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FIRST DISTRICT GOP CONVENTION
HAYS, KANSAS
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I APPEAR HERE TODAY WITH MORE OPTIMISM FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THAN EVER BEFORE IN MY EIGHT YEARS IN CONGRESS. I ALSO APPEAR TODAY WITH MIXED PERSONAL FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS. THIS WILL BE MY LAST APPEARANCE BEFORE A GROUP SUCH AS THIS AS A MEMBER OF THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WHILE I HOPE TO RETURN IN 1972 IN SOME OFFICIAL CAPACITY, THIS WILL DEPEND UPON THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE ---- REPUBLICANS IN AUGUST AND REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS IN NOVEMBER.

I COULD SPEND THE MORNING RECOUNTING THE MANY KINDNESSES EXTENDED TO ME SINCE 1960 OR PERHAPS ENUMERATING THE MANY CHALLENGES AHEAD. INSTEAD, LET ME EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERYONE WHO HAS LABORED IN MY BEHALF. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR BEYOND DESCRIPTION TO SERVE AS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, BUT I TREASURE EVEN MORE THE MANY, MANY FRIENDS I HAVE MADE.

WHILE I DO NOT KNOW WHO WILL BE THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR CONGRESS IN THIS GREAT DISTRICT, ALL OF US HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CERTAIN A REPUBLICAN IS ELECTED IN NOVEMBER. WESTERN KANSAS HAS A GREAT HERITAGE OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WE CAN ALL SPEAK WITH PRIDE ABOUT SUCH LEADERS AS FORMER CONGRESSMAN WINT SMITH OF MANKATO, FORMER CONGRESSMAN CLIFFORD HOPE OF GARDEN CITY, AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN, NOW ONE OF THE GREAT U. S. SENATORS, FRANK CARLSON OF CONCORDIA.

IN LOOKING AROUND, IT IS APPARENT THAT REPUBLICANS ARE NOT SUFFERING FROM A LACK OF CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS IN THIS DISTRICT, AND AGAIN I URGE THAT AFTER THE PRIMARY, THE WINNER AND THE LOSERS JOIN TOGETHER FOR VICTORY

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IN NOVEMBER.

NOW, THIS BEING A REPUBLICAN MEETING, I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND SOME OF THE ISSUES. THE OTHER PARTY IS HAVING ITS PROBLEMS THIS YEAR. I WOULD GUESS THOSE SEEKING OFFICE UNDER THAT BANNER WILL SPEND MANY A SLEEPLESS NIGHT TRYING TO DETERMINE WHICH DONKEY TO RIDE. THE DEMOCRAT BLOOD BATH HAS JUST BEGUN, AND THE PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF DEMOCRAT GEORGE WALLACE, DEMOCRAT LYNDON JOHNSON, DEMOCRAT EUGENE MC CARTHY AND DEMOCRAT ROBERT KENNEDY WILL BE VERY HELPFUL IN INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE REPUBLICAN SWEEP IN NOVEMBER. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- WITH THE HELP OF MANY INDEPENDENTS AND DISENCHANTED DEMOCRATS -- WILL MAKE BIG GAINS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. THEN WE ARE GOING TO PUT THIS COUNTRY BACK ON THE ROAD TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

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I SAY THIS BECAUSE:

(1) THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF LYNDON JOHNSON, DISTRUSTFUL OF BOBBY KENNEDY, SKEPTICAL OF GENE MC CARTHY, AND FEARFUL OF GEORGE WALLACE.

(2) OUR COUNTRY IS TRULY ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER BECAUSE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S "GUNS AND BUTTER" POLICIES.

(3) THE SPLIT IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IS SO WIDE THE GRAND CANYON IS SMALL IN COMPARISON.

(4) THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, HAVING LEARNED A LESSON IN 1964, IS UNIFYING.

(5) THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS THE ISSUES AND THE CANDIDATES.

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE THE WHITE HOUSE, TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PICK UP A NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE U. S. SENATE.

