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The theme of our campaign is clear:

- Peace through strength.
- Progress through freedom.
- Purpose through Constitutional Order.

If we have the strength and will, we will have peace, and ~~the enemy~~ **COMMUNISM** will never bury us. We will instead see the day when those enslaved by Communism will live under freedom.

We also want strength at home, in our economy, and we want it through freedom. Our free enterprise system has brought us the greatest riches of any people on earth. It can continue to do it if we take the bureaucratic shackles off. It can do it if we place our main reliance on individuals, on hard work, on creativity, investment, and incentive.

This Administration talks of a phony war on poverty -- but it has made a truce with unemployment. This Nation's unemployment rate is now higher than the average under the Eisenhower Administration. The present Administration chooses the path of expanded federal programs and jobs -- and you pay the bills for both.

We choose the way of real jobs and real wages in private enterprise.

Perhaps even closer to our hearts is what we mean when we speak of purpose through Constitutional Order.

Leaders of the present administration say that government is master, not servant of the people.

Whose government is this, anyway? It used to belong to the people.

We say that November 3 can be the day you get your country back! You want, and we pledge, an Administration that will restore balance to our government -- to protect and restore our freedoms.

You don't want a Supreme Court that is encouraged to enact laws, rather than interpret them and pass on their constitutionality. And neither do I. When vacancies occur -- as they may during the next Administration -- we want men appointed to the Court who will support the Constitution, not ~~scoff~~ scoff at it!

We want and we pledge an Administration that will respect and support, not overlook or undermine, the local law enforcement needed to protect the lives and property of our citizens -- to make our streets safe. We want to make it safe to live by the law. Enough has been done to make it safe to live outside the law.

Yes, the message of our campaign is clear. It is this:

Stop the spread of Socialism at home and Communism abroad.

We are in the midst of a campaign for the Presidency of the United States, but you would never know it from listening to my opponent and his curious crew. They talk about everything under the sun but the President's job.

And for good reason. The record shows that the interim President doesn't understand the President's job.

To Lyndon Johnson, running a country means twisting arms and banging heads together. It means buying and bludgeoning votes. It means getting a TV monopoly in his home state and building a private fortune. It means surrounding himself with companions like Bobby Baker, Billie Sol Estes, and Matt McCloskey. It means turning people into numbers and manipulating them with computers in the White House. It means craving and grasping for power -- more and more and more, without end.

And what about his ^{curious} ~~own~~ running mate, Hubert Horatio Humphrey, this ADA radical of the left? Why does he want so badly to be a heartbeat away from the Presidency?

To drag our Nation into the swampland ~~ox~~ of collectivism? To bring Red China into the United Nations? To take hundreds of billions of dollars from your pockets to spend on silly Socialistic schemes?

Look closely, my fellow Americans, at this curious crew who would run your country. My opponent calls them the camp of unity. What a curious camp! Here you find the unity of bosses -- bosses of big cities, bosses of big unions, and bosses of big business. Here you find the corrupt, the power mad, and the radicals of the left.

This is the curious crew who promise the people, use the people, deceive the people.

Are these to be entrusted with the great power of the Presidency? Are these to be entrusted with the direction of our foreign policy and with the leadership of this Nation among all nations of the world?

That, my fellow Americans, is the President's job. The President is the man responsible for the State of our Affairs throughout the world.

And I charge that they are in shambles, from one end of the world to the other -- and you know it.

I charge that this Administration has declared a moratorium on government until the election is over -- and you know it.

I charge that this Administration has a soft deal for Communism -- and you know it.

I charge that this Administration has a foreign policy of drift, deception, and defeat. And you know that, too.

Drift, deception, defeat -- these are the watchwords of my opponent and his curious crew.

They let us drift into the missile crisis in Cuba. And then they deceive the American public and the free world about what is happening. They label as irresponsible those who kept warning that the Soviets were bringing troops and missiles into Cuba. They say we have nothing to fear from good old Nikita. They say he doesn't really want to bury us.

And the cause of peace suffers defeat.

They let us drift into a Berlin Crisis. And then they deceive the free world and the American public into believing we have no right or power to keep the East from literally walling itself off from the West. They deprive victims of Communism of the last freedom left to them -- the freedom to leave Communist enslavement.

And the cause of peace suffers defeat.

They drift into ~~crisis~~ crises in the Congo, in Laos, in Malaysia, in Cyprus. And each time they deceive the American public and the free world. Our friends are labeled as enemies -- and then betrayed. Our enemies are labeled as friends -- and then supported.

And the cause of peace suffers defeat.

They drift into Lyndon Johnson's war in Vietnam. And then they deceive and deceive and deceive. They have never stopped deceiving the American Public and the free world. American sons and grandsons are being killed by Communist bullets and Communist bombs. And we have yet to hear a word of truth about why they are dying.

And the cause of peace suffers a shattering defeat.

Drift, deception, defeat -- these are the watchwords of Lyndon Baines Johnson and his curious crew.

