... AND ALL THE REST WHO CAME HERE TO
SEEK A BETTER LIFE, THEY AND THEIR [REDACTED] CHILDREN WOULD NOT HAVE
BUILT THIS GREAT CITY.

YESTERDAY IT WAS THE POLISH AND THE ITALIANS.

TODAY, WE'RE TALKING [REDACTED] ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE AND SPANISH-
SPEAKING PEOPLE -- IMMIGRANTS, TOO ... PEOPLE FROM THE OUTSIDE WANTING
IN.

BECAUSE THIS IS AMERICA, ALL [REDACTED] PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SHARE
THE BURDEN OF BUILDING A BETTER SOCIETY DESERVE TO PARTICIPATE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FULLY IN THAT SOCIETY.

AND THEY WILL -- WHEN I AM YOUR PRESIDENT.

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NO, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

OURS IS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- BUT NOT DEMOCRATIC ENOUGH.

IT IS AN OPEN PARTY -- BUT NOT YET OPEN ENOUGH.

ANY POLITICAL PARTY CAN DEVELOP HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS HAD HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES SINCE THE
DAYS OF WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

IT HASN'T PRODUCED [REDACTED] A NEW IDEA SINCE THEN.

THAT IS WHY WE DEMOCRATS HAVE WON ELECTIONS. WE HAVE WON
BECAUSE WE HAVE WELCOMED THE YOUNG [REDACTED] ... LATER TO TRY
NEW IDEAS ... CHANGED A [REDACTED] CHANGED AND GROWN WITH THE TIMES.

WE MUST KEEP ON CHANGING.

WE MUST GENERATE NEW IDEAS.

WE MUST WELCOME THE YOUNG.

WE HAVE DIFFERED OVER ISSUES -- BECAUSE WE CARE AND WE CARE
DEEPLY ABOUT THOSE ISSUES.

LET WE HAVE ALWAYS UNITED AROUND OUR COMMON CONCERN FOR JUSTICE.

TONIGHT I AM HAPPY TO REPORT TO YOU THAT OUR PARTY IS [REDACTED] UNITING ... THAT THOSE BRAVE MEN WHO LED DISSENT LAST SPRING HAVE MADE THEIR MARK ON POLICY ... THAT THEY WANT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WENT FROM DOOR-TO-DOOR IN NEW HAMPSHIRE; IN INDIANA; IN NEBRASKA; AND OBERSON AND CALIFORNIA, WILL GO FROM DOOR-TO-DOOR NEXT MONDAY FOR OUR PARTY, FOR ED MUSKIE AND ME -- BUT, MOST OF ALL, FOR JUSTICE.

CHICAGO LAST AUGUST WAS FILLED WITH PAIN.

BUT DESPITE OUR TROUBLES ... WE TOOK STEPS IN OUR CONVENTION TO OPEN THE SELECTION OF OUR CONVENTION DELEGATES.

WE STRUCK DOWN RACIAL BARRIERS.

WE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE UNIT FILL.

SOME OTHER THINGS HAPPENED IN CHICAGO AND AT OUR CONVENTION THAT I'M NOT PROUD OF -- AND THAT YOU'RE NOT PROUD OF.

BUT IF WE QUARREL OVER THE PAST, WE CAN LOSE THE FUTURE.

ULINE ^{Blame} [REDACTED] IS NOT IMPORTANT. [REDACTED] SELF-EXAMINATION IS.

WHAT IS [REDACTED] IMPORTANT IS THE FUTURE.

WHAT IS [REDACTED] IMPORTANT IN OUR TURBULENT TORTURED TIME IS CHANGE.

WE KNOW THERE MUST BE CHANGE.

THE QUESTION IS: WILL CHANGE BE PEACEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE; OR WILL IT BE VIOLENT AND DESTRUCTIVE?

OUR PARTY MUST DO MORE THAN MAKE ROOM FOR CHANGE.

