MINNESOTA RADIO TAPE OF AUGUST 27, 1963

FOR BROADCAST WEEK BEGINNING SEPT. 1

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This is Senator Hubert Humphrey, reporting to you from my office on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C....

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I oppose the cut made by the House of Representatives. As
the Senate Majority Whip and as a member of the Senate Committees
on Foreign Relations and Appropriations, I will work in coming
weeks for the Senate to restore these funds to our foreign aid

program.

If the House cuts were allowed to stand, our foreign aid programs would be maimed. Parts of it would have to be scuttled. Billions of dollars of funds which have already been invested would be lost.

Let's look at one particular program which would be crippled if
the Senate does not restore the House cuts, the Alliance for Progress.

In Latin America, the Alliance is beginning to show constructive results.

It is stimulating social reform, holding out hope for peoples and
nations with widespread poverty, disease and illiteracy. It is beginning
to build the foundations of enduring freedom in Latin America. It is
the most effective weapon we have in turning back Castroism and Communism in Latin American nations.

But the House cut deeply into the appropriation authorization for the Alliance for Progress. Our economic development program, for example, was reduced by \$150 million---one-fourth of the President's request.

The effect of this cut, if allowed to stand, would be to wash
out the actual and potential success of the Alliance for Progress

program in Latin America. I am convinced that the two men who were

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happiest at the announcement of the House cut were Castro and Khrushchev.

The reason is that foreign aid and the Alliance for Progress is an integral part of our overall national security effort in the Western Hemisphere. We can not strengthen our own security or advance the cause of freedom in this Hemisphere without an effective and well-financed Alliance for Progress program.

It is time for many members of Congress to realize that their tough anti-Castro or anti-Communism speeches will not be enough to turn back the forces of totalitarianism in Latin America. Apparently, many members of Congress have adopted a new motto: "Speak loudly and carry a <u>little</u> stick." It is time for these men who have voted against an adequate foreign aid program to back up their tough talk with action and deeds.

I am confident that the Senate will act to restore the amounts cut by the House from the President's foreign aid program. And by doing that, the Senate will also resoure the confidence of the people that their government is a still capable of bi-partisanship in the conduct of the more critical areas of foreign affairs.

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