

*Buck Brady - my greetings  
to you Rampho*

REMARKS BY TELEPHONE  
OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
TO THE 1965 CONVENTION  
OF THE WESTERN AREA NETWORK  
TELETYPEWRITER SYSTEM

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The most important thing we can say about crime in the United States is that there is still far too much of it. Last year, there were more than two and a half million serious crimes committed in our country. This was a 13 per cent increase over 1963. And since 1958 crime has been increasing almost six times faster than our population growth.

President Johnson has declared this Administration's resolve to assist local authorities in meeting their responsibilities and to make a national effort to improve techniques of law enforcement and the administration of justice.

Our citizens want their streets, homes and places of business to be safer. They want efficient and effective law enforcement. And they want to feel secure in the work of their local enforcement agencies.

Today, we have the best opportunity in our history for dramatically lowering incidences of crime. We are bringing to the American people new opportunities for education, employment, housing, health and equal justice. We are helping to provide opportunity for realizing a good and decent life.

We are also learning to use our great technological and communications advancements as effective instruments in crime prevention. The work of Governor Rampton and Commissioner Buck Brady in Utah is a good example of what I mean. By establishing a lightening-quick communications system which ties together 19 law enforcement departments throughout Utah, ~~you~~<sup>they</sup> have equipped ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> state with the most important tool in effective crime deterrence-- a quick response to a criminal act.

~~I believe~~ crime can be defeated.

I believe the American people share my conviction.

It will not be an easy battle to win. It will take time, energy, resources and -- most important -- an aroused and determined citizenry.

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This is a battle we must win if we are to live up  
to our potential as the most free most productive,  
and most secure society on earth. And so, to ~~each~~ *the law enforcement*  
*officials from eleven states*  
~~of you~~ attending this 1965 convention, my very best  
wishes for continued progress in meeting one of the  
great challenges of our time -- effective law enforcement.

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