IT MUST GIVE VOICE TO THOSE WHO [REDACTED] CRY OUT FOR CHANGE.

IT MUST ... ITSELF ... BY THE IMPRIMENT OF CHANGE.

I CALL UPON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TONIGHT ... AND IN THE YEARS AHEAD ... TO REJOVENATE ITSELF ... TO STAY ALIVE AND RESPONSIVE ... TO REJECT THE STATUS QOO ... TO AVOID POLITICAL HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES ... AND TO RENDR ITSELF YEAR BY YEAR, DAY BY DAY, IN THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA.

THIS HAS BEEN OUR HISTORIC MISSION.

LET IT BE OUR CAUSE TONIGHT.

I WANT TO LEAD THE FIGHT -- THE FIGHT FOR A BETTER, MORE OPEN, MORE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

I WANT TO LEAD THAT PARTY.

AND I WANT TO LEAD THIS NATION.

THAT'S THE PRESIDENCY.

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THOSE MEN WILL HAPPENLY POWER TO CHANGE OUR LIVES -- TO CHANGE OR DESTROY THE WORLD -- IN A NUCLEAR WAR.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFERS LEADERSHIP READY TO MEET THAT AWESOME CHALLENGE.

LET ME TELL YOU WHAT KIND OF A PRESIDENT I WILL BE -- IF THE PEOPLE [REDACTED] GIVE ME THAT CHANCE.

FIRST, I WILL TRY TO EARN AND DESERVE THE PEOPLE'S TRUST.

I WILL TELL THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH.

I WILL [REDACTED] OPEN THE WHITE HOUSE DOORS AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE ... REALLY [REDACTED] LISTEN.

SECOND, I WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO HEAL THE WOUNDS AND END THE DIVISIONS AMONG OUR PEOPLE --

--BETWEEN THE ANGRY BLACK AND THE FEARFUL WHITE;

--BETWEEN THE WORRIED RICH AND THE DESPAIRING POOR;

--AND BETWEEN THE YOUNG REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE AND HIS ANXIOUS FATHER -- BY OFFERING THE BOY A CAUSE ... THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE.

I WANT TO APPEAL TO THE BEST IN OUR PEOPLE, NOT THE WORST ... I WANT TO IGNITE OUR HOPES, NOT OUR FEARS AND HATES.

I WANT TO LIFT UP OUR PEOPLE, ^{NOT PUT THEM} [REDACTED] DOWN, AND I WILL DO IT IF YOU GIVE ME A CHANCE.

THIRD, I WANT PEACE.

OUR PRESIDENT ON THURSDAY TOOK A WISE, A FIRM, AND A COURAGEOUS STEP TOWARD ENDING THE CRUEL WAR IN VIETNAM --- A STEP THAT A UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY [REDACTED] CAN SUPPORT -- A STEP THAT ALL AMERICANS WHO LOVE PEACE WILL SUPPORT ... BECAUSE WE ARE, MOST OF ALL, A PEACEFUL PEOPLE.

THERE IS ANOTHER PRIORITY OF PEACE.

BEYOND VIETNAM -- AND EVEN [REDACTED] BEFORE THAT STRUGGLE IS ENDED, I COMMIT MYSELF TO THE END OF THE DANGEROUS NUCLEAR [REDACTED] NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

MR. NIXON SAYS HE FAVORS BUILDING AN EVER-ESCALATING NUCLEAR WEAPONRY AND INCREASING THE INFLUENCE OF THE MILITARY OVER OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND OUR NATIONAL LIFE.

HE WOULD ADD 50 BILLION DOLLARS TO OUR STAGGERING DEFENSE BUDGET ... FOR THE WRONG PURPOSE ... FOR THE WRONG [REDACTED] WEAPONS ... AT THE WRONG TIME.

-- 50 BILLION FOR ARMS WE DO NOT NEED ... BUT PRECIOUS LITTLE FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOLS AND CITIES!

