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CAMPAIGN SPEECH-LEWISTOWN, MT 10/27/58  
OH #22-25A

SIDE A  
000-049

Democratic National Committeeman(DNC), Greybill(sp), introduces MJM. MJM begins speaking. (The first fourteen minutes of the speech is being carried state-wide. The rest of the speech will be heard only in central Montana. MJM is delighted to be part of the team of Murray, Metcalf, Anderson and Mansfield in the U.S. Congress. He talks about Anderson. He talks about Metcalf. He talks about Murray. He mentions Tom Carney who is running for the clerk of the Supreme Court. Paul Smith on the Railroad and Public Service Commission. Jack Holmes and Arnold Olsen and Jimmy Freeburn. MJM mentions Charlie Russell and Will Rogers.

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MJM mentions that this year it is important to elect Democratic candidates to office. And in 1960 that it is necessary to elect a Democratic President. MJM is willing to assume the responsibility for the good record of the 85th Congress. He lists some of the legislation passed by the Congress. Statehood bill for Alaska. Increase in social security. Two good farm bills that were vetoed by the President. A Community Facilities Bill that was vetoed by the President. Voted to keep the strength up while voting to cut the President's budget request. Passed a good wool bill. Passed a sound highway program. Passed a good labor bill which was defeated by the Republicans. MJM says the Democratic Party can be proud of the leadership in Congress of Lyndon Johnson and Sam Rayburn. MJM responds to President Eisenhower's remarks about the disunity of the Democrats. Even though Democrats disagree with one another, on important issues they unite. He responds to Eisenhower's remarks about the President's plan for labor legislation to curb corruption. MJM responds to Eisenhower's request that women help to reduce the federal budget.

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MJM says the Democrats in Congress have attempted to reduce the federal budget requests of Eisenhower who requested the two highest peace-time budgets in history. He talks about Philip Wylie and the story of the Fifth Horseman. MJM says there needs to be more support for science as a serious intellectual venture. MJM says that the pre-occupation with comfort must be replaced with a pre-occupation with ideas or at least an appreciation of them. Need to place the emphasis on knowledge rather than on wealth or social position. Need for good teachers in math, science and physics in the secondary schools. Pay for good teachers must go

up. He talks about education and pay in the Soviet Union. MJM talks about foreign policy. He says that no policy can stand up to the Sino-Soviet alliance, unless the policy is backed up by strength.

- 150-195 MJM says the Soviet Union only respects power. He talks about military strength, especially the comparative strengths of the U.S. and the Soviets. He criticizes the current Administration for its emphasis on economizing and not given the U.S. the strength necessary. He talks about the Administration's calls to reduce the number of troops in the U.S. armed forces. The Democrats appropriated the money to keep the services at present numbers or higher.
- 196-200 [MJM continues talking and a voice-over of an announcer speaks.]
- 201-249 MJM talks about the Middle East and the crisis potential for the area. U.N.'s function in the area. Need for multi-lateral actions. MJM goes on to talk about internal affairs. He says the number one problem in the country today is the high cost of living. Inflation has been rising. He mentions areas where the dollar has decreased in value.
- 250-299 He talks about the affected groups, workers, elderly, farmers. Increase in interest rates have meant more tax dollars are spent on servicing the national debt. MJM says the present Administration had refused to or has been unable to come up with a program to fight the high cost of living.
- 300-349 MJM talks about farm legislation. Net farm income in Montana has declined since 1952. He mentions Benson(Secretary of Agriculture?). He talks about what has happened during the Benson years for farmers. MJM mentions the Kennedy-Ives labor bill. He talks about the Democratic support for the bill. He talks about labor racketeering.
- 350-399 Labor reform legislation which was defeated by the Republicans and the Republican Administration. MJM talks about the disunity in the Republican Party on the issue of 'right to work' legislation. MJM mentions the actions of the Democrats in reducing the federal budget requests of the President.
- 400-449 MJM talks about foreign policy issues regarding the Far East. He mentions the Formosa Resolution and the Mutual Security Treaty with Free China. He mentions the negotiations going on in Warsaw.
- 450-485 He says that Secretary of State Dulles flew to Formosa to talk with Chiang Kai Shek(sp). MJM thinks it is in

the interest of the U.S. and the free world that the tensions in the Far East are settled peacefully.

