

team that covers the party like an umbrella, not two men from the same philosophic viewpoint.

Q. Do you think the Republicans will nominate Nelson Rockefeller?

A. I'm going to do everything I can possibly do to try to persuade Mr. Rockefeller to become a candidate. I'm going to do everything I can to convert him.

Q. Do you think he has to win Oregon? Do you think he has to get into a primary?

A. Not absolutely necessarily. My viewpoint is that he would be very much helped by entering the Oregon primary. But I'm just one governor looking at my own situation, and I'm sure that there are others in the national scene that would venture the same opinion.

Q. Governor McCall says he would win in Oregon.

A. I think there would be a good chance.

Q. The next question of course is the obvious one. What about Richard Nixon?

A. I like Mr. Nixon. I've always liked him. I admire him. I think he's a wonderfully articulate, intelligent, well-experienced man. There's something that's not quite as warm and personal about, not him as an individual, but about his image as far as the public is concerned. It's possibly a question of timing. Once you've come so close to the summit and failed it's difficult to recapture that impetus that you should have. Well, maybe the same thing applies to Nelson Rockefeller. But I do think, as I talk to people of both parties, that Rockefeller has a certain charm and a charisma around him that makes him the preferential candidate.

Q. Do you think Lyndon Johnson can be beaten?

A. Yes, I think he can be beaten. I think we'd make a mistake to try to second guess him in the international situation. I think the party has plenty of room to talk about situations, the domestic failures of the war on poverty which I think are geared in reverse of what they should be. They're attracting people to the cities. They're impacting the cities, whereas they should be attempting to distribute our impoverished people over a wider geographic and economic base so we can reach the problem quicker.

Q. In the minute we have remaining, Governor, how would you appraise overall the Johnson administration?

A. That's a hard question to ask a Republican. Let me say that as far as I know he's done a good job in the international situation. I