EXCERPTS FROM REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

ANNUAL CONVENTION,
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY, AIRLINE AND
STEAMSHIP CLERKS,
FREIGHT HANDLERS AND STATION EMPLOYEES,
AFL-CIO-CLC
MIAMI, FLORIDA
MAY 28, 1971

001830

May 27, 1971

TO:

Senator Humphrey

FROM:

Ursula

FYI: Senator Bayh spoke to BRAC on Monday

Senator Tunney on Thursday

Senator Hughes at 10 am Friday, May 28, 1971

Senator Humphrey at 2:00 pm Friday, May 28th, 1971

IN THE NEXT 10-12 YEARS, WE WILL NEED AN INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST 30 BILLION DOLLARS IN MASS TRANSIT, THIS IS THE MEASURE OF HOW WE HAVE NEGLECTED THIS MOST VITAL PART OF WHAT SHOULD BE A BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THE SERVICE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED HAS BEEN SHOCKING AND IT'S GETTING WORSE. Fares continue to Rise customers are being driven away. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IS GETTING OUT OF THE BUSINESS AS FAST AS THE CAN - AND I DON'T BLAME THEM IN THE LAST 20 YEARS OVER 300 TRANSIT COMPANIES HAVE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS THREE-FOURTHS OF THE FAILURES WERE IN CITIES OF LESS THAN 50,000. THE POOR AND THOSE TRAPPED IN THE INNER CITIES ARE DEPRIVED OF THE CHANCE TO TRAVEL TO WHERE THE JOBS ARE.

THE AREAS MOST IN NEED HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THE LEAST

HELP A REALLOCATION OF FUNDING HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE

CONCRESS IN THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF

L970, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND \$10

BILLION OVER A PERIOD OF 12 YEARS, BUT THE OTHER \$20 BILLION

MUST COME FROM THE STATES AND LOCALITIES.

How are they to achieve this needed financing when they already are broke or rapidly going broke? Right now, our states and cities have submitted more than 100 applications for capital grants for mass transit improvement and construction — totalling over \$7 billion Part of the solution would be establishment of a National Domestic Development Bank to provide a Major New source of capital funds and technical assistance.

I HAVE JUST INTRODUCED SUCH LEGISLATION THROUGH DIRECT

FEDERAL GRANTS, REDIRECTION OF SOME OF THE FUNDS POURING INTO

THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, PLUS LONG-TERM FINANCING AVAILABLE

THROUGH SUCH A DEVELOPMENT BANK, WE CAN BEGIN TO MEET THE

MASS TRANSIT CHALLENGE OF THE DECADES AHEAD.

JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS PLANNING, NOT JUST TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING, TO THE WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES WHAT

E IN THE YEARS AHEAD IN TRANSPORTATION, POWER GENERATION

and transmission, and financing our national growth?

JUST WHAT IS THE MEASURE OF THE PROBLEM?

Trungentation, By This Time Tomorrow, There will be 6,000 More AUTOMOBILES

ON THE ROAD. THIS INCREASE GOES ON DAY AFTER DAY.

RIGHT NOW WE HAVE OVER 111,000,000 VEHICLES ON THE ROAD.

They are crowded into less than 2% of the Land area of the U.S.

WE ARE BEING STRANGLED RELENTLESSLY, BEFORE THE TURN OF
THE CENTURY, IF WE CONTINUE TO BUILD HIGHWAYS AT THE PRESENT
RATE, NEW JERSEY WILL BE ONE MONSTROUS SLAB OF CONCRETE,
SERVING AS PART OF A SUPER-SUPER HIGHWAY BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AND NEW YORK AND INSTEAD OF GOING FASTER, THE CARS OF THE
YEAR 2,000 WILL BE MOVING EYER MORE SLOWLY—UNTIL THEY CONGEAL
INTO ONE HUGE MASS OF STEAMING MOTORS AND FRUSTRATED HUMANITY

TRANSPORTATION IS LITERALLY THE ECONOMIC CIRCULATORY

SYSTEM OF THE U.S. IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT WE

WOULD DIE WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION.

BUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

ON A NATIONAL SCALE? WHERE IS THE PLANNING TO CREATE A

COORDINATED SYSTEM -- A SYSTEM THAT UTILIZES THE BEST

FEATURES OF EACH TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT AND WHERE EACH

COMPONENT SUPPLEMENTS THE OTHERS?

CLEARLY, WE HAVE NO NATIONAL POLICY OR PROGRAM IN

Rowth.

We have no national plan for the generation and transmission of the power necessary to continue America's growth.

AND WE HAVE YET TO PROVIDE THE MEANS OF FINANCING THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEMAND AND DESERVE.

TRANSPORTATION, POWER AND FINANCING -- THESE ARE THREE KEYS TO A NATION'S GROWTH. IF WE FAIL TO PLAN IN THESE AREAS NOW, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF OUR GROWTH, A CHALLENGE REPRESENTED BY A POPULATION OF SOME 500,000, Americans by the year 2000.

TRANSPORTATION

OUR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IS STILL IN THE DAYS

OF THE TRI-MOTOR, THE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE, THE TITANIC AND

THE TIN LIZZIE.

AIRPORTS HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH TRAIN OR BUS STATIONS.

CENTER-CITIES HAVE NO REALISTIC TRANSIT LINKS WITH AIR TERMINALS

IN THE DISTANT SUBURBS.

Busses don't discharge passengers where they can switch EASILY TO TRAINS OR PLANES. WE HAVE NO BLENDING OF THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS.

BUT THE SINGLE MOST GLARING NEED IN OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IS MASS TRANSIT FOR URBAN-SUBURBAN MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.

In Chicago, which has a Fairly good Rapid Transit SYSTEM FOR COMMUTERS, THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO ADD 140 ADDITIONAL EXPRESSWAY LANES, AND REQUISITE PARKING, IF THE 138,000 TRANSIT RIDERS DROVE AUTOMOBILES. AND IT COSTS OVER \$5 MILLION PER MILE, PER LANE TO CONSTRUCT URBAN EXPRESSWAYS.

EVENTUALLY, THE SHEER ECONOMIC WASTE IS GOING TO FORCE US TO FINALLY TOTAL UP THE COST OF PRIVATE AUTO MOBILITY. IT IS MORE THAN A DOLLAR AND CENTS COST. IT THREATENS TO PAVE OVER WHOLE CITIES . IT POLLUTES OUR ATMOSPHERE, ONE AUTOMOBILE EMITS MORE POISONOUS FUMES THAN FIVE CITY BUSES THAT USE THE NEW LOW-SULPHUR DIESEL FUEL. AND THESE BUSES CARRY 167 TIMES MORE PASSENGERS, IT IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING THE MOST DEADLY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION -- FOR MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN ALIKE IT COSTS FAR MORE TO DO NOTHING, THAN TO INVEST NOW IN RADICAL IMPROVEMENT OF OUR PRESENT INEFFICIENT TRANSIT SYSTEM.

WE HAVE THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY AND THE RESOURCES TO BEGIN MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS SERVING OUR CITIES, THE SUBURBS, AND THE RURAL HEARTLAND.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM, FOR

EXAMPLE, PROVES WE HAVE THE KNOW-HOW, WASHINGTON, LOS ANGELES,

NEW YORK AND SEATTLE HAVE PREPARED EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR

RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS, AND WASHINGTON HAS BEGUN CONSTRUCTION

OF THE LARGEST NEW TRANSIT SYSTEM EVER -- 98 MILES ON

COMPLETION.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS THE WILL AND THE LEGAL, POLITICAL

AND ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO MAKE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

PLANNING A REALITY.

THE THOUSANDS OF AUTONOMOUS JURISDICTIONS INVOLVED IN

MAJOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY DECISIONS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE

TO ACHIEVE ANY POLICY. WE MUST CREATE THE REGIONAL INSTITUTIONAL

FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH WE CAN PLAN AND DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.

