

Remarks of Vice President Hubert Humphrey
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Well, if I had any good sense, I'd sit down right now. After an introduction like that, there isn't much you can do except go downhill. But I always remember what the President says after somebody gives him a flattering introduction - only now that he is President, they give him the most flattering - but in other days he used to say, "My mother would have believed^{it}/an d my father would have enjoyed it."

I can honestly say, dear friends, that to come to Fort Worth and to be in the presence of, to be the guest of, friend of, Jim Wright .. to have^{him}/introduce you is such a refreshing and stimulating experience that I'm sure that on other occasions you'll have me back here. And when my spirits subside and when I look upon the horizon with despair, I shall get ahold of Jim's hand and say, "Let's go to Fort Worth and give me another introduction."

I've had a simply delightful day here; I do want to thank Dr. Moudy for the wonderful reception at TCU and all the other presidents of the colleges and universities ~~knack~~ of this vast area of Texas - it was a stimulating experience for me - I know that I overstayed my time but I always say about my speeches, "I'm not sure anybody else likes "em but I do" so I just go ahead and give em.

Now, tonight this is going to be very informal. I want our Reverend Clergy that are here to know that I 'll not transgress too much on their prerogatives. I want my friends in business, and labor, and the professions to know that I'll try to keep my remarks somewhat within the experience of my life..but I do have a few casual reflections I should like to make. One is, we're going to have a question and answer period. I think that every taxpayer, every citizen, is entitled to one bite out of a live Vice President. I just think you ought to have a chance to sink your teeth in, tonight. A little earlier today, I was with J. Lee Johnson, Walter Humphrey and a few other folks around and they didn't get a chance to ask me some of the questions that some of them wanted to - I have a ^{whole} ~~fine~~ list here of the fine publishers and editors, executive editors, assistant editors, radio and television executives..I had a great time this afternoon. But I'm sure that some of them had reserved for this evening a question

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or two to see whether or not I could field it. But I want you to remember that when Mickie Mantle was at his prime he was only batting about 3.70. Don't you expect the Vice President to go over the 400 mark, at least. We had a lot of fun today. I can honestly say that it was one of the most delightful days that I have had. Mayor Barr has been overly generous and considerate, and Hunter McLean - who is so close to our President Johnson - has been very kind to me and he and J. Lee Johnson have been taking good care of me...there have been so many around here that have done such wonderful things that I don't quite know where to start in thanking, so I'm just going to thank them all. I had my little visit at ~~Carswell~~ Carswell Air Force Base with General Wilcox and members of his staff...officers and men at that great base...with some of the crews of our B-52's ...some of our helicopter pilots...visited with the officers at General Dynamics...and of course, with the Bell Helicopter...and I want Mr. Ducayet to know that I gave him a commercial on the television and radio this afternoon...not gonna charge you a nickel...not a thing...I would have enjoyed so much the privilege of seeing your distinguished governor who is a very good friend of mine...and his lovely lady...I hope that you will give Governor Connally and Mrs. Connally our good wishes... I bring to you the greetings tonight of your two United States Senators...both of them knew, of course, that I was coming here ..I never go into any of their respective provinces, you see, without telling them - it's dangerous for a Vice President to do that. Vice Presidents don't have much authority - they just have a lot of responsibility so I always forewarn them, and both Senator Yarborough and Senator Tower wanted to be remembered to you and I bring you their greetings - and I bring you especially the greetings of ~~our~~ your number One ~~Texas~~ Texan, and our number One American, the President of the United States of America, Lyndon B. Johnson.

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I don't want you to get excited/and worried about all these pieces of paper up here.. they really don't mean much...it's sort of a way ~~to~~ of giving me confidence and assurance...some of you ladies know Peanuts...you know that little fellow that carries the blanket all the time ...well these are to help me out and give me a few notes to ^{Keep} help me on the beam.

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I asked Jim Wright....I said, "Jim, what am I supposed to talk about out here.. " I said, "I know this is a very intelligent audience because they're your constituents and you educated them and trained them, and they have been educating and training you". I could go on for a long time and talk about Jim Wright but I don't need to. You already know him and you know him for what he is and you know that he is truly one of the brightest lights, one of the truly able, effective, and I will say without any hesitation, one of the great men of the Congress of the United States and I just think you're mighty lucky.

I've just had such a good time with him. I remember when we were in the 1960 Presidential Primaries ..there were only about 2 avowed candidates then, you know - one winner and one loser...and Jim would be going around talking about a man that did quite well...became Vice President and President of the United States...who was then the Majority Leader of the United States Senate...and I came to the conclusion that some thing was under foot and under way right then and there when I'd hear Jim talk. You think that these introductions that he's been giving me today were good...you ought to have heard the ones he used to give on the stump in 1960 for Lyndon Johnson...and they were all good...and they were all deserved. So we've been together for a good long time.