In Laos, in Vietnam and Malaysia, and in the Congo -- in all these places and more we hear the echo of gunfire.

Ninety miles from our shore sits a bearded, ranting, red dictator. He sits and runs a firmly entrenched base of Communist subversion, guarded by Nikita's soldiers and Nikita's missiles. And they say this is Nikita the good, the friendly, the reasonable.

~~xxxxx~~ We are drifting g into catastrophe as surely as the sun sets in the West. And they say, "Let us Continue".

To help us drift along, the Interim President has declared a moratorium on government. He desperately hopes to keep out of trouble if he just does nothing until the election is over. He hopes to put off crises and disasters until then, when the votes are in.

Can you imagine, my fellow Americans, what it would be like to have four more years of drift, deception, and defeat? To have four more years of a soft deal for Communism?

My opponent has not told you what he plans to do about the cold war. He seems to be afraid to speak. But his curious crew has not been silent. Far from it. They have said every wild and crazy thing imaginable.

Listen to the statement of policies of the Americans for Democratic Action. This is the organ of the radical left that Hubert Horatio Humphrey helped to found and served until last month as Vice-Chairman.

The ADA "urges immediate initiation . . . of negotiations toward diplomatic recognition of the Peiping Regime and its accreditation to the UN as the Government of China."

The ADA says "Our Government's eventual aim should be resumption of normal relations with the Cuban Government, including ~~renegotiation~~ renegotiation with regard to the Guantanamo Naval Base.

The ADA favors for Southeast Asia " a neutral buffer zone, which the present Administration has accepted with respect to Laos. " It applauds the Administration's policy of forcing our allies in Laos to accept Communists in their government. It describes the struggle against Communist Aggression in Vietnam as a "Civil War (that) is in the main the result of decay of the totalitarian Diem Regime. "

Does Lyndon Baines Johnson agree with these shocking views? (If Not,) will he please explain ~~to~~ to the American public and to the free world why he wants the most prominent left-wing (ADA) radical in this country to be a heartbeat away from the Presidency?

We must put an end to drift, to deception, and to defeat. We must end, once and for all, the soft deal for Communism.

We have had four years of drift in Washington, and the result is Lyndon Johnson's war. Lyndon Baines Johnson has sowed the wind of weakness. He has reaped the Whirlwind of war.

We have had four years of deception in Washington, and the result is shattered prestige. Even the Central Intelligence Agency shouts that our prestige has dipped below the peril point.

Are you proud of our fight for freedom? Are you proud of Panama? Are you proud of the burned effigy in Greece? Are you proud when no country is too small to pull Uncle Sam's whiskers and get away with it? Are you proud of wheat deals with the destroyers of liberty?

Do you remember that wheat deal? Do you remember how desperate the economic situation was in the Soviet Union and throughout the Communist world? And do you remember ~~how~~ how we bailed them out -- with nothing in return for ourselves.

We gave them a discount on the price of wheat that was 24 per cent larger than we have ever given to any member of the free world. American taxpayers paid forty-two million dollars in subsidies to make this wheat available to the Communists. They contributed almost two million dollars just for wheat to East Germans, while those Communists were shooting down six American airmen, killing three of them. And they didn't even apologize for that.

For the only time except World War II, the American government guaranteed credit to Communist countries for the purchase of this wheat. Our terms of credit were better than those of other countries selling wheat to the Communists.

And just imagine -- this Administration complains when our allies trade with the Cubans!

The infamous wheat deal was said to be "in the National Interest." It was thus certified in a letter from the White House signed by our interim President.

I have a photocopy of that incredible letter in my hand. Let me read from it:

"... This is to inform you that I have determined that it is in the National interest for the export-import bank to issue guarantees in connection with the sale of United States agricultural products to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Rumania."

By what wild stretch of the imagination can it be in our national interest to sell wheat to the Communists at bargain prices, on cut-rate credit, at the very time when they are in serious trouble?

Cast out this dangerous policy of drift, deception, and defeat before it is too late. Cast out this soft deal for Communism. Be confident and strong. Be proud again.

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The challenge of the hour is great. The cause of peace is too precious to be entrusted to men who have a wishbone where they need a backbone. It will not be served by those who practice drift, deception and defeat.

Let us look and thrill to the advance of a great Atlantic civilization, joined by its Ocean Highway to the United States. What a destiny can be ours -- to stand as a great central pillar linking Europe, the Americas, and the venerable and vital peoples of the Pacific.

Let us look to the day when America extends its hand in help, in teaching, and in ~~education~~ cultivation so that all new nations will be encouraged to go freedom's way. Let us sweep away the drift, deception, and defeat that makes these new nations' wander down the dark alleys of collectivism.

With your help and God's blessing, Bill Miller and I will lead this nation forward again along the proven path charted by the wisdom of our history. We will end drift, deception, and defeat. We will bring purpose, integrity, and victory to the cause of peace and freedom everywhere.