POWER

THE SECOND ESSENTIAL IN THE PLANNING EQUATION IS

POWER -- THE ENERGY WE NEED TO KEEP AMERICA MOVING AND

GROWING BY THE YEAR 1975, WE WILL BE USING ONE TRILLION,

FOUR HUNDRED BILLION KILOWATT-HOURS A YEAR.

IN JUST 10 YEARS WE WILL HAVE USED 18 TRILLION

KILOWATT-HOURS -- THE SAME AMOUNT WE HAVE USED IN THE LAST

90 YEARS BY THE YEAR 2000, AN ESTIMATED 50% OF OUR POWER

WILL COME FROM NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TRANSMISSION GRIDS

PRESENTLY IN USE ARE CLEARLY INADEQUATE RIGHT NOW -- IN

FACT THEY ARE DANGEROUSLY, AND IN SOME CASES, FATALLY

INADEQUATE.

WE MUST DEVELOP A NATIONAL POLICY ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENT,

PRODUCTION, AND TRANSMISSION. WE MUST BUILD NECESSARY

PLANTS, TRANSMISSION LINES, AND REGIONAL AND NATIONAL GRIDS.

AND WE MUST DO SO WITH CARE AND IMAGINATION SO THE ENVIRONMENT

IS ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

QUITE FRANKLY, WE MUST LOOK AT ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT AS

COMPLEMENTARY -- NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUDING EACH OTHER. WE

MUST PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT BUT NOT TO THE POINT THE

the LIGHTS GO OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

WHILE MEETING OUR POWER AND ENERGY REQUIREMENTS, WE MUST
DIRECT OUR TECHNOLOGY TOWARDS SOLVING THE ENERGY-ECOLOGY
DILEMMA. REALISTICALLY, TECHNOLOGY'S ILLS CAN ONLY BE
CORRECTED BY IMPROVED AND ACCURATELY DIRECTED TECHNOLOGY.

WE MUST HAVE A BALANCE OF TECHNOLOGY WITH A BALANCE OF NATURE.

FINANCING

FINALLY, WE MUST HAVE A MAJOR NEW SOURCE OF CAPITAL FUNDS

AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT

OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AS WELL AS A WIDE RANGE

OF OTHER VITAL PUBLIC PROJECTS.

WE NEED A BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE WAY OF MOBILIZING CAPITAL

TO MEET THE PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT DEMANDS OF OUR NATION.

WE ARE COMPARATIVELY LAVISH IN PROVIDING MONEY FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL PLANTS OR ROADS OR DAMS IN OTHER

COUNTRIES. I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE DID THE SAME FOR OUR

OWN PEOPLE. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FINANCE PUBLIC PROJECTS

ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, LIKE INDIVIDUALS CAN.

IF YOU CAN PAY FOR A HOUSE OVER 30 YEARS, THEN WHY NOT PAY FOR A TRANSIT SYSTEM OR A SEWAGE SYSTEM OR A PARK SYSTEM—OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD. THIS WEEK I INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO CREATE A NATIONAL DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR JUST THAT PURPOSE.

OUR STATES AND CITIES NEED FIRM, LONG-TERM CREDIT

COMMITMENTS, OBTAINED RAPIDLY, EFFICIENTLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

SUCH FINANCING IS ESSENTIAL IF THE EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC AND

SOCIAL NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING POPULATION ARE TO BE MET.

WHAT WOULD SUCH FINANCING MEAN TO YOU AND ME AND THE REST OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS?

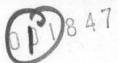
A START NOW ON URGENTLY NEEDED TRANSIT SYSTEMS. . . GOOD SCHOOLS, MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CENTERS CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE. . . BETTER POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. . . PARKLANDS AND CLEAN WATER. . . IMPROVED WASTE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT FACILITIES. . . COMPREHENSIVE DAY CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS. . ADULT EDUCATION CENTERS. . . JOB-TRAINING FACILITIES. . . CENTERS AND MUSEUMS. . . More AND BETTER LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING. . . AND MUCH MORE.