I WORKED WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO GET [REDACTED] THE LIMITED NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY -- WHICH MR. NIXON CALLED "CATASTROPHIC NONSENSE."

I URGED THE SENATE TO RATIFY IMMEDIATELY THE [REDACTED] TREATY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS -- [REDACTED] WHILE MR. NIXON STOOD SILENT.

WHEN I AM PRESIDENT, I WILL PRESS FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THAT [REDACTED] THAT TREATY.

I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AMERICA -- AS IT IS TODAY -- THE STRONGEST NATION ON EARTH.

BUT I WILL FIND A WAY TO STOP THE SUICIDAL NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BEFORE THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE HALTS MANKIND.

I PLEDGE MY LIFE TO IT.

FINALLY, I WILL PRESS FORWARD WITH THE GREAT WORK OF BUILDING THE REAL AMERICA.

MR. AENEAS SAYS IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLIM YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL.

I SAY IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLIM YOU'VE SEEN ONE TOO MANY.

I WANT TO MOVE FORWARD, NOT STAND STILL, WITH THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS OF HEALTH ... OF EDUCATION ... OF SOCIAL SECURITY ... AND OF CONTINUED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

I WANT TO USE THOSE BUILDING BLOCKS NOT TO STAVE OFF TROUBLE, BUT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

YES, I WANT TO CHANGE THINGS.

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I WANT TO CHANGE NOT ONLY LAWS, BUT HEARTS.

NOT THROUGH FEAR, BUT THROUGH HOPE.

NOT THROUGH HATE, BUT THROUGH COMPASSION.

I SPEAK TO THE DECENCY AND TO THE GOODNESS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I HAVE PLANS AND I HAVE DREAMS FOR THIS COUNTRY.

I WANT AN AMERICA --

-- WHERE EVERY FAMILY CAN LIVE IN SAFETY;

-- WHERE EVERY MAN HAS THE TANGIBLE THINGS THAT MEAN SELF-RESPECT;

-- WHERE WE HAVE ORDER -- BUT ORDER WITH LIBERTY

-- WHERE EVERY VOICE IS HEARD.

I WANT AN AMERICA AT PEACE --

-- AN AMERICA THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE PROUD TO CALL THEIR OWN;

-- AN AMERICA WHERE THE PEOPLE TRUST THEIR PRESIDENT ... AND WHERE HE PUTS HIS TRUST IN THEM.

AND I WANT A WORLD WHERE THE NUCLEAR CLOUD -- AND THE DEADLY BURDEN OF THE ARMS RACE -- IS LIFTED FROM THE BACKS OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF THIS EARTH.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE SHALL HAVE THAT COUNTRY AND THAT WORLD.

FOUR DAYS FROM NOW, THE AMERICAN VOTER WILL BE ALONE WITH HIS CONSCIENCE IN THE VOTING BOOTH.

AND, IN THAT PRIVACY, HE WILL ASK: WHICH MAN, AND WHICH PARTY, DESERVE MY TRUST?

TO YOU HERE TONIGHT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY I SAY: HELP US -- HELP ED MUSKIE AND ME, AND OUR PARTY -- WIN THAT TRUST.

AND TO ALL MY COUNTRYMEN EVERYWHERE, I SAY: VOTE ON TUESDAY.

IN OUR DEMOCRACY, VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE.

THIS YEAR IT IS MORE THAN THAT. IT IS A SOLEMN DUTY.

THERE ARE POWERFUL FORCES AT WORK WITHIN OUR SOCIETY THIS YEAR -- MANY OF THEM DARK AND REPRESSIVE.

YOU ALONE CAN ENSURE THE TRIUMPH OF THE GOOD.

THE CHOICE YOU MAKE NEXT [REDACTED] TUESDAY CAN WELL SET THE COURSE [REDACTED] SET THE COURSE FOR AMERICA IN THIS LAST THIRD OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

COMMUNITY OR APARTHEID?

