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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

SEPTEMBER 14, 1965

~~Mayor Jackson~~

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(Virginia Beach)

Mr Sidney Kellum
(Mr Democrat)

④ Space Twins
Cooper-Cornell

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annual meeting today.

Mr Harold Baines
Gen Sec

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act as his liaison with officials of local government. As
a former Mayor -- one who knows local government first-
hand -- I welcomed that assignment. ~~Because~~ I know how
distant and remote Washington can seem to the man with
local responsibility. I have been trying, in these months,
to make Washington less distant, less remote, more able
to help.

Thanks to your help
Thanks Summer Youth Employment
Project
Discover America
Beautification

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Horace
Edwards
your 1st
V.P.
City Mgr
of
Richmond

You have recognized the great opportunities,
the great challenges, the great potential today for effective,
creative local government.

~~name~~ President Johnson
signs
his
Greetings

This Administration is pledged to the goal of a
Great Society -- a society of opportunity.

Prosperity
&
Quality

~~and the~~ This Administration and ~~the~~ Congress are

launching creative new programs toward that
opportunity.

Designed to open

the gates of

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~~The Great Society will be an America made up~~ *it will be*
of thousands of great communities. It will be an America built where you serve. *and love.*

↳ It is your communities that will have good schools or bad ones.

↳ It is your communities that will have decent homes or slums.

↳ It is your communities that will have racial harmony or racial antagonism.

It is your communities that will either wage
intelligent, coordinated drives on the causes of poverty --
or will ignore this social cancer.

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the key to success of great national programs is local
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My experience in public life has also taught me that we
cannot blame our problems on some other level of government.
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local, state and federal levels -- antagonisms too often
manufactured to escape responsibility at home base.

No greater ~~opportunity~~ ^{challenge} faces ~~all of~~ us today than the
opportunity to strengthen the economic and social structures
of our communities, ~~and thereby strengthen the nation~~
of our nation.

~~And~~ ~~We are moving ahead in seizing that opportunity.~~

And We are investing in both the material and human resources of this nation. (~~3. billion +~~)

Our goal is nothing less than this: To give each American citizen, and each American community, the opportunity to contribute to and share in our American progress.

We can do nothing less. For we must build a stronger and better America -- a country running on all its cylinders -- to meet the change and challenge of the years ahead.

There is one change we all know about: The change of our country from a rural nation to an urban nation.

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change

Popul Shift!

But by 1970, we can expect that three-fourths of our people will be living in towns, cities, and suburbs, compared to 70 per cent in 1960. At the end of 1964, two-thirds of our population lived in 219 such areas, ~~an~~ ~~increase from 59 per cent in 1950.~~ By 1980 that proportion will increase to three-fourths and by the year 2000 to four-fifths.

Local Govt Burdens

This growth has imposed new and unprecedented burdens on local government for schools, housing, streets, and highways, commercial expansion, transit, and welfare programs.

Houses

Today there are ~~over 9~~ ^{several} million American homes which should not be lived in, but are, Four million of those homes have no running water or plumbing ^{in modern America.}

Traffic

There is congestion in our cities which cause a man to take almost as much ~~more~~ time to get to and from work ~~than~~ ^{as} it does for an astronaut to orbit the earth.

— Today Astronauts

There are water shortages.

ⓧ There are millions of children who will, without a doubt, be on the welfare rolls a few years hence if something isn't done. One out of every three children now in fifth grade will not finish high school, if the present dropout rate continues.

30 million by 1975

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ⓧ There is a general shortage of clean, fresh air . . . of open space . . . of parkland . . . of the things that make life livable.

No single community in this age of change can meet these demands alone and without help. That is why there are more than 50 major programs of federal assistance to local governments. In fiscal 1966 there will be a total of 13.6 billion dollars in federal aid payments to state and local units.

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but man on feet

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↳ The federal debt has increased approximately 20 per cent in the last 20 years; state and local debt has increased 420 per cent.

In the last 20 years, the number of federal civilian employees has increased by 100,000 -- that is, about 4 per cent. State and local government employees have increased by 3.7 million -- an increase of over 200 per cent.

✓ No, the federal government is not swallowing state and local government. ~~In fact, there is a case to be made that the federal government has not done enough.~~

✓ All governments -- federal, state, and local -- must act as partners in solving the complex problems facing the city.

Lesson of space cooperation ✓ ~~No.~~ Good fences do not make good neighbors when those fences are built between people who must work together to get a job done.

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- ✓ To create more jobs. *through tax reductions*
- ✓ To strengthen the local tax base.
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to help share the costs of Educ
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to combat Poverty
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We will work together to meet the needs of our citizens and provide opportunity for all.

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