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During the past few days, Lyndon Johnson frankly has told the American people that he won't be satisfied with just an election -- he wants to be crowned! He has asked for a mandate. He wants total trust total love, total power over your total lives.

Somebody -- and it's got to be you -- should remind Lyndon Johnson just where he lives. This is America! This is not some mythical kingdom conjured up for him to play with.

Somebody -- and it's got to be you -- should remind Lyndon Johnson that in this country we consent to be governed, we do not elect to be ruled.

Somebody -- and its got to be you -- should remind Lyndon Johnson that November 3 is Election Day, not Coronation Day.

Somebody -- and it's got to be you -- must prove to this most power hungry man in American politics that the power of this nation derives from and must be returned to -- you, the people.

Somebody -- and it's got to be you -- must remind this most ambitious man in American politics that we can have progress through freedom in this land, that we always have; and that freedom is a gift from God and not from the government -- no matter who runs it.

Somebody -- and it's got to be you -- must tell this man who uses race, who uses religion, who uses hardships, who uses everything and everybody to further his political ambitions -- somebody must tell him that American votes cannot be bought, cannot be coerced, and will not be hijacked.

We do not ask a mandate. We ask only an opportunity to prove that we are still wise enough and strong enough to govern ourselves.

And we ask that on November third, no matter your party registration -- no matter how often you have been told that somebody, somewhere will check up on your vote if you dare go against the powers that be -- we ask that you remember that no one, no one, no one but your conscience can check on you when you get in that voting booth.

And we ask that you vote on the basis of the things you hold dear and deep in your heart; the things you know are right.

No matter how hard the bureaucrats try to make you believe that only they know what's right and wrong -- the truth is that you must decide these things by your own lights.

If you want a President who will do anything, countenance anything to further his own political ambitions and fortunes, then vote for Lyndon Johnson. If you want a President who will cover up corruption, then vote for Lyndon Johnson -- and remember, when you do, that you are voting to bury forever the facts in the Bobby Baker case, in the Billie Sol Estes scandal, in the kickback charges against Matt McCloskey, in the use of defense contracts for political ends -- remember all those things and then forget it, for that's just what Lyndon Johnson will do if he gets the crown, if he gets the power he seeks.

If you want a President who will stoop even to political lies, then vote for Lyndon Johnson.

He has told you that I am against Social Security. And he knows that it is not true. He knows that I have voted for every improvement in Social Security, including those proposed this year! And he knows that it was Lyndon Johnson, not Barry Goldwater, who killed those improvements!

He has told you that I would be reckless with the peace of the world. And he knows and you know, that is not true. You know that Lyndon Johnson, who watches our national prestige and defenses decline while he builds his political power, is the one who is reckless with our security, and the peace of the world.

I will not promise you everything. I offer you opportunity to stand on your own, to be your own men and women.

I cannot give you everything. But I will give you honesty in the White House.

I do not suggest returning to any sort of American past. I suggest an American future built solidly upon that past, not enslaved by it, ~~not~~ but not disrespectful of it either.

I suggest, and with you would work for, an American future built to the measure not of any politician -- but built to the full measure of the American people.

Your choice, America's choice is clear and stark. Do we want raw and naked power and ambition in the White House; power stripped of humility, stripped of common honesty, devoid of any morality except the morality of get, the morality of grab, and the morality of gifts for the favored few?

That's what Lyndon Johnson really means when he says, "Let us Continue." Let us continue on his terms, on his course, at his price, and at his pace.

I say that the price is too high. The price is turning over to him all your freedoms.

I say that the course is too far left. It would lead to a socialist America. Perhaps it would lead to a socialist America presided over by Lyndon Johnson's handpicked successor, Hubert Humphrey, the

American politician whose roots are deepest in radical socialism.

I say that the terms, which are total Johnson and total power, are too tyrannical for free men.

And I say that the pace of this plunge to socialism, this careening, 90 mile-per-hour ride to ruin, is a violation of every limit that the majority of Americans want to set.

On such a ride, we may never have another chance short of the crack-up which socialism promises and the coddling of Communism threatens.

The time to get our country back is November third!

VOTE.' The country you save, will be your own/