

For I have a strong belief that changes must be made and that the Nixon administration will make those changes.

I know, I am positive, that there is a better way to balance the complex relationship between Federal, state and local government than presently being exercised.

I know that the Federal government must work more constructively, more creatively and above all, more simply in meeting the problems of prejudice and poverty in our cities.

I know that there is a bright new world of ideas for cities, such as cultural, commercial, industrial centers, and satellite cities, that we're only beginning to explore.

I know that America is reaching for the frontiers of space and I am for it. But I also know we must treat generously the old, the sick and the poor.

We must help build independence and pride in the black community and make black Americans partners in our system.

I also know that more important than words in this campaign and in the next administration will be action, the kind of action that follows from involvement in the problems, and from the closest kind of relationship with the people who are involved in the problems.

In this campaign, I will be speaking with those who, even as I have been, are dealing with these great problems every day. With the Mayors, like my good friend John Lindsay, the Governors, the county executives and Commissioners.

And I will be searching out their views and their priorities.

One last word about the campaign we are about to begin.

I am dedicated to a hard campaign, one that reaches into every area of the country and every set of circumstances, a campaign that brings the message of change to all the people of America. And that will lead from the top of the ticket to the bottom to a great decision for change in November.

I feel that the Vice President must represent more than a region, or an issue, or a special interest.

I feel more important than where a lot of people live is what a lot of people think. I feel more important on a national ticket than a partnership of political expediency is an alliance of ideals, more important than contrast of views in a single focus.