

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT:

FACTS ON ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, AIRPORT RALLY

Audience: Chiefly workers from surrounding factories.
There is Wallace support. This is very
conservative country.

POINTS TO HIT: Trust, Peace and Arms Control, Crime
(your program), Prosperity, Wallace.

AVOID: War on Poverty, Job Corps, etc., Gun Control.

NOTE: Miss America (Judy Ford) is from nearby
Belvedere. She may be present. If not, you
can say you wish she were ... you thought the
crowd was there to welcome her, etc.

REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
AIRPORT RALLY
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 1, 1968

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Whom can you trust to secure the peace?

Whom can you trust with the future of America?

Whom can you trust, period?

And what is just as important --- who trusts you, the American people?

That seems to me to be the great issue, and I feel confident that you will answer these questions with an overwhelming victory for the Democratic Party.

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I believe the choice is clear.

America wants peace ... peace in Vietnam ... and an end to the costly and dangerous nuclear arms race.

Mr. Nixon refuses to debate.

You know my record.

I fought for the treaty to stop nuclear testing in the atmosphere. Mr. Nixon called it a "cruel hoax."

This very fall I called for ratification of the treaty to stop nuclear weapons from spreading around the world. Mr. Nixon opposed passage now ... and his opposition killed that treaty in the Senate for this year.

Now Mr. Nixon offers us a policy of nuclear escalation in the mad arms race which would cost us fifty billion dollars -- dollars for disaster that would be better spent in the schools and hospitals and cities and towns of America.

We have the strength to talk peace. We must have the statesmanship.

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I have spoken out, too, on safety in our streets and neighborhoods.

I offered you a detailed plan of federal support for your local police ... for your courts ... and for your penal institutions.

It is a plan for local control, but with federal backing -- to get the job done.

Mr. Nixon has offered you fear and emotion -- and a four-point program ... three of which are retreads from present programs ... and the fourth is a call for more conferences.

That's just not good enough, Mr. Nixon, to earn the trust of America.

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Think back to 1959 ... to the last of the three recessions the Nixon Republicans gave us. One man in a dozen was out of work. Now the figure is one in thirty-five.

Yes, you are doing well.

But today, Mr. Nixon's economic advisers are calling for more unemployment as a means of keeping wages down and controlling prices. They are committed, as a matter of policy, to throwing men out of work.

Whose job will be the first to go, Mr. Republican? ... whose overtime?

I pledge this to the American people: We will have full employment and economic growth in the Humphrey-Muskie Administration ... and you can count on it.

We will halt the rise in the cost of living -- and reform the tax laws -- and keep jobs and growth.

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But I do give George Wallace credit for one thing:
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Can he keep our economy strong? Can he keep the workers on
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a wasted vote -- it's a vote for Mr. Nixon -- and if the Nixon
Republicans get in you can count on a recession ... and you
know it.

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I've brought the issues to you.

I have the dust of America on my shoes.

You have listened to me and I think you have my message.

You said it loud and clear: Despite our divisions there is still the chance for unity ...

Despite fear there is a great reservoir of good will ...

Despite legitimate complaints there is a great pride in America.

I believe in ^{the} people ~~power~~. It's ^{the power of the} people ~~power~~ that's going to win a Democratic victory next Tuesday.

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We need not--and we will not--sacrifice prosperity on the altar of outdated Republican economics.

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rejecting Mr. Nixon and Mr. Agnew on November 5th.

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I still believe that to be true, but I think there is another issue
that is every bit as important. It is the answer to the question -- who
trusts you -- the American people.

While Mr. Nixon tried to boil you down to little perforated cards
to feed his machine, I went out and got the dust of America on my
shoes. I tried to tell it to you like it is. I shook your hand. I looked
you in the eye. And you listened.

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yes, you are ⁻⁵⁻ doing well.

What about our economy?

The last Nixon-Republican administration in the 1950's plunged this country into three job-killing, profit-killing recessions.

In 1960 the unemployment rate that reached nearly 7 percent-- twice what it is today.

The Democrats have brought this country the longest uninterrupted period of economic growth in American history... 92 straight months, *... and the present* ~~and we have cut your taxes. Yes, this tax rate~~ is well below what it was in 1960--30 percent lower for persons in the lowest income bracket.

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of us all... Mr. Muskie's forebears... my forebears... and the forebears

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

We must press forward.

I want progress, not stagnation, in human rights... social justice... health and education... and continued economic prosperity.

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 too many.

