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Ladies and gentlemen---

This is Senator Mubert Humphrey, reporting to you

from my office on Capitol Hill in Washington

Last Monday, while the body of the late President rested in the rotunda of the C pitol, a policeman at the entrance asked a young man where he was going.

The man answered: "I am going to pay my respects to President Kennedy. Then I will go to church. Then I want to go home, to be with my family. And tomorrow, I will go to work again."

His answer seemed to sum up the wishes of most of us—to express in some way our respect for John Kennedy and our sorrow for his death, to seek understanding with God, to be with our loved ones—and then to return to our daily lives and work as Pres Kennedy would have would to.

We are back at work now, as individuals and as a Nation. But we are not the same as we were before that incredible and ghastly day of Friday, November 22. His waller the world

It is difficult to describe my own thoughts, even now. Words

seem like cold pebbles, thrown into a sea of emotions. But I must

seek to comprehend and to communicate my understanding of the meaning

of John Fitzgerald Kennedy's life and death.

He gave himself to his country, in life and death. His service to the people of the United States was total and unqualified. For # Www - Inaugural almost three years, As President, he gave all of his courage, his

intelligence, his energy and his strength to the tasks of his Nation. His life was a constant Profile of Courage,

The result was an America more firmly on the path to peace, an

America more completely dedicated to the cause of freedom, an America

In death, President Kennedy gave us more.

Out of the shock of his assasination and the deep sorrow of his

death, the people of this Nation have emerged with new courage, new strength, and new unity.

Never before have the American people been so moved. Never before has there been such a total sense of involvement by all of the people. Never before have so many Americans joined togther so immediately to express respect for a man and his work.

That is the new united which President Kennedy's death gave to America. I do not believe it will fade, but rather that the United States will move forward now with a greater unity than it has ever known.

We are, truly, "once Nation, indivisible, under God."

To President Lyndon B. Johnson, we offer our prayers, our faith and our confidence. He gives us his courage, his skill and his leadership.

To Mrs. John F. Kennedy and all of the members of the late

President's family, we offer our prayers and our hearts. They gave to

us an unforgettable demonstration of courage, grace and dignity.

That was exactly what we needed in a time which was otherwise tragin and horrible.

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