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'60 Rep Platform

Republican Platform 1960

Foreign Policy

1. "To nullify the Soviet conspiracy is our greatest task"
2. Foreign aid must emphasize the "increasing use of private capital and government loans, rather than outright grants"
3. Strengthen "the military might of free world nations"
4. "Under the Eisenhower-Nixon Administration, our military might has been forged into a power second to none"
5. "Maintain an armed power exceeded by no other"
6. "There is no price ceiling on America's security"
7. "Continuation of the long-pull preparedness policies"
8. "Development and production of new strategic weapons"

Economic Policy

1. "We must quicken the pace of our economic growth"
2. "We must raise employment to even higher levels"
3. Tax reform is needed involving "realistic incentive depreciation schedules"
4. Maintenance of "a stable dollar"
5. "We reject the concept of artificial growth forced by massive new federal spending and loose money policies"
6. Carrying forward, "under the Trade Agreements Act, the policy of gradual selective -- and truly reciprocal -- reduction of unjustifiable barriers to trade among free nations"
7. Relating wages in production to productivity
8. "That the President be empowered to veto individual items in authorization and appropriation bills"

Labor

1. "Diligent administration" of the Taft-Hartley Act
2. A higher minimum wage
3. Equal pay for equal work regardless of sex

Agriculture

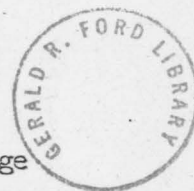
1. Specific price support levels are "cruel deceptions"
2. Republicans pledge "a large-scale land conservation reserve program"
3. "Expansion of the Rural Development Program"
4. "Creation of a Strategic Food Reserve"
5. "Intensification of the Food for Peace program"

Education

1. Federal aid should be provided for school construction and college housing and extension of student loan programs
2. There should be "consideration of means through tax laws to help offset tuition costs"
3. "We oppose the pretense of fixing a target date three years from now for the mere submission of plans for school desegregation"

Civil Rights

1. Recognize that "civil rights is a responsibility not only of states and localities; it is a national problem and national responsibility"



Republican Platform 1960 cont.

Health

"The aged needing it" should be helped through a contributory system providing "the option of purchasing private health insurance"

Immigration

"Obsolete immigration laws" should be updated by substituting the 1960 census for the 1920 census data

Electoral College

"We favor a change in the electoral college system to give every voter a fair voice in Presidential elections"

Women

"Congress should submit a constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women"

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Democratic Platform 1960

Defense

1. "Over the past seven and a half years, our military power has steadily declined relative to that of the Russians and the Chinese and their satellites"
2. Development of a graduated response to an attack
3. "Continuous modernization" of armed forces through research and development, "including essential programs now slowed down, terminated, suspended, or neglected for lack of budgetary support"

World Trade

1. Trade-affected industries need help "through trade adjustment measures such as direct loans, tax incentives, defense contracts priority, and retraining assistance"
2. "Our government should press for reduction of foreign barriers to the sale of the products of American industry and agriculture"

Disarmament

To help break the deadlock on arms control "requires a national peace agency for disarmament planning and research"

Foreign Aid

1. Military aid should be replaced by economic aid "as rapidly as security considerations permit"
2. Development programs should be placed on a "long-term basis to permit more effective planning"

Immigration

1. "The national origins quota system of limiting immigration contradicts the founding principles of this nation"
2. Liberalize immigration laws

Economic Policy

1. The US economy can "grow at an average rate of five percent annually"
2. "A Democratic President will put an end to the present high-interest, tight money policy"
3. "The Republican failure in the economic field has been virtually complete" in that:
 - a. the rate of growth is about 1/3 the rate of the Soviet Union
 - b. Republicans have failed to balance the budget or reduce the national debt
 - c. Republican sponsored higher annual interest charges on the national debt cost taxpayers \$9 billion
4. "The right to a job requires the restoration of full support for collective bargaining"
5. "We will repeal the authorization for 'right to work' laws, limitations on the right to strike, to picket peacefully and to tell the public the facts of a labor dispute, and other anti-labor features of the Taft-Hartley Act and 1959 Act."



Democratic Platform 1960 cont.

Economic Policy

6. "We pledge to raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour and to extend coverage to several million workers not now protected"
7. Try to bring farm and migrant labor under Social Security protection
8. "Action to aid small business to obtain credit and equity capital at reasonable rates"

Agriculture

1. "While farmers have raised their productive efficiency to record levels, Republican farm policies forced their income to drop by 30 percent over the past eight years."
2. "We shall take positive action to raise farm income to full parity levels and to preserve family farming as a way of life"
3. "We repudiate the Republican administration of the Soil Bank Program"
4. "We will expand and improve the school lunch and milk programs"
5. "We will expand and liberalize farm credit facilities"
6. "We will maintain interest rates for REA co-ops and public power districts at the levels provided in the present law"

Welfare Programs

1. Medical care benefits for the aged under the Social Security system
2. Federal aid for school construction, teachers' salaries, student loans and scholarships
3. "Full parity" income for farmers
4. Expanded federal aid to cities
5. Aid to "stricken communities"
6. "We support a housing construction goal of more than 2,000,000 homes a year"
7. "We propose a consumer counsel, backed by a suitable staff," to speak for consumers in government
8. "We propose a federal advisory agency to assist in the evaluation, development, and expansion of cultural resources of the United States"

Natural Resources

1. "We will erase the Republican slogan of 'no new starts' and will begin again to build multiple-purpose dams, hydroelectric facilities, flood control works, navigation facilities, and reclamation projects to meet mounting and urgent needs"
2. "We support the establishment of a national fuels policy"

Taxes

1. By closing loopholes and achieving a higher rate of growth, billions in additional revenue will be raised
2. If higher taxes are needed "political disadvantage" will not deter them
3. "Propose a tax credit to encourage small contributions to political parties"

Civil Rights

1. Federal aid to desegregated school districts
2. Establishment of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission
3. "We will support whatever action is necessary to eliminate literacy tests and the payment of poll taxes"



Democratic Platform 1960 cont.

