[First Kennedy-Nixon Debate]

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16mm, b/w, kine, sof, 2116’ (two reels)
Fair pix (scratched), fair sound (fuzzy in spots)

This debate originated in CBS studios, Chicago. Each candidate made an opening statement of 8 minutes and a closing statement of 3 minutes. Howard K. Smith was the moderator; Sander Vanocur, Charles Warren, Stuart Novins and Bob Fleming questioned the candidates after their opening remarks. The subject of the debate was domestic policy. The complete text is available in Senate Report 994 Pt. 3. Freedom of Communications Pt. 3 “Kennedy-Nixon on Radio and Television" PP.73-92.

Shot List

Reel 1
0-#3
2-36 Howard K. Smith's introductory remarks
36-294 John F. Kennedy's (JFK) opening statement
298-590 Richard M. Nixon's (RMN) opening statement
598-1166 Question and answer period ending with JFK's remark “Whatever is brought in I think that we can finance essential programs within a balanced budget if business remains orderly.” p.83

Reel 2
0-1st action frame
0-920 Continuation of question and answer session as well as closing statements; opens with RMN’s response “I think what Mr. Nevins was referring to”... p. 83
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