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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

"ALL-AMERICA TRIBUTE" TO ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 15, 1967

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Fortunately, the time has long passed when people liked to regard the United States as some kind of melting pot, taking men and women from every part of the world and converting them into standardized, homogenized Americans.

We are, I think, much more mature and wise today. Just as we welcome a world of diversity, so we glory in an America of diversity--an America all the richer for the many different and distinctive strands of which it is woven.

So I am happy to pay tribute tonight to Americans of Greek descent, and to their church. And I am particularly happy to pay tribute to the man who represents it with such high distinction--Archbishop Iakovos.

He is a man for all times, and yet a man very much for our times as well. He is a citizen of the world--but also, in a very real sense, a citizen of this nation.

He is a scholar, a linguist, an eloquent preacher, a gifted author, a learned theologian, a good and devoted shepherd of his flock--but not of his flock alone.

For, while the ancients spoke of mankind as divided between "the cities of the Greeks and of the barbarians," Archbishop Iakovos is inspired by a deep belief in the wholeness of the family of man.

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All America Tribute
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Headtable

Rev Clergy

- ✓ His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos
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- ✓ His Excellency Alexander A. Matsas, Ambassador of Greece Mat Sās

- ✓ Governor Otto J. Kerner
- ✓ Governor Spiro T. Agnew
- ✓ Mayor Richard Daley
- ~~Governor William Stratton~~
- ~~Senator Frank E. Moss~~
- ✓ Congressman John Brademas
- ✓ Congressman Roman C. Pucinski
- ~~Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, Chairman 20th Cent. Fox~~
- ~~Mr. Kimon Dukas, President of Ahepa~~

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Gov. Kerner

Mayor Daley

Gov Agnew

my friend
Chris Seraphim

Arch Bishop - Geo Matsas!

11 Bishops + VPs

God Blessed Introduction
Geo Christophor
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Congressman Peter Kyros
Congressman Rick Gala fi Naw Kees
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✓ Peter
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Transcript
Archbishop Iakovos Dinner

Hubert H. Humphrey
January 15, 1967

Thank you very much, thank you. Thank you my enthusiastic and flattering friend, Tom Tsoumas. Thank you so much for your welcome.

Your Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos, your Excellency Archbishop Cody, your Excellency Ambassador Matsas, my friends in the Congress, Governor Kerner and Mayor Daley and Governor Agnew, and the many, many distinguished guests that are here that have graced this dais and this banquet hall tonight by your presence. My good friend Chris Seraphim from Milwaukee that gave us a full demonstration of Demosthenes in the 20th Century. (Applause) I scarcely know just where to start and I hope I shall know where to end and when. But there's so many things that have happened this evening that touched my heart and intrigued my mind, that I feel that just for a moment or two I should like to share my observations with you.

First of all the introduction tonight of this very honored and great Churchman, Archbishop Iakovos, as he came here to this banquet hall, escorted by the Governor of Illinois and the Mayor of this great city of Chicago, I think I should tell all of you what happened in the anteroom immediately after these three distinguished leaders, the top leaders, the Archbishop of North and South America for the Greek Orthodox Church, the chief magistrate of Chicago, the chief executive of Illinois. As they left the room, they left the Vice President with eleven bishops. And I . . . (Applause)

Your Eminence, I think you should know that we were organizing while you were away. I said that it's sort of just like being back in Washington when

the President goes to Texas and I'm back in Washington. I . . . (Applause)
But our moment of glory was but brief, and then we came to this beautiful
banquet hall to see these fine and wonderful people.

And as I sat down, after having been escorted through this fine audience
in the presence of these eleven distinguished bishops, our friend George
Christopher, the former mayor of the great city of San Francisco, said to me,
"I've never known anyone that received such a God-blessed introduction
as you have."

And then to receive such an introduction, as I did tonight by our friend,
Tom Tsoumas, reminded me of what the late and beloved Adlai Stevenson used
to say about introductions. He said, "Flattery is alright, if you don't
inhale it." But my dear friends, I inhaled, and I can't tell you how
grateful I am for the kind words.

There are one or two other observations that I should make, because
John Brademus, the power bloc leader, in the Greek Power bloc in Congress,
has excited everyone tonight by his call for Greek Power. And, I think he
ought to know that I didn't come here unarmed.

I am proud to say that associated with the Vice President are several people
of Greek descent, all of whom are perfectly willing to challenge John Brademus'
bloc at any time, or may I say, to join it. And in light of what I see and
hear tonight, I think we'll join. But I have as one of my aides a military
aide, Col. Mike Nisos, and one of our secretaries and one of the most
beautiful and able secretaries, Zoe Gratzias, and then I have the one who
has been mentioned here, that came out to make sure the Vice President

was real happy, Nick Costopulos, and even a member of our Secret Service detail is of Greek extraction, I have Ken Geanoulis. So, when you get those all added together, I think that I can claim a rather sizeable bloc myself. And then I have Mike Manatos to help me too in case these Congressmen get out of hand.

