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Ladies and gentlemen.

As a people we have come far since the days when politics stopped at the water's edge. We have traveled far from the time when Democrats and Republicans alike rallied behind Presidents of either party who were carrying their nation's hopes into conferences with foreign adversary heads of state. In my judgment, distance traveled has been backward not forward.

The weeks and days preceding the President's historic summits in the Communist Capitals of the world, have not been marked by calls for an end to partisan attack on the President. Rather the reverse is true. In these weeks and months the President has been made the target of some of the abusive, partisan, slanderous rhetoric visited upon a President in our modern times.

The opening of the primary season cannot justify this retreat from political responsibility on the part of so many. But the infant

Indeed what is this man's claim to be President of the United States?

Upon what does it reside?

His experience in foreign policy, hardly, This is the gentleman

Muskie or Harriman who had the incredible effrontery to tell Soviet Chairman Kosygin that

he could get a better deal, if Mr. Muskie were President of the United

States.

Where President Nixon has been a central figure in American foreign policy, since the days of the Marshall Plan, Mr. Muskie's foreign policy experience amounts to a Continental Tour with Averill Harriman as tour guide and a couple of Ford Foundation junkets to Nigeria and Japan.

For in character of leadership the Great Equivocator Mr. Muskie is light years away from the Great Emancipator. Where Mr. Lincoln's most significant decision was to free the American slaves, the only decisive position Mr. Muskie has taken this election year is to rule all blacks off the Democratic ticket, if he is nominated. And even on that stand, Mr. Muskie has spent the last four months backpedaling and explaining.

A week ago, four exasperated national correspondents sought with dilligence but without success to pin Mr. Muskie down on where he stood on some of the most crucial issues of the day.

Asked where he stood on bussing to achieve racial balance, Mr. Muskie equivocated. Asked where he stood on amnesty to army deserters and those fraft dodgers who fled to Canada and Sweden, Mr. Muskie equivocated. Asked where he stood on American aid to South Vietnam, so long as the Soviet Union poured military aid into North Vietnam, Mr. Muskie equivocated.

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. . . dissenting from Muskie's view that the Attica Prison shooting showed a moral failing in America. "We are a great people," Jackson said in New Castle, Pa. "I don't buy this nonsense that because there is trouble in Attica, we are a sick Nation."

Mr. Muskie who would want blind cuts of \$12 billion from defense and an incredible \$20 billion in the present fiscal budget, who does not want the United States to have an F-14 fighter aircraft is anxious that Israel have all the Phantoms that it needs.

Like many of his friends in the Senate, Mr. Muskie wants the United States to beat a retreat from Europe, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, but to stand fast in the Middle East. He would like us to cave in to the insulting offers of a barbarian regime in Hanoi, but stand up to the Soviets -- where the interests of Israel are concerned.

One wishes that these liberal Democrats who publicly daily profess their concern for the security of Israel might occasionally express an equal measure of concern about the security of their own country -- the United States of America.

But it is not only America's military leadership that is jeopardized by a Muskie candidacy, but the American leadership in the coming world

Muskie excesses:

- Gut the FBI
- Endorsing trotskyite demonstrations
- Against Space Shuttle - wants to be number 2; wants to disband the greatest technical team ever put together
- Blacks need not apply on ticket
- Cut defense spending to dangerous levels
- Curries to the left-wing (his youth advisor says he has no discernable differences with McGovern)
- Waffles on busing, yet agrees he likes it as a tool for integrating schools (though his children attend private school)
- Leading bug-out brigade on Vietnam
- Let Kosygin push him around in Moscow (hinted that Kosygin would have a more sympathetic hearing if he (Muskie) were President.

Lead the floor fight for the Majority.....
Plan.....

*Only Nixon is to blame - and his cronies
on the National Security Council*

Do you want as President a man whose foreign policy experience is limited to ^{Beard} ~~contingent~~ sight-seeing ^{put away} with Ave Harriman and Ford Foundation Junkets to Japan and ^{Frank} Nigeria.

Let me tell you something. This Vice President has had a bellyful of these politicians ^T trying to ~~scramble~~ scramble their way to power by kicking their country in the face. ~~Listen~~ Listen

There is nothing wrong with ~~Mr. Muskie~~ American Mr. Muskie; there's something wrong with you to ~~libel~~ libel and slander your own country before the the world, just to cater to the anti-American radicals on the left wing of your party. ~~Senator Muskie~~ Senator Muskie claims to ~~be~~ ~~conscious~~ conscious imitation of the Great Emancipator; the Great Equivocator.

How can you condemn a great nation and society of ~~forty~~ forty million Americans, simply because of the ~~outrageous~~ outrageous conduct of forty convicts.

Fingerprints ~~have~~ have been found at the scene of every Western foreign policy disaster in the post-war ~~era~~ era. This octogenarian ~~has~~ ^{HAS} a foreign ~~advance~~ advance man for the Soviets in the Foreign Policy Establishment.....Chief Advance Man.....Lost America's ~~shirt~~ shirt at every international conference Mr. Harriman has attended he has lost America ~~shirt~~ America has lost its shirt. ~~Like~~ Like a bad ~~apple~~ this octogenarian has turned up at Muskie's primary foreign

*Military commitment to the South Vietnam.
... .. it is guaranteed.*

riding around on Muskie's airplane. At Paris in 1962, and at Geneva in 1962, the [redacted] North Vietnamese Communists too him to the [redacted] cleaners. Every time we send Mr. Harriman to an international conference to represent the interests of the United States, he comes as the principal advocate for the point of view of the [redacted] Communists.

radical chic (from "shut")

The Kennedys and Muskies who try to build themselves by tearing [redacted] America down. Scoop Jackson hit the nail on the head the [redacted] Exempt W Scoop Jackson from that criticism: I expect Hubert Humphrey from that criticism.....Kennedys and Muskies had [redacted] Lindsays.