Civil Rights

4. "We believe that every school district affected by the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision should submit a plan providing for at least first-step compliance by 1963"
5. Federal authority to file civil injunction suits to prevent the denial of any civil rights

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The Economy

We take office in the wake of seven months of recession, three and one-half years of slack, seven years of diminished growth and nine years of falling farm income.

Five and one-half million Americans ... are without jobs.

The American economy is in trouble ... (The U. S.) ranks among the last in the rate of economic growth.

Improve unemployment compensation through temporary increases in duration.

Redevelop areas of chronic labor surplus.

Expand services of the U. S. employment offices.

Stimulate housing and construction.

Tax incentives for plant investment.

Increase development of natural resources.

Encourage price stability.

Pave the way for long-range growth.

Maintain the dollar price of gold @ \$35.00 an ounce. "This Administration will not distort the value of the dollar in any fashion ... whatever is required will be done to back up all our efforts abroad, and make certain that, in the future ... the dollar is as 'sound as a dollar'."

Cities

Our cities are being engulfed in squalor ... We still have 25 million Americans living in substandard homes.

Crime

Organized and juvenile crimes cost the taxpayers millions of dollars each year, making it essential that we have improved enforcement and new legislative safeguards.

Education

Our classrooms contain 2 more children than they can properly have room for, taught by 90,000 teachers not properly qualified to teach. one-third of our most promising high school graduates are financially unable to continue the development of their talents. Our colleges are ill-prepared to handle the influx of college students.

Health

We lack hospital beds, nursing homes, doctors and dentists. Measures to provide health care for the aged under Social Security ... must be undertaken this year.

Foreign Policy

In Asia, the relentless pressures of the Chinese Communists menace the security of the entire area -- from the borders of India and South Vietnam to ... Laos.

We seek in Laos ... freedom for the people and independence for the government.

The Congo has been brutally torn by civil strife, political unrest and public disorder.

Communist agents ... have established a base on Cuba, only 90 miles from our shores. '

The unity of NATO has been weakened by economic rivalry and partially eroded by national interest.

We must strengthen our military tools.

I have directed prompt attention to increase our airlift capacity.

I have directed prompt action to step-up our Polaris submarine program.

I have directed prompt action to accelerate the entire missile program.

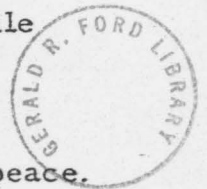
We must improve our economic tools.

We must sharpen our political and diplomatic tools.

(To the Soviet Union) let both sides begin a new quest for peace.

To our sister republics south of our border, we offer a special pledge -- to convert our good words into good deeds -- in a new alliance for progress -- to assist free men and free governments in casting off the chains of poverty ... let all our neighbors know that we shall join them to oppose aggression or subversion anywhere in the Americas;

To those people in the huts and villages of half the globe struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help themselves ...



... We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty.

To those new states ... we pledge our word that one form of colonial control shall not have passed away merely to be replaced by a far more iron t yranny.

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STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE - 1962 - Kennedy

The Economy

We are on the road to economic recovery but too many are still unemployed.

Urged passage of:

- (1) Manpower Training Act
- (2) Youth Employment Opportunity Act
- (3) An 8% tax credit for investment in machinery and equipment
- (4) Standby authority for the President, subject to Congressional veto, to adjust personal income tax rates
- (5) Standby authority for the President to accelerate federally aided capital improvement programs based on unemployment rates.
- (6) Stengthening unemplyment compensàtion system.

Inflation is still an enemy.

To spur growth and fortify economic strength we have:

- stepped up urban renewal and housing programs
- redoubled the attack on water pollution
- speeded aid to airports
hospitals
highways
mass transit systems

We have new weapons to combat organized crime, racketeering, and youth delinquency.

Urged formation of a new Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Will submit:

- (1) New comprehensive farm program
- (2) New long-range conservation and recreation program
- (3) New starts on water and power projects
- (4) Expanded REA generation and transmission loans

Civil Rights

Urged passage of Voting Rights bill

Education

A massive attack on adult illiteracy.

Will submit legislstion to improve educational quality and stimulate the arts.

Urged passage of a bill to aid public school construction and teachers' salaries.



Health

Aid to medical and dental colleges.

Improvements in the food and drug laws.

Enactment of health insurance for the aged under Social Security.

Welfare

Will recommend new welfare program stressing service instead of support, rehabilitation instead of relief, work instead of dependency.

Defense

We intend to have at all times the capacity to resist non-nuclear or limited attacks as a complement to our nuclear capacity, not as a substitute .

Urged approval of Federal incentives for the construction of public fall-out shelters.

Foreign policy

Urged U. S. support for United Nations bonds.

Will make a supreme effort to break the log-jam on disarmament and nuclear tests.

Proposed a \$3 billion fund for the "Alliance for Progress"

Expanded food for peace program.

Seek settlement of war in Laos.

War of attempted subjugation in Vietnam will be resisted

Threat to Berlin remains; prepared to fight if necessary to defend rights in Berlin.

Seeks equilibrium in balance of payments.

Expansion of exports, will submit new five-year trade expansion proposal.

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STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE - 1963 - Kennedy

The State of the Union is ... good. The recession is behind us. America has enjoyed 22 months of uninterrupted economic recovery.

We must achieve higher economic growth -- most urgent task is a substantial reduction and revision in Federal income taxes.

Education

Four out of every 10 students in the fifth grade will not finish high school.

Health

Health insurance through Social Security.
Reduction of the incidence of mental retardation.

Civil Rights

Provide counsel to every man accused of crime in Federal court, regardless of his means.
Enact Voting Rights bill.

Other domestic

Assist local mass transit authorities.
Reduce stockpiles of food and strategic materials.
Plan future growth of national parks and recreation areas. 1.

Foreign Policy

West Berlin remains free.
A settlement has been reached in Laos. Aggression has been blunted in Vietnam.
End of agony is in sight in the Congo.
A deadly threat has been removed from Cuba.
We do not dismiss disarmament as an idle dream -- nor do we mistake honorable negotiation for appeasement.



