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Philadelphia is on the move. Today's ceremonies are the latest in a new wave of redevelopment and urban renewal that is changing the face of this historic city. I congratulate you on your foresight and progress. (1) Independence Mall area

In the year 1787 the Founding Fathers came to Philadelphia to discuss the problems of a new and growing Republic. The questions they raised 178 years ago are clearly relevant today.

(2) old Chinese wall of the Penna. R.R. - old track bed

What kind of America do we want? And how
can we meet the nation's needs?

The Founding Fathers asked these questions --
and generations of Americans have been asking them
ever since.

What kind of America do we want?

The answer depends partly on the man you ask.

Ask the unemployed Negro and he will tell you:
"I want a chance to do better" -- *I want a job!*

Ask the young mother and she will tell you: "I
want an America where my children can get a good
education and my family can be assured of peace and
security."

Ask the business executive and he will tell you:
"I want an America where private initiative flourishes."

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The Elder citizen
Ask the pensioner₁ and he will tell you: "I want

an America where I can live out my years with dignity."

To be sure

~~But though~~ We Americans have our own self-

interests, ^{but} we are united in our desire to build a better

America for all Americans.

↳ We embrace Ben Franklin's belief that "Democracy
releases the best energies of every human being."

↳ And, we accept the challenge of Lyndon Johnson's
inaugural address that "our fate as a nation and our
future as a people rest not upon one citizen but upon
all citizens."

Partnership -
Govt + People
Govt, Business - labor.

7DR-4 - Franklin Field

My generation of Americans had its rendezvous with destiny. The next and succeeding generations of Americans will have their rendezvous with opportunity.

opportunity

For our greatest challenge today is not the enormity of the problems confronting us, but the very real possibility for solving them.

Today more than two-thirds of our people live in the complex environment of the metropolis. By 1980, eight of every ten Americans will live there. By that time, in fact, some 90 million persons will be concentrated in a single urban strip from New England to Washington, D.C.

The modern American is the city dweller -- blessed and cursed by an urban life wholly unknown to the pioneering architects of the American Republic.

Can our cities be made ^{more} liveable? Can we solve the problems of congestion and traffic? (For the record -- it takes me forty minutes to fly from Washington to New York; and more than forty minutes to drive from my home in Chevy Chase to the White House). Can we deal successfully with the problems of race relations, crowded slums, employment opportunities, air and water pollution, public safety and overcrowded schools and hospitals?

Yes, I think we can solve these problems. And as the President's ~~liaison~~ ^{personal representative working} with our nation's mayors, I have found that they agree.

(1) Not Assoc of
Housing + Real Estate
Officials

President Johnson has rightly said that the
problem of the city is "the problem of people and the
quality of the lives that they lead. We want to build
not just housing units but neighborhoods; not just
to construct schools, but to educate children; not
just to raise incomes, but create beauty and end
poisoning of their environment. We must extend the
range of choices to all our people so that all, not just
the fortunate, can have access to decent homes and
schools, to recreation and culture . . . *This is our goal!*

We are living in an urban era. We must plan
for a renaissance of cities and of the lives of those
who live within them.

① Conference of the National Assoc. of Housing and
Redevelopment officials - Commend you for your
work in housing + redevelopment!

And we are working to do just that. We have
passed the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965,
establishing at the Cabinet level a voice for the city and
a focus for federal urban programs. We have passed an
urban renewal and important ~~comprehensive~~ housing bill. We are pledged to
provide decent living conditions for all Americans. We
will keep that pledge.

② And living conditions include
more than buildings + streets.

Our cities must offer education of the highest
quality. And Congress has passed a series of education
measures aimed to broaden the opportunities of all our
children. - Wise investment - good business.

We can, and will, rid our cities of the ugliness of
slums and the ugliness of intolerance, and create instead
not only beauty of design, but beauty of spirit.

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Educ!!

Jefferson said: "The care of human life
and happiness is the first and only
legitimate object of good government"

↳ We are determined that the city shall be fit for
the people.

↳ This task challenges our creativity and courage.
But we are going to succeed.

Ben Franklin said: "Great hopes make great men."

↳ Today, here in Philadelphia, you have great hopes.

↳ With plans and work, those hopes can become
realities.

↳ Your city can be -- as America can be -- proof
of the fact ~~that our Founding Fathers chose well~~ . . .

↳ that Americans working together, can indeed build
a society which can secure the Blessings of Liberty
to our selves and our Posterity.



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