

RICHARD M. NIXON

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MR. ALVORD: Mr. Nixon, events in Miami would lead an observer to believe that the South would play an important role in your strategy to win in November, but some recent statements suggest that you might be concentrating rather on just the larger states.

Now, for the record, what role does the South play in your campaign strategy?

MR. NIXON: Well, first, I have a national strategy. I don't believe that any candidate for the Presidency should divide the country and should write off any part of the country.

As far as the South is concerned, present indications are that we will do best in what I would call the perimeter of the South. This would be in Florida, in South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and Texas. That doesn't mean that we are writing off the rest, but we will definitely put as much emphasis on the perimeter of the South as we put on any states in the Midwest or North with that same population complex. We are going after the South as well as the North, because at the end of the campaign we want this to be one country, and only by taking your message to the whole country and knowing what the whole country feels, can you make it one country,