But what a joy it is to have Peter Kyros, serving now in the House of Representatives, and this fine new man from down in North Carolina, this Greek Tarheel, Nick Galifanekos, and I think (I missed that, didn't I, Nick?) Galifianakis. That's better. (Applause) That's pretty good for a halfbreed Norwegian!!

And now may I just say a word to my friend Mayor Daley. I want you to watch out for your laurels, Mr. Mayor. Because, when I heard tonight that there were 6,000 Americans of Greek descent holding public office, I got to worrying what was going to happen to the Irish. (Applause)

And then too, Dick, I think we have to worry a little bit, politically, when we see such a charming and gifted governor of a different political persuasion as Governor Agnew here, but we're very proud of him and I think you all know that it's a great sense of joy that we looked upon him as one of the leading governors in our 50 great states.

Your Eminence, I didn't come here merely with political leaders on my side, I came with Father John and Father James too, I want you to know, so that our voyage here was guarded not only by the Air Force, but by Divine Providence.

Tonight I want to share some thoughts with this audience about our country, but particularly about this great, beloved man of faith, Archbishop Iakovos.

For me it's a high privilege, and a very valued privilege, to participate in what, I think, is the most appropriate occasion of all, an All-American Tribute to a gentleman, to a spiritual leader that represents, I think, the All-American virtues of faith and dedication to God and Country. This All-American Tribute to Archbishop Iakovos and to the great Church and the great Faith which he represents in these two Americas, of the North and of the South.

For almost 2,000 years, as you know so well, your ancient Church has inspired and sustained the Greek people in all of their trials and tribulations and wanderings. And my, how the Greek people have had to fight to survive and in that battle. I think their qualities have been truly improved and expanded and brought into full fruition. And it was with and through your Church, that Greek art and learning flourished through many centuries of Byzantium, when Byzantium was a shining beacon of civilization amidst a gathering darkness, and those who are students of your faith know so much more about this than I. In all the sorrows which befell the Greek people after the fall of that great metropolis, the Greek Orthodox Church was a pillar of strength for them and an emblem of hope for better times to come.

Now, more recently, the Church contributed mightily to the victory of the Greek people over communism -- communism in the 20th Century -- a victory to which all Americans are proud and happy to have had some share and to have given timely aid. And by the way, in a very few months we will be celebrating

the 20th anniversary of the Truman Doctrine, when that great President saw the danger that was moving through the Mediterranean and to southern Europe and gave timely aid to a brave people as they fought back, then, the communist forces who were seeking to capture that foothold in that part of the world. But the aid would have been of little avail had it not have been for the people and for the Church.

Now in the light of this experience, I'm not at all surprised and, although I'm deeply gratified, that Archbishop Iakovos has declared, forthrightly, that the American presence in Viet Nam is imperative and justified. And I thank him for it. (Applause)

All nations would do well to examine the Greek example -- an example of steadfast support of democracy under the most trying conditions. And you know, democracy is not easy -- you remember what Winston Churchill said about it once, he said it's the worst possible form of government -- except all others. It truly tests man's ingenuity and his intelligence. Democracy sometimes extracts a very high price of those who cherish it. Democracy above all requires self-discipline, it requires infinite patience, understanding, and compromise on occasion, but above all, respect for the opinion of others. It also requires something that many of us find so difficult to give -- respect for dissent, even irresponsible dissent. And how often we are tested by the outrages of those who seek to overthrow democracy even as they claim democratic rights.

Yet, despite it's demands, I think I can say to you tonight what you believe, that democracy offers the most priceless gift of all -- freedom. (Applause)

Now, the Greek nation has paid a high price over the years to preserve that precarious democracy even as it does today. And we, the citizens of the American democracy, are especially obligated and tied to Greece. Obligated and tied through history and philosophy, but even more currently, through the developments of the world of our time. We hail the efforts of the Greek people, Mr. Ambassador, towards social and economic betterment and they have made great progress. We hail their steadfast support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization when others waver and of resistance to aggression throughout the world. We hail, above all, their existence, yes their presence, as free men and women over the centuries. What a glorious example it is for those who are all too often tempted by the false promises of totalitarianism and dictatorship. And we commit ourselves to the preservation of this warm and close bond of friendship between our nations.

One of the reasons I wanted to be here tonight was that by trying in my way to express honor and tribute to Archbishop Iakovos I could in a sense express tribute to a great trinity, to Religion, yes, to God, to our Country, and to the country of his forebearers, Greece ... all three together. (Applause)

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and talents, their tireless industry, and above all their deep religious faith. And we see it here tonight, we see it all over America how this great faith has become a part of the American community -- a vital part of it. We see doctors and lawyers and governors and congressmen, legislators, people of every walk of life in labor and education and the professions all giving so much now . . . not only to America, but