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I suggest you discuss foreign and domestic policy briefly... on the order of the GOP Women's Conference speech but briefed down and focusing on the theme that Nixon has restored balance to our foreign policy and relative calm to the domestic scene:::Also, that he has clearly set forth his priorities...

1. End the Vietnam War
2. Bring inflation under control
3. ~~Curb~~ crime and make life miserable for the Mafia.

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4. Seek to resolve the urban crisis by greatly expanding on-the-job training and productive job opportunities and by sharing federal income tax revenue with the states and local units of government.

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I would develop the theme that President Nixon is laying down a responsible fiscal policy aimed not only at bringing inflation under control but at reducing what everyone recognizes is a too-heavy tax burden...reducing it at the earliest time consonant with sound policy.

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I suggest you wind up by saying that...

The Nixon Administration will subtly accomplish an objective we all ardently wish for--the restoration of calm and order in this country. This has in some degree already ~~been~~ realized. There ~~has~~ been a change in atmosphere in this Nation...a change that has resulted from the calmness of the man in the White House, the absence of a tumultuous flapping of arms and mouths, ~~an~~ ~~an~~

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excess of motion without merit or meaning.

What we are experiencing ^{now} is Responsible Government, and the change is like a soothing balm to the American people.

The National Administration has taken on an entirely new tone. Part of that ~~new~~ tone flows from ~~the~~ the moral fiber of the men in the Administration, from the President on down. One reason Dwight Eisenhower was so admired was that he was a man of ~~his~~ character, of undoubted

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integrity. I think the American people are finding that Richard Nixon is a man of character, and that his Administration is ~~was~~ a moral administration. Someone remarked that with five clergymen taking part in his inauguration, ~~Richard~~ Richard Nixon was the most prayed-over new President in bur history. This is good. This is something the Nation needs. Prayer, whether formal or informal, is linked with faith. And faith is the ~~foundation~~

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foundation of America's greatness...as a people and a Nation. There is such an entity as national character, and this is what we are building when we build and grow on ~~the~~ faith. ~~Let~~ Let us ~~all~~ all grow together.

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