Tonight, I was told by Jim that it would be all right if I would be just very informal...casual with you, in a sense. Just be with our friends and neighbors here. I tried to deliver a speech today on matters of international policy that would be meaningful and, I hope, helpful to you. I really hope it was of some comfort. ^{to} some of our fellow Americans. I want to just talk a little bit about our country to you tonight. I'm a man of politics. I've always wanted to be in politics. My life's dream has been realized. I can remember when I was courting my wife I went to Washington, D. C. and I wrote her a letter - I don't know, somebody got ahold of it some way (she let it out, or something)(she shouldn't have done that) but it got in print - except at least part of it. Not the mushy part, but some part of it. I went down there to see my sister - she was graduating from George Washington University - and I was thrilled with the sight of Washington. I went to the Congress and I sat in those galleries all day

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and listened to the Senators and Congressman. I walked those corridors and when I think now - I remember I even worked my way onto the White House lawn and the guards threw me out, and I remember that. It's different now. It was so fascinating to me. I used to dream about it, and I wrote to her and said, "If we work together, if we can but be married, if we can just work together, maybe someday I can realize my dream of coming to Washington and serving the Congress. That was written in 1935. It was 14 years later that I had the privilege of taking the oath of office in the United States Senate.

It's a wonderful country. .. a wonderful country. And we speak of it ...we often talk about our system ..sometimes people are asked, "what is it ^{that makes} ~~about~~ America what it is?" and somebody will respond, "well, it's the system"- well, what do we mean by that? We mean a governmental structure - yes - and we mean an economic structure and system, but I think more importantly we mean the "people", the "motivation of the people" this freedom of inquiry... this intellectual freedom, this religious freedom... this freedom of conscience that we have, and the sense of brotherhood... this great respect for the individual initiative .. not only respect for it but encouragement of it. This constant search for new motivation ... but if I were to single out one thing that has possibly done more to make America what it is & today, ~~than~~ than anything else, I would say, education. We have been 'hipped' on education. The very first thing that the great churches did when they came to America was to establish educational institutions. Our great universities, before there were any public universities, -- they were church-sponsored universities..and some of the great universities of America today are the private, church-sponsored university. I happen to believe in a pluralistic society. I believe in public education and private education. I believe in the public university and I believe in the private college and university. And I think we have to shape our tax laws, our economic structure, so we can have both. I believe they're good for each other. They compete. Education. We made up our minds, with Thomas Jefferson, that you couldn't be both free and ignorant. You had to make a choice.....so we decided to be free.

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and that meant that you had to have some qualities of learning. We pursued knowledge. We are a people that love books... not just materialistic people, as some would say. As a matter of fact, the American people are the least materialistic of peoples. We are very idealistic people. We are sometimes even naively idealistic, and we are devoted to education. The North West Ordinance Act of 1787 set aside public lands for education. The great Moral Act, of 1862, established a land grant college. A host of educational acts. Of all the things that have meant something to me in my public service, it's the opportunity that I've had to vote for education measures in the Congress of the United States.

And I tell you what education is all about...it's all about people. That's what representative government is all about. People. I used to be a teacher and I'd have my American government students sitting around in the classroom for the first 6 weeks and I'd say to them, "I don't want you to open up a book. We're not going to have any textbook reading, we're not going to have any planned assignments at all. We're just going to sit in this room for 6 weeks - 3 times a week - hour sessions - and we're going to talk about what is democracy. " Now, ^{body} ~~some~~ ^{one} is going to say it's a written constitution - they don't have a written constitution in Great Britain and they're democratic. Somebody's going to say, well, it's the right to vote - well, they vote in Russia. I'll say. Some people are going to say, well, it's social security. Bismarck had lots of social security and the autocratic regime of the Prussians in Germany. What is democracy? It is a spiritual quality... it's a spirit...it is based really upon a spiritual and religious concept. I used to say to my students, "Why should you have the right to vote...sometimes you vote wrong." At least some of us think so. And not only that, some people are not even educated...why should ~~they~~ ^{he} have the right to vote. You could make all kinds of arguments - don't misunderstand me - I don't necessarily believe that this is true...but they make arguments against it. And the real reason for the right to vote - the real reason for democracy - is because God created man in his own image. And that which has a spiritual quality to it should not in any way be dominated by

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another man .. or by man. Democracy, then, is based upon the preciousness of human personality. It's based upon the fact that man is different than animal. He isn't just flesh and blood - he's soul and spirit. I told the clergy I wouldn't transgress too much on this, but I heard a sermon in my church five Sund-no, seven Sundays ago, in Minneapolis, and I'll never forget it. The minister said, and this was his theme: "The way you treat people is the way you treat God." That's good enough for me. I just said, "I'll just buy that, right now". That just saved me a lot of reading. That's good. And I happen to think that what we do in our government is related to people. And it ought to be related to people. That's the purpose of education. That's the purpose of the poverty program. That's the purpose of the Civil Rights program. That's the purpose of the Voting Rights Act. That's the purpose of the Health program. Not just to give somebody a job...not just to come up with some new gimmick...but to enrich the lives of people, and why? Because people are important. And democratic government is designed to serve people and not to have the people serve it.

The institutions of economics, of politics, institutions of social structure are here to serve mankind. I happen to be one that believes that mankind is more than Americans. It's worldwide. Mankind includes all the people of this earth. And this is why I could never be an isolationist. I don't believe that you can have freedom in America for long if it loses out everywhere else in the world. I do not believe that you can live as an island unto yourself, surrounded by the storm-tossed seas of totalitarianism. So my international attitudes are quite pragmatic. I just love what we have. I think this country has more to lose than any country in the world, and therefore, we have to make bigger investments to protect^{it}. I heard something about insurance rates tonight. Well, I'll tell you if you have a very valuable piece of property, you don't hesitate to insure it and pay whatever rate they ask., because it's a lot cheaper to have good insurance on it than it is to lose the property. This is what our National Defense Program's about. It's an insurance rate that you are paying. This is, in a sense, what many of the things we do is all about. It's to ensure the continuity and progress

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of that which we have. It's a remarkable system..that has done, what? That has given more benefits to more people in a shorter period of time than any other/^{political} social system in the history of the world. Never been anything like it.

