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Statement Supporting New Administration

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Ham Calvin Coolidge
State House
Boston Mass.

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you. ~~My very American with~~
~~you~~, I trust that under
the administration of Mr.
Harding and yourself the
nation will prosper and ~~move~~
~~forward~~ ~~in~~ prosperity,
and the ~~unselfish~~ ^{on the} ~~drabs~~ ^{drabs} of
Americans ~~to~~ which unprejudiced
citizens of all parties desire.
~~You will have opportunity to~~

public demand from every section
of the country, the next President
has

They occupy a strategic position
never ~~before~~ in modern times
accorded to an administration
for they combine a Senate
and House ~~of~~ apparently of the
same political faith with
a demand on the part of the
public that action be taken
^{for the} ~~along the~~ national rather
than political ~~line~~ the partisan good

Furthermore the new Administration
will have for the first time the
political power of the women
of the country to support them
in the reforms affecting education,
hygiene, and welfare of our
children which ^{political leaders have} ~~would now have been~~
^{so often neglected as} ~~regarded as~~ being peculiarly within the
province of the home rather than
of the State.

Right minded people will
gladly cooperate to attain these ends if
they are ~~unselfishly sought and~~

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Statement by Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Wednesday, November Third, 1920, one-thirty, P. M.

I trust that Americans of all parties will give wholehearted support to the new administration in working out problems that confront us. The result of the election in no way changes the duty of this country to join with the other nations in the splendid effort to solve international difficulties, to end militarism and to avoid future wars for all time.

A general awakening among the voters of the country as to the need of an immediate and broad reorganization of the archaic administrative machinery of the government and the business methods of the Congress affords an opportunity to Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge for constructive leadership. The occupy a strategic position never in modern times accorded to an administration, for they combine a Senate and House apparently of the same political faith with a demand on the part of the ~~people~~ public that action be taken for the national rather than the partisan good.

Furthermore, the new administration will have for the first time the political power of the women of the country to support them in the reforms affecting education, hygiene, and welfare of our children which political leaders have so often neglected as being peculiarly within the province of the home rather than of the State.

In all honest and continuing effort in these directions the new government will, of course, have my hearty support.

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