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RE: MORE INAUGURAL THOUGHTS

I. Churchillian constructions

(a) along lines of "In War, Reselution; in defeat, defiance..."

What must America offer in the years to come?

To the able, opportunity; to the ~~mm~~ peer and sick, help;  
to the young, ideals; to the world, friendship; and above  
all, to every man, no matter what his place in life---human  
dignity.

(b) along lines of "we shall fight them in the streets", which  
Churchill took from Clemenceau's "we shall fight them in the  
Pyranees" defiance:

An earlier generation found its moral choicds more cleareut;  
the dangers were more obvious and the causes easier to rally  
'round. But in the relations between the races, there are no  
simple, bääek-and-white answers.

Beneath the complexities is an anoiect enemy: all the  
forces of hatred and violence and injustice, lined up with their  
old allies of ignorance and fear and greed.

We shall combat the tyranny of hatred---from whatever source--  
in our faactories and in our effices; in our schools and in our  
ohurches; in our streets, in our homes and in our hearts.

In this struggle for its national soul, America shall  
never surrender.



## 2. Lincolnian constructions.

### (a) along Gettysburg lines

It is for us, the involved Americans, to usher in a new era of Reconstruction.

In this, the second reconstruction of our history, we shall turn away from the modern-day carpetbaggers who seek to exploit our differences and rouse our hatreds.

We shall reject the arrogance of those who claim superiority of one section, or one class, or one race.

We shall bind up the wounded pride of millions of our countrymen who have had their dignity denied, and in so doing, we shall begin the job of reconstruction.

### (b) along anecdotal lines

We might do well to consider the old Russian proverb: "the shell is needed until the egg is hatched."

We will preserve the shell of our defense for as long as it is needed, but we will never forget the purpose of that strength---to hatch that bird of peace.

## 3. Additional one-liners.

(a) There will always be those who envy and deride our national wealth; but a "nation of shopkeepers" can be a nation of peacekeepers.

(b) And if we must have a slogan, let our slogan be: "Slogans are no substitute for actions."

✓ (c) There is a lesson in our oath of allegiance: we shall be one nation under God, indivisible, only when we provide liberty and justice for all.



4. Some selections of lines from previous Nixon speeches.

22(a) The days of our years will not be labeled the "lost" generation, or the "beat" generation, or the "now" generation; if we choose to make it so, ours can be the great generation.

121 The times call out for the Great Generation, generous of heart, questing of mind, committed of spirit, to lift this world into the next g millenium.

✓ (b) We are told of a man who was seen digging around the walls of his house; when he was asked why, he gave this strange and intriguing replg: "I am letting the dark out of my cellar." That is what we must do now; as we dig for the demands of change, we must let the dark out of our cellars.

(c) In the eyes of the fearful, tomorrow is a threat that must be faced; in the eyes of the hopeful, tomorrow is a vision that must be realized.

An American poet put it this way: "Xdive for dreams, or a slogan may topple you." We must turn away from the old slogans that trigger responses that are no longer responsive; we must dive for the dreams we can make come true.

(d) The American spirit demands an explosion of education into the mind of every child in every corner of this land.

(e) The unspoken voice of America, in its majesty and its mystery, demands articulation by men who sense its new meaning.

Over the past twenty years, I have visited most of the nations of the world.

~~I know what their heads say~~

I have come to know the leaders of the world, and the great forces and the ancient fears and hatreds that divide the world.

I know that ~~a~~ peace does not come through wishing for it -- that there is no substitute for days and even years of patient and prolonged diplomacy.

I also know the people of the world, their hopes and their sorrows.

I know that the hunger of a child, the grief of a mother who has lost her son, the anguish of the destitute -- these <sup>know</sup> have no national boundaries, no ~~sex~~ color, no race.

Love - justice - mercy - these are beyond language.

~~And~~ I know America. I know the heart of America is good.

I have taken an oath today in the presence of God and my countrymen. To that oath, I ~~add~~ this sacred commitment: and all the wisdom I can summon, that I shall consecrate my office, and my energies ~~to~~ to the cause of peace among nations.

~~I shall~~

I ~~shall~~ speak from my heart, and the heart of my country, a the deep concern that I have for those who suffer, wherever they may be. *and those who sorrow,*



Let this message be heard ~~unmistakably~~ by strong  
and weak alike:

The peace we seek ~~is not~~ to win is not victory over any  
other people, but the peace that comes "with healing in its  
wings;" with compassion for those who have suffered; with  
understanding for those who have opposed us; with the opportunity  
for all the peoples of ~~the~~ this Earth to choose their own  
destiny. In ~~the brightening~~ dawn

~~when~~ of ~~the~~ newly possible,  
In ~~the brightening dawn~~, this ~~peace~~ is the peace that  
can light man's way; <sup>The peace that at last came</sup> and lift his ~~ye~~ eyes to ~~the~~ that bright  
infinity where the spirit rules transcend

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It is the hope of this peace that has lifted man's eyes through the centuries to that bright infinity where the spirit rules transcendent; it is toward the hope of this peace that America's <sup>noblest</sup> ~~highest~~ destiny beckons.