The very ~~XXX~~ ^{Thought} of George McGovern sitting down at the summit with Khrushchev [redacted] or Mao Tse-tung; you can start building the bomb and send this pansy.....No one takes Mr. McGovern seriously; Kennedy is edging all his plays in the from the [redacted] bench. The Kennedy henchmen have a lock on this, and [redacted] while McGovern may be on the playing field, ^{Coach} Kennedy is sending [redacted] is sending in all the plays from the bench.

... .. it is guaranteed... .. it is guaranteed... ..

These two salesmen for the politics of 1968, and the war of escalation: these are the men who brought you that wonderful year 1968---a year of riots and assassinations and students disorders, streets riots

The same gang that ran American into bankruptcy and chaos wants to manage the story again. The gang that applauded and hooted and applauded the five years of escalation is now busy sent 550,00 soldiers into the jungles of Southeast is now backstabbing the President, who bought 450,000 of them home.

The men who ballyhooed the policy of escalation are of the war are hardly the in the moral or political position to criticize the President who has de-escalated from the first days he took office. Let's face it, ladies and gentlemen Muskie-and Muskie, champion salesmen of the politics of 1968 and the foremost salesmen are escalation---are as tied up with the failures and disaster of Vietnam as B'r'er Rabbit was with the Ear Baby.

There is no way this gang---the Muskies, and Humphreys and Harrimans and Cliffords and O'Briens---these were the collaborators of the escalation of the Middle Sixties and now, Pilate like they seek to wash their hands of their responsibility---history will put them all in the dock. Their squirming apologies will not exonerate them for the their collation in the policies of failure in Vietnam---while the President of the United States is the lone architect of American withdrawal.

Instead of backing a President who has succeeded where they failed, they engaged in the politics of sour grapes. They sabotaged and dogged President's every mile along the road to de-escalation and withdrawal. and in the second term of the Nixon Administration, it will be said of predicted, what Churchill predicted of Ben, that

Ladies and Gentlemen: The President has more things to worry about today to answer the scurvy assaults of these Kennedys and Muskies. That assignment he has left to me.

Going up and down the country shilling for the politics of escalation.....That pair of shills for the escalation of the Middle Sixties is as wrapped up with as Brer Rabbit was with the Tar Baby. The profuse apologies, mea culpas of Mr. Muskie in 1972 do not exonerate him and his collaborators for responsibility for their failures in 1966 and 1967 and 1968.

Shilling for the policies that left American cities campuses rioting cities burning, crime exploding, They sowed the seeds of economic disaster in the middle sixties and only their rejection by the American prevented their reaping the whirlwind in the 1970s.....

You Republicans, Democrats,

Impossible task he inherited and the incredible job he has ~~done~~
done.

Our President is traveling to Peking and ~~to~~ Moscow, Richard Nixon's not going to give a way the ~~store~~ store. Do you ~~sit~~ sit down at the bargaining table-- --Do what McGovern, Harriman or the Great Equivocator. That is the question which the American people are going to answer. Do you want the leadership of the President who brought America out of the national crisis of 1968--- or do you want to return to the same discredited that bough ~~MS~~ gave us riots, campus violence, ~~the~~ the Democratic Convention of and 300 ~~Americans~~ Americans a week dead in the jungles of Vietnam.

They ~~are~~^{out} forcibly to integrate everybody else's neighborhood---
but their own. They want forcibly to bus every body else's children
---but their ~~own~~ own. When did you ever hear Teddy Kennedy call
~~for~~ ^{beside the family compounds} for integrated public housing in ~~McLean~~ McLean, Hyannisport and
Palm Beach. YOU can believe ~~Senator~~ Senator Muskie ~~and~~ and McGovernor
are not hypocrites when they put their own children---not somebody
elses---on a bus and send them to the District of Columbia public
schools---instead of demanding that everybody* else's children be
bused ~~not~~

*Radical chic ----- Liberal --- Super Liberal, he is
right in the Mark....*

But Senator Kennedy seems to have [redacted] adopted a strategy of having others take the test for him. *People who lie around should be thrown stones...*

When the President of the United States, representing the United States, travels abroad to meet with heads of [redacted] hostile Communist States ---then, in my perhaps reactionary view, every American Senator ought to stand behind [redacted] him. The carping and sniping and knifing from Senators Kennedy and Muskie are beneath the dignity of a United States Senator....

Refused to run in the Democratic Primaries, refused to contest for the nomination. [redacted] talks about a great crusade, but refused to step out and lead it---[redacted] he is running according to form, Senator Kennedy has long preferred to have someone else take the [redacted] his tests for him.

The fact that Senator Kennedy was spending those years in the ski slopes, or in the discotheques is not excuse for his lack of knowledge of history, IN [redacted] the event the Senator has forgotten, it was [redacted] American complicity in the the Vietnam, complicity by the spide men that surrounded his brother and now advise him, [redacted] advised President Kennedy on his global crisis and ~~now~~ more recently advised Senator Kennedy on his personal crisis who were guilty of complicity in an earlier coup.