[REDACTED] PEACE OR ^{TENSION?} [REDACTED]

JUSTICE OR REPRESSION.

GROWTH OR STAGNATION?

THESE ARE THE STAKES OF 1968.

AS FOR MYSELF, I OFFER [REDACTED] YOU THE WORDS OF NATHAN HALE:

"I AM ONLY ONE, BUT I AM ONE. I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I CAN DO SOMETHING. AND WHAT I CAN DO, THAT I OUGHT TO DO. AND WHAT I OUGHT TO DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, I SHALL DO."

I HAVE PREPARED FOR THIS MOMENT.

I DO NOT SHRINK FROM IT.

WITH THE HELP OF THE PEOPLE -- AND, ABOVE ALL, WITH FAITH IN [REDACTED] THE PEOPLE -- I SHALL LEAD THE COUNTRY FORWARD, TO A NEW DAY OF PEACE . . . OF UNITY . . . AND, ABOVE ALL, OF JUSTICE.

I AM READY NOW.

[REDACTED] I ASK YOUR HELP.

WILL YOU GIVE THAT HELP?

Release Sat. A.M.s

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

CHICAGO STADIUM

NOVEMBER 1, 1968

We've come a long way since August

August in Chicago

~~I've come back to Chicago against a lot of advice
because I'm not afraid to take risks in stating my case to the
people -- because I trust the people, including the people
of Chicago -- and because Illinois can be decisive in this
election.~~

~~It's been a long way back to Chicago~~

It's been uphill for Ed Muskie and me. Sometimes
it's been a lonely fight.

~~But we're rolling~~ ^{moving fast} tonight ... and we're going to
~~keep right on rolling~~ ^{moving} ... and next Tuesday we're going to win
this election --- with your help.

There are those who say there isn't much difference
this year between the two parties and the two candidates.

I tell you there's all the difference in the world.

I have pledged full employment -- but not

Richard Nixon.

I have fought for aid to education --- but not

Richard Nixon.

Adlai Stevenson demanded an end to nuclear
testing --- but not Richard Nixon.

President Kennedy got ~~the Peace Corps~~ --- but not

Richard Nixon.

~~the Peace Corps~~
~~something~~
~~else~~

President Johnson got the civil rights voting act --- not Richard Nixon.

Robert Kennedy fought for the ~~poor~~ ^{disinherited,} from Appalachia and the California grape fields to Spanish Harlem and the ~~fields~~ ^{red dust} of Mississippi --- but not Richard Nixon.

Gene McCarthy had the courage to speak out from his conscience on Vietnam --- but not Richard Nixon.

I wanted to debate the great issues of this campaign --- but not Richard Nixon.

Next Tuesday the people of the United States will elect a President they can trust --- but ~~it won't be~~ ^{not} Richard Milhous Nixon.

I have travelled ~~this land~~ ^{America} from coast to coast, from border to border, this ~~all~~ ^{year of anguish and anxiety}

And I can tell you what the American people are ~~concerned about today.~~ ^{their minds} ~~concerned about today.~~ ^{Americans have} a lot

~~have~~ been through ~~guts~~ ^{guts} in 1968 --- more than most nations could take.

~~(Transition)~~

And today, they want a President they can trust.
They want a President who can ~~secure the~~ ^{an} ~~peace.~~ build a solid and honorable

They want a President who can hold this country together ... and keep it ~~prosperous~~ growing and open and free.

As your Democratic candidate, I can tell you something else.

This is a great nation.

But it can be greater.

And the Democratic Party is a great party.

But it can be greater.

~~And it's~~ ~~up to~~ ~~all of~~ us here tonight to make it so.

First, ~~let's talk a little about~~ the future of our nation. * * *

Ours is a democratic society -- but it ~~isn't~~ ^{not}

democratic enough.