And isn't it interesting to know how wrong we always are? You know, I can remember a few years ago...we used to talk about a three hundred billion/^{dollar} economy... that was really major (?) far out. When I heard J. Lee Johnson talk about somebody to his "far left" - (you ~~xx~~ were speaking, of course, only in terms of this head table) but there were people here a few years ago who were talking (you can't put Mr. Hicks down to the far left ~~x~~.. now you know you can't do that) but when we talked of a three hundred billion dollar economy .. people said, "why, that man's insane!" "He's off his rocker - there's something wrong with such a person." "A three hundred billion dollar economy - why that's for children!" We're talking today of a 750 billion dollar economy and this Vice President tells you that before 1975 it's a trillion dollar economy. It's got to be. I'll never forget the time we built a new airport in Minneapolis. I wrote to the Airport Director ..I had/^{now} gone on to the Senate, but they designed the airport and bought the land during my time as mayor. And I wrote this letter, and I said, "I want to tell you... for five years everybody's going to give you the dickens because the airport's too big. That you've squandered the public's money. That the terminal is not used...that is, you could fire a French ~~cannon~~ ^{cannon} and not hit anyone in the main lobby .. you are going to be harassed, you are going to be abused..because you just have plain poor judgement, according to your detractors. Five years later, they're gonna get after you because you didn't have any vision..the airport's too small.. the runways too short, the terminal's too little, inadequate..and all it tells you is that we are growing and changing.!" Here is America that last year produced 50 percent of everything produced in this world. Let that sink in.

200 million people in the United States produced 50 percent of everything produced in the entire earth. The other 3 billion, 200 million people got the rest of it. We have 6 percent of the population of the world and we have approximately 38 percent of the income. The rest of the world - much of it is pretty hungry, and if you add Western

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Europe and the United States, and Japan, and Australia and New Zealand, those put together that represent really only about 14 percent of the world's population, they then have of the income of the world, 68 percent. (Those are some of the facts that we have stored away there, Jim)

Vast masses of humanity have percapita income in this world of one hundred dollars a year - - fifty dollars a year - - three hundred dollars a year. More people in the world have per capita incomes ~~of~~ under three hundred dollars a year - over half of the peoples of the world have per capita incomes under that figure. Poverty. The late beloved ~~of~~ Pope John said, "In a world of constant want, there is no peace." And I hear people talking about peace. They want peace. Well, you're not gonna have peace in the world ...poverty in a world of misery ..a world of constant want... ~~and I hear people~~ and that's why your government - when I hear people say, "What are we indulging in all this foreign aid for...all that giveaway...;"we're not giving away anything. We're protecting what we have . Question is, are we doing enough?

Well, I got off on the side road here. I was going to tell you a little bit more about this system - this wonderful educational system. Upgrading people. I come from Minnesota..we used to have what we called High-grade iron ore in Minnesota. Literally, you could scoop -- take off the top of the earth in the open pit mines - go down about 20 inches or 3 feet, under the black dirt and there was the iron oxide. 60 or 65 percent pure iron ore .. 2 world wars and an industrial revolution used up that high-grade iron ore. We had vast open pits - the bowels of the earth exposed... and the low grade ore was there. And the people lost their jobs...industry went to Africa and Labrador.. and Venezuela, to pick up the high-grade ore...they just left us.

And we had to make up our mind whether our people were going to be on relief, and be a constant charge - public charge - whether we could find some way to do something about it. So we went and took a look at the ore there and we found out that through a manufacturing process that we call beneficiation, we could take low-grade ore and make it high-grade ore. It took an investment...it was a gamble...many people hesitated for a

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long time...we knew the process for 35 years and used it little or not - very little - it was there - we changed our tax laws, we made investment a real opportunity for the a big investor in the big company, and we went into Minnesota and found that there was 2 billion tons of low-grade iron ore laying right under the surface of the ground - enough to keep this nation going for at least another hundred or hundred and fifty years at any projected ~~xxx~~ ^{rate} of the use of steel. But it was worthless - it was nothing but rock. ~~Kix~~ Just like pure, old, granit rock only not even that much value... until we learned how to beneficiate it... to ~~yx~~ upgrade it. Ladies and gentlemen, today, that's one of the most prosperous parts of the United States - ~~where~~ ^{though} we had 30 percent unemployment 4 years ago, we're over-employed. ~~There were~~ ^{Over} a billion dollars of investment in the last one and a half years ...just like that... and iron ore being produced - 15 million tons of what ~~being produced in what~~ we call pelletized ..Packinite pellets...high-grade iron ore.

Now, I'm talking about ore. We did that through science. through manufacturing, through processing. We can do it with people, and that's what we're going to have to do. Or we're gonna lose out. We have people in America today that are not really prepared for full citizenship. We have people in America today that are industrially illiterate. We have people in America today that don't know how to live in the city. And when they come to the city, the places that they go to live in are ...really... no one should ever be asked to live in those places. We have people today that are physically, emotionally, intellectually, what you might call less-than-high-grade, but they can be upgraded.