The areas of agreement can be wide:

- a clear understanding about Berlin
- stability in Southeast Asia
- an end to nuclear testing
- ultimately, general and complete disarmament

Nuclear defense of NATO is not enough; the agreed NATO levels of conventional strength must be met.

The balance of payments deficit is stubborn.

We will encourage trade expansion on both sides of the Atlantic and around the world.

The Alliance for Progress is becoming a living reality, but it cannot succeed if it is only another name for handouts by the U.S.

Defense

The Soviet-Chinese disagreement is over means, not ends.

This country continues to require the best defense in the world.

'64 SOTU

I. Budget

- A. Expenditures of \$97,900 for FY 1965 compared to \$98,400 billion for FY 1964
- B. Reduction of deficit from \$10 billion to \$4.9 billion
- C. Recution in Federal employment

II. War on Poverty

- A. Special effort in Appalachia
- B. Expansion of area redevelopment program.
- C. Enactment of youth employment legislation
- D. Broader food stamp program
- E. Creation of National Service Corps
- F. Modernize unemployment insurance
- G. Establish high-level commission on automation
- H. Extend minimum wage law coverage
- I. Special school aid funds.
- J. Build more libraries
- K. Build more hospitals and nursing homes under Hill-Burton Act and train more nurses
- L. Hospital insurance for the elderly through Social Security
- M. More housing for the poor and elderly
- N. More modern transit
- O. Release \$11 billion of tax reduction
- P. Creation of tripartite industry committee on overtime
- Q. Tax - reduction of withholding from 15 to 14 %

III. Foreign policy

- A. Reduction of budget with maintenance of military safety and superiority
- B. Make new proposals at Geneva toward control and eventual abolition of arms
 - 1. Cutback enriched uranium production by 25%
 - 2. Shut down four plutonium piles.
 - 3. Close some nonessential military installations
- C. Make incresed use of food aid through sale, trade, loan or donation
- D. Expand world trade
- E. Assure our pre-emeinence in outer space exploration
- F. Continue efforts toward balancing internation accounts, including use of interest equalization tax
- G. Better relations with Western Hemsphere countries through OAS and Alliance for Progress
- H. Foreign aid - more rigorous administration of development assistance



- III. I. Strengthen Atlantic and Pacific partnerships, maintain alliances,
make U.N. more effective
- J. Develop with our allies new means of "bridging the gap
between the East and the West"

(Note: 1964 message was less than six pages. Johnson merely outlined programs and called for the enactment of these. in Kennedy's memory.

'64 Rep Platform

Republican Platform 1964

Foreign Policy

1. The Democratic administration "sought accommodations with Communism" without safeguards thereby failing
 - a. in the sale of wheat to Russia
 - b. to combat increased aggression in So. VietNam and Laos
 - c. to halt the Berlin Wall
 - d. to succeed in the Bay of Pigs
 - e. to provide leadership of the free world, allowing the UN, NATO, SEATO, and CENTO to "deteriorate"
2. Trade with the Communists "could only be justified if it would serve to diminish their power."
3. The US should "assure victory in So. VietNam"
4. "We will demand that the Berlin Wall be taken down"
5. Recognition of and aid to Cuban "freedom fighters in carrying on guerilla warfare against the Communist regime"
6. "A drastic reorganization and redirection of the entire foreign aid effort" to prevent the support of socialism and anti-American regimes

National Security

1. The administration has downgraded "efforts to prepare defenses against enemy ballistic missiles" adopting "policies which will lead to a potentially fatal parity of power with Communism."
2. Disarmament negotiations must "guarantee reliable inspection"

Domestic Policy

1. The Democratic Administration has failed to
 - a. reduce unemployment to 4 percent
 - b. "take practical free enterprise measures to help the poor"
 - c. encourage private enterprise
 - d. aid the farmer by "dropping the parity ratio to its lowest level since 1939"
2. The administration has moved to "establish new federal offices duplicating existing agencies" and bypassing state and local governments through the accelerated public works program and the war on poverty



Economic Policy

1. A pledge to cut federal spending "not less than by \$5 billion"
2. Put an end to deficit spending through a balanced budget

Tax Policy

1. A reduction in income tax rates "as fiscal discipline is restored"
2. Repeal of federal excise taxes on cosmetics, jewelry and other consumer items
3. State and local taxes credited against federal income taxes
4. Tax credits to "help needy senior citizens meet the costs of medical and hospital insurance" and those burdened by college expenses

Education

1. There will be "maximum restraint on federal intrusions into matters more productively left to the individual"
2. Strengthened state and local tax credits for education
3. "Opposition to federally sponsored 'inverse discrimination' whether by the shifting of jobs, or the abandonment of neighborhood schools, for reasons of race"

Civil Rights

"Full implementation" of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Medical Care

Opposition to the financing of medical care for the aged through the Social Security payroll tax

Prayer Amendment

Proposed in order to partially overturn the Court decision prohibiting prescribed prayers or Bible reading

Reapportionment

1. Opposition to the "one man one vote" decision
2. Proposal for an amendment to the Constitution allowing states to apportion one house "on bases of their own choosing including factors other than population"

Obscenity

A call for enactment of legislation to curb the mail flow of obscene material

'64 Dem Platform

Democratic Platform 1964

Foreign Policy

1. "International Communism has lost its unity and momentum"
2. "World is closer to peace today than it was in 1960"
3. The attainment of peace requires a President with moderation
4. "In every possible way we will work to strengthen our ties and increase our cooperation" with NATO
5. Support for the Alliance for Progress
6. "Maintain our solemn commitment to the United Nations"
7. "Further isolate" Castroism through the OAS
8. "Expand the Peace Corps"
9. "Use even more of our Food for Peace"
10. Reduce tariffs and expand our international economic ties

National Security

1. Pledged to "continue the overwhelming supremacy of our Strategic Nuclear Forces"
2. "Maintain the world's largest research and development effort" to continue American leadership in weapons
3. "Continue the Civil Defense program"
4. "Maintain our Cost Reduction Program"
5. "Control of nuclear weapons must remain solely with the ... President"

