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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE
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TELEVISION DEBATE PARTY

THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

8:55 P.M. PDT

Let me thank all of you for coming here, and let me express my deepest appreciation for not only being here, but the support that you are going to give us in the weeks ahead. We have less than three or four weeks to go before November 2, so we have got a lot of work to do and we have got to do it fast and well, and November 2 will be a great victory for the American people.

I am honored to have on the platform here tonight a number of my very close personal friends and very ardent and strong and effective supporters. Let me introduce them to you.

First is Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee and Mrs. Baker. And then, of course, is your Attorney General from the State of California, Evelle Younger. We have two of my very close and very helpful friends from the United States Congress, Congressman Pete McCloskey, and another very good friend from the State of California, an outstanding Member of the House of Representatives, Don Clausen. And then there is a man who I have long admired, who I think will be an outstanding Member of the United States Senate, Dr. Hayakawa.

Now, just a minute to be serious. The reason we are going to win on November 2 is that for the last two years we have had good policies domestically and we have had sound and effective policies internationally. We started from behind, and how many can remember just a few weeks ago when the polls showed that we were 32 points behind? I would much rather be a slow starter and a fast finisher.

I said in Kansas City we don't concede a single State, we don't concede a single vote, that we were going to campaign from the snowy banks of Minnesota to the sandy plains of Georgia, and we are. California is one of the most crucial and critical States in this election. I am encouraged by the polls. We are behind, but we are going to win. Thank you for making it possible. Thank you for tonight.

END (AT 8:58 P.M. PDT)