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Good Evening Everybody:

From Alaska tonight. I am at Juneau, the capital of our forty-ninth state. Although the earthquake did not actually hit this part of Alaska, it's still the number one topic of conversation - and no wonder, since it was the most violent quake ever recorded in North America.

Flying north over Vancouver Island this morning, we looked down on Port Alberni, on the Pacific Ocean side, forty miles up a narrow inlet. The tidal wave from the Alaska earthquake wrecked part of that town. I talked to a Vancouver newspaper man who flew there and he described to me how he saw homes and shops floating down the channel, out to sea. The British Columbia Government is sending three-fourths

of a million dollars there as a relief fund and Ottawa is expected to match that.

But before I talk about Alaska and the earthquake - what I heard upon arrival here in Juneau, let's look at a few headlines in tonight's news.



PRIMARY

SOME THINK THAT TOMORROW'S OREGON PRIMARY
COULD BE DECISIVE. FOR THE FIRST TIME -- ALL THE NAMES
CONSIDERED IN THE RUNNING -- ARE ON THE BALLOT: GOLDWATER,
ROCKEFELLER, LODGE, NIXON, SCRANTON. OH YES, AND SENATOR
MARGARET SCHASE SMITH OF MAINE.

ALTHOUGH LODGE IS GIVEN THE BEST CHANCE,
ROCKEFELLER BACKERS POINT OUT -- THAT THEIR MAN HAS
CAMPAIGNED VIGOROUSLY. AND THEY BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN
CAPTURING VOTES DURING THE PAST WEEK. AND NIXON MAY
MAKE A STRONG SHOWING.

WILL TOMORROW'S OREGON PRIMARY TELL THE STORY?

MAYBE!

EISENHOWER

DURING THE PRECONVENTION PERIOD, THERE WILL BE NO STATEMENT -- FOR OR AGAINST ANYBODY -- BY GENERAL IKE. OUR FORMER PRESIDENT MADE THAT CLEAR -- ON ARRIVING AT HIS GETTYSBURG FARM. SAYING -- HE DOESN'T INTEND TO DICTATE TO HIS PARTY. HE PREFERS TO LET THE CHOICE OF A CANDIDATE BE MADE IN THE USUAL WAY.

BACKERS OF RIVAL CANDIDATES ARE AFRAID THAT SENATOR GOLDWATER MAY GET THE C.O.P. NOMINATION, MAY HAVE IT IN THE BAG BEFORE THE CONVENTION OPENS, AND THAT THE ARIZONA CONSERVATIVE MAY SPLIT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, BECAUSE A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL REPUBLICANS HAVE STATED FLATLY THAT THEY WON'T SUPPORT HIM.

THIS ANTI-GOLDWATER ELEMENT WAS HOPING FOR AN ANTI-GOLDWATER DECLARATION WHICH GENERAL IKE REFUSED TO MAKE.



TEAMSTERS

THE WORD OUT OF THE TEAMSTERS UNION TONIGHT
MAY BE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL. I WONDER -- IF
JIMMY HOFFA CAN READ IT.

TO DROP THE FIGURE OF SPEECH, RIVAL GROUPS ARE
JOCKEYING FOR POSITION INSIDE THE UNION. NOT EXACTLY A
REVOLT -- AGAINST HOFFA. JUST A FEELING THAT SOMEONE ELSE
WILL HAVE TO MIND THE STORE -- WHILE THE TOP MAN IS AWAY.
HOFFA, FIGHTING THAT EIGHT YEAR SENTENCE -- FOR JURY-TAMPERING.

THIS COULD LEAD TO THE EMERGENCE OF -- A RIVAL.
SOMEONE WHO JUST MIGHT SEIZE PERMANENT CONTROL OF THE
TEAMSTERS UNION -- WHILE JIMMY HOFFA IS OTHERWISE OCCUPIED.


JOHNSON

THIS WAS A DAY OF CEREMONIAL FOR PRESIDENT
JOHNSON. ONE -- RATHER PLEASANT. MISTER JOHNSON, VISITING
CAPITOL HILL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EATING CREOLE GUMBO.
A DELICACY FROM THE BAYOU COUNTRY -- THAT SENATOR ELLENDER
OF LOUISIANA SERVES TO HIS COLLEAGUES ONCE A YEAR.

THE SECOND -- RATHER DIFFERENT. HE FLEW TO
Representative
MISSOURI FOR THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE ~~SENATOR~~ CLARENCE CANNON.
LYNDON JOHNSON AND CLARENCE CANNON DID NOT ALWAYS AGREE --
WHEN THEY WERE IN THE SENATE TOGETHER, AND WE HEAR RESPECTED
ONE ANOTHER, AND AS PRESIDENT, L.B.J. DECIDED TO PAY HIS LAST
RESPECTS IN PERSON. AS DID ANOTHER MISSOURIAN, FORMER
PRESIDENT TRUMAN.



McNAMARA

THE TWO KEY WORDS IN THE SECRET McNAMARA REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ARE SAID TO BE THE WORDS "ESSENTIAL AND EFFECTIVE". MEANING THAT SOUTH VIET NAM MUST HAVE AMERICAN AID. THIS "ESSENTIAL". AND WITH THAT AID -- WE CAN WIN THE WAR AGAINST THE RED GUERRILLAS. "EFFECTIVE".

