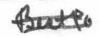
SENATOR HUMPHREY'S SPEECH WATERTOWN, SO. DAK. NOVEMBER I'I

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I RETURN TO MY NATIVE STATE
OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND TO THE COUNTY
IN WHICH I WAS BORN. I RETURN
ACCOMPANIED BY MY GOOD FRIEND AND
NEIGHBOR AND YOUR OUTSTANDING UNITED
STATES SENATOR, GEORGE MC GOVERN.
THE MC GOVERNS AND THE HUMPHREYS ...
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ... ARE MORE
THAN FELLOW DEMOCRATS. WE ARE THE
CLOSEST OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE WORD.

SENATOR MC GOVERN AND I COME
BACK TO SOUTH DAKOTA TO GIVE YOU A
PERFORMANCE REPORT ON THE KENNEDY
JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. PLEDGES
WERE MADE IN 1960 AND PROMISES WERE
GIVEN. THOSE PLEDGES AND PROMISES
HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT.



A NATION WHOSE ECONOMY WAS LIMPING ALONG IN 1960 NOW HAS THE QUICKENED PACE OF A STRONG, VITAL FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, ENCOURAGED BY GOVERNMENT AND INSPIRCED BY CONFIDENCE. IN LESS THAN FOUR YEARS OUR AMERICA HAS INCREASED ITS GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT BY OVER 115 BILLION DOLLARS.

THIS IS WHAT THE KENNEDY JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION MEANS WHEN IT SAID "LET'S GET THIS COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN. WE ARE MOVING AND WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. ALL OF US TOGETHER GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, LABOR, PEOPLE EVERY WHERE ... ARE BUILDING A STRONGER AND BETTER AMERICA.

THE ECONOMIC FACTS OF 1964 TELL ONE STORY ... THAT AMERICA IS ENJOYING UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY, UNPRECEDENTED PRODUCTION, HIGH EMPLOYMENT,

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GOOD PROFITS, AND HEAVY INVESTMENT.
THE COUNTRY IS FILLED WITH OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOU ARE WINNING THE GAME AND GAINING THE VICTORY THAT YOU CHANGE CAPTAINS OR EVEN CHANGE THE SIGNALS. SURELY WE DON'T WANT TO HAND THE BALL TO A PLAYER WHO RUNS BACKWARDS.

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COUNTRY THAT IS CONTENT WITH YESTERDAY'S ACHIEVEMENTS. THERE ARE MILES TO GO BEFORE WE SLEEP... THERE ARE VICTORIES TO BE WON ... WRONGS TO BE RIGHTED ... AND INEQUITIES TO BE OVERCOME.

REPRESENTED REAL GAINS FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURE, BUT THERE IS MUCH YET TO BE DONE. AMERICA'S FARMERS DESERVE A BETTER DEAL. RURAL AMERICA NEEDS A FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC GOVERNMENT.

AND THE AMERICAN FARMER NEEDS A FAIR BREAK IN THE MARKET PLACE.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN
IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE ACTION PROPER
OF THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION
OUR SURPLUS FOOD, HAS DEAD AVAILABLE TO THE ACTION PROPER
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A FOOD IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE ACTION PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO THE NEEDY AND THE HUNGRY. FEED GRAINS PROGRAM INCREASES FARM INCOME. THE VOLUNTARY WHEAT PROGRAM PROVIDES NEW INCOME FOR OUR WHEAT FARMERS. THERE IS A GREATLY EXPANDED FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM THAT STRENGTHENS OUR NATION AT HOME AND ABROAD. THERE IS AN EXPANDED SCHOOL LUNCH AND SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM. AND

THERE IS A BROAD PROGRAM OF AID TO

AND COOPERATION WITH OUR CATTLEMEN,

STRENGTHENING THE PRICE OF BEEF PRODUCTS.

AND ADD TO THIS THE RURAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT WAS BUT A DUSTY FOLDER ON THE SHELF IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN 1960 AND NOW IS AN ACTIVE WORKING PROGRAM IN THOUSANDS OF COUNTIES ACROSS THE NATION.

ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL AND CREDIT HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN EVER INCREASING AMOUNTS FOR A MODERN AGRICULTURE. THE LIGHTS ARE ON ALL OVER RURAL AMERICA ... AND REA IS STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE.

SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS ...
INDEED ALL SOUTH DAKOTANS IN THE
CITIES, THE TOWNS, AND THE FARMS...
HAVE BENEFITED FROM THEMANY PROGRAMS
OF THESE PAST THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS

SPENDABLE INCOME. THE AID TO EDUCATION HAS STRENGTHENED OUR COLLEGES AND MADE POSSIBLE THEIR EXPANSION. AREA PREDEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS, CONSERVATION, RECLAMATION AND IRRIGATION LEGISLATION ALL HAVE BENEFITED EVERY SOUTH DAKOTAN AND INDEED EVERY AMERICAN.

Punn Pomn AT HOME, WE HAVE TAKEN LONG STRIDES
IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE. OUR NATION
IS POWERFUL AND MIGHTY. OUR ALLIES
ARE STRONG AND PROSPEROUS. OUR
ADVERSARIES ARE DISORGANIZED, SPLIT,
AND ON THE DEFENSE. THE AIR WE BREATHE
IS CLEANER BECAUSE A PRESIDENT OF THE

UNITED STATES HAD THE VISION AND
THE COURAGE TO NEGOTIATE A NUCLEAR
TEST BAN TREATY. THE UNITED NATIONS
LIVES ON BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY AND
THIS GOVERNMENT IS A STAUNCH DEFENSE
AND A WILLING PROTECTOR. THE MARKETS
OF THE WORLD ARE OPEN AND GROWING
BECAUSE OF OUR TRADE EXPANSION PROGRAM.

PEACE IS A PROCESS TO BE
PURSUED. IT REQUIRES COURAGE AND
SACRIFICE. PEACE ISUNDEED A JOURNEY
OF A THOUSAND MILES, BUT WE ARE ON
THE WAY. WE KNOW THE DIRECTION. WE
SEE OUR GOAL. AND WE ARE DETERMINED
TO REACH IT.

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