Economic Policy

1. "We have achieved the longest and strongest peacetime prosperity in modern history" -- 42 months
2. "Prices have been more stable than in any other industrial nation in the free world"
3. Statistics show jobs were created, wages increased, and profits enlarged under the Democratic Administration
4. Pledged to continue innovative economic policies, "recognizing the importance of low interest rates"
5. "Seek a further tax reduction"
6. After careful review elimination of the "obsolete" excise taxes
7. "Our goal is a balanced budget in a balanced economy"
8. It is "our commitment that every man or woman... is entitled to a job and to a fair wage"
9. Repeal Section 14(b) of the Taft Hartley Act
10. "The antitrust law must be vigorously enforced"
11. Pledged to provide hospital care for the aged under Social Security

Extremism

condemned "extremism whether from the Right or Left"



The Federal Role

1. Consideration should be given to the development of a revenue sharing plan
2. Congress should revise its rules "to assure majority rule" on the President's major proposals
3. "We will continue to assist broad community and regional development, urban renewal, mass transit, open spaces and other programs" for cities avoiding "unnecessary Federal interference"

Civil Rights

1. The Democratic plank called for "full observance" of all civil rights laws and "fair, effective enforcement if there is any default"
2. "The immigration laws must be revised"
3. "Carry the War on Poverty" forward

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STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE - January 4, 1965 - Johnson

I. Foreign policy

- A. Soviet Union - seek peaceful understandings that can lessen the danger to freedom
- B. Eastern Europe - increase peaceful trade with these countries and with Soviet Union
- C. Vietnam - support pledge made by previous presidents
- D. Latin America - strengthen ties with the republics and enlarge commitment to Alliance for Progress
- E. Europe - continue cooperation and finish task of reunification of Germany through self-determination
- F. New nations - help those seeking to strengthen their own independence and work with those governments dedicated to welfare of all their people
- G. Population control and world resources - use our knowledge to help deal with these problems
- H. United Nations - renew our commitment to continued growth and effectiveness of the organization

II. The Great Society - domestic policy

A. The economy

- 1. Temporary income tax cuts
- 2. Special funds for job-creating public programs
- 3. Assist flow of trade with credit and other help in foreign markets
- 4. Reduce heavy cost of farm programs to direct more of effort to small farmer
- 5. Regional recovery program
- 6. Provide skill-training for workers
- 7. Extend minimum wage
- 8. Improve and modernize unemployment compensation
- 9. Make changes in Taft-Hartley Act, including Section 14 (b)
- 10. New policy for merchant marine
- 11. Funds to study high-speed rail transportation between urban areas

B. Individuals

- 1. Elderly - provide hospital care under social security and raise benefit payments
- 2. Poor - double war against poverty
- 3. Blacks - enforce civil rights law and eliminate barriers to the right to vote
- 4. Immigrants - change law on immigration based on place of origin



C. Education

1. Preschool - special help to needy children
2. Aid to public schools serving low-income families
3. Assistance to students in both public and private schools on primary and secondary levels
4. College - scholarships and guaranteed low-interest loans
5. New laboratories and centers at schools for special training

D. Health

1. Regional medical centers for advance diagnosis for heart disease, cancer, and other major diseases
2. New support for medical and dental education
3. Community centers for the mentally ill and children from poor families

D. Urban problems

1. Creation of a Department of Housing and Urban Development
2. Crime
 - a. Programs to train local law enforcement officers
 - b. Programs for modern techniques
 - c. Programs to discover cause and better prevention of crime

E. Environment

1. Establish more parks, seashores and open spaces
2. Landscape highways, streets and open areas
3. Legal power to prevent air and water pollution
4. Step up effort to control harmful wastes, especially the most-contaminated rivers; Wild Rivers bill
5. Call for a White House Conference on Natural Beauty

F. Arts - propose a National Foundation on the Arts

III. Government policy

- A. Reorganize structure of executive branch
- B. Eliminate waste in government
- C. Propose laws to insure continuity in leadership should President become disabled or die
- D. Propose reforms in the electoral college

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I. Taxes

- A. Temporarily restore the automobile and certain telephone excise tax reductions made effective January 1
- B. Improve withholding system to make it more "pay as you go"
- C. Speed up collection of corporate taxes
- D. Simplify tax structure

II. Justice

- A. Establish unavoidable requirements for nondiscriminatory jury selection in Federal and State courts and give Attorney General enforcement power
- B. Strengthen authority of Federal courts to try those who attack civil rights workers and increase penalties
- C. Legislation to prohibit racial discrimination in sale or rental of housing

III. Other domestic issues

- A. Speed up war on poverty
- B. Establish new Community Development Districts
- C. Improve education through use of Teacher Corps teams
- D. Better health measures, physical examinations, and adequate and available medical resources
- E. Improve unemployment insurance
- F. Expand minimum wage benefits
- G. Repeal Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act
- H. Legislation to deal with strikes which threaten irreparable damage to the national interest
- I. Rent assistance
- J. Home rule for the District of Columbia
- K. Urban development
- L. End pollution in several river basins
- M. Modernize and strengthen local police forces
- O. New Highway Safety Act
- P. Consumerism - truth in packaging and lending
- Q. New supersonic transport airplane

IV. Government

- A. Modernize and streamline the executive branch
- B. New Department of Transportation
- C. Commission to examine relation between city, State, Nation
- D. Campaign contribution law reform - including tax incentives
- E. Four-year term for Members of the House of Representatives



V. Foreign policy

- A. Maintain strength, but keep non-Vietnam costs down through stringent economy program
- B. Seek proposals to control arms and stop spread of nuclear weapons
- C. Strengthen Alliance for Progress, NATO, regional organizations of the developing continents, and the United Nations
- D. Strengthen economic cooperation, reduce barriers to trade, and improve international finance
- E. Direct foreign assistance in worldwide attack on hunger and disease
 - 1. International Education Act of 1966 to aid education around the world
 - 2. International Health Act of 1966 to bring modern skills and knowledge and population control to other countries
- F. Encourage end of colonial rule
- G. Remove special tariff restrictions which are a barrier to trade with the East
- H. Continue commitment to South Vietnam

