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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S MEETING, LAREDO, TEXAS

Friends: It's a great pleasure to come here to the "Viva Country" of South Texas today. Last night when Judge Kazen and Mayor Martin called and asked me to come down to your reception for Democratic women here today, I promptly accepted. And then, in typical wifely fashion, I called my husband to see if I could accept.

He said, "Go....and take my personal greetings to all those good people." And so, I called back and accepted again....once for him, and once for me.

The President remembers, and I remember, all the years that you have been his friends through times that were good and times that were hard.

Like you, I am proud to be for the Democratic Party from the White House to the Courthouse....for President Johnson and Senator Humphrey, for Governor Connally, for Senator Yarborough, for your Congressman-to-be de la Garza, and for all the other Democrats.

These are "Do-something" men and this is "Do-something" country.

It seems to me that what is afoot in this coming election, is not really a contest between two political parties, but a contest between the philosophies of solving problems, or just deploring them -- the philosophy of "Yes, certainly" or "No, never".

Eleven months ago, on a dreadful day that shook our country, my husband became your President. Since then, he has tried with all that is in him to keep our country on a steady course of economic prosperity, to seek practical ways to help those Americans still in need, and to face the world with firm strength.

And all of us know, that is today's most important need for our leaders.

You know the President as I do....as a busy active man. But you also know that in this campaign, 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.

I am proud of him. I believe you are proud of him. Thank you for inviting me here today and giving me a chance to thank you for all you are doing.

Thank you for the "Viva" spirit you contribute to the Democratic Party.