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REMARKS  
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
WYOMING STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
RAWLINS, WYOMING  
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Or are we going to turn inward and let the fate of mankind be decided in this nuclear age without American participation?

Are we going to be the architects of our future or the captives of our past?

The right answers are clear enough -- but they are not the easy ones.

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"Peace and freedom do not come cheap, and we are destined -- all of us here today -- to live out most if not all of our lives in uncertainty and challenge and peril."

The most important business you and I have, between now and November 5, is to see that our fellow Americans are ready to take on the task of building the kind of future we all want. For if we don't, nobody else will.

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And that is why America is out in front today.

That is why our federal investment in education in the last four years has been twice what it was in the previous century. That is why we are investing three times as much in health today as we were in 1964.

But what of America's future as we look ahead in 1968?

The headlines tell us daily of communities in turmoil because of injustice and inequity...children hungry when granaries are full...a welfare system that represses rather than liberating...empty farm houses and idle acres...smog, congestion, pollution...blighted opportunity.

Yes, there is plenty of unfinished business before our American democracy.

America needs now a full commitment to the American Dream... to the idea that we can take the future in our hands and make it what we want it to be.

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The story can be told right here.

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There are industrial sites and home sites in a nation seeking an alternative to big cities...crowding...pressure...the loss of personal identity.

There are recreational opportunities here for a people with increasing leisure.

In a time when our vision is too constricted by city walls, Wyoming offers horizons which are, as Thoreau once put it, "beyond our elbows."

But unless we are conscious enough of our national future to protect and develop those resources, we are going to lose them.

Unless we plan today, the 100 million new Americans who will be with us by the end of this century -- scarcely 30 years from now -- will be confined to giant, sprawling, depersonalized places where real horizons are unknown.

Unless Rawlins and towns like it across America grow, and unless we have the courage to build new towns as your founders did a century ago, I see no solution to what we have come to call the "urban crisis."

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We can do the job. We have the wealth, the skills and the resources.

We simply have to make the decision to do it.

The war in Vietnam will end one day.

We will have resources available for better schools, more job training, a heavier investment in our cities -- national development of every kind...including the development of our people.

What will happen after Vietnam?

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Will economic stagnation cost us the savings of peace?

Will we have to settle for second-class goals in a first-class country -- just because we weren't ready?

No, we can't afford a failure of foresight at this point in our fast-moving history.

We can't afford to be a nation that missed its chance.

And we needn't.

It will take unity.

It will take faith in our Democratic principles.

It will mean overruling those who would build themselves up by running America down.

But I think we can do it.

You've all heard about the New Economics. Well let me tell you that we can have a New Democracy in our country -- if we plan for it now and work for it now.

If we do, we can have an America

free of slums...

free of dissension...

free of bigotry...

free of illiteracy...

free of fear and hate...

filled with opportunity - opportunity for work...for self-expression...for first class citizenship for all our people.

An America where individual people can make real choices about their lives.

That's the America I see.

Together we're going to make that America come true.

We have started.

We know the ways and means -- and we will find new ones.

The only question now is: Do we have the will to do the full job?

I know I have.

I know you have.

I believe the American people have the will.

I intend to call it forth.

I intend to win the nomination of our party.

I intend to lead our party to victory in November.

I ask your help.

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① Mike Manatos

① Gale Mc Gee  
& Lorraine

① Cong Wright!!  
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Letter ① George Economy  
(Carbon County ch)  
40 yrs of Service

REMARKS ① Mrs L.H.

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Children  
Dad + Mom!

3 H's  
(Hope, Heart, Humanity)

① Branding Iron  
(Women Democ  
Grant Carter  
County)

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Work to do  
& men & women to death

# Wyoming the <sup>4</sup> Equality State

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## The West - "Frontier of Opportunity"

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# When? Now & Tomorrow

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(Note: McGee means to announce his support for HHH as he introduces him. McGee says the theme of the speech should be party and national unity -- a straight-out Democratic speech. He was not very enthused about the recreation-horizons idea).

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Our opponent -- at least it looks as he will once again be our opponent -- has already advanced the notion that we might as well admit that we are already doing everything we can in terms of resources and public effort to meet those problems.

It is more of the old, familiar refrain, "Time for a Pause."

It's more of that same old Republican formula which measures the problem but not the potential.

It is just not good enough for America in 1968.

What will happen to Rawlins, Wyoming, if we decide to let ourselves be dragged into the future looking backwards?

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