THE DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT BANK I HAVE PROPOSED WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE A START ON THE RENEWAL OF BUSINESS CENTERS IN OUR CENTRAL CITIES AND SMALLER TOWNS. IT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE A COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK ON URBAN AND RURAL BLIGHT.

THOSE ARE OUR NEEDS. THOSE SPECIFICS ARE WHAT AMERICA MUST HAVE IN THE YEARS AHEAD. BUT ESSENTIAL TO ALL OF THEM ARE HIGH QUALITY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AS A FRAMEWORK AND MEANS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE MOBILITY.

WITH SUCH A SYSTEM, WITH SUFFICIENT ENERGY PRODUCTION,
WITH THE NECESSARY FINANCING TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA, WE
CAN MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE YEARS AHEAD.

WE MUST, FOR THEY HAVE NOT WAITED UNTIL TOMORROW; THEY ARE WITH US TODAY,



BRAC. Brotherlood of Raileway, Airline, and Steamship clerks I tratem Employees Precedent - C.L. Dennies (Les Mennes) Dayh, Tunney, Hughes, Geo Meany! Lets take a look at where we are the Present - the future! - Rommie Recession -- Spreading inflation -Recussion - lenemplayment - 67.

2 million new Jobs Pear of needed Lisses - 150 Billion GHP - 24m 55 " m wages 30 1 n Fed Revenues le .. in Tocal Jantt unimploy-y.I. unimploy-underemployment!

Inflation - whilesale Prices (2) Rece in Welfare Roles + C15ts

INP- Slow - Machinton orders

Town-& Pre-meditated Planned Recession unimployment to cure fever 7 De Hold Brok on essential needs Teld Right to Joh - Private publicarine -Future - Chan - & Need for Planning america 1976 - y 2000 (2) what will be our needs in Educing Health Care ceties to be lunghle

Prepulation distribution - 100 million monamencan
advantage ordered 100, 849
I ransportation - Cherry + Power La dait 20 you 300 Teament Companies Incorreptation - Needs in

(1) airpotts, airlines

(2) Duses, (3) Sulwarp (4) Railroads

(5) Highwarp Contre permit helter Sketter development How til - together entere System @ Where Is the Plan to Create a Coordinated System for 300 million americans Dour Transportation Planning is in the day of the trie-motor, Steam Foromatice, + Tim Lizzie Model. Cents. cety no Transit hals with Terminals

De Guerday - 6000 moncars! Today- 111,000,000 Can+Trucke on 27-7 Jan Pate-, new Jersey will be one monetrous Sloty Concrete as Party Ruger-Hi way Cars going Slawer instead 7- Faster In Chicago, if Public Transit Deptern would Require additional 140 Hyrissway Cost 5 Million mile - Hundredog Party bol Ine automible grows out more Poesonous Junes, than 5 city buses using Low-Sulfure Dustel twee-4 there buses covery 167 mon Passengers Urban Mass Transportation Act - 1920 \$10 Billion Fed French 20 Billion Local Judo already 100 of phration for Capital grants of TBINI

001852 Our goal-Beconstlution, Reconstruction, Reaffunation -Kight to Peace Right to a for Right to Health Right to Deunt Housing Myssells Right to Safety-Laws Order Right to Sustice Right to Opportunity Right to Clean enveronment

Earl Juin

- Lie dinnis - Hig. (Jullium)

who I V-P.'s

HHH Speech

. . My good friend Les Dennis Les Alennis

. . . He is truly a great labor statesman

. . . We have had a very close friendship for many years

. . . . We've fought against compulsory arbitration

. . . We've fought for safety on our nation's railroads

. . . We've fought for increased benefits for all labor

. We've fought for a meaningful, balanced transportation policy for our country.

. __Congress passed a good Bill in Railpax, but the Nixon Administration

misinterpreted Congress's intent and is now trying to skeletonize

the railroads.