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I SAY WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, AND I QUALIFY THIS BY STATING THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY MUST BE PURSUED WITH VIGOR, WITH CANDOR, AND WITH HONESTY. AS REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AND REPUBLICAN WORKERS, WE MUST CLARIFY THE ISSUES AND TELL OUR STORY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN CLEAR, CONCISE AND UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE.

WE SHOULD START WITH A BIT OF BACKGROUND. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTROLLED THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AND FOR ALL BUT EIGHT OF THE LAST 35 YEARS. THEY HAVE CONTROLLED THE CONGRESS FOR THE LAST TWELVE YEARS AND FOR ALL BUT FOUR OF THE LAST 35 YEARS. THEY HAVE MADE MOST OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY, INCLUDING THE SUPREME COURT, DURING THE PAST FOUR DECADES.

TODAY, AMERICA AND HER PEOPLE, HER POWER AND HER PRESTIGE, IS BESET WITH A NUMBER OF CRITICAL CRISES. THESE CRISES HAVE BEEN CAUSED, OR HAVE WORSENERED, BECAUSE OF LACK OF LEADERSHIP BY THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE PARTY IN POWER. WE CANNOT EXPECT TO BE THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD UNLESS WE PUT OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER AND UNLESS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ELECT REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN NOVEMBER.

NOW, HAVING SAID THIS, AMERICANS WANT TO KNOW WHICH PARTY IS BEST EQUIPPED TO RESTORE THIS COUNTRY TO BLESSED PEACE AND WHICH PARTY CAN BEST PROMOTE GENUINE PROSPERITY, A SOUNDLY GROWING ECONOMY WITH RELATIVE PRICE STABILITY.

WHICH PARTY BEST UNDERSTANDS THE FORCES AT WORK IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD TODAY -- THOSE FORCES WHICH PROMISE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW AND THOSE OTHER FORCES WHICH THREATEN OUR VERY EXISTENCE?

WHICH PARTY BEST RECOGNIZES THE USES OF POWER AND HOW BEST TO EMPLOY IT IN THE INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE?

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WHICH PARTY DOES A BETTER JOB OF PRESERVING THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR SO THAT A MAN NEED NOT LEAD A PRECARIOUS CREDIT-CARD EXISTENCE DURING HIS WORKING YEARS AND THROW HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF THE GOVERNMENT IN HIS OLD AGE?

WHICH PARTY DOES A BETTER JOB OF WATCHING OVER TAX DOLLARS AND SEEING TO IT THAT AMERICANS GET A FAIR RETURN FOR WHAT THEY "INVEST" IN THEIR GOVERNMENT?

WHICH PARTY OFFERS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE KIND OF MORAL LEADERSHIP SO NECESSARY TO TEACH RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER AND TO PRESERVE THIS REPUBLIC AS A GOVERNMENT ORDAINED OF LAWS AND NOT MERELY OF MEN?

BOTH MAJOR PARTIES WANT WHAT IS BEST FOR AMERICA. WE SHARE MANY OF THE SAME OBJECTIVES. WHERE WE DIFFER IS NOT ON GOALS AND ENDS BUT ON THE MEANS TO THOSE ENDS.

THE OTHER PARTY WOULD HAVE AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE. THAT IS SO RIDICULOUS AS TO BE LAUGHABLE. IT WOULD BE LAUGHABLE IF THE OPPOSITION DID NOT REPEATEDLY PEDDLE IT AS THE SEEMING TRUTH. THE TRUTH IS WE OPPOSE THE OTHER PARTY'S MEANS TO AN END WHEN WE KNOW THOSE MEANS TO BE UNSOUND.

— LOOK AT DEMOCRATIC RECORD —
THE DEMOCRAT PARTY NOW STANDS BEFORE THE PEOPLE TO BE JUDGED. THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAS HAD SEVEN YEARS IN WHICH TO DEMONSTRATE THE WISDOM OF ITS POLICIES, THE BENEFICENT FRUITS OF LEGISLATION WHICH HAS BEEN PUSHED THROUGH ONE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS AFTER ANOTHER. THE PEOPLE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO LEAVE THE NATION IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY'S HANDS.

