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STATEMENT FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION
To be read by Bob Oshiro

FELLOW DEMOCRATS:

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF 1964 WILL GO INTO THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH A RECORD TO BE PROUD
OF. THE PARTY IS MOVING AMERICA FORWARD.

WE PLEDGED TO MAKE MORE JOBS AVAILABLE, TO REDUCE
UNEMPLOYMENT AND TO SPEED UP THIS NATION'S ECONOMIC
GROWTH.

SINCE 1961 THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT HAS PUSHED
PAST THE \$600 BILLION MARK.

TWO AND THREE QUARTERS MILLION PEOPLE WHO WERE
JOBLESS 37 MONTHS AGO ARE NOW DRAWING SALARY CHECKS.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESSED THROUGH A TAX BILL
WHICH WILL INCREASE OUR NATIONAL WEALTH BY \$30 BILLION,
CREATE TWO OR THREE MILLION JOBS AND SHARPEN OUR
COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE WORLD MARKET.

NOR HAS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY BEEN FORSAKEN IN
THIS DRIVE FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW FOR ALL AMERICANS.

WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN
STRATEGIC ALERT FORCES BY 100 PER CENT. WE HAVE
INCREASED THE NUMBER OF COMBAT-READY ARMY DIVISIONS BY
45 PER CENT.

WE HAVE BOOSTED THE PROCUREMENT OF AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT BY 175 PER CENT AND WE HAVE INCREASED OUR SPECIAL GUERRILLA AND COUNTER-INSURGENCY FORCES BY 500 PER CENT.

WE PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF EDUCATION TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OUR CHILDREN. AS PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID, WE HAVE MADE MORE PROGRESS TOWARD THAT GOAL SINCE THE LAND GRANT COLLEGE ACT WAS PASSED A CENTURY AGO.

WE INCREASED THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TALENTED BUT NEEDY COLLEGE STUDENTS BY ENACTING LAWS WHICH WILL GIVE THEM \$125 MILLION THIS YEAR AND \$135 MILLION NEXT YEAR. AND WE PROVIDED MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS TO AID IN COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION.

WE EXPANDED OUR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM ON A NATIONAL SCALE TO AVOID HAVING 8 MILLION YOUNGSTERS DROP OUT OF SCHOOL---UNEQUIPPED FOR THE LABOR MARKET.

WE ESTABLISHED A \$175 MILLION PROGRAM TO CONSTRUCT AND REHABILITATE FACILITIES TO TRAIN DOCTORS, DENTISTS, NURSES, OPTOMETRISTS, PHARMACISTS, PODIATRISTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS. THIS MEANS BETTER HEALTH CARE FOR AN INCREASING POPULATION.

WE ARE BUILDING LIBRARIES FOR THE 16 PER CENT OF OUR POPULATION WHO LACKED LIBRARY FACILITIES. WE ARE STEPPING

UP JOB RETRAINING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

WE HAVE TAKEN GIANT STEPS TO SEE THAT EVERY AMERICAN
FAMILY CAN LIVE IN A DECENT HOME AND IN A DECENT NEIGH-
BOORHOOD. WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT 4½ MILLION
HOMES HAVE BEEN BUILT SINCE 1961.

THESE ARE NOT CAMPAIGN PROMISES ANYMORE---THEY ARE
FACTS. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY A
DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESI-
DENTS KENNEDY AND JOHNSON.

AND THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT WHAT THIS GREAT DEMO-
CRATIC ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE AND THAT PRESIDENT
LYNDON B. JOHNSON WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES IN NOVEMBER.

WE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN HAWAII CAN PARTICI-
PATE IN THIS GREAT NOVEMBER VICTORY. WE CAN DO IT BY MAKING
CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE A SOLIDLY UNIFIED DEMOCRATIC PARTY
IN HAWAII.

THERE HAVE BEEN UNDERTONES OF EVIL FORBODING. SOME
AMONG US ARE FEARFUL AT THE PROSPECTS OF A BLOODY PRIMARY
CONTEST. AS A DEMOCRAT AND A MEMBER OF THIS GREAT
HAWAII DEMOCRATIC PARTY I ONLY KNOW THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN A PARTY OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO SET A HIGH VALUE ON
INDEPENDENT THINKING AND THE FREE EXPRESSION OF INNER

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PERSONAL CONVICTIONS. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT WE ARE A
PARTY WHICH CAN TAKE ITS PRIMARY ELECTION CONTESTS IN
STRIDE AND SWEEP TO VICTORY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION
IN HARMONY AND UNITY.

THIS MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF OUR FIRST
GREAT VICTORY IN 1954.

I KNOW WE SHALL ALL CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION WITH
ANOTHER RESOUNDING VICTORY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN
1964.