--- when Mexican-American children
drown in California fruit fields because their
mothers have no day ~~misere~~ ^{not} to put them in ①

It is an open society -- but it ~~isn't~~ ^{not} open enough.

It isn't right when ---

--- children go to bed hungry on Indian reservations;

when
--- ~~and~~ kids are out of school and out of work in ~~the~~
asphalt desert of the urban slums ②
urban ghettos.

It isn't right when ~~20~~ ^{we're} million Americans are shut ~~do not~~
out from the mainstream of our affluent society ^{to eat} ~~concerned with the~~
~~problems of oversight.~~
We must change it ~~and we will~~ ②
~~want to change that.~~

If Chicago had shut out the Polish people ... the

Italians ... the Lithuanians ... the Yugoslavs ... and all the

rest who came here to seek a better life, those people and their

children would not have built ~~the~~ ^{this} great ^{vigorous} city where we meet

~~tonight.~~ Yesterday it was the Poles and the Italians. ^{people}

Today ~~we're~~ ^{we're} talking about black people who have been ^{and Spanish-speaking}

~~shut out.~~ ~~who are just as n~~
immigrants, too ... people from
the outside wanting in.



Because this is America,

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~~I'm not talking about criminals. Of course,
we have to have order. Everybody's for law and order.~~

~~I'm simply saying that people~~ all people ...
who want to ~~share their~~ share the burden of building

a better world deserve to participate fully in that better life.

And they will --- when I am your President.

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Now, ~~let's talk a minute about our party,~~ the
Democratic Party.

~~Let's be honest with ourselves.~~ Ours is a
democratic party, ^{but not} ~~But like our society, it isn't always~~

democratic enough.

^{is} It's an open party, ^{not yet} ~~But it isn't always~~ open
enough.

~~Political parties are like people. They can get
hardening of the arteries.~~ (?)
Non-sequiter

~~Political parties~~
Any political party can develop
hardening of the arteries ⊕

The Republican Party has had hardening of the arteries since the days of William McKinley.

It hasn't produced a new idea since then.

~~and that's~~ ^{is} why we Democrats have won elections.

We have won

Because we have welcomed the young ~~who~~ dared to try the new...

~~and~~ changed and grown with the times.

We must keep on changing ^{we must} welcome dissent

we must

welcome new faces, new blood and new ideas.

We must

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Tonight I am happy to report to you that our party is uniting ... that those bright men who led dissent last spring have made their mark on policy ... that they are coming home.

that they have helped the ~~state~~ search for peace ... and

And I am proud to say that many thousands of the young people who went from door-to-door ~~last spring~~ in New Hampshire, ~~in~~ Indiana, in Nebraska and Oregon and California, will go from door-to-door next Monday for ~~the~~ our party and ^{Ed Muskie +} for ~~the~~ those same ideals ... for

Chicago this August was filled with pain.

But ^{despite our troubles} ~~despite our troubles~~ ~~we can't~~ ~~in our convention last~~

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convention delegates ~~we~~ we struck down racial barriers ~~we~~

~~del~~ we laid the groundwork for the elimination of the unit rule.

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that I'm not proud of -- and that you're not proud of.

But ^{if we ~~lose the ground~~ ~~over the post,~~} we can lose the future by assigning blame ~~for the past.~~

~~for the past.~~

What is important in the future.

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Our party belongs to no one -- because it belongs to everyone.

Politics is too important to be left to the politicians ~~alone~~

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What is important ~~is the face of~~ ~~turning~~ ~~imperfection~~ ~~and discord~~ ~~and~~ ~~change~~ in our turbulent ~~future~~ ~~time~~ is change ^{future time is change} ~~is change~~ ^{is change}

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"A"

(do more than)

[Our party must make room

for change. It must give voice

to those who cry out for change.

It must ... itself ... ~~bring about~~

~~change ... to build a~~

work ceaselessly

~~make changes~~

to change things

as they are ⊕

In a troubled time we know there ~~will~~ ^{must} be change.