IN OTHER WORDS, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS COME BACK FROM SAIGON -- CONVINCED THAT THE CURRENT STRATEGY IS RIGHT. THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS ADDITIONAL AMERICAN AID. WITH EMPHASIS ON -- AMERICAN TECHNICIANS TO TRAIN THE VIETNAMESE ARMY. A BIG BUILD-UP OF AMERICAN TROOPS FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. "OUR IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR THAT," SAID SECRETARY McNAMARA. CARRY THE WAR -- INTO NORTH VIETNAM? "NOT CONTEMPLATED UNLESS THE SITUATION CHANGES DRASTICALLY."

ETNA

THE MOLTEN LAVA FROM ERUPTING MOUNT ETNA --
FLOWING FOR THREE MILES. A HISSING BOILING, BURNING RIVER
OF LIQUID ROCK -- MOVING RELENTLESSLY DOWN THE SLOPE OF
ETNA -- CARVING A PATH OF DESTRUCTION -- THAT RESEMBLES THE
LETTER "S". ONE FOREST OF EVERGREEN HAS ALREADY BEEN DEVoured
BY THE MOLTEN LAVA AND THE VILLAGES BEYOND -- WILL BE IN
IMMINENT DANGER IF THE FLOW OF LAVA DOESN'T STOP. AND TONIGHT THERE'S
NO INDICATION THAT IT WILL. THE WORST ERUPTION OF THE CENTURY
IS STILL FORCING LAVA UP FROM THE BASE OF THE VOLCANA, HURLING
IT OUT THROUGH CRACKS IN THE CRATER WITH TITANIC FORCE.

MOUNT ETNA, THE SICILIAN FIRE MOUNTAIN.

POET

THE LENINGRAD DESCRIPTION OF YOSEF BRODSKY --

SOUNDS LIKE A BEATNIK POET ALL RIGHT. WE ARE TOLD THAT YOSEF
BRODSKY DOESN'T DO "SOCIALY USEFUL WORK". DOESN'T HAVE ANY
"VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT". DOESN'T WANT -- A JOB.

WHAT DOES HE WANT? WHY HE WANTS TO SIT IN
BEATNIK JOINTS IN LENINGRAD AND READ HIS POETRY ALOUD.
POETRY? THE STAID CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET CITY ON THE BALTIC
-- ARE COMPLETELY BAFFLED BY JOSEF'S VERSES. BAFFLED BY
PHRASES LIKE "INTROSPECTIVE; TRANSMOGRIFICATIONS, AND THE
COLORLESS CRIMSON OF THE MOTIONLESS ACT."

RESULT -- YOSEF BRODSKY, BANISHED. FIVE YEARS
IN SIBERIA -- FOR THE BEATNIK POET OF LENINGRAD. OFF TO SIBERIA
FOR YOSEF.

AND NOW -- NOT TO SIBERIA -- BUT TO WHEREVER
YOU ARE, DICK.

FINAL ITEM

First - I want to salute Governor Bill Egan for the tireless way he has been working for our 49th state during this period of emergency. Here is an excerpt from my first broadcast a few days ago: One of the first persons I met upon arrival here at Juneau was Bob Wells, Head of the local Chamber of Commerce wearing a button reading "Help Rebuild Alaska Committee". The plan is to organize in every city and town on the state - and the hope is that other Americans, in other states, will join in this. A definite plan will be announced in a few days.

Although Anchorage, Seward, Valdez, Kodiak and other places hit by the great earthquake are hundreds of miles - some nearly a thousand miles to the west of where I am tonight, my radio engineer on this Juneau broadcast was living in Anchorage, and lost his home, in the Turnagain section where Lowell Junior lost his home. Derris O'Day tells me that

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ALTHOUGH ANCHORAGE, SEWARD, VALDEZ, KODIAK AND OTHER PLACES HIT BY THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE ARE HUNDREDS OF MILES -- SOME NEARLY A THOUSAND MILES TO THE WEST OF WHERE I AM TONIGHT, MY RADIO ENGINEER ON THIS ^{Juneau} BROADCAST WAS LIVING IN ANCHORAGE, AND LOST HIS HOME, IN THE TURNAGAIN SECTION WHERE LOWELL JUNIOR LOST HIS HOME. DENNIS O'DAY TELLS ME THAT WHEN HE WENT TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIS WIFE,

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when he went to see what had happened to his wife he found she had gotten out in time, but his house had split in two, was hanging on the edge of the bluff and in some strange way the earthquake had put a neighbor's home right underneath his house. Homeless, he has brought his family, temporarily, to Juneau, where he formerly lived and went to school.

And now Dennis O'Day turns the dials to put me on and take me off the air here at Kiny - here at Alaska's picturesque and dramatic capital just below the vast Juneau icefield where in past years I have spent some time skiing. In fact I predict that some day skiers will come here from far and wide because there is nothing in the other states, or in Europe, or in the Andes to compare with the area in the mountains just back of the Mendenhall Glacier.