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I ^{have} listened to you and ~~got~~ ^{I hear} your message. You ~~read~~ ^{said} it loud and clear,

despite our divisions there is ~~still~~ unity, despite ~~our~~ fear there is ~~still~~ a ^{great} tremendous reservoir of good will, despite ~~our~~ legitimate complaints there is ~~still~~ a great pride in America.

I believe in people power. It's people power that's going to win the ^a Democratic ^{victory next Tuesday.} ~~election for us on November 5th.~~

Mr. Nixon thinks he has it in the bag, but on election day he's going to open that bag and Hubert Humphrey and Ed Muskie are going to jump out.

Now you go out and get to the polls, and then let's roll up our sleeves and get to work.

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WHOM CAN YOU TRUST TO SECURE THE PEACE?

WHOM CAN YOU TRUST WITH THE FUTURE OF AMERICA?

WHOM CAN YOU TRUST, PERIOD?

AND WHAT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT -- WHO TRUSTS YOU -- THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE GREAT ISSUE, AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WITH AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

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I BELIEVE THE CHOICE IS CLEAR.

AMERICA WANTS PEACE . . . PEACE IN VIETNAM . . . AND AN END TO THE COSTLY AND DANGEROUS NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

MR. NIXON REFUSES TO DEBATE.

YOU KNOW MY RECORD.

I FOUGHT FOR THE TREATY TO STOP NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE ATMOSPHERE. MR. NIXON CALLED IT A "CRUEL HOAX."

THIS VERY FALL I CALLED FOR RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY TO STOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SPREADING AROUND THE WORLD.

MR. NIXON OPPOSED PASSAGE NOW . . . AND HIS OPPOSITION KILLED THAT TREATY IN THE SENATE FOR THIS YEAR.

NOW MR. NIXON OFFERS US A POLICY OF NUCLEAR ESCALATION IN THE MAD ARMS RACE WHICH WOULD COST US FIFTY BILLION DOLLARS -- DOLLARS FOR DISASTER THAT WOULD BE BETTER SPENT IN THE SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS AND CITIES AND TOWNS OF AMERICA.

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I OFFERED YOU A DETAILED PLAN OF FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR LOCAL POLICE . . . FOR YOUR COURTS . . . AND FOR YOUR PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

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AND THEN THERE IS THE ECONOMY -- THE FULL-EMPLOYMENT PROSPERITY AND ALL IT HAS MEANT TO EVERY FAMILY IN ROCKFORD AND ACROSS AMERICA.

THINK BACK TO 1959 . . . TO THE LAST OF THE THREE RECESSIONS THE NIXON REPUBLICANS GAVE US. ONE MAN IN A DOZEN WAS OUT OF WORK. NOW THE FIGURE IS ONE IN THIRTY-FIVE.

YES, YOU ARE DOING WELL.

BUT TODAY, MR. NIXON'S ECONOMIC ADVISORS ARE CALLING FOR MORE UNEMPLOYMENT AS A MEANS OF KEEPING WAGES DOWN AND CONTROLLING PRICES. THEY ARE COMMITTED, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, TO THROWING MEN OUT OF WORK.

WHOSE JOB WILL BE THE FIRST TO GO, MR. REPUBLICAN? . . . WHOSE OVERTIME?

I PLEDGE THIS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: WE WILL HAVE FULL EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE HUMPHREY-MUSKIE ADMINISTRATION . . . AND YOU CAN COUNT ON IT.

WE WILL HALT THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING -- AND REFORM THE TAX LAWS -- AND KEEP JOBS AND GROWTH.

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

THE QUESTION WHICH WALLACE SUPPORTERS NOW HAVE TO ASK THEMSELVES IS THIS: CAN THIS MAN REALLY RUN THE GOVERNMENT? CAN HE KEEP OUR ECONOMY STRONG? CAN HE KEEP THE WORKERS ON OVERTIME AND OFF UNEMPLOYMENT LINES?

MR. WALLACE CAN NOT BE ELECTED. A VOTE FOR HIM IS A WASTED VOTE -- IT'S A VOTE FOR MR. NIXON -- AND IF THE NIXON-REPUBLICANS GET IN YOU CAN COUNT ON A RECESSION -- AND YOU KNOW IT.

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YOU SAID IT LOUD AND CLEAR: DESPITE OUR DIVISIONS THERE IS STILL THE CHANCE FOR UNITY . . .

DESPITE FEAR THERE IS A GREAT RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL . . .

DESPITE LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS THERE IS A GREAT PRIDE IN AMERICA.

I BELIEVE IN PEOPLE POWER. IT'S PEOPLE POWER THAT'S GOING TO WIN A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY NEXT TUESDAY.



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