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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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Mrs. Sanders, the wife of your governor, tells me this is great quail country. I don't have time today to see if I can flush quail but I do hope I can flush a few voters to the polls.

I've heard Thomasville is called the "Playground of Presidents" and, like any wife with a busy husband, I hope sometime I can persuade Lyndon to come here and play golf and relax in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

My husband is widely known to be a busy and active man -- yes, even a rather urgently active man. But he is also something else. He is a tomorrow-man, a builder-man, a going-ahead man; a man unafraid to run that race with racing time that must be run by all men and nations who do not wish to be left in the slack waters of history.

These are years of immense challenge and also years of immense opportunity. These are years for increasing our total power -- economic, social, and military -- years heralding the defeat of the age-old enemies of poverty that cripple bodies and minds -- years of changing the national climate from fear and distrust to courage and faith.

My main reason for coming here was to let you know that to this Democratic candidate for President and his wife, the South is a respected, valued and beloved part of the country.

The tall men of Georgia are among his closest advisors and trusted friends -- men like Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Senator Richard Russell, Senator Herman Talmadge and Congressman Carl Vinson, and your able young Governor Carl Sanders.

The President has brought with him to the White House many lessons from the past, learned in depression and war and handed down from his Southern forebears who pioneered in the Southwest. It is this more than anything else that lies behind the programs he has fought for, what he calls the requirements of the Great Society.

As we approach November 3, it is you -- all of you across the country -- who have the privilege of choosing our leader. Ten months ago my husband became your President under the most dreadful circumstances. And may I say to you that in those hours that followed a man known to you came to his side offering his help -- President Eisenhower. These have been arduous months. He has worked hard to keep this country on a course of prosperity, and firm strength with imaginative, compassionate planning for those in need. You have had a chance to see his handiwork. I have been proud of his record. I hope you are too.

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