POSTMASTER GENERAL LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN, WHO WILL MANAGE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S 1968 CAMPAIGN, RECENTLY SAID LYNDON JOHNSON WILL SEEK REELECTION SOLELY UPON HIS RECORD -- THE RECORD OF HIS AND THE PRECEDING DEMOCRAT

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ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS ONLY FAIR. THAT IS HOW IT SHOULD BE.

~~NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO~~

REPUBLICANS URGE EVERY AMERICAN TO LOOK AT THE RECORD -- TO LOOK,
AND COMPARE. WHAT DOES THE RECORD REVEAL?

TODAY WE ARE AT WAR IN VIETNAM. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY THE SOVIET UNION IS CLOSE TO CONTROLLING THE PERSIAN GULF AND
THE RED SEA. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEARLY DESTROYED AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY COMMUNISTS STEAL OUR SHIPS. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY INFLATION ROBS US OF OUR WAGE GAINS, AND PRICES SURGE UP AND
UP. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY VIOLENT CIVIL DISORDERS RAVAGE OUR CITIES. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY THE THUG, THE THIEF, THE MURDERER AND THE RAPIST TERRORIZE US
ON CITY STREETS THROUGHOUT AMERICA. NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

TODAY WE HAVE LOST THE RESPECT AMERICA HAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
NOT SEVEN YEARS AGO!

HOW DO WE MEASURE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO AMERICA IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS?

~~LBJ, DEMOCRATS AND MONEY~~

THE HOUSEWIFE MIGHT SAY ---- THE COST OF LIVING HAS GONE UP NEARLY
15 PER CENT. IT COSTS ME \$11.43 TO BUY WHAT \$10 WOULD BUY IN 1960.

A REPUBLICAN MIGHT SAY ---- THE DOLLAR THAT WAS WORTH A DOLLAR WHEN
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE NOW IS WORTH ABOUT 87 1/2 CENTS.

BOTH WOULD BE RIGHT, AND THAT READING OF THE INCONTRAVERTIBLE RECORD
IS DEVASTATING. IT MEANS THAT THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION WITH ITS POLICY
OF PLANNED DEFICITS HAS BEEN ROBBING ALL OF US OF PURCHASING POWER AND,
INDEED, HAS BEEN PAUPERIZING OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION
IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFLATION WHICH HAS HIT US ALL AND HAS

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STRUCK MOST CRUELLY AT THE AGED WHO ARE LIVING ON LIMITED INCOMES.

THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S OWN LABOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS THAT INFLATION HAS WIPED OUT THE WAGE GAINS THE COUNTRY'S PRODUCTION WORKERS THOUGHT THEY HAD MADE DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION HAS SO WASTED OUR SUBSTANCE AND SO HEAVILY BORROWED AGAINST THE FUTURE THAT WE FIND OURSELVES PLAGUED WITH COST INFLATION, PRICE INFLATION, MASSIVE FEDERAL DEFICITS, SOME OF THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATES IN A CENTURY, AND REPEATED ATTACKS ON THE DOLLAR. THERE HAS BEEN A VIRTUAL EXPLOSION OF FEDERAL SPENDING ON TOO MANY UNJUSTIFIED AND WASTEFUL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE ADDED \$70 BILLION TO THE PUBLIC DEBT SINCE 1960 -- THE LAST YEAR THE FEDERAL BUDGET WAS BALANCED. THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION ALONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR \$60 BILLION OF THOSE ACCUMULATED DEFICITS AND CURRENTLY OFFERS US THE PROSPECT OF \$20 BILLION DEFICITS BACK TO BACK UNLESS WE LOAD MORE TAXES ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AT THE SAME TIME, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ARE CLIMBING STEADILY SO THAT THE COMBINED TAX BURDEN -- FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL -- IS THE GREATEST IN OUR HISTORY.

IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT LYNDON JOHNSON HAS ALLOWED THE ECONOMY TO DETERIORATE TO THE POINT WHERE RUNAWAY INFLATION IS A REALITY. IT IS SHOCKING TO LEARN THAT BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FAITH IN AMERICA'S FISCAL INTEGRITY FOREIGN HOLDERS OF U. S. DOLLARS PREFER GOLD AND AS A RESULT HAVE STEADILY DEPLETED OUR GOLD RESERVES.

