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ESP Network Tunes in On His Hidden Thoughts

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IN ALMOST every election with in the perilous times in the United States (except ahead." where someone ran unopposed) there is a winner and a loser, and American tradition demands that the loser show good grace and make a concession speech. But what he says and what he is thinking at the moment are not necessarily the same thing.

Thanks to the exact science of extrasensory perception, I am able to reveal what a candidate was thinking while he was making his concession speech on the networks early Wednesday morning. He began:

"First, I want to thank all the people who worked so hard and so long in my campaign for nothing and who believed in me and what I stood for."

(*But he was thinking, "If I had to do it all over again, I would have hired a professional outfit that would have at least known what the hell we were doing."*)

"I can't praise too highly my campaign manager, Hiram Hathaway, who worked tirelessly on my behalf at great sacrifice to himself and his family."

(*"All he made me promise him was a Federal judgeship, if I won."*)

"I would also like to say that I know that although my wife Betty is disappointed, I doubt if I could have gotten through the past year without her loyalty and love and understanding."

(*"She told me from the start I didn't have a chance and as far as she was concerned, I was nuts to even get into the race."*)

"As far as my opponent is concerned, I wish to congratulate him on the victory, which he won fairly and squarely."

(*"In one of the dirtiest campaigns in political history."*)

"I know that he will serve his state and country to the best of his ability, and I shall do everything in my power to support him in the great problems he will have to deal

(*"That is, if he isn't indicted in the next year for vote fraud."*)

"I would be less than candid if I didn't admit that I was disappointed in the results. But in this great country we can't all be winners and I shall continue to serve the public in any capacity that is demanded of me."

(*"It's going to be interesting to see who makes up my \$1 million campaign deficit."*)

"I might mention at this time how grateful I am to the press, who treated me fairly and called the shots as they saw them."

(*"I never saw such a bunch of prejudiced, lying bunch of hacks in my life. They couldn't write the truth if it was shoved down their throats."*)

"As for television, I'd like to say how grateful I am to the TV stations, who provided me with free time to tell my side of the story."

(*"At 6:30 in the morning."*)

"It's true I didn't have as much money as my opponent to buy TV time."

(*"It pays to have a rich wife at election time, even though she's ugly as sin."*)

"But I don't blame the lack of money on my defeat."

(*"Not much."*)

"If there were any mistakes made in this campaign they were mine, and I must take responsibility for them."

(*"If you believe that one, you're stupider than I thought you were."*)

"The important thing now is to heal the wounds and go forward together as one people, one Nation under God with liberty and justice for all."

(*"That's not a bad phrase. I think I'll use it in the next campaign."*)

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