And if you need them, that's what you'll do. One thing that a war does to us is that it makes us buckle down, using what we have. Necessity, they said, is the mother of invention. Well, urgency also makes it very desirable to get something done.

We have here in America, they say, one-fifth of our people poverty stricken in the richest land on the face of the earth...well, they're not all poverty-stricken, but they're poor. But the worst part ~~afx~~ about their poverty is not their purse...why, the easiest thing for the American people to do is to write a check. We do it with our own children. And you know it. All too often, many a well-to-do family takes care of the

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problem of their son or daughter - I'm afraid I'm guilty on occasion, myself - I say, "here's \$10, \$20, a hundred - go out and have a good time." That isn't love. That isn't bringing up a family. You and I know. And the easiest thing for us to do internationally, at times, is just to hand somebody a check, rather than understanding the problems and working on it. The easiest thing for us to do at home is to give 'em relief...never helped anybody.- except temporarily. It's compassionate, - yes, it kept them from suffering temporarily, but the kind of poverty Hubert Humphrey is talking to you about tonight is the poverty of the spirit. When somebody finds out there's no place for him - he's not wanted...he's the victim of despair...he becomes filled with hate and bitterness. You can't correct that with a check.

You can't correct that with a dollar.

You have to do something else that almost requires psychiatric treatment ... above all, it requires that a nation shows it cares...and we're doing that now. I guess I'm an advocate of the Great Society. I don't think government does all these things. Don't misunderstand me. I'm a father, a parent, a citizen, a taxpayer, a voter, and Vice President of the United States. I'm not foolish enough to think that the government of the United States can take care of these problems. And it shouldn't.

But it can be helpful. We all pay a pretty good substantial share into the government and there's no reason why it can't be helpful. Government and people, working together...we can do something. And the government, today, in these vast programs of education - from Head Start to higher education - I see this great university - the dormitories that I saw at Texas Christian today - the government helped on that.

Didn't give it to them, but made available the loans. Our great programs of science and technology, the aid to higher education - the National Defense Education Act, has a tremendous impact upon education. Your sons and daughters are better educated today than any father and mother. And the chance is there for a better education.

And we're pouring in, now, this year, vast sums of money into our educational structure, and it will help. We're going to pour in vast sums of money to help people

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get on their feet. I was with a group this morning - I have my notes right here. Job Corps group in Washington, D. C. I wish you could have seen these boys. Now I know about Job Corps Camps, I'm the daddy of the Job Corps Camps. And sometimes I find that my boys get into a lot of trouble. But ~~xxx~~ I'll let you in on it - they'd get into trouble anyhow. You know, as I tell my sons, "Don't try to fool dad, I've been around kids." "You can fool your mother, but don't work on me." And I have been around a bit.

So, when I hear people say about the Job Corps Camps, "Why, look at them! Look at some of those youngsters. They go to Job Corps Camps and 6 weeks later half of them are dropped out." Well, that's too large - about one-third drop out. I'll let you in on a secret: Every boy that came in there was a drop-out before he came.

They were a hundred percent drop-outs. On street corners...when I was mayor, Mayor Barr, it cost twenty-five thousand dollars for ~~just~~ one juvenile delinquent - just for social services. When I was mayor of my city of Minneapolis, I made a tax survey - it cost 7 to 8 times per block for municipal services in the slum areas as in the middle income areas. The only people that can afford slums and poverty are the rich.

And that's a fact. And the taxpayer that lets this go on is foolish. Because it takes your money - good money - following one good money after bad money, and bad money after good money. Going down and being lost. Well, I've watched these Job Corps Centers. I've been out and I want to be frank with you. Sometimes they're disappointing but you're not working with young men of IQ of 125, 140, 150 or 160. You may be working with someone that has an IQ of 100, or 80; you may be working with someone that cannot read or write - believe me - I have seen men 25 years of age, young men 21 years of age, sitting there trying to learn their ABC's...in the United States of America... and I've seen hundreds of them. Hundreds of them. This nation has 12 million illiterates and they're not all colored. A lot of them are white...and when you're illiterate it doesn't make any difference what your color is.

And all the poor aren't colored either. There are more white poor than there are colored poor. Of course, there are more whites, but the total number of the poor

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of the whites is more than the colored. These are the facts. But you know what happened last year? We touched the lives of five million of these people so that they started to come up.

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Oh, ~~they're~~ thirty million to get at. In fact, there're about 35 million. But we hit five. And I read the other day that we hadn't done much...and that's true. But we've done a whole lot more than was done a year ago. A whole lot.

And I know it costs money. It costs money to educate your children. It costs money to build a house - at least I find it does, in my family. My house is a series of patios enclosed. Mrs. Humphrey is the nation's best instrument for the economy. She knows -(I want Larry to know that all you need is Mrs. Humphrey in that Home Builders Institute and you're all right)(don't worry, she'll figure out how to get it done for you.)

I can assure you that we had to make some beginnings. We didn't have the home that we have now. We had to start and that first step is the longest journey. But we've been making starts and all I'm trying to say to you, I guess, in substance, is: we're making progress. Don't despair. We're not trying to make, for example, poverty...make it more tolerable... if that's all we've got to do, just pay some bills for people.

