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Pay Taft a compliment

I did something this afternoon which I think may be in violation of the Hatch Act. I made a campaign contribution to Joe Martin.

I wrote out a quit claim deed to Joe - I am fond of Joe you know giving all my right, title and interest politically to - John L. Lewis.

I was intrigued by the skit on the ~~ph~~ prophets of the

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Wisconsin election. Some of our best newspaper reporters and writers - not the ordinary gossip column variety gave us the lowdown on that primary - and I believed them. How wrong they were. I have good reason to believe they are just as wrong about Nov. 2.

You see this is a great gathering we have all the candidates for President here - in both parties with two

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or three exceptions. One of them is examining the grass roots of Nebraska. That's a compliment to you and Harold Stassen, Bob.

Now we've had our fun and I've enjoyed it all as much as anyone here but last night was a most miserable one for me — and I've spent many like it lately.

Our great Secretary of State was in grave danger as were a number of other top officials

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of our government. I've had many situations like it.

Greece & Turkey, Palestine two of them with the Yugoslavs and a half dozen with Russia which no one knew anything about — and which could not be broadcast.

Never in our history have we been faced with such conditions — and a presidential campaign year. The campaign must go on, but remember the safety of the world and

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ourselves are inextricably tied together. We must meet the responsibility that Almighty God has given us to meet.

To do it we must have complete cooperation from the waters edge - at home it is not so important. To date we've had that cooperation.

There are certain things that should not be campaign issues. You news men and the candidates all know what they are. I am asking

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all of you to put the world interest of this great country first — and our special and political interests second.

I know you'll do it. You are all patriots first. You all want peace — that's all I want and I'll make any sacrifice to get it my personal interest is of no moment.