In this past third of a century, government has passed more laws, spent more money, initiated more programs, than in all our previous history.\* But we are approaching the limits of what government alone can do.)

In pursuing our goals of full employment, better housing, excellence in education; in rebuilding our cities and improving our rural areas; in protecting our environment and enhancing the quality of life; in all these and more, we will press urgently forward.

The American dream does not come to those who fall asleep.

We shall plan<sup>Now</sup> for the day when our wealth can be transferred from the destruction of war abroad to the urgent needs of our people at home.

\* The <sup>greatest</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>need</sup> is to reach beyond government, ~~to~~ to enlist the legions of the concerned and the committed.

What has to be done, has to be done by government and people together or it will not be done at all. The lesson of past agony is that without the people we can do nothing; with the people we can do everything.

To match the magnitude of our tasks, we need the energies of our people -- enlisted not only in grand enterprises, but more importantly in those small, splendid efforts that make headlines in the neighborhood newspaper instead of the national journal.

With these, we can build a great cathedral of the spirit -- each of us raising it one stone at a time, as he reaches out to his neighbor, helping, caring, doing.



I know that peace does not come through wishing for it -- that there is no substitute for days and even years of patient and prolonged diplomacy.

I also know the people of the world. <sup>have seen</sup> I ~~know that~~ the hunger of a <sup>homeless</sup> child, <sup>the PAIN OF A MAN WOUNDED IN BATTLE,</sup> the grief of a mother who has lost her son, ~~the anguish of the destitute~~ -- <sup>have NO IDEOLOGY OR RACE</sup> I ~~know~~ these ~~know~~ no national boundaries, no color, and no race. <sup>I KNOW</sup>

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Only a few short weeks ago, we shared the glory of man's first sight of the world as God sees it, as a single sphere reflecting light in the darkness.



less familiar lines that might be used:

Force is no answer to despair. It is no answer to those who think they have nothing to lose, whether among the ~~h~~ hungry nations of the have-not world, or among those in our own cities nursing the grievances of centuries. (30)

All history has been a struggle between man's thrust toward ~~z~~ violence and his yearning for peace. One measure of the advance of civilization is the degree to which peace prevails over violence. (31)

We have never been so close to the achievement of a just and abundant society, in which the age-old wants of man are met and the age-old grievances of the disinherited set right. (35)

We cannot be complacent about our country's faults, but neither ~~h~~ should ~~xxx~~ we be apologetic about its strengths. 37

What began in <sup>Armed</sup> rebellion nearly 200 years ago has become a peaceful revolution, and a permanent revolution -- a revolution that has transformed the world, and that has stood for these two ~~x~~ centuries as a beacon for man's aspirations and a symbol of his liberties.

This permanent revolution is not yet finished. Lincoln freed the slaves. Our uncompleted task is to free the



Negro. Franklin Roosevelt promulgated the old, negative freedoms from. Our uncompleted task is to make real the new, positive freedoms to.

The architects of our country provided the means for peaceful change. Our uncompleted task is to damp the fires of violent change, to cement our mastery of the pace of change, and to make the most of our opportunity for constructive change. 37

True unity can only be hammered out on the anvil of free debate, and the sparks from that debate are what today must light the fires of hope. 40

We must be idealists about the goals we seek, but realists about the means of reaching those goals. We must be realists about what is necessary, and also about the limits of the possible -- about the extent to which our resources can be stretched, and about what our power can accomplish. 40

We have reached a point at which we need a new direction. This is a ~~new~~ cause in which liberals and conservatives increasingly are finding common ground. The old New Deal was born in a response to despair and desperation. We now need a new vision that embraces the hopes of an age of opportunity. 44



The American opportunity is neither a black nor a white opportunity -- but if we are to make our nation whole again by making our people one, we must begin with the recognition of a need for a greater black opportunity. The only way to set right the power balance in our cities is to put a greater measure of power in the ghetto....the power the people should have over their own destinies, the power to affect their own communities, the power that comes from participation in the political and economic processes of a society. 45

Whether in defining our role abroad, or in remaking our society at home, we must recognize that we live in a complex and difficult world, in which the realities of ~~xxx~~ power can be cruel and in which the answers are seldom simple. 45

We need a new freedom from dogma, freedom from the old ideologies and the old isms. 45



In asking the people to lend their hands and give of their hearts, the next President will be asking America to be itself again....Only if we restore the spirit of voluntarism to ~~himself~~ its historic place can we heal the deeper troubles ~~that~~ we suffer from. In people helping people, we can find the spiritual cement to put our country together again, and to make <sup>its</sup> our nation whole by making ~~our~~ people one.



To : DC (cc: Ray Price, Hobart Lewis)

From: Safire

Re : Recent Best Nixon Quotes

May 28, 1968.

