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STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN STEWART L. UDALL ON HIS RE-ELECTION

I am naturally gratified at this vote of confidence in my first-term record, and I want to thank my many friends in Arizona's second congressional district who made this victory possible.

At the same time, I want to commend my opponent, Jack Speiden, for the clean and vigorous campaign he conducted. It was encouraging that the 1956 campaign was largely free from the rancor which marked the 1952 and 1954 campaigns.

The nation has expressed overwhelming support for President Eisenhower, and I join all Americans in earnestly hoping that the President's health will be unimpaired during his second term so that he will have the great energies required to guide the destiny of our country.

Though he was defeated, Adlai Stevenson conducted an admirable campaign, attempting to delineate the great issues of our time. In 1952, and again this year, he has done much to raise the level of our political life.

In an unprecedented action the people have expressed confidence in the Democratic Party in Congress by choosing a coalition government at a presidential election.

I firmly believe the Democratic leaders of Congress, following the pattern set during the 84th Congress, will provide the type of constructive opposition which puts the nation's interest first and partisan political advantage second.

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