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I. Domestic policy

- A. Combine Depts. of Commerce and Labor into new Department of Business and Labor
- B. Improve and simplify grant-in-aid programs
- C. Strengthen Head Start and begin it at age three
- D. Try new methods of child development and care
- E. Social security
 - 1. Raise payments by minimum of 15% and average of 20%
 - 2. Raise minimum payments by 59% from \$44 to \$70/month
 - 3. Guarantee minimum benefit of \$100 a month for those with 25 years of coverage
 - 4. Raise limits retired workers can earn without losing social security income
 - 5. Eliminate by law unjust discrimination in employment because of age.
- F. Assistance to American Indians and migratory farm workers
- G. Model Cities program to transform slums
- H. Expand fight against air pollution and set up "regional airsheds"
- I. Continue beautification program and create more parks, sea-shores, and open spaces

J. Civil rights

- 1. Continue to seek equality and justice before a jury, in seeking a job, in exercising civil rights
- 2. Fair housing

K. Modernize Selective Service

L. Outlaw all wiretapping - public and private, except for national security

M. Consumerism - truth in lending, prevention of massive power failures, protection against hazardous household products, safety in natural gas pipelines

N. Extend benefits of Medicare to cover totally disabled under 65

O. Election reform

- 1. Passage of election reform and financing proposals
- 2. Tighten lobbying laws
- 3. Restore franchise to those who move their residences

P. Develop educational television

Q. Crime

- 1. **Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1967**
 - a. Fed. Govt. to pay 90% of cost of developing State and local plans to combat crime
 - b. Fed. to pay 60% of cost of training new tactical units and equipment
 - c. Fed. to pay 50% of cost of building crime laboratories and police academy-type centers
- 2. Prevent juvenile delinquents from becoming adult offenders



3. Help States and cities to deal with narcotics problem
 4. Strict controls on sale of firearms
- R. Make additional \$1 billion available to savings and loan associations and lower rate from 6% to 5 3/4% interest
- S. Taxes - surcharge of 6% on corporate and individual income taxes for minimum of 2 years

II. Foreign policy

- A. Latin America - strike down barriers to full cooperation among American nations; work through Alliance for Progress
- B. Africa - support those who are prepared to work towards harmony and cooperation between races and those who demand change but reject violence
- C. Middle East - use U.S. influence to increase possibilities of improved relations among nations of region
- D. South Asia - use assistance to overcome poverty in Pakistan and India, help them emerge as self-reliant leaders, and find terms for reconciliation and cooperation
- E. Western Europe - maintain in NATO and integrated common defense; achieve greater security through arms control and disarmament
- F. Soviet Union and Eastern Europe - pass East-West trade bill and approve consular convention with U. S. S. R.
- G. Southeast Asia and Vietnam -
 1. Continue commitment
 2. Fund international program of reconstruction and development for all of Vietnam and neighbors if and when peace comes
 3. Hope for reconciliation between Mainland China and world community
 4. Support initiatives by UN. and others to bring parties together for peace discussions
- H. General - world cooperation
 1. Developing nations must give highest priority to food production
 2. Nations with food deficits must put more of resources into voluntary family planning programs
 3. Developed nations must all assist other nations to avoid starvation in short run and to move rapidly towards ability to feed themselves

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I. Foreign policy -

- A. Launch with other nations exploration of oceans to tap wealth; energy and abundance
- B. Contribute our fair share to major expansion of International Development Association; increase resources of Asian Development Bank
- C. Adopt prudent aid program based on principle of self-help
- D. Renew and extend food for freedom program.

II. Domestic policy

- A. Manpower program increase of 25% to \$2.1 billion
- B. Full authorization of Model Cities program of \$1 billion
- C. Build 300,000 housing units for low- and middle-income and 6 million in next 10 years
- D. Child health program for poor - prenatal through age one
- E. Consumerism
 1. Truth-in-lending bill, fire safety bill, and pipeline safety bill proposed last year, but not yet passed by Congress, and nine other such bills
 2. New powers for Federal Trade Commission to stop frauds and swindlers
 3. New safeguards - quality of fish and poultry
 4. Safeguards for quality of community water supplies
 5. Major study of automobile insurance
 6. Protection against hazardous radiation from television sets and other electronic equipment
 7. Appoint consumer counsel in Dept. of Justice
- F. Crime
 1. Passage of Safe Streets Act proposed last year
 2. Proper gun control law to stop mail-order trade
 3. Drug Control Act to provide stricter penalties for traffickers in LSD and other dangerous drugs
 4. Increase number of Federal drug and narcotics control officials by 30%
 5. Add 100 assistant U.S. attorneys to help prosecute criminal laws
 6. Add 100 FBI agents
- G. Establish security commodity reserve to protect agricultural market from price-depressing stocks
- H. Programs to help farmers bargain more effectively for fair prices
- I. New air safety measures
- J. Measures to stem rising cost of medical care
- K. Legislation to encourage returning veterans to start careers in community service - police, firemen, teaching, etc.
- L. Strengthen and finance anti-pollution efforts
- M. Fully funding all of \$2.18 billion poverty program



- N. Educational Opportunity Act to break down financial barriers to college
- O. Civil rights - enact measures for fair jury trials, protection of Federal rights, enforcement of equal employment opportunity, and fair housing
- P. Enact legislation proposed last year - Higher Education Act, Juvenile Delinquency Act, conservation measures to save California redwoods, preserve rivers, Highway Beautification Act, and others
- Q. Taxes - enact surcharge
- R. Urge business and labor leaders to restrain wage and price rises
- S. Reduce balance of payments deficit and strengthen international monetary system