The only question is: Will ~~it~~ ^{change} be peaceable and constructive, ^{will it be} or violent and destructive.

Tonight

~~It is the function of our party to provide a peaceful channel for change.~~

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Only ~~this~~ ^{this way} can we greatly serve our nation.

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This has been our historic mission.
Let it be our cause tonight.

I want to lead that fight. — ^{the fight for a better} ~~that~~ party.
And I want to lead this nation.

more open, more democratic party

x x x

~~those men~~

~~The Democratic party offers~~

~~the leadership~~

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[Those men will have the power to change the world ~~in~~ --- in a nuclear age.

[The Democratic Party offers leadership ~~for that those~~ ready to meet ~~those~~ that awesome challenge. ⊕

one to lead this nation...
the other to be ready to lead it.

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Then, the Presidency. ~~two men~~

Exactly eleven weeks from Monday ~~one man~~ will

stand ~~alone~~ on the steps of the Capitol in Washington and

take the solemn oath ^s as President ^{and Vice President} of the United States....

~~Those~~ ^{of us} ~~men~~ will chart a course for ~~us~~ all in the

INSERT "B"

next four years.

~~will lead~~
~~etc.~~

~~He will have the power to change the world~~

~~in a nuclear age~~

~~Will you trust President Nixon with that power?~~

~~... or President Wallace? ... or even, if fate decrees,~~

~~President Agnew? ... President LeMay?~~

~~Or will you trust President Humphrey ... and,~~

~~if fate decrees, President Muskie?~~

~~I~~ ~~I~~ have plans and ~~I~~ have dreams for this country.

Let me tell you what kind of a President I will

be if the people give me that chance.

~~See #13~~
~~announcement~~
~~3/30~~
~~7/27~~

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--- between the young rebel

without a cause and his anxious

father --- by giving ^{the boy} ~~him~~ a cause...

the cause of freedom; ~~the~~

--- between the angry black

and the fearful white;

~~black man out of the dark~~ ~~down slums and breaking down walls~~

~~between our people;~~

--- between the rich and the

poor --- by enlisting the rich in the

struggle against poverty;

--- and between the young rebel

without a cause and his anxious father ---

by giving the boy a cause... the cause of freedom

First, I will ~~by my every word and deed~~ try to earn and deserve the people's trust.

I will tell the people the ~~hate~~ truths about our ~~world~~.

I will open the White House doors and listen to the people.

Second, I will do everything within my power to heal the wounds and end the divisions among our people ~~between young and old ... black and white ... rich and poor.~~

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I want to appeal to the best in our people, not the worst ... I want to ignite our hopes, not our fears and hates.

I want to lift up our people, not put them down. And I will do it if you give me a chance.

Third, I want peace.

Our President has taken a
~~some~~ wise and ^{firm and} courageous step
 toward ending the cruel war in
 Viet Nam --- a step that ~~the~~
~~was a United~~ a united Democratic
 party supports -- a step that
 all ~~the~~ Americans who love peace
 support ... because peace ... an
 honorable peace ... is ever the purpose
 of our nation. And tonight we
 pray together for his success.

Beyond Viet Nam,

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12A

(He would add \$50 billion
dollars) to our staggering ~~defense~~ ^{defense} ~~armaments~~

budget ... for the wrong
purpose ... for the wrong
weapons ... at the wrong time.

\$50 billion for ~~armaments~~

arms we do not need ... but
to meet the needs of our ~~state~~

nothing for schools and cities ~~and~~

~~and scholarships~~

~~we do need~~ \$50 billion

dollars that ~~would~~ ^{would} escalate

the nuclear race and ~~could~~ ^{could} lead us to

disaster x

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~~12~~
Third, I want to win the peace.

Our President has taken the first long step toward ending the cruel war in Vietnam. He has acted wisely. He has acted ~~wisely~~ *cowardly*

Russia

Tonight we pray together for his success.