We're trying to get people out of the vicious cycle of poverty. We have families in this country that have been on relief for three generations...that's wrong.

Wrong for you and wrong for them. We have to find out why. I know we're gonna make a lot of mistakes and that's when you start getting it. If you're in public life, you're not supposed to make many mistakes. Of course, as I said, Mickey Mantle hits 3.70 and got that hundred thousand dollars a year. But in public life, everytime you come up you're supposed to hit a home run. Well now, everybody that's got any sense knows you can't do that. You're bound to make some mistakes. I know there are doctors in this room.

We've been searching for the cure of cancer for better than fifty years. You haven't found it, have you? But you're coming closer. And I'll pray for the day that you'll find it. And we will...but we didn't quit. We didn't say, "Well, there's something

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wrong with the medical profession - we've gotta get rid of the AMA. They didn't know how to find the cure for cancer - we've invested several billions of dollars in the research field looking for it."

I want to find it. My boy had cancer. It's a very personal experience. But we do not burn down hospitals and close up doctors offices and burn down laboratories or assail them and accuse them because they haven't found the cure. And I'm here to tell you there are more people afflicted with poverty than with cancer.

And it's as difficult to get at the cure of one as the other. And we've got to find the answers, and I'll tell you why: Because poverty is getting to be too expensive. And what's more is, poverty is getting to be too difficult. That's what the turmoil's all about. We can't afford to have riots in our cities. And it doesn't do any good to say you ought not to riot. Any more than it does, sometime, at home to say you ought not to do this...we've had a lot of common experiences, we folks in this room.

We have to find out why and we have to treat not only the symptoms but the cause, and slowly but surely we're doing it. Well, you see I'm an optimist. I think we can get it done. I've seen wonderful things being done/ I have unbounded faith in our enterprise system. I happen to believe that if a man's in business he ought to be able to make a profit. That's one of the purposes of business.

I'm a pro-profit Democrat.

I wanted to say to some of the young people here - a word or two something kinda special - because when you're my age it doesn't mean too much to you because you don't happen to be around to see it all. But if I could have one wish, it would be that I could live to be a hundred and I could do two things. I could start to pay back what the community has given me - at least I'd pay on the interest - every one of us that have had a college education - owe - everyone of us owe the community years of our lives. And I hear people say, "Well, I've worked my way through college - I paid the bill." I say, "Well, when did you give Shakespeare a royalty on his books?"

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How can you pay the bill for a library...how can you pay for the wonders of science as a student...why, there isn't a student in a university that ever paid a half of his expenses - even the expenses that he thinks he paid for - the church, the community, the taxpayer, the corporations, the philanthropists, .. they pay for most of it.

But we've inherited vast culture....scientific knowledge...no one can pay for that. A man that has a college education is in debt to society to his dying day. And he ought to start paying that debt by community leadership... by participation.. by helping other people.

The worst thing a man can ever think is that he made it on his own. Because he is deluding himself. It's bad enough to lie to others - don't lie to yourself. It's unforgivable.

Now, young people: I ~~generally~~ go out and talk to them at high schools and I generally say, "Look, I'm not here to pamper or baby you - frankly, you've got it good. I'm not going to tell you the world is going to pieces because it's been that way as long as we've had a world, got mixed up in the Garden of Eden - started right off. And I'm not going to tell you you have it worse than your parents because you don't. And even if you did, you're better equipped. And what's more, you wouldn't believe me one way or the other. I'm just gonna tell you, as we put it, "You've gotta get where the action is and the action is right around you."

This is a fantastic, changing world --changing politically -- I talked about that today. Let me show you - tell you about what's changing other ways.

Why, within five years we'll have a man on the moon. Within ten years we'll have a manned station on the moon. And mother, your boy will be maybe one of those that goes there and spends a little time. Within a few years, we'll have orbiting satellites that take pictures of the earth, that explore the sun, within 20 years we'll be in Mars.

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just as surely as I'm in Fort Worth. Interplanetary travel is in the works.

I'm Chairman of the Space Council. Fascinating experience. I have some responsibilities here for this program. And its a huge program - into which we're putting billions...and it's been a Godsend to America. It's emphasized excellence because you can't be half good. You know, those astronauts never say, "O.K.", they say, "A.O.K." not "B.O.K." not "C.O.K." - you're either A or you're dead.

And the space program has made industry be better. Labor better. Management better. We've learned management techniques the likes of which no other people of the world has known. And I want to give you a little tip for the future. American industry is so much further advanced than all the rest of the industry in the world primarily, recently, because of the Space program.

The effort that we're putting into it - not only because of our management and our skill - but attitude at the demands that a Space program makes upon it. I feel sorry for Western Europe. I really do, because they think they're going to get a free ride out of a space effort by the United States. They'll get some. But their own leaders come to see me - I see them every week - and they say, "you know what's happening?" "Your industry is getting so improved because of the demands of excellence in the space program, we're no longer competitive."

Industry after industry. The Americans produce the computers... and the computer and the transsistor - they're almost the new gods, for a materialist, at least. They are absolutely essential for modern industry. And we're the ones that are away out in front. ~~a~~

Well, what are some of the things we're going to be doing? You know, we've got the Early Bird satellites, and I'm sure you know they have only a certain period of life...after awhile the solar cells have to be repaired or other things have to be repaired...they go on the blink, as we say - you know how your television acts up - well, I hope that whoever is repairin g those satellites in the future that I'm going to talk about, does a better job than my television repairman last week.