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SIDE B

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MJM says that once a decision is made, he hopes that no matter what the person's party affiliation, people will support the decision of the President. MJM says he wants people to go out and vote Democrat on the county ticket from top to bottom. He mentions the candidates who are running on the county ticket. He talks again about the record of the Democratic Party. He hopes that as good Democrats, people will always place their country above their party.

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[End of speech and applause.]

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The moderator says questions will be allowed for the audience to Congressman Anderson and MJM.

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Questioner asks Anderson about him missing roll call votes and being out of the House one-third of the time. Anderson responds. He says he has missed thirty roll call votes in 1957. Most of those votes were missed while he was in the hospital. He mentions the Durham Wheat Bill. He explains further what the roll call votes were about. Questioner asks MJM about a survey of the Crow Indian Reservation regarding wheat and barley.

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MJM says this is the first time he has heard about it, and he asks the questioner to write him a letter and he will look into it. Questioner asks Anderson about his promise of two years past to fight the policies of Benson and what success he has had. Anderson says he wishes he could report that there has been a substantial increase in the income of Montana farmers. But he can't. But the bills which were passed by the Congress were vetoed by the President. He hopes the Congress will be even more under Democratic control so it can over-ride the President's vetoes. A Democratic Congress will keep the prices for grain from being cut further.

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Another questioner asks MJM about the self-determination of the Indians and the sale of reservation land. MJM says the delegation has been doing its best to protect the land the Indians have. He wants to see more protection of the Indians. He doesn't approve of the determination policies of this Administration. Congress must take more of an interest in the Indians. Another questioner asks Anderson if he thinks that the Farmer's Union is socialistic and

undemocratic. Anderson says emphatically no. Another questioner asks MJM about his ideas on education for gifted students. MJM says special attention and emphasis should be placed on the sciences and mathematics.

200-249 Gifted students in other fields should not be overlooked, but the emphasis needs to be on science because we are living in a technical age. The U.S. must cut down the difference in education that exists between it and the Soviet Union. He talks about the Soviet's edge in missile technology. Another questioner asks Anderson about letters and memorials to the Congress. Anderson responds.

250-299 Another questioner asks MJM whether Montana pays more in federal taxes than it gets back. MJM says that Montana gets more back. Last year, for every dollar in taxes sent to Washington, Montana received back \$1.69. This year it will receive \$2.00. He talks about military construction at Glasgow. Another questioner asks Anderson about death benefits and social security.

300-349 Anderson responds. There haven't been enough Democratic votes in Congress to get more social security legislation passed. He accuses the Southern Democrats of being Republicans. Another questioner asks MJM about changes in termination policies for Indians. MJM says he is opposed to the current Administration's proposal on termination.

350-399 Another questioner asks Anderson about other important campaign issues. Anderson talks about the issues in the legislative campaign and the candidates to vote for. Talks about Republican and Democratic proposals for taxes in the state.

400-449 Continues talking about tax proposals. Republicans want a sales tax. A person asks MJM to talk about his experiences as a representative to the United Nations.

450-491 MJM talks some about being a member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. He was assigned to the economic committee. MJM says he believes in the U.N. to bring peace in the world.

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MJM continues talking about the U.N. He mentions the financial responsibility of the countries belonging to the U.N. when they vote in favor of a program. He hopes the veto in the Security Council could be done away with. Another questioner asks Anderson about the spending of the 85th Congress. Anderson responds. He says the record is clear. The Republican program for spending is in the Administration's budget request. The Democrat's program is the appropriations bills passed by the Democratically controlled House. The Democrats trimmed the Republican budget request by almost 6 million dollars. Anderson says the Republicans are the spenders. But the Democrats have provided sufficiently for the defense and welfare of the country.

050-069 Anderson offers his thanks and gratitude for this meeting and opportunity to present his views.

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