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Foreign Policy

1. "The Administration's Vietnam policy has failed -- militarily, politically, diplomatically, and with relation to our own people"
2. "It will be a strategy permitting a progressive de-Americanization of the war, both military and civilian"
3. "We pledge to develop a clear and purposeful negotiating position"
4. Selectivity in future US economic and military aid in Southeast Asia
5. Trade: "It remains the policy of the Republican Party to work toward freer trade among all nations of the free world"
6. Support for increased trade with Eastern Europe when it would lead to "greater political freedom"
7. Trade: Machinery obsolescence must be met by "an equitable tax write-off"
8. "Our best hope for ensuring peace lies in comprehensive international cooperation"
9. Parity, not superiority, has been made the controlling doctrine
10. The Administration has expressed a preference for "second best weaponry"
11. NATO should be "revitalized and strengthened"
12. Foreign aid will be given "only to those nations which urgently require America's help and clearly evince a desire to help themselves"
13. "We will not provide aid of any kind to countries which aid and abet the war efforts of North VietNam"
14. Republicans favor "the broadening of governmental assistance to industries, producers, and workers seriously affected by imports"
15. Reinvigorate the National Security Council and the merchant marine
16. "We deplore the failure of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration to emphasize the military uses of space for America's defense"

Education

1. Establishment of a National Commission on Education
2. Expansion of pre-school programs such as Head Start
3. Voluntary bilingual education
4. Expanded vocational education
5. Continued grant and loan programs for colleges and college students
6. Tax credits for education expenses
7. Tax deductions to encourage savings for education
8. State distribution of federal aid to non-public schools

Government

1. Reform of the electoral college system
2. Representation in Congress of the District of Columbia
3. Election Reform Act with "reasonable" restraints on spending and fund-raising
4. "We advocate application of the highest standards in making appointments to the courts"
5. Establishment of a Presidential Office of Executive Management for increased efficiency in the Executive Branch
6. "A complete overhaul and restructuring of the competing and overlapping jumble of federal programs"



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Economic Policy

1. Revenue sharing support
2. Revision of grant-in-aid programs so as to provide "block grants" to states
3. "We endorse the concept of state and community development corporations" such as a Domestic Development Bank

Urban Problems

1. Civil rights: "Energetic, positive leadership to enforce statutory and constitutional protections to eliminate discrimination"
2. Rioting: "decisive action to quell civil disorder"
3. Hunger: a pledge for federal state, and private efforts "to help provide the hungry poor sufficient food for a balanced diet"
4. Jobs: endorsed free children's day-care centers for welfare mothers to work
5. Housing: "By reducing interest rates through responsible fiscal and monetary policy we will lower the costs of homeownership"
6. Called the lack of participation by the poor "the greatest among the host of failures of the War on Poverty"

Crime

1. "Lawlessness is crumbling the foundations of American society"
2. Establishment of a Federal Corrections Service
3. Support for "legislation to control indiscriminate availability of firearms"
4. An Attorney General "who will restore respect and stature to that office"
5. A vigorous drive against drugs and organized crime

Labor

1. An intensive effort to develop methods of dealing with emergency strikes
2. Jobs: "tax credits to employers to encourage such (job) training and upgrading"
3. Establishment of a National Job Opportunity Data Bank

Social Security

Permission for persons over 65 to continue payments and defer benefits

Youth

1. Urged states to lower the voting age to eighteen
2. Pledged an eventually volunteer army

Health

1. Broadening of private health insurance plans
2. Expand the number of doctors, nurses, staff, and hospitals

Farms

1. Assistance to farm cooperatives
2. Policies which will enable producers to receive fair prices in relation to the prices they must pay
3. Improvement of farm credit programs

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Foreign Policy, Defense

1. The nation must maintain "a strong and balanced defense establishment"
2. Support for a continued American war effort
3. Cutback of US military involvement "as the South Vietnamese forces are able to take over their larger responsibilities"
4. "We applaud the initiative of President Johnson"
5. "US military and economic aid in Asia will be selective"
6. "We support a substantially larger European contribution to NATO"
7. "We support a strengthened US and UN development aid program" based on self-help
8. Continuation of the Kennedy and Johnson efforts to lower trade barriers

Economic, Tax Policy

1. "Minimum income tax for persons of high income"
2. Decreased rates for lower income families
3. Increasing the minimum standard deductions
4. Tax deductible campaign contributions
5. Tax incentives for rural development and urban development
6. Opposition to trade protectionism
7. Positive action to raise farm income to full parity
8. Establish a Strategic Food and Feed Reserve Plan
9. Expansion of food assistance program
10. "Repeal of state authority to enact compulsory open shop laws"
11. A new federal banking structure for housing and urban project assistance

Social Security

1. Increase in benefits
2. Automatic cost-of-living increases for benefits
3. Inclusion of prescription drug costs under medicare
4. Extension of medicare to disabled persons of any age
5. Enactment of tax legislation to encourage self-employed retirement plans

Employment

1. "Increasing the minimum wage"
2. "Enacting occupational health and safety legislation"

Domestic Policy

1. Vigorous enforcement of the open housing law
2. The construction of 26 million housing units in ten years
3. "Highest priority" to federally assisted homebuilding programs for low-income families
4. "First priority" will be given to strengthening the enforcement powers of the EEOC--Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
5. Better job opportunities, housing and food programs for the poor and hard-core unemployed
6. Endorsement of Head Start, Neighborhood Youth Corps, and community action agencies including the Model Cities program
7. Reforms in current welfare programs, including nationwide minimum standards
8. "Review current antipoverty efforts" for better coordination



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Communications

1. The federal regulatory system "should be thoroughly reappraised"
2. Deplore the "exploitation of violence" in the media

Crime

1. "A vigorous and sustained campaign" against riots, organized crime and drug abuse
2. Implementation of the Kerner Commission's recommendations
3. Promote "effective" gun control legislation

The Government

1. We seek to streamline the Executive branch "by improving coordination and management of federal programs"
2. "Seek new methods for states and local governments to share in federal revenues while retaining responsibility"
3. "We urge reform of the electoral college"

Indians

"A new and equal federal Indian partnership "to help Indians run their own service and business programs

Education

1. Expanded federal aid under current programs
2. Increased state support of education to ease property taxes
3. Free or reduced-price school lunches to all needy school children

Youth

1. A draft lottery
2. "Review of draft board membership"
3. Support for the eighteen year-old vote Constitutional amendment