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Why should we spend another five million dollars to put up a new satellite when we can send a man up in a rocket, and have him get out of the rocket and put on a new battery, ^{fix up} or ~~do something to~~ the dial, or do something else - which he will be doing -

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Your boys - the same sort of boy who ~~have~~ learned how to fix a computer on earth - will go on up in a manned orbiting laboratory, get out of that manned orbiting laboratory, walk out in space with his tools, proceed to go over to the Early Bird satellite and adjust it and fix it, put on a new paddle or straighten out a wire, perform an act of repair, get back in his rocket and come back to earth.

Or go to the moon, or some planetary station. We'll build buildings in space and we're practically ready to do it now. We're practicing it right now - how to build a building in space...how to build a room bigger than your living room in space...and live in it - not for a half a day or a week, a month, a year, two years - and how to bring people in - ~~come on out~~ open up the door, come on out and go home and see the relatives and go on up again.

By the way, fellows, that's one time nobody will be able to get you. You can come on up there and your wife can't even call you.

This is what the future means. And I'm not talking about a future fifty years from now. I'm talking about a future a few years from now. Twenty at the most - five in many instances - ten.

Desalinization of sea water. What a day that will be. We always hear about hunger on the earth. There never needs to be famine on this earth. That day is all over. We are going, ~~xx~~ within the next decade, as surely as I'm here with you tonight, to perfect the process of desalinization of sea water to make it sweet water so that the desert shall bloom. It's inevitable. And what a day that will be.

And we're going to most likely do it out of the miracle of atomic energy. We're going to mine the seas - we already are in the Continental shelf - with gas and oil. But we'll farm the seas to again feed the hungry people of the earth.

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We're starting our new program of oceanography ..we'll have the elimination of bacterial and viral disease...at least most of them.

Transplant of human organs...somebody asked me one time, what is my favorite quotation of Scripture and I said, "It's in the Gospel according to John".

"Greater things than I have done ye shall do ~~xx~~ also". And we're doing them.

We've raised the dead. I've seen people dead ...for all physiological purposes they've been dead - and they've been brought back to life. Heart massage...heart surgery. Dead for 3 minutes, 4 minutes ...not over five because then the oxygen out of the blood starts to affect the mind. But we've done great things...transplanted kidneys and soon we'll have synthetic, artificial organs for doing these things.

We'll control the weather. Won't that be nice. Be able to just kinda tune it down in order to ...you hear it's going to be 103 in Fort Worth, you say, "well, I think I'd like it about 85"...adjust it... Sounds a little ridiculous, but it's there.

These are some of the things I wanted to tell you about. Now, why am I so enthusiastic about these things? Because this is the world of tomorrow. But with all of this, my friends, unless we learn how to live together, so what? '

This ~~same~~ man that they said learned how to split the atom ought to learn how to split the difference. I heard a fellow say that once and it made quite a little sense. But these same scientists that have learned these fantastic management techniques, and have made these ~~xxxx~~ break-throughs in science, we're going to have to take the same thing that we call systems analysis, management techniques and apply them to our communities.

If you can build an environment in a space capsule for a man to live in outer space, weightless, why can't you build an environment in the cities so that there's no air pollution? We will. We'll have closed cities. Just as surely as we're here.

We're on the way. We're making new materials. I have seen, for example, a mechanical heart that will have within it a little atomic battery - an isotope -

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that will last for a minimum of five years, and up to twenty. That will keep that heart in perfect rhythm. And when the battery runs down they just stop a little while, take and put in a new cell and - bingo - the old heart goes again. This is on the way.

People say, Oh, it can't be! Of course, it can be.

Why not? Because it must be. Now any people that have the ability to put ~~the~~ a man on the moon and keep him there, ought to have the ability to help put a man on his feet right here...on earth - that's my theme for you tonight.

Now let's have some questions....I could go right on...nobody enjoys this more than I do, some of you undoubtedly have some questions in your mind...

Question: This Administration has been the greatest in the ^{history of the} /United States in Conservation. I want to give you some sharp kicks right off so you can feel it... the question is this: if we're gonna have ~~all this~~ desalinization and all this water, in ten years, then why is the Secretary of the Interior officially sponsoring dams that would take water up into our Grand Canyon National Monument and our Grand Canyon National Park?

Mr. Humphrey: There seems to be a rather hot political argument going on around the country about that. This has not as yet, as you know, been fully settled. There are those that believe that we can....-- I'm trying to think of the name of that dam--

interruption: Bridge at Marble Canyon..

Mr. Humphrey: Yes, there is the feeling on the part of the engineers that the amount of scenic destruction it will cause is rather limited and the amount of recreational possibilities that will come from the impounded waters are practically unlimited. There's an honest difference of opinion between people who I work with - for example - that believe in the concept of the wilderness principle - I was a sponsor of this wilderness bill, as you know...and those who believe in a modified position on the ~~concept of~~ wilderness concept. Namely, that you don't need it ALL for the nature boys -

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you can have some for the fellows that like to have a motorboat and everybody doesn't have to go by canoe and packsack. That's the argument that's made. I personally believe that by the time this thing is fought out - which will take some time - that the conservationist's point of view will have been fairly well protected.