*PROMISES: One thing worse than not keeping a promise is making a promise that can't be kept. March 28, 1968.*

✓ *ORDER: Change is the essence of progress. But there can be no progress without order, no freedom without order, no justice without order. March 7, 1968.*

*ENTHUSIASM: We need the same energy in positive causes that negative causes enlist. We need helping hands, not marching feet. March 28, 1968.*

*RUNAWAY GOVERNMENT: This nation became great not because of what government did for people, but what people did for themselves.*

*INFLATION: Only if we can make substantial progress toward balancing the federal budget are millions of Americans going to be able to balance their family budget.*

*VOTING AGE: I have always supported the 18-year old vote since the proposition has first been suggested. The reason is not because they are old enough to fight. It is because they are smart enough to vote.*

*SPENDING: In a contest of promises, the man who promises to spend has a clear edge over the man who promises not to spend. The appeal of the spender today is to those people who do not stop to think.*

*LEADERSHIP: When respect for America falls so low that a fourth-rate military power like North Korea dares to seize an American naval vessel on the high seas, then I say it's time for new leadership in Washington---leadership that will restore respect for America around the world.*

*CIVIL RIGHTS: It is time to move past the old civil rights, and to bridge the gap between freedom and dignity, between promise and fulfillment. April 25, 1968.*

✓ *CHANGE: Ours is a chance today to change America and, by our example, to help America change the world. April 25, 1968.*

*WELFARE: We must make welfare payments a temporary expedient, not a permanent way of life; something to be escaped from, not to. May 2, 1968.*

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*FAILURE OF PAST: The old ways have failed, because the Crisis of the Old Order is not the crisis of today. In the ruins of downtown Washington, of Detroit and Watts and Newark, lie the ruins of a philosophy of government that has outlived its origins and no longer speaks to its time. May 2, 1968.*

*NEW ALIGNMENT: No man can predict the ultimate shape of the new alignment that is happening in America today. But I know this: It is alive, it is moving forward, it is rooted in reality, and it calls out for you to come aboard. May 16, 1968.*

*UNITY: We will not seek the false unity of consensus---we will forge a unity of goals, recognized by men who also value their own diversity. May 16, 1968.*

*YOUTH: To the young people of America today, I say this: It's true that you are inheriting a world you never made. But this was also true of every generation. The great, exciting difference is that you live in a world you can change. Feb. 3, 1968.*

*EDUCATION: Education is not the gathering of information; it is the discipline of the mind. And it can only be gained in an atmosphere that accepts a certain amount of discipline. April 26, 1968.*

*TAXES: If we really want to do something about our dollar, the thing to do is not to keep Americans from spending more abroad but to get this Administration to spend less at home. Feb. 28, 1968.*

*(BEST QUOTES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS)*

*Selected from "The Quotable Richard M. Nixon"*

*AMERICA: I believe in the American dream, because I have seen it come true in my own life. 1960.*

✓ *CAUSES: A man who never lost himself in a cause bigger than himself has missed one of life's mountaintop experiences. Only in losing himself does he find himself. Only then does he discover all the latent strengths he never knew he had and which otherwise would have remained dormant. 1962.*

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**GOVERNMENT:** *We must never forget that the strength of America is not in its government, but in its people. And we say tonight there is no limit to the goals America can reach, provided we stay true to the great American traditions. 1960.*

*The role of government is not to take responsibility from people, but to put responsibility on them. It is not to dictate to people, but to encourage and stimulate the creative productivity of 180,000,000 free Americans. That is the way to progress in America. 1960.*

**INFLATION:** *When inflation sets in...the consumer takes a beating; the Administration takes a powder, the farmer takes the rap. 1966.*

**LAWLESSNESS:** *The man who sits silent while society's laws are being openly violated is silently collaborating with the enemies of that society. And the nation which accepts public lawlessness as a legitimate means of dissent has passed a significant milestone on the road to anarchy. 1966.*

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:** *My philosophy has always been: don't lean with the wind. Don't do what is politically expedient. Do what your instinct tells you is right...The politician who sways with the polls is not worth his pay. And I believe the people eventually catch up with the man who merely tells them what he thinks they want to hear. 1962.*

**CONGRESS:** *What this country needs, what the President needs, is a Congress that will stand up to him in defense of the dollar at home and stand up with him in defense of freedom abroad. 1966.*

**THOUGHT:** *Woodrow Wilson's distinction between men of thought and men of action no longer can be made; the man of thought who will not act is ineffective; the man of action who will not think is dangerous. 1967.*

**WAR:** *This generation will have to live with the thought that there will never again be a declared war. A limited conflict would be escalated by a declaration of war; a major conflict would be over before war could be declared. 1966.*

**APPEASEMENT:** *Whenever we have tried to purchase peace at any price, the price is always an installment payment on a bigger war. 1965.*

**WAR ON POVERTY:** *The war on poverty has been first in promises, first in politics, first in press releases, and last in performance. 1966.*

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*YOUTH: Never before has a generation of under-25 Americans felt itself so estranged from the rest of our society, so alienated and isolated. This generation is neither "lost" nor "beat;" it is lonely, partly due to the natural rebelliousness of youth against any established authority, but due largely to an outdated paternalism on the part of our national leaders. 1966.*