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## Richard Nixon's "Checkers" Speech and Enthymemes

In 1952, Richard Nixon was the candidate for the position of Vice President of the United States, running with Dwight Eisenhower. When rumors of dubious campaign funding reached the press, *The New York Post* published "Secret Rich Men's Trust Fund Keeps Nixon in Style Far Beyond His Salary." Nixon had allegedly accepted \$18,000 worth of illegal contributions (equal to about \$140,000 today).

Nixon knew he had to respond to the charges about questionable campaign contributions; he decided to do so in a live television broadcast on September 21, 1952. The result was his famous "Checkers" speech, which is considered to have saved his spot on the Republican ticket. (Nixon mentions the family dog, Checkers, claiming the dog was the only campaign gift he and his family had accepted.)

Consider the following section from Nixon's speech, a section in which he explains why, despite the charges against him, he will not bow out of the campaign\*:

"I don't believe that I ought to quit, because I am not a quitter. And, incidentally, Pat's not a quitter. After all, her name was Patricia Ryan and she was born on St. Patrick's Day, and you know the Irish never quit."

In the spaces below, unpack two different enthymemes from this passage. It may be easier to make both of your answers deal with Nixon's wife, Pat. (There are at least three possible enthymemes relating to her in that passage.)

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