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Senator McCarthy speaking:

Abraham Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln once said -- made a statement -- which I think applies very well to the situation which we face today. He said this. He said, "At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? By what means shall we fortify against it? Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step across the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never. All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a single drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years." -- still quoting Lincoln -- he says, "At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected?" Lincoln says, "I answer if it ever reaches us it must spring up among us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction is our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we must live through all time or die by suicide."

Well about two years ago, tonight, almost to the day, I started to publicly discuss the deliberate, planned suicide of this nation.