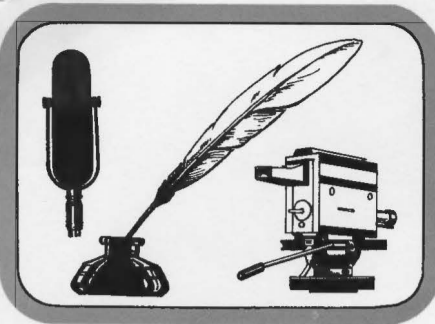


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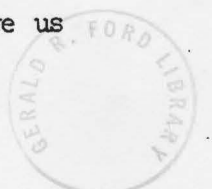
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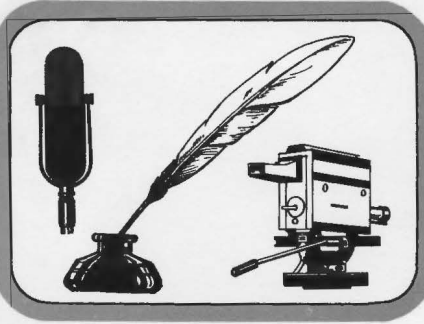
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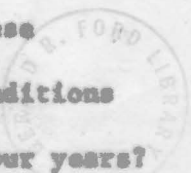
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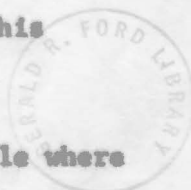
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Ladies and Gentlemen -- I do not believe that we, as a political party, can rely on the errors and omissions and failures of the opposition to justify us as a Republican party given the stewardship of the White House or control of the legislative branch. I feel that the Republican party -- An order to justify this responsibility for the next four years -- must earn it. Earn it on records, on programs that we espouse -- Oh, I know that there maybe some people in our midst, Republicans, who say: "Well, let catastrophe at home or abroad hit America and then after these dire events have taken place, the American people will turn to the Republican party, and we, as the party in power, can pick up the pieces and build from the shambles."

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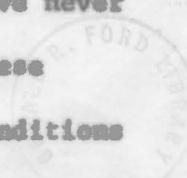
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I mentioned a word or two about crime and civil disobedience. Let me be a little more specific. The American people expect that those who violate the law will be called before the courts so that the judges and the juries will pass judgment on any alleged crime and that there will be justice meted out to those who are guilty. And I think that the record I indicated a few months ago of crime going up 88%, while our population has increased only 10%, indicates clearly that we need new leadership at the highest level to implement and execute these programs that are so essential for the protection of the majority of our citizens who are law-abiding.

Just a week or so ago, the Congress approved an anti-crime bill which bore little resemblance to the impotent legislation recommended by the President about 18 months ago. It was legislation which gives to the executive branch of the Federal Government new tools to attack the problems caused by organized crime. It was unbelievable that the U. S. President just several days ago, in the process of signing this legislation, said that he was reluctantly approving it.

But to add further insult, the President of the United States said, in effect, I have ordered my Attorney General and the Department of Justice not to use some of the legislative tools that the Congress made available to him for the purpose of prosecuting organized crime in America. What kind of an administration do we get when the Chief Executive will not use the tools that the Congress gives him and will not undertake the prosecution of organized crime? I cannot believe that the substitution of Hubert Humphrey will make one iota of change in this important attitude.

Ladies and Gentlemen -- I do not believe that we, as a political party, can rely on the errors and omissions and failures of the opposition to justify us as a Republican party given the stewardship of the White House or control of the legislative branch. I feel that the Republican party -- in order to justify this responsibility for the next four years -- must earn it. Earn it on records, on programs that we espouse -- Oh, I know that there maybe some people in our midst, Republicans, who say: "Well, let catastrophe at home or abroad hit America and then after these dire events have taken place, the American people will turn to the Republican party, and we, as the party in power, can pick up the pieces and build from the shambles."

Ladies and Gentlemen, that is not the heritage, the tradition, of the party of Lincoln and Eisenhower. We, as a Republican Party, have a philosophy that is different from our Democratic friends.

It is a philosophy that can, if implemented, meet the problems both at home and abroad. And I emphasize that this philosophy can do more to correct the problems than that of the Democratic Party. And what is the basic difference? A President sends message after message presenting problems to the Congress and recommending solutions. Under this administration, we had a flood of messages -- and the thread that ran through every solution under this Democratic administration was three-fold: First, we should spend more Federal money; Second, we should add substantially to the number of Federal employees; and Third, that there should be further encroachment by the Federal government on the state, county and city governments. Of course they had to hang out a little bait to some segment of our society in order to get some Congressional approval of this Democratic approach.

What bothers me is that the Democrats never tell the American people where they are taking them. It's deceptive the way they sell it, but here is what they really mean -- a government big enough to give us everything is a government

big enough to take away everything that we have.

Now, I am proud to say that the Republican philosophy that I espouse and that our candidates for President believe is one that puts a different emphasis on our blueprint for the solution of these problems. We have on the record that the private sector in combination with state and local governments is a better way to handle these problems in our great country.

And I think our record in the Congress is clear. We not only talk it; we vote it. Problems of education, problems of air and water pollution. There is a Republican solution for these problems. We must employ the greater intelligence and drive of the free enterprise sector. This turns over to people like your Governor or your mayor, Jim O'Rourke, the responsibility of actually handling the problems at the local level. This is the way to get progress, to get solutions. And I know that with a Republican President and a Republican House and added strength in the Senate, we can get the job done with less cost to the American people.

One final observation. I'm here for one simple reason. It's needed, it's essential that the House of Representatives have a Republican majority in the next Congress. We need a net gain of 31 seats for the Republicans to have a majority in the House of Representatives. We made a net gain of 47 House seats in 1966. That was a big increase, and I know that there are some skeptics and cynics who say you can't get 31 more. My answer is very simple. If we can make a net gain of 47 with conditions as they were in 1966, we ought to pick up at least 31 more in 1968.

You have a splendid candidate here in the 25th District. I have made it my business to acquaint myself with Sam Nakasian's life and record.

This is the kind of man we need in the Congress of the United States today. He is ideally suited for the office. A self-made man, he knows what it means to earn a dollar, and he will spend the taxpayer's dollar as though it comes out of his own pocket. With his expertise in economics, he can help solve the complex fiscal problems that beset us in Washington.

Give us Sam Nakasian, and we will make Americans proud of their country again.

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