~~On January 20, I will carry on, with my own Administration, and I will secure the peace in Southeast Asia. if it has not already been achieved.~~

~~Also~~

dangerous

~~Fourth~~ I will labor night and day to end the nuclear arms race.

Mr. Nixon says he favors building an ever-escalating nuclear weaponry and increasing the influence of the military over our foreign policy and our national life.

\$50 billion for loss wrong.

~~INSERT "D" 50 billion diversion of resources~~

I disagree ~~completely~~ -- and so do the American people.

I worked with President Kennedy to get the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty -- which Mr. Nixon once called "catastrophic nonsense."

I urged the Senate to ratify immediately the treaty to stop the spread of nuclear weapons --- but Mr. Nixon stood silent.

When I am President, I will press for the ratification of that treaty. I will continue to keep America -- as it is today -- the strongest nation on earth. But I will find a way also ~~explore every way~~ to halt the suicidal nuclear arms race before the nuclear arms race halts mankind.

I pledge my life to it.
~~Fifth, and finally,~~ I will press forward the great work of building ~~a better society.~~ the real America.

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

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

And if you've seen one Nixon you've seen them all.

forward

in

I want to move ~~not~~ stand still, in health ~~and~~
education ... Social Security ... and continued economic
~~prosperity.~~

~~Mark
Lynch
examples~~

~~INSERT "E"~~

I say to you tonight: If you let the Nixon
Republicans get back into the White House, it is absolutely
certain that you will have increased unemployment. They
have said so. They have said, as a matter of policy, that
they will deliberately throw men out of work.

I warn you: A Republican recession would divide
our people even more deeply. When jobs are scarce, men
fight over them. But when men work together, they learn
to live together.

And that's what they will do when I am your
President.

~~Above all, I want to change not
only laws, but hearts.~~

~~Deeny - Goodness~~

~~INSERT "E" page 14~~

I'm not satisfied when ~~the~~
 children are packed ~~into~~
~~and~~ into stifling rundown
 schoolrooms;

-- when a grandfather
 slowly dies ~~alone~~ in a tenement alone;
 -- when a young couple starting out in life
 is bankrupt by ~~the~~ parents' illness;
 -- when there are more rats

than people in New York! --- and

~~the~~ children die from
 eating ~~poison~~ rat poison; ~~the~~

~~stems;~~

-- when ~~the~~ ^{an} able-bodied ~~man~~
~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ comes to the city ^{hunting} to find a
 job but finds ~~a~~ ~~man~~ he isn't trained to
 run a machine; ~~get one~~ hold one;

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~~insert E p 14~~

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[--- when ~~the~~ men working
men in their prime are cast aside
by machines.

~~Above all, I want to change~~
not only
Yes
[I want to change things.

~~Above~~
[And I will, when I am your
President.

[Above all, I want to change
not only laws, but hearts.

[I practice ~~the~~ not the
politics of fear but of hope.
[I speak to the decency, the
goodness, of the American people.

I want an America ---

--- where every man can live in peace;

--- where every man can ~~hold up his head,~~

--- where we have order and liberty, too;

--- where every voice is heard.

I want an America at peace, ~~at home and abroad,~~

--- an America that our young people will be

proud to call their own;

---an America where the people trust their

President ... and where he puts his trust in them.

I want a world where the ^{nuclear} mushroom cloud is

lifted from ~~over~~ mankind.

And, with your help, we'll have it.

Four nights from tonight, the ^{people of} polls will be

~~America will close the curtains on the~~
closing across the nation.

~~summon~~ ~~for~~ their conscience in the voting booth.

And, in that privacy, they will ask:
Which men, and which party, deserve
my trust?

To you here tonight of the Democratic Party,
I say: Help us, help Ed Muskie and me, ~~win this election.~~
~~and our party,~~
~~we win that trust.~~

And to all my countrymen everywhere, I say:
Vote on Tuesday.

In our democracy, voting is a privilege. This year it is a solemn duty.

