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Dedicated men and women from all parts of the United States and with varying backgrounds operate the American Government. The President, as Chief Executive, bears the greatest burden of responsibility of any one man. He and the Vice President, elected by the people, are assisted in their duties by officials personally selected by the President.

America's system of Federal Government is derived from the Constitution of the United States, written in 1787. The power and responsibility of government is divided among three separate branches: the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial. The power of each branch is limited by certain related powers of the other two branches. The resulting checks and balances ensure America's historic theme of government: rule by the majority, limited by the rights and privileges of the minority.

2-12. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, second ranking member of the United States Government. In the event of the disability of the President, the Vice President automatically becomes President for the remainder of the four-year term of office. (63-2052)



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