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07:59:55 BOBBY KENNEDY(MID SPEECH): A single major newspaper, a single major labor organization except for the Indiana UAW and that was enough. **CUT TO DIFFERENT PART OF SPEECH** His hair is longer than mine. But despite those differences you and I have much in common, much that draws us together. You and I are gratified with the tremendous progress that's been made in this country. On the fight against hunger in our own country and the fight against hopelessness in other countries. On the search for a peaceful settlement in Vietnam and at all times on the neverending struggle against indifference and complacency in Washington D.C. In all these efforts you and I have been together. And whatever happens to me this year or any other year, whatever office I gain or lose we shall continue to stay together because you are my friends and we believe in the same thing. It is true that I have come here to ask for your help. Not simply in the coming political struggle but in the coming National struggles. The struggle to change the record of the past and raise the standard of the future. The struggle for peace and justice at home and abroad. For an end to the violence in Vietnam and in the streets of our own cities here in the United States. I come here to ask your help in that struggle that goes far beyond party and far beyond politics to ask your help and to pledge my own. This is not an easy task.....AUDIO CUT.....He claims to be jolly and to be joyous and to be joyful and not to be concerned. But I am concerned about the United States of America and our position around the rest of the globe and that's what I'm going to speak about in the course of this campaign. And I will tell you some of the things plainly and frankly what concerns me. I'm concerned first that this nation must adopt a foreign policy which says clearly and distinctly no more Vietnams. We have responsibilities in the world as this union understands and

as I understand and I intend if I am elected President of the United States to keep those responsibilities. But they are not, they are not to be the policeman of the rest of the globe. We cannot and we must not take as our mission the suppression of disorder and internal upheaval everywhere that it appears. I know of my own personal mistakes in this area but I also know that we cannot send American troops and what I've learned from the past that we cannot send American troops to assume the burden of fighting for corrupt and repressive governments all the way around the globe. Governments which are unable or unwilling to gain the support of their own people in their own nations in struggles whose outcomes depend not on military force but upon the will and the conviction of the people of those nations no matter what the United States does, no matter how many bombs are dropped, no matter how much napalm is used, no matter how many soldiers are sent, unless the people are willing to make the fight and the effort for themselves we cannot win the struggle for them and we must've learned that. We can and we must assist others, we can help those who are able to help themselves to meet the desires and needs of their own people for justice and independence. But we cannot, we cannot do the job for them. And I am concerned, and I am concerned that we must not deny and postpone the demands of our own people while spending billions in the name of freedom of others in other nations around the globe....AUDIO CUT.....has less real spendable income than he did three years ago while the cost of medical care, groceries, housing, and his children's education continues to raise at record rates. I am concerned about the children on Indian Reservations where the unemployment rate.....AUDIO CUT.....and a happy period when those people suffer as they do within our own country. I'm not content to.....AUDIO CUT.....Mississippi and in other parts of this country. I can't accept that. I have seen them with my own eyes their bodies covered with sores and their stomachs

distended because they haven't had enough to eat and I've talked to the doctors that have examined 'em and said that those children will never be normal again because we here in this country haven't fed them that's on my conscience, it's on your conscience and it's on the conscience of the society that we represent. I am concerned about the children of migrant workers in their nomad camps where there are no decent schools, no decent health facilities and the children live and survive in an automobile. I don't think that's acceptable in the United States in the year 1968 and if I am elected President of the United States I intend to change it. I am concerned about the millions of retired workers who are scraping along.....AUDIO CUT.....I'm concerned that too many of our people especially among the young and the black, the poor and the idealistic feel like strangers in their own country, their problems unseen and their protests unheard. And I am concerned about the city ghettos where frustration waits for summer heat to bake into explosive fury. It is now a month since the death of Martin Luther King, since we looked once again into the bottomless pit of Civil War. In that month there have been calls for brotherhood and there have been warnings against violence but there has been no serious substantive action taken by the United States government and I don't accept that. It's now two months since the report of the President's riot commission. There have been complaints about its contents, reports about past progress, and vague promises about the future. But the demands today are for action. Action to end the dependency of whole communities on a bankrupt welfare system and instead to give men dignified jobs at decent pay, instead of handouts, dole, and welfare. Action to end the destruction of children's spirits in schools which do not teach or enoble pupils actions to enford all Americans a place for full participation in the political life of this country and we must have that action, for this is a year in the last analysis of choice and responsibility. This is a year in which we must decide all of us what

kind of country is this going to be and what kind of men we are. And I know which path I intend to take but I also know that the pleas of political leaders even presidential messages and proposals will not by themselves bring the action that we need or heal the growing divisions among our people but before a nation can act it must want to act. Before it can open opportunity it.....AUDIO

CUT.....therefore the first task of any new administration will be to try to strip away the thin but growing layer of suspicion, hostility, and fear which partially conceals the traditional American values of justice and compassion toward our fellow man. There is no higher obligation.....AUDIO CUT.....as they always have before and in this task of public education organized labor must play an important role. For the most accute division in this country is not between rich and poor or old and young. It is among those whose income is low, among the unemployed negroes, and the white working man who too often views the aspirations of the black man as a threat to his own welfare and to his own security. His life may also be troubled by fear of unemployment, by the rising cost of living, by crime, and by the deterioration of his city, by the purposelessness, and the isolation that inflict many beyond those who are merely materially poor. But these, these people who are so concerned and so disturbed, these are the people that all of you can reach. These are the people that you have always reached in the past. Many of them are.....

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