WOULD YOU EVER BELIEVE THAT THE LEADERS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY WOULD BE CRITICIZED BY EUROPEAN LEADERS FOR OVERCOMMITTING OURSELVES AND FOR REFUSING TO FACE UP TO ECONOMIC REALITIES? DURING THE RECENT GOLD CRISIS, THIS IS JUST WHAT HAPPENED, AND FREE WORLD LEADERS EVERYWHERE WERE TELLING

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MR. JOHNSON THAT AMERICAN SPENDING MUST BE REDUCED, THAT THE DEFICITS IN OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS MUST BE REDUCED, AND THAT OUR COMMITMENTS AROUND THE WORLD MUST BE REDUCED. REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN TELLING THE PRESIDENT THE VERY SAME THINGS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, BUT OF COURSE WHEN WE SAID IT, WE WERE PLAYING POLITICS.

THE ANSWER TO THE DOLLAR DILEMMA ELUDES LYNDON JOHNSON BECAUSE THE ONLY DEFINITION OF RESTRAINT HE KNOWS IS TO SLAP A SPENDING STRAITJACKET ON THE AMERICAN WORKER BY DIGGING DEEPER INTO HIS POCKETS FOR MORE TAX DOLLARS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TODAY ARE SADDLED WITH A SPENDTHRIFT DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION -- THE WILDEST OF ALL TIME.

WHAT OTHER ADMINISTRATION WOULD DELIBERATLY PLAN A \$12 TO \$20 BILLION DEFICIT FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AT A TIME WHEN THE INTEREST ON THE NATIONAL DEBT HAS REACHED THE FANTASTIC SUM OF NEARLY \$15 BILLION ANNUALLY? A 46 PER CENT ANNUAL INCREASE SINCE THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION LEFT OFFICE!

~~— BIG MONEY; DEFICITS~~ → FEW NO BENEFITS
WITH ALL THIS MASSIVE SPENDING, THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED TO SOLVE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF AMERICA ---- WAGE-ROBBING INFLATION, THE COST-PRICE SQUEEZE ON THE FARMER, THE CANCERS OF HARD-CORE UNEMPLOYMENT AND A SWIFTLY RISING CRIME RATE, THE WIDENING GULF BETWEEN THE RACES, THE THREAT OF A NEW KIND OF CIVIL WAR, THE DISAFFECTION OF FORMER ALLIES, NATION-BUILDING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHERE THE BALANCE OF POWER IS STEADILY SHIFTING AGAINST US.

WHAT IS THE FARMER'S POSITION TODAY? HE NOW RECEIVES 6 PER CENT LESS FOR THE FOOD HE PRODUCES THAN HE DID TWO DECADES AGO. THIS SHOCKING FACT REALLY STRIKES HOME WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT THE FARMER IS PAYING 30 PERCENT MORE FOR THE SUPPLIES HE NEEDS.

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WHAT PROGRESS HAVE WE MADE IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME SINCE 1960? WITH A DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION IN POWER, THE CRIME RATE HAS JUMPED 88 PER CENT WHILE THE RESIDENT POPULATION OF THIS COUNTRY HAS RISEN BY 11 PERCENT. THINK OF IT!! THE NATIONAL CRIME RATE HAS INCREASED EIGHT TIMES AS FAST AS THE POPULATION.

THROUGH IT ALL, PRESIDENT JOHNSON CROWS ABOUT HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SOCIAL WELFARE FIELDS. AND DO YOU KNOW HOW HE MEASURES THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS? NOT IN TERMS OF CONCRETE RESULTS BUT IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL BILLIONS OF FEDERAL DOLLARS BEING THROWN AT PROBLEMS THAT SIMPLY WILL NOT YIELD TO THE LYNDON JOHNSON TREATMENT.