BRAC GOALS:

BRAC Power is People Power

BRAC - A Modern Union on the Move

Better Pensions. . . Geared to Rising Prices

Stop Compulsory Arbitration

BRAC. . . Forward Together

National Health Security - A Priority Goal

BRAC - Support Operation Brotherhood

BRAC Strength is Your Strength

RCPL Promotes Good Government (RCPL - Railway Clerks Political League)

BRAC 30/55/71 (retirement after 30 years service at age 55 in 1971)

Give to RCPL. . . It Pays Off

People With a Cause Working Together

(1) Hours of Service B.11 (2) 15%. Invested in Rel (3) Supplementary Penes (4) Safety tiell

11/10% muran Retur Be 14/ 30 yrs surie - Age 55

(3) Marthandlers

or John - cong Muy

7-8607- 1135

Politics

C. L. Dennis D.J. Aullevan

[Vine Persendents qv.p.s. mplo

Hubert Marks 60th Birthday, Looks to 1972

By ROBERT S. BOYD

WASHINGTON - Hubert Horatio Humphrey turned 60 Thursday and said he was "licking my chops" at the prospect of running again for the presidency.

The former vice president - as bouncy and irrepressible

Hubert Humphrey ... 'licking my chops'

as ever - made it clear in an hour-long talk with reporters that he would dearly love a second crack at Richard Nixon, who narrowly beat him in 1968.

Humphrey said he won't make up his mind until late this year or early next year. His decision, he said, will de-pend solely on whether he thinks he can win.

"I'm not running for president at this time, but I may," he said. "I've got my sails up, testing the weather. I'm not salivating — but I'm licking my chops.

Humphrey, who can al-

ways look on the bright side of things, said he was not "moaning" about his loss to Nixon in 1968.

"I have thought many times that what happened in 1968 was maybe for the best," he mused.
"THE COUNTRY WANTED a change. They felt I

couldn't bring that change. But now, after four years of Nixon, the country is ready to go back to the Democrats."

Humphrey, now reinstalled in his old seat as Democratic senator from Minnesola, said he found "great warmth and friendship" in his travels around the country.

"The difference between now and 1968 is the difference

between a cold chill and warm sunlight," he said.

"I can sit in an airport and people come up to me and say, 'Hello, Mr. Humphrey. I didn't vote for you in 1968, but I'd like to in 1972. I'm not going to vote for that fellow (Nixon) again."

HUMPHREY SAID NIXON was "vulnerable" provided the Democrats remain united and don't tear themselves apart

as they did last time.

He conceded that the war and the economy could look better for the Republican Administration next year, but he said that the real issue would be popular distrust of Nixon.

"The element of trust in this administration is so eroded I don't believe they can repair it," he said.

"They used to call it credibility gap. Now it's credibility

gulch. People just don't feel the administration is leveling with them."

HUMPHNEY SAID A MAJOR reason for Democratic optimism was the arrival of 25 million potential new voters, who were 14 to 20 years old in 1968 but will have a chance to vote for president in 1972.

Asked about his own political activities, Humphrey said he was "going around the country, talking to people, getting a feel of it."

Humphrey said he would stay out of the early primaries even those, like Wisconsin, where he will have to sign an

affidavit declaring he is not a candidate.

BUT HE RESERVED the right to change his mind at any "I'm not going to let a little piece of paper stand in my

time. "I'm not going to let a little purious way," he winked.

He binted scrongly that he might enter the New York and the binted scrongly that he might enter the New York and the binted scrongly that he might enter the New York and the binted scrongly he was a from the car vention tests - if no clear winner emerges from the car

contests. He predicted that Sen, Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mas who insists he is not a candidate, would nevertheless be "strong contender" if there is no obvious leader by the tim the convention.

Minnesota Historical Society

Copyright in this digital version belongs to the Minnesota Historical Society and its content may not be copied without the copyright holder's express written permission. Users may print, download, link to, or email content, however, for individual use.

To request permission for commercial or educational use, please contact the Minnesota Historical Society.

