

ADDRESS ACCEPTING VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

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Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, before I make these few remarks I would like to introduce my wife, Judy, and half of my children — my oldest daughter and my what I call middle daughter, Pamela and Susan Agnew.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman and my fellow delegates, fellow Republicans and my fellow Americans.

I stand here with a deep sense of the improbability of this moment. Last night when I faced these microphones to place in nomination one of the truly great Americans of our time, Richard M. Nixon, I honestly had no idea whatsoever that I would be back on this platform to accept this nomination tonight. Obviously, I have had no time to prepare a profound message.

But I do want to emphasize my awareness that I have with this high office, the challenge of this high office, accepted a tremendous responsibility to the party and to all Americans. What can I bring to this moment in behalf of our party and its great Presidential nominee?

Well, perhaps a few objectives born of deep conviction.

The objective to analyze and to help solve the problems of this nation without dependence on the canned philosophy of liberalism or conservatism.

The objective to avoid the currently popular concept that the only purpose of government is to spend money, and that all spending in a good cause is worthy whether or not it will get results.

The objective that racial discrimination, unfair and unequal education, and unequal job opportunities must be eliminated no matter whom that displeases.

And I believe quite compatibly the observation that anarchy, rioting or even civil disobedience has no constructive purpose in a constitutional republic.

I look forward to sharing in an administration in which a President will entrust his Vice President with vital responsibilities for the great problems of the states and the cities.