Because there is a great desire in this country on the part of a host of people to protect these great wonders of nature and will not let them become destroyed out of the immediate need for irrigation or for some water. I personally tend to favor the protection of our Grand Canyon ~~and~~ and its scenic beauty. Not only that, but of the wilderness areas. I think with a greater population we'll need these outdoor spaces for people to get a little time to commune with nature. I'll talk to the Secretary, too.

Question: (Not word for word as it was indistinct but related to the Democratic farmer-labor party convention in Minnesota in which the contender (lieutenant governor) was endorsed over the incumbent governor.

Mr. Humphrey: Well, I read that. That only proves how wrong some people can be when they're writing columns about Minnesota politics when they're in New York. I happen to have endorsed Mr. Keith, and Mr. Keith is a personal friend of mine, as is the governor. This was not a contest between ~~pro-administration~~ pro-administration forces and anti-administration forces - between the Senator from New York and the Vice President of the United States - We may have a difficulty here and there but it hasn't gotten across the Mississippi yet. One thing I want to reassure you about our Party in Minnesota... we have 50,000 active participants in the precinct caucus this year. 50,000. That's quite a good number. I think that before the Primary election gets around, 2 things will happen. Our party will be re-united and we'll defeat the Republicans in November. I can't think of a nicer thing that could happen in Minnesota in the year of 1966. I don't want my Republican friends to think I am antagonistic towards you - it's just getting up to the season, you know.

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Mr. Vice President, will you repeat the question. - some of the people can't hear them.

Mr. Humphrey: Oh, yes. This gentleman was asking about the Democratic Farmer Labor Party Convention in Minnesota in which the contender (Mr. Keith-lt. governor) was endorsed over the incumbent governor. I can say to you, first of all, both of these two men are Humphrey men, if that means anything. I brought both of them into the Party. They're both my close, personal friends, but I believe in the endorsement principle in our Party, and since Mr. Keith was endorsed, he came to see me a little better than a year and a half ago and told me the governor's plan...I told him that ~~xx~~ if he wanted the endorsement, there was only one way to do it - go out and earn it. Bring in the young people. I think a political party - like the tree of liberty - needs to be watered every 20 years - not with blood but with the blood, sweat and tears of young people. And we brought in young people to our party. 20 years ago I helped build that Party - put it together, as a matter of fact. My crowd has gone on in to Washington.. they've gone into industry...they've gone into the universities...we need a new young people and we are bringing them in by the thousands.

All I want to say, is, wait until the votes are in in November.

Question:What can we do to preserve the beautiful, historic face of the National Capitol?

Mr. Humphrey: Well, it is beautiful, but I will tell you ~~xxx~~ that if you love your husband or your brother or your sweetheart, don't have him stand under it. Because it's gonna fall down. I remember, the National Capitol Commission - the founding fathers were delightful people but they did cheat a little bit, I think, on that sand and gravel that they put in it.

I say that in all honesty because we have gone in and taken samplings out of the wall - oh, that limestone is all right but it's had it's best days. And, really, it is unsafe. The West front. Now, what kind of a west front should we have - that's

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the point that the lady is making. I'm sure that we all agree that it ought to be repaired. I personally see nothing wrong in having a nice, marble west front. It will last. Frankly, I think it's a little better than limestone; I also think you can have a west front that is modernized without losing it's historical appearance and historical meaning. We put on the East front - Sam Rayburn fought hard for the east front. Let me tell you a little about that. We argued about it so much it cost us five million dollars more by the time we built it. That's right.

We were supposed to put an underground garage on the east front but somebody thought that was too expensive, so we lost that. If we put that underground garage in now, which we need because there's no parking space, it will cost nineteen million dollars more than we could have built it for when we should have built it because somebody was stubborn. Somebody said, "Well, George Washington wouldn't have liked it". George Washington didn't drive an Edsel or a Ford or anything else. He didn't have a problem of parking.

I'm for George Washington, but I'm also for parking lots.

We're going to preserve the historical beauty of that west front. I don't want to see it become a great big, marble mass...I think that's for sure and I think the Congress will take a mighty close look at the plans that have been made and I have a feeling it will come out as nice as the east front did. Another thing I think you should know is there has never been one single public building built in Washington that the newspapers were for, or the Fine Arts Commission.

That's right. They opposed the Lincoln Memorial...the Washington Monument...the Jefferson Memorial...when Hoover built those buildings in the twenties, they thought they were terrible down Pennsylvania Avenue...the ~~Spurman~~ Supreme Court Building was attacked...as being unesthetic and not only that, it looked like some old Grecian Mausoleum - they didn't like that --the Library of Congress was attacked and assailed... I don't know of a single thing that has been built in the form of a public building

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in Washington, D. C. that somebody hasn't criticised. Now, I think that's fine, and I'm glad that architects criticise it because it proves that architects have individuality. And they want their plan - each one, his plan. And I'm for the Association of Architects - I think they do a great job. But I do think that sometime we have to make decisions. The Speaker of the House of Representatives loves the Capitol. The Vice President loves the Capitol...Senator Dirksen loves the Capitol...we all love the Capitol - Republican or Democrat. So, I' just want to assure you that we'll not desecrate it.

