

INAUGURAL BROADCAST

DELAWARE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

*Thank you
Dr. Hanford*

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Thomas Jefferson once said that no nation can

be both ignorant and free. And he was right.

Today we recognize that the education of our children is nothing less than a basic investment in

our ability to remain free and secure in a world of
change.

The National Defense Education Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Higher Education Act, and educational legislation now pending before the Congress are all part of our effort to bring quality education to young Americans who will make our American future.

At the recent White House Conference on Education, I pointed out that we, as educators, have not yet begun to probe the potential of educational television as a tool in the teaching - learning process. Television's power to stimulate people has been amply proven by commercial broadcasters. Through television, man's mind can be reached and man's will can be stirred. Yet television is a medium of communication not yet fully ~~used~~ in education.

Educational television will not answer all problems. But it may answer many. Television is a special kind of communicative channel to the mind. Used professionally, it can effect a marvelous impact on our eager students. It can help making learning exciting and stimulating.

Today we mark the beginning of Delaware's
Educational Television Network. This new communication
system is the first complete statewide closed-circuit
educational television network established anywhere.

Through this network, Delaware teachers and students
alike will be able to share in an enriching new
educational experience.

We wish you well. And we hope that your
example may be followed throughout the country.

America must meet the challenge in education
with ^{an} ~~open-mindedness~~, ingenuity, and a willingness to
use what is new. If we do, our American future can
be bright.

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