HE BRAGS THAT IN 1960 THE ADMINISTRATION SPENT \$19 BILLION FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, RAISED IT TO \$23 BILLION IN 1964 AND BUMPED IT TO \$47 BILLION THIS YEAR.

HE BOASTS THAT FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR THE POOR TOTALLED ONLY \$9 BILLION IN 1960, CLIMBED TO \$12 BILLION IN 1964 AND NOW TOTAL \$28 BILLION.

HE POINTS WITH PRIDE TO THE FACT THAT ADMINISTRATION SPENDING OF \$3 BILLION ON GOVERNMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS IN 1960 ROSE TO \$4 BILLION IN 1964 AND NOW HAVE CLIMBED TO \$12 BILLION.

WHERE ARE THE RESULTS? WHERE ARE THE BENEFITS? REPUBLICANS WANT THE SAME IMPROVEMENTS, BUT WE HAVE BETTER AND LESS COSTLY WAYS TO GET THEM. HOW RIDICULOUS TO CLAIM GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE BUREAUCRATIC DOLLAR SIGN!!

- A GREAT SOCIETY -

HAVE WE RESTRUCTURED AMERICAN SOCIETY? HAVE WE BUILT A GREAT SOCIETY? SEVENTY-SIX MAJOR RIOTS HAVE SWEEPED THE NATION SINCE 1965, KILLING MORE THAN 100 PERSONS AND WOUNDING NEARLY 2,500. THESE CIVIL EXPLOSIONS PRODUCED 7,985 CASES OF ARSON, 28,939 ARRESTS, 5,434 CONVICTIONS, \$210 MILLION IN

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PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND \$504 MILLION IN ESTIMATED ECONOMIC LOSSES.

THIS COUNTRY HAS EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS ON A SCALE UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR HISTORY. THE WIDESPREAD DISREGARD FOR LAW AND ORDER WE HAVE WITNESSED UNDER THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION IS TANTAMOUNT TO A VIRTUAL BREAKDOWN OF THE RULE OF LAW.

NOW SOME OBSERVERS ARE ENVISIONING IN 1968 A SECOND CIVIL WAR IN OUR BIG CITY SLUMS. THERE IS AN ESCALATING ARMS RACE ON BOTH SIDES AS POLICE PREPARE FOR NEW OUTBREAKS OF RIOTING IN THE SUMMER OF 1968 AND NEGRO MILITANTS PLAN GUERRILLA TERRORIST TACTICS.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS BEEN IN OFFICE CONTINUOUSLY SINCE NOVEMBER, 1963. AT ALL TIMES HE HAS HAD A CONGRESS CONTROLLED BY HIS OWN PARTY. YET HE WAITED UNTIL LAST YEAR TO SEND A LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT TO THE CONGRESS, DID NOTHING TO PUSH A 1967 HOUSE-APPROVED LAW ENFORCEMENT AID BILL THROUGH THE SENATE, VETOED THE 1967 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ANTI-CRIME BILL, OPPOSED A REPUBLICAN ANTI-RIOT BILL LAST YEAR, SENT CONGRESS HIS OWN ANTI-RIOT BILL THIS YEAR WHEN HE SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT CRIME AND RIOTS HAVE BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE, DESIGNATED AS THE "MR. BIG" OF FEDERAL ANTI-CRIME EFFORTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO SAID THE CRIME RATE HAS GONE UP "ONLY A LITTLE" IN THIS COUNTRY.

PICKING ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK AS COORDINATOR OF ALL FEDERAL CRIME-FIGHTING AGENCIES IS LIKE NAMING DR. SPOCK HEAD OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. YET LYNDON JOHNSON WOULD LIKE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO BELIEVE HE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR FIRMNESS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

~~- Pollyanna Promises -~~
UNDER THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION WE LIVE IN A MURKY WORLD OF HALF-TRUTHS AND CONTRADICTIONS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CRY OUT FOR TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT ---- FOR REALISM, FOR CANDOR. THE ANSWERS, WHEN THEY DO COME BACK, ARE BUTTERED WITH FALSE OPTIMISM AND WRAPPED IN POLLYANNA PROMISES.