Special Message to the Congress on Forthcoming
Legislative Proposals Concerning Domestic Programs (In Place
of the State of the Union Address) April 14, 1969

1. District of Columbia
 - A. Home Rule
 - B. Congressional representation
 - C. January 31 plan to combat crime in the nation's capitol
2. New measures to combat
 - A. Organized crime
 - B. Narcotics traffickers
 - C. Peddlers of obscenity
3. General Fiscal programs
 - A. Increase in Social Security benefits
 - B. Post Office reorganization
 - C. Increased revenue sharing
4. Transportation
 - A. Program of developing
 - 1). airways
 - 2). airports
 - B. Increased attention to mass transit
5. Comprehensive labor and manpower program
 - A. Job training and placement
 - B. Improvements in unemployment insurance
 - C. "proposals to help guarantee the health and safety of workers"
6. Commitment to the child under five
 - A. Office of Child Development
 - B. Embrace network of local programs that will enlist voluntary participation
7. Reorganization of the Post Office
8. Executive Reorganizational plans
 - A. Revitalization of the National Security Council
 - B. Creation of the Urban Affairs Council
 - C. Creation of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Policy
 - D. Creation of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations



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- E. Removal of the postmastership offices from politics
- F. Overhaul of the Office of Economic Opportunity and its programs

9. The Economy

- A. Continuation of Federal Reserve monetary policies
- B. "A reduction of fiscal year 1970 expenditures by \$4 billion below the best current estimate of the budget expenditures recommended by the last Administration."
- C. Income surcharge tax will be continued for another year
- D. Postponement of the scheduled reductions in telephone and passenger car excise taxes
- E. Increase in postal rates
- F. "Enactment of user charges equal in revenue to those in the budget."

10. Shift in responsibility of Federal Government

- A. Supplementation of Federal funds with private funds through
 - 1). tax credits
 - 2). loan guarantees
- B. Use the volunteer sector of the US population more
- C. Rebuild State and local institutions, so that they "both merit and gain a greater measure of confidence on the part of their own citizens"
- D. Streamline the administration of Federal programs

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Foreign Policy

1. Vietnam
 - A. Immediate goal of foreign policy is to bring an end to the war in Vietnam.
 - B. Sharing of responsibility for assuring liberty for other countries.
 - 1). Announced at Guam
 - 2). "To insist that other nations play a role is not a retreat from responsibility; it is a sharing of responsibility."
2. General Foreign Policy
 - A. Will remain faithful to treaty commitments
 - B. Reduction of our involvement in other nations' affairs.
 - C. "to make the next generation the first in this century in which America was at peace with every nation in the world."
3. U. S. S. R.
 - A. Moving from "an era of confrontation to an era of negotiation."
 - B. Negotiations on strategic arms limitations motivated by "mutual self-interest rather than naive sentimentality."

Domestic Policy

1. Welfare Reform
 - A. Income Support
 - B. Job training
 - C. Work incentives
2. The Economy
 - A. Balanced Federal budget for 1971
 - B. "It means rejecting spending programs which would benefit some of the people when their net effect would result in price increases for all the people."
3. Law Enforcement
 - A. Federal Government should play a greater role in working with law enforcement agencies
 - B. Budget for local law enforcement will be doubled in 1971
 - C. Responsibility of Federal government
 - 1). organized crime
 - 2). narcotics
 - 3). pornography
 - 4). crime in Washington



4. The Environment

A. Proposed legislation

- 1). "will be the most comprehensive and costly program in this field in American history."
- 2). \$10 billion nationwide clean waters program
 - a). will put modern municipal waste treatment plants around America
 - b). will be built within five years
- 3). New financing methods for purchasing open spaces and parklands

B. Price of goods should include the cost of producing and disposing them without damaging the environment

5. Urban Crisis

A. Strong Federal role

- B. "The violent and decayed central cities of our great metropolitan complexes are the most conspicuous area of failure in American life today."

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Domestic Policy

1. Welfare
 - A. Income floor under every family with children
 - B. Effective work incentive
 - C. Effective work requirement
2. The Economy
 - A. "Inflation will be further reduced this year."
 - B. Expansionary budget
 - C. Need for the commitment of the Federal Reserve System
 - D. Better effort on the part of labor and management to make wage and price decisions in the light of the national interest.
3. The Environment
 - A. Strong new set of initiatives to clean up air and water
 - B. Combat noise
 - C. "preserve and restore our surroundings"
 - 1). "revitalize our rural heartland"
 - 2). most extensive program ever to expand the Nation's parks
4. Health Care
 - A. "...no American will be prevented from obtaining basic medical care by inability to pay."
 - B. Increase and redirection of aid to medical schools
 - C. Incentives to improve health services
 - D. Better preventive medicine
 - E. Extra \$100 million to help find a cure for cancer
5. State and local government
 - A. \$16 billion program
 - 1). \$5 billion in unrestricted funds
 - 2). \$11 billion in Federal revenue-sharing funds for
 - a). urban development
 - b). rural development
 - c). education
 - d). transportation
 - e). job training
 - f). law enforcement
 - 3). Would increase total Federal aid to States and localities by more than 25%
 - 4). Funding will have safeguards against discriminatory uses
6. Cabinet Rearrangement
 - A. Reduction from 12 positions to 8



B. Four departments will remain

- 1). State
- 2). Treasury
- 3). Defense
- 4). Justice

C. Consolidation of other departments

- 1). Department of Human Resources = will deal with
• the concerns of the people
- 2). Department of Community Development = concerned
with the community
- 3). Department of Natural Resources = concerned with the
physical environment
- 4). Department of Economic Development = concerned with
"our prosperity"

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1. The Economy

A. Expansionary budget

- 1). job -creating tax cuts
- 2). job-creating expenditures
- 3). manpower training programs
- 4). public service employment
- 5). expansion of foreign markets

B. International

- 1). realignment of exchange rates
- 2). implementation of the metric system
- 3). effort to capture international tourist market
--doubling US Travel Service budget

