

[Richard Goodwin], speechwriter for both the Senator and President Kennedy, said Friday*that McCarthy is the only candidate now who represents the forces against the status quo. The former Kennedy aide, in an interview tih NBC, said McCarthy represents Kennedy's views on the Vietnam war and on poverty better than any other candidate. Goodwin said he thought it would be difficult now for McCarthy to defeat Vice-President Hubert Humphrey but added that 75% of the Democrats who voted in state presidential primaries had voted against the status quo. He said he found it hard to believe that the Democratic Party would deny the nomination to a candidate who reflected the views of the majority of the party. That would be McCarthy, in Goodwin's view. Goodwin said a national write-in campaign for McCarthy might be the only outlet left. He offered to rejoin McCarthy's campaign staff, if the Minnesota senator wanted him.

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