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The following question and answer (in themselves complete and verbatim) from a press conference given by President Lyndon Johnson on July 24 may be of interest :-

"Q. Mr. President, will you give us your reaction to the attacks being made on Senator Goldwater by foreign officials and the foreign press?

A. I think that the American people are perfectly capable of making their own decision with regard to the parties and the candidates, and I think that they will do that without the necessity of advice from anyone abroad."

The exchange throws some light on the American attitude towards the sort of criticism made by Mr. Calwell of the Republican candidate, Senator Goldwater, and Mr. Calwell's criticism of the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, for withholding comment on the United States election.

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