

sober thinking of citizens representative of the best constructive views within both parties.”

In concluding his remarks, Republican Mayor McKeldin further said:

“As a Democrat, Lyndon Johnson stands ready to join with those who are Republican—as we, in turn, stand ready to join with him—in practicing statesmanship in its true form; that is, as the art of uniting rather than dividing, of reconciling differences rather than aggravating them, of reasoning together rather than plotting against one another from strongholds of isolation.”

Senator Goldwater has nothing in common with the people of Maryland and, in my opinion, he has less in common with you here in Kentucky. In examining his performance, we see that he voted against the President’s tax cut proposal, against the Ohio Valley Flood Control Project to help protect Kentucky and other states; against the Wilderness Bill to conserve our lands including forests in Kentucky; against the Economic Opportunity Act to fight pockets of poverty and against the Cotton Act of 1964 which is vital to both farmers and the textile industry.

If the startling events of the past weeks had any beneficial effect, they served to reaffirm our belief that this nation and this world needs a responsible individual occupying the President’s chair in the White House. There is very little that Barry Goldwater has said or done to win the confidence and trust of the American people and I’m happy to report that, in my meetings with fellow governors and with others throughout this country, the signs point to a resounding Democratic victory on November 3rd.

I was pleasantly surprised, as I am sure was Governor Breathitt, by the strong surge that the President is enjoying throughout the South—a territory that Goldwater supporters had prematurely laid claim to. The reasons for the President’s tremendous popularity among his fellow citizens are not difficult to determine. During President Johnson’s first 300 days in office, he sent 20 messages to Congress, signed more than 400 bills into law, made more than 500 speeches and statements, held more than 30 press conferences and met with more than 20 foreign leaders. He successfully dealt with attacks on U.S. ships in the Tonkin Gulf by ordering a limited attack on Communist North Vietnamese shore bases. He maintained a firm policy on West Berlin by reaffirming our intention to keep it free. He tightened economic sanctions against Cuba and won the