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As Senator John F. Kennedy waits for results in the 1960 Presidential election, Vice President Richard Nixon gives a concession speech to supporters.

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Transcript

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NARRATOR: At his Hyannis Port, Massachusetts residence, the Democratic candidate and his wife stoically waited out the returns, as did Vice President Nixon on the other side of the country, who even made a quick trip across the border for an election day lunch. That night, Mr. Nixon appeared at local GOP headquarters with his wife, to cheers of campaign workers. At almost 4:00 a.m., he virtually acknowledged defeat.

RICHARD NIXON: As I look at the board here, while there are still some results still to come in, if the present trend continues, Mr. Kennedy, Senator Kennedy, will be the next president of the United States. I want, I want Senator Kennedy to know, and I want all of you to know, that certainly if this trend does continue, and he does become our next president, that he will have my wholehearted support and yours too.