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AT BEST, SOME ADMINISTRATION STATEMENTS HAVE PROVED MISLEADING. AT WORST, THEY HAVE CONSTITUTED OUTRIGHT DECEPTION. SMALL WONDER A CREDIBILITY GAP SEPARATES THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!

THE PEOPLE HAVE EVERY REASON TO MISTRUST THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION, FOR THEY HAVE BEEN MISLED ALMOST EVERY STEP OF THE WAY INTO THE SINKHOLE OF WAR THAT IS VIETNAM.

WHEN THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION LEFT OFFICE, SOUTH VIETNAM HAD A RELATIVELY STABLE AND APPARENTLY ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT. THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, WRITING IN 1960 AS A SENATOR, SAID IN HIS BOOK, "STRATEGY OF PEACE" THAT U. S. AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM UNDER EISENHOWER HAD PROVED "EFFECTIVE." HE CALLED THE RESULTS "A NEAR MIRACLE."

IN 1960 THERE WERE FEWER THAN 700 U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, SENT THERE TO TRAIN SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN THE USE OF AMERICAN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT. TODAY MORE THAN 525,000 U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY LYNDON JOHNSON TO A SEEMINGLY INTERMINABLE LAND WAR IN VIETNAM -- AND HE HINTS HE WILL BE SENDING MANY THOUSANDS MORE. WHERE WILL IT ALL END?

VIETNAM HAS BECOME THE THIRD LARGEST WAR IN OUR HISTORY. MORE THAN 20,500 AMERICANS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS BITTER CONFLICT.

YET, LYNDON JOHNSON RAN FOR THE PRESIDENCY AS A PEACE CANDIDATE IN 1964. NO LESS THAN FIVE TIMES DURING THAT CAMPAIGN HE INDICATED HE WOULD NEVER SEND LARGE GROUND FORCES TO VIETNAM.

ON AUGUST 29, 1964, LYNDON JOHNSON TOLD THE NATION: "SOME OTHERS ARE EAGER TO ENLARGE THE CONFLICT. THEY CALL UPON US TO SUPPLY AMERICAN BOYS TO DO THE JOB THAT ASIAN BOYS SHOULD DO. THEY ASK US TO TAKE RECKLESS

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ACTION WHICH MIGHT RISK THE LIVES OF MILLIONS. WE DON'T WANT OUR AMERICAN BOYS TO DO THE FIGHTING FOR ASIAN BOYS. WE DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN A NATION WITH 700 MILLION PEOPLE AND GET TIED DOWN IN A LAND WAR IN ASIA."

LYNDON JOHNSON SPOKE THOSE WORDS A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. TODAY WE ARE TIED DOWN IN A LAND WAR IN ASIA. THE END IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT.

Republicans: Peace With Honor

IT WAS A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION -- THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION -- WHICH BROUGHT AN END TO THE KOREAN WAR WHICH THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT WIN AND COULD NOT STOP. WE SAID IN 1952 THAT WE COULD GET AND MAINTAIN PEACE WITH HONOR, AND WE DID. A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL DO LIKEWISE IN 1969.

THE KOREAN WAR WAS THE FIRST WAR WE EVER FOUGHT ON THE ENEMY'S TERMS. THE VIETNAM WAR IS THE SECOND. TO HAVE CONTINUED THE KOREAN WAR WOULD HAVE BEEN MADNESS. TO CONDUCT THE VIETNAM WAR LYNDON JOHNSON STYLE HAS BEEN UTTERLY TRAGIC. THE JOHNSON STYLE OF ESCALATION HAS NEVER DISSUADED COMMUNISTS FROM AN EXPANDED AND CONTINUED NAKED AGGRESSION.

WE ALL RECOGNIZE WE MUST NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE VIETNAM WAR. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER BROUGHT THE KOREAN WAR TO AN END WITHOUT COMPROMISING OUR OWN INTERESTS OR THOSE OF OUR ALLIES. A NEW REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL BRING THE VIETNAM WAR TO AN HONORABLE CONCLUSION. THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION IS INCAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS RESULT, ALTHOUGH I WOULD DEARLY LIKE TO SEE IT HAPPEN RIGHT TOMORROW.

A MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN VIETNAM IS DEMANDED BY OUR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. BUT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS FOUGHT THE RIGHT WAR IN THE WRONG WAY. HE HAS OVERCOMMITTED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN VIETNAM AS WELL AS AT HOME. HE HAS MISMANAGED THE WAR, AND HE HAS MISMANAGED THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

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~~JB~~ Foreign Policy: Ike and LBJ

HE HAS TAKEN THIS NATION DOWN A DESTRUCTIVE AND FAILURE-FILLED PATH THAT HAS BROUGHT US STALEMATE IN VIETNAM, HUMILIATION AT THE HANDS OF NORTH KOREA, THE DISTRUST OF BOTH THE ISRAELIS AND THE ARABS, A SUNDERING OF THE ONCE-STRONG TIES THAT BOUND NATO TOGETHER, DANGER THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL SURPASS US IN NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, AND A SHOCKING LOSS OF CREDIBILITY AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ---- BOTH COMMUNIST AND FREE.

LOOK AT THE DEMOCRAT RECORD AND COMPARE IT WITH THE PREVIOUS REPUBLICAN RECORD.

THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION PREVENTED HALF A DOZEN THREATS FROM DEVELOPING INTO WARS. THERE WAS TRIESTE, THE MOSSADEGH UPRISING IN IRAN, GUATEMALA, FORMOSA, SUEZ, LEBANON, QUEMOY AND WEST BERLIN. ALL THESE INTERNATIONAL CRISES RESOLVED WITHOUT WAR.

UNDER THE PRESENT REGIME, ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES URGE EXPANDED EAST-WEST TRADE WHILE THE SOVIET UNION SUPPLIES THE VIET CONG WITH ROCKETS, MORTARS AND MISSILES TO KILL OUR FIGHTING MEN IN VIETNAM, POURS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMS INTO THE MIDEAST, STEADILY ADDS TO ITS NUCLEAR ARSENAL, AND RINGS ITS CITIES WITH ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEMS WHILE IGNORING OUR PLEAS FOR AN END TO THE ARMS RACE. WHERE, INDEED, IS THE SPIRIT OF GLASSBORO?

AMERICANS HAVE NO DESIRE TO HEAT UP THE COLD WAR. REPUBLICANS ARE ANXIOUS TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH THE COMMUNISTS. BUT WE WILL NEVER SETTLE FOR A FOOL'S PARADISE WHERE DETENTE IS NOTHING BUT WISHFUL THINKING, A WORD THAT DANGEROUS DREAMS ARE BUILT ON. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, THE TIMES DEMAND REALISM AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEMAND THE TRUTH. THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION IS FAILING THEM ON BOTH COUNTS.

~~Time of Testing~~ - Need New Leadership
WE ARE IN A TIME OF TESTING. INDEED, IN THE WORDS OF A GREAT REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, IT IS A TESTING WHETHER GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE

PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE CAN ENDURE.

THE NATION MUST HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP -- GREAT NEW LEADERSHIP THAT WILL RESTORE THIS COUNTRY TO FISCAL SANITY, DESTROY THE GHETTOS AND REBUILD OUR CITIES, BRING US TO HONORABLE PEACE AND MAKE US PROUD OF AMERICA AGAIN.

THIS IS A MOMENT OF GREAT DECISION, A POINT OF CRITICAL CHOOSING AS WE PONDER OUR NATION'S DESTINY.

LINCOLN AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY LED THIS COUNTRY THROUGH THE CATA-
CLYSMIC CRISIS THAT WAS THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES. I BELIEVE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL TURN AGAIN....NOW, IN THIS HOUR OF GRAVEST DANGER....
TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THE CUP THAT IS BORNE IN THE HANDS OF THAT CHALLENGE IS BITTER.
BUT WE SHALL NOT SHRINK FROM IT. WE SHALL DEDICATE OURSELVES TO
RENEWING AMERICA'S SOUL. WE SHALL BE WORTHY OF THE PEOPLE'S TRUST.