There are powerful forces at work within our society this year, some bad, some good. You alone can ensure the triumph of the good. The choice you make next Tuesday will set the course for America in the last third of the 20th Century.

~~That choice is up to you.~~

~~as per myself; (Nathan Hale)~~

~~Maybe the Langston Hughes quote~~

~~# # #~~

~~Need one or two Stevensonian quotes / Sandburg~~

~~One or two human, real vignette~~

~~Nathan Hale~~

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As for myself, I
offer you this — my
credo — the words of
Nathan Hale: "I am
only one but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
And what I can do,
that I ought to do.
~~But what~~ And what I
ought to do, by the grace of
God, I shall do." "
god

Chicago
Stadium
Nov. 1

Community or apartheid?

Peace or tension?

Justice or repression?

Growth or stagnation?

These are the stakes of 1968.

As for myself, I offer you the words of Nathan Hale:

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, that I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."

Eight years ago this night, John F. Kennedy came to this place in search of victory over Richard M. Nixon.

The stakes were high then, as they are now.

Chicago responded to John F. Kennedy.

John Kennedy carried Chicago. He carried Illinois.

America won.

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Tonight I ask you for that same help in
building a great Democratic victory.

Will you help me as you helped John Kennedy?

I ask your help.

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REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
CHICAGO STADIUM
NOVEMBER 1, 1968

I've come back to Chicago against a lot of advice -- because I'm not afraid to take risks in stating my case to the people -- because I trust the people, including the people of Chicago -- and because Illinois can be decisive in this election.

It's been uphill for Ed Muskie and me. Sometimes it's been a lonely fight.

But we're rolling tonight ... and we're going to keep right on rolling ... and next Tuesday we're going to win this election --- with your help.

There are those who say there isn't much difference this year between the two parties and the two candidates.

I tell you there's all the difference in the world.

I have pledged full employment -- but not

Richard Nixon.

I have fought for aid to education --- but not

Richard Nixon.

Adlai Stevenson demanded an end to nuclear testing --- but not Richard Nixon.

President Kennedy got Medicare --- but not

Richard Nixon.

President Johnson got the civil rights voting act --- not Richard Nixon.

Robert Kennedy fought for the poor, from Appalachia and the California grape fields to Spanish Harlem and the fields of Mississippi --- but not Richard Nixon.

Gene McCarthy had the courage to speak out from his conscience on Vietnam --- but not Richard Nixon.

I wanted to debate the great issues of this campaign --- but not Richard Nixon.

Next Tuesday the people of the United States will elect a President they can trust --- but it won't be Richard Milhous Nixon.

I have travelled this land from coast to coast, from border to border, this fall.

And I can tell you what the American people are concerned about today.

They want a President they can trust.

They want a President who can secure the peace.

They want a President who can hold this country together ... and keep it prosperous.

As your Democratic candidate, I can tell you something else.

This is a great nation.

But it can be greater.

And the Democratic Party is a great party.

But it can be greater.

And it's up to all of us here tonight to make it so.

First, let's talk a little about our nation.

Ours is a democratic society -- but it isn't democratic enough.

It is an open society -- but it isn't open enough.

It isn't right when ---

--- children go to bed hungry on Indian reservations;

--- and kids are out of school and out of work in
urban ghettos.

It isn't right when 29 million Americans are shut
out from the mainstream of our affluent society.

I want to change that.

If Chicago had shut out the Polish people ... the
Italians ... the Lithuanians ... the Yugoslavs ... and all the
rest who came here to seek a better life, those people and their
children would not have built the great city where we meet
tonight.

Now we're talking about black people who have been
shut out.

I'm not talking about criminals. Of course, we have to have order. Everybody's for law and order.

I'm simply saying that people ... all people ... who want to bear their share of the burden of building a better world deserve to participate fully in that better life.

And they will --- when I am your President.

Now, let's talk a minute about our party, the Democratic Party.

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