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Norm Carter

Ken-Caulter

- Lloyd Barber - 6th assembly

- Bishop Wallace (my Wallace)

- Rev Taylor

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUMPHREY

- Miss Galloway - (In the White House - Black People)

North Dunes Hi Choir

RALLY AT 12TH STREET YMCA

MARCH 20TH, 1972

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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Speech file

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