And I want to remind you one thing - the city of the Capitol of Washington was supposed to have gone to the east, you know - but they got into an argument back there at that time, too, about the capitol and the grounds with Maryland and Virginia real estate holders and they built the Capitol ~~the~~ to the west and they had to fill in the swamps. That's right. The east front is the back now, you see. The Capitol of the city of Washington should have gone out toward the east. but it doesn't. They went off towards the west. Andrew Jackson was the only man around there that ever made any real decisions. You know, the Treasury building - they got in a big argument about that. They argued how many years - 3 years I guess - 2 or 3 years about where they were going to locate the Treasury building. He just got angry one day and went out and took his cane - went right out in the middle of the road and he said, "Here's where the cornerstone's gonna be and we're gonna stop the argument." and Bang! And of course he put it right in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue so they had to realign all the streets but Andy got the Treasury building.

Question: (indistinct)if Hanoi does hold a public trial of the pilots of the U.S. they are holding as prisoners, what are the plans of our government?

Mr. Humphrey. I don't know. I really don't, and if that terrible thing should happen, I fear for what would happen in our country - the wave of emotion and indignation that would sweep this nation ...I'm sure that our President and the Secretary of Defense have given very serious thought to this and even if I did know, I couldn't tell you.

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but let's hope and pray tonight that that doesn't happen. I think the message has been transmitted rather clearly ~~to~~ through rather reliable sources to Hanoi that such barbarous action as that would unite this nation as never before....I ~~would~~ would imagine compel this nation to take action as never before. So let's hope that it doesn't happen.

Question: Indistinct but related to the whereabouts of his nephew with whom the questioner attended school.

M Mr. Humphrey: He's at the University of Minnesota, doing fine. He's a fine, young man..William Ray Howard. ...Thank you...thank you very much. I remember the Commencement Exercises over there. We had it outside - it started to rain - went inside.. never so warm in my life...

Question: Mr. Vice President, did you really go to St. Louis in Augie Busch's airplane?

Mr. Humphrey: Yes, sir. The gentleman asked me if I really went to St. Louis in Augie Busch's airplane...I'm glad - I'm really - I'm sort of glad you asked that because I've had some very - some very unhappy moments about that. Let me just lay it on the line. I was invited by the Chairman of the Bi-Centennial ~~Committee~~ Commission of the city of St. Louis to come as their honored guest to close this Centennial. It just happened that the Bi-Centennial Chairman was Mr. August Busch, who is one of their most illustrious citizens. And I was not going to use a government plane to go. There was a strike on... and I had to have some transportation...and he said, "We'll provide transportation." I really didn't think about Budweiser.

In fact, I hadn't had the faintest ~~kind of~~ idea what kind of plane he was going to provide. Where it ~~would~~ come from, who would charter it ...he said, "Bring whomever you wish", I said, "well, we want to have a luncheon for the President's Club " just like we had this dinner tonight for the Congressional Club, we didn't raise any money, these are people who have already contributed very generously to the President's Club, the Democratic Party...there were about 40 of us, including the governor, a United States Senator, a couple of Federal judges - well, friends - that got together

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45 minutes before a baseball game - I was there for the All-Star game ...asked to pitch the ball. I hadn't ~~ever~~ had the slightest idea that Mr. Busch's company had ever had an anti-trust case with the government anymore than I know what case you've got with the government. Hadn't the slightest idea.

Didn't know whose airplane it was, couldn't care less...all I was ~~xi~~ sure of was that the Secret Service had checked it out to make sure it was safe. Because it was a hot day and there were storms.

We took a trip to St. Louis .. we never discussed beer, anti-trust, or government. I discussed baseball. Most of the time with a little nine-year old boy. Who knew more about baseball than anybody but Casey Stengle.

I arrived in St. Louis and was met by the Mayor who had extended me an invitation, the Governor who had extended an invitation, the United States Senator who had extended an invitation, Mr. Busch, who was Chairman, of the Bi-Centennial Commission proceeded forthwith to go downtown to take care of some government business... with the agricultural, state committeemen who were meeting from nine Mid-western states on the problems of agriculture. After I was through with that, I went to the luncheon.

And met first, however, with some of the young people in the/neighborhood Youth Corps. Went to the luncheon, went to the baseball game and then had dinner with the owners of the baseball clubs and flew back to Washington, D. C. and ended up in the newspaper looking like a burglar.

If you want to know if I like it, the answer is NO!

I'm not going to go around giving everybody a blood test when they ask me, "will you have dinner with me" I'm gonna say - "well, now, have you paid your taxes... do you have a date with IRS?" "and how about the Food & Drug Administration." every department of government has got a regulatory agency and they're regulating somebody, or trying to. I'll have no friends left.

I'm not at all sure but what somebody sitting here on this dais up here tonight may very well have some kind of a case with the government and I don't want to have to

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read about it in the paper that I came down here to fix it. You know there is such a thing as a fellow being half-way honest some of the time. Did you ever think about that?

Ill just give you one other tip - that if I'm for sale it will be ~~more~~ for more than a ticket to a ballgame./ Believe me. My price is higher than that. And there is no price.

I'm glad I got that off my chest....you're a nice man...thank you. I would have gone home and this would have been festering inside me and I would have had a scrap with Mrs. Humphrey. Now I can go there and be a jolly, happy fellow. I feel purged.

Thank you very much.



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