

AS FOR THE PRESIDENCY

( PHONE RINGS)

HELLO, HELLO, HELLO..  
YES, THIS IS JOHN DOE!  
-WHAT SAY?

MAKING A SURVEY..  
TO GET OPINION OF SEVERAL MILLION-  
WHO'D LIKE TO BE PRESIDENT--  
THAT WHAT YOU MEANT? ..  
WELL, SPEAKING FOR ME..PERSONALLY..  
AS OF TODAY.....NO WAY!  
REASONS WHY?..

I CAN STACK 'EM UP SKY-HIGH---

TO GET TO THAT EXALTED SPOT  
CALLS FOR THE WHEREWITH I AINT GOT.  
IN THE WORLD OF POLITICS ANYTHING GOES,  
(GOT THAT ON THE Q.T. FROM ONE WHO KNOWS--  
HE'S ACE IN THE GAME ..OH NO..NO NAME!

AND ONCE IN THE MAIN HOUSE, NATIVES START  
TEARING THE NATION'S CHIEF APART--  
NO TIME SHED COAT, NO TIME REST HAT--  
NO TIME LOOK 'ROUND TO SEE WHERE AT..  
NO TIME TO SET ALL WRONG THINGS RIGHT-  
MUST PERFORM MIRACLES OVERNIGHT!  
(BUT HASTE MAKES WASTE\*SPEED SELDOM PAYS..  
WHATEVER THE OPTION..TAKE THIRTY DAYS!)

-IS EVER A PRESIDENT SURE A FRIEND  
WONT DRIFT WITH THE TIDE, AND BETRAY IN THE END?--  
SO MANY DECEIVE.SO FEW BELIEVE..  
IT'S CHECK , DOUBLE-CHECK--.EACH PROPOSITION.  
WHATEVER THE ISSUE, IS VIEWED WITH SUSPICION.

OFT BALKED BY THE CONGRESS, PREZ WAKES THRU THE NIGHT  
TO PRAY AND TO PONDER THE COURSE THAT IS RIGHT -  
HOW TO PROTECT\*\* HOW SOLVE THE RIDDLE..  
WHETHER USE FORCE..OR HEDGE IN THE MIDDLE???

\*\*COMPELLED, AS OUR HOST, IN ELEGANT STYLE  
TO ENTERTAIN DIPLOMATS OOZING WITH GUILE;  
(IF I, JOHN DOE, DOUBT A MAN, HE WILL KNOW IT..  
THERE'S NO PROTOCOL STATES THAT I MUSTN'T SHOW IT.)

--ORGANIZATIONS...MULTIPLE RACES..  
ALL CLAIMING RIGHT TO KICK OVER THE TRACES;  
BOMBINGS AND RIOTS..ATTEMPTS NEVER STOP  
TO MAIM AND TO MURDER THE MAN AT THE TOP.

GUARD HIM WELL AS YOU MAY, AND BRAVE HE MAY BE,  
HE DWELLS IN THE GLOOM OF UNCERTAINTY..  
LIKE EV'RY LEADER IN EV'RY LAND..  
WITH A CROWN ON HIS HEAD..HIS HEART IN HIS HAND.

WOULD I LIKE TO BE PRESIDENT? HELL, NO!  
I'M SATISFIED BEING JUST PLAIN JOHN DOE.

*This first copy for*  
*Gene Lee Mason*  
*Era Jessye*  
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(Kansas Ambassador for the Arts)