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THE CONGRESS

For too many years liberals have ignored warnings that big government weakens our democracy. Now we see that power has slipped away from the Congress to the burgeoning executive branch, where only the President is accountable to the people. We witness a hidden bureaucracy involving us in escapades such as Vietnam and the Bay of Pigs, while the Congress fails to play its constitutional role in foreign policy.

Congress has also abdicated its responsibility to define national goals and priorities. With U.S. resources squandered on an undeclared war in Vietnam, Congress fails to cope with our domestic problems.

Congress needs men who understand the constitutional checks and balances, who will fight for the power of the legislative branch -- not merely "go along" with the administration.

VIETNAM

The administration has never satisfactorily explained why we are in Vietnam. At one moment we are told we must preserve the freedoms of the South Vietnamese. Then we are told we must protect ourselves from China. Our policy in Vietnam has been without clearly defined goals, costing us the lives of many of our young men and damaging our prestige abroad. It is time to end the drift.

We are still the world's greatest power. We must act not from fear, but with the courage appropriate to our power. We must stop what we are doing in Vietnam and let the Vietnamese determine their own destiny. Military escalation has achieved nothing.

By spending only one-tenth of the current \$30 billion annual cost of the war we could be building a healthy stability in Southeast Asia. At the same time we must take steps to end China's isolation from the world community.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Bill of Rights, with its guarantees for the individual, is the source of America's democratic strength. Civil rights are individual and personal rights. Indifference and callousness have denied these rights to Negroes, Mexican-Americans, and Indians. For too long these minority groups have been victims of the hopeless cycle of bad schooling, bad jobs (if any), and bad housing.

We know what can be done about jobs, job training, city reconstruction. We need a Congress which will implement these plans. Until we elect such a Congress, America will be less than it claims to stand for. All of us benefit as minority people become productive members of our society.

VIOLENCE AND CIVIL DISORDERS

Racism based on fear and hopelessness divides our country. Violence spreads as minorities react against deprivation and discrimination and as police respond with force.

We cannot legislate away prejudice, but we can legislate away the causes of discontent. Only when each man and woman has an education, job, home, and voice in his own community, will the minority people stand with stature and win the respect even

of the prejudiced. Only then will violence cease.

I endorse the recommendations of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders for 550,000 new jobs a year, job training, "no strings" Federal funding of local schools, a million housing units a year, and minimum incomes especially for those unable to work. Without these, the unsatisfied basic needs of too many citizens will create further instability.

We must act boldly to avert being torn apart. We must use our vast resources wisely and courageously.

#### LABOR AND THE ECONOMY

Too many people still fear that the end of the Vietnam war means recession and fewer jobs. Just the opposite is true. The war is an economic burden carried by you and me in the form of higher prices, higher taxes, higher interest rates, and a weaker dollar. Peace will bring health to America's economy. Wall Street is aware of this; stocks zoom at every hope for peace.

Peace would break the inflationary bottleneck, releasing skilled workers now wasted in war production and redirecting them to more essential production in transportation systems and the rebuilding of cities.

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Farm workers must be given Social Security and the right to organize. Farm and service industry workers must be brought under protection of minimum wage laws. Section 14-B of the Taft-Hartley Act must be repealed so states cannot prevent union shops. Secondary boycott restrictions on building trades unions picketing constructions sites must also be repealed.

#### OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

We need more and better public beaches and parks so that we can enjoy our leisure. The Redwood Bill should be passed to preserve these magnificent California trees, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund must be enlarged to create more parks. The Santa Barbara Channel Islands should be developed to protect a precious natural resource for the enjoyment of all. At the same time, legislation is required to tax those responsible for pollution as when seepage from the offshore oil rigs damages our beaches.

#### EDUCATION AND PROPERTY TAXES

Educational and community requirements have impossibly increased property taxes with no end in sight. The Heller Plan, which would return federal revenues to the state and local levels could drastically reduce the burdensome property taxes while enabling California to develop its educational facilities to meet the needs of this dynamic state.