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"An effective political party must be responsive to the needs of its constituents and responsible in the exercise of its power. to be such a party it must be constantly alert to the need for reforming its structures and its procedures to insure maximum opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process. The McGovern Commission has engaged in a searching and honest examination of the problems of party reform. Its ^{guidelines} ~~recommendations~~ provide us with a base on which to build a more effective party, which is responsive and responsible."