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1. S.V. I come tonight to make my appeal to this great city of Liverpool. In the most momentous election that I have ever seen I have been many times in Mersey side I was brought up politically in Lancashire. I have spoken in all the great cities. On many occasions I have seen party ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ fashions ran high at home or dangers threatened our country from abroad. It was all very vivid and exciting somehow or other I never had the same feeling, No, not even in the war and as I have now that the whole future of our country is hanging in the balance.

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2. S.C.U. ... not confined to only one party, but we cannot go on like this. What we need is a period of steady stable administration by a broadly based government, wielding a national power and content to say it serves the nation's interests. rather than give party satisfaction. What is required is a government with the power to carry on tolerant non-partisan non-doctrinaire system of policy for a considerable time. We need four or 5 years of calm resolute

policy and administration to enable us after we have been through to regather our inherent strength and allow our native qualities to shine forth and earn their reward. This will be no vindictive triumph for Tories over Socialists no dull exclusion of Liberal and independent forces but rather a period of healing and revival. If this purpose is to be achieved there is to be no subversion in class or privilege at home and no reflexion from our known and agreed policy of acting with the other free democracies with strength patience and firmness.

We must do this in order to prevent a renewal in catastrophic form of the horrors of war. The only foundation is a parliament, an enduring parliament which will pass its broad shield over our island and with its safety for itself will help us to get well after all we have gone through. I therefore ask for a substantial and solid majority to bring to an end this period of unavoidable but dissonant party strife. Let the nation get on with its work with the least possible political interference . and promote the greatest possible measure of agreement

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among ourselves if possible. So far as the Conservative party is concerned our whole effort will be directed towards national recovery both at home and abroad and we recognize that cannot be done without a very considerable measure of good will from the great majority of the people.

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3. L.V. In the year of darkest peril, we had given all we had freely and without stint from first to last. Very different will be the inheritance which it may be our duty to take over from Mr. Attlee and his friends in a few weeks time. but we do not fear it. We have not lost faith in our race and in our destiny we are ~~not~~ the same people the same island as we were in the great days we can all remember. Our spirit is unconquerable our ingenuity unsurpassed our latent resources are unmeasured our ~~de~~ling unities are enduring we have but to cast away ~~with~~ by an effort of will these ~~enfeeling~~ tendency and fallacies of socialist socialism. Free ourselves from ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ rule then to stand erect once more to take place among the great powers of the world. Never shall we lose our faith and courage. Never shall we fail in ~~their~~ exertion and resolve