2. Welfare Reform

A. Urges Senate Finance Committee to put welfare reform at the top of their priorities

B. Program proposal

- 1). provides day care services
- 2). "relieves intolerable fiscal pressures on State and local governments"
- 3). replaces 54 administrative programs with a nation-wide approach

3. Revenue Sharing

A. Six special purpose programs

- 1). law enforcement
- 2). manpower
- 3). education
- 4). transportation
- 5). rural community development
- 6). urban community development

B. \$100 million program to help States and localities analyze their own problems

4. Executive Reorganization

A. Four new departments

- 1). Department of Natural Resources
- 2). Department of Human Resources
- 3). Department of Community Development
- 4). Department of Economic Affairs



- B. Would not eliminate the Department of Agriculture
- 5. Social Services
 - A. Allied Services Act
 - B. "We need an approach which treats a person as a whole and which treats the family as a unit."
- 6. The Environment
 - A. New budget will have more than three times as much money for environmental programs as in the fiscal year 1969.
 - B. Urges Congressional action on
 - 1). 18 environmental proposals
 - 2). National Resource Land Management Act
 - C. Clean Energy
- 7. Health Care
 - A. Urges Congressional action on
 - 1). Health Maintenance Organization Act
 - 2). National Health Partnership legislation
 - B. Against nationalization of the private health insurance industry
 - C. Further funding for
 - 1). research
 - 2). medical schools
 - 3). drug addiction and alcohol prevention programs
 - D. Increased fight against diseases of the heart, blood vessels and lungs
 - increased budget for the National Heart and Lung Institute
 - E. Nutrition
 - 1). Expanded food stamp program
 - 2). Increased expenditures for school lunches for needy children
 - F. Accidents
 - 1). Upgrade emergency medical services
 - 2). Strengthen the occupational health and safety program
- 8. Older Americans
 - A. H. R. 1
 - 1). general welfare reform measures
 - 2). national income floor under the elderly
 - 3). inflation-proof social security benefits
 - 4). increased benefits for widows
 - 5). 5% across-the-board increase in Social Security
 - 6). would mean an increase of 5.5 billion in benefits
 - B. Elimination of the \$5.80 fee now charged on Part B of Medicare
 - C. Five-fold increase in the budget of the Administration on Aging

- D. Expanded budgets for
 - 1). Retired Senior Volunteers
 - 2). Foster Grandparents
- E. Ease the burden of property taxes for the elderly.
- F. Extension and improvement of the Older Americans Act
- G. Crackdown on substandard nursing homes

9. Minorities

- A. Increased expenditures for black colleges
 - 1). Double the level of three years ago
 - 2). Will exceed \$200 million
- B. Federal aid to minority business enterprise
- C. 36% increase in the budget for the Employment Opportunity Commission
- D. Strengthen the enforcement powers of the EEOC
 - 1). give them authority to seek court enforcement of their decisions
 - 2). give them jurisdiction of the hiring practices of State and local governments
- E. Proposed budget for civil rights activities is up 25%
- F. 42% increase in the budget for the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for the Spanish Speaking.
- G. Urges Congress to extend the operations of the Civil Rights Commission for another 5 years.



10. Women

- A. Urges strong enforcement of equal employment opportunity for women.
- B. Commission on Civil Rights should broaden and encompass sex-based discrimination.

11. Youth

- A. First White House Youth Conference
- B. Educational reform proposals
- C. ACTION volunteer agency

12. Agriculture

- A. Expanded government purchases
- B. Strengthening of the Farm Credit System
- C. Expansion of farm programs
 - 1). soil and water conservation
 - 2). controlling plant and animal diseases
- D. Improve the legal climate for cooperative bargaining

- E. Expansion of the credit authorities of the FHA
 - F. Urges Congress to pass \$1.1 billion program of special Revenue Sharing for Rural Community Development.
13. Urban Crisis
- A. New Department of Community Development
 - B. Special Revenue Sharing for Community Development
 - C. HUD programs
 - 1). New Communities Program
 - 2). Operation Breakthrough
 - D. Housing Consolidation and Simplification Act
14. Transportation
- A. Revitalization of surface freight transportation
 - 1). modernize railway equipment
 - 2). update regulatory practices
 - B. Special Revenue Sharing Program for Transportation
 - C. Urges Congressional action on the Emergency Public Interest Protection Act
 - D. 65% increase in budget for mass transportation
15. Crime
- A. Proposes legislation to improve juvenile delinquency programs
 - B. Special Revenue Sharing Program for law enforcement
 - C. Drug Abuse
 - 1). Intensify the world-wide attack on drug smugglers
 - 2). curb border illicit drug-trafficking
 - 3). New program to "drive drug traffickers and pushers off the streets of America."
 - a). built around a nationwide network of investigative units
 - b). utilization of special grand juries established under the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970.
16. Education
- A. Urges Congressional action on
 - 1). National Institute of Education
 - 2). National Foundation of Higher Education
 - 3). Special Revenue Sharing for Education
 - 4). the Administration's \$1.5 billion program for Emergency School Aid

- a). "We must have an end to the dual school system."
 - b). against unnecessary busing
- B. Financing
- 1). relieving property taxes
 - 2). preserving the control of local school boards over local schools.
17. Manpower Programs
- A. Special Revenue Sharing Program for Manpower
 - B. Welfare proposals
 - C. Career Education Program
18. Science and Technology
- A. White House Conference on the Industrial World Ahead
 - B. \$700 million increase in civilian research and development
 - 1). 15% increase from last year
 - 2). 65% increase over 1969
 - C. New experimental programs for cost sharing
 - D. Technology transfers from the public to the private sector
 - E. Special incentives for smaller high technology firms
 - F. "Federal agencies which are highly oriented toward technology... will work more closely with agencies which have a primary social mission."
 - G. Clear and intelligent targets for research and development
 - H. General goals
 - 1). creating new sources of clean energy
 - 2). developing fast, pollution-free transportation
 - 3). reducing damage due to earthquakes and other natural disasters
 - 4). developing effective health care systems
 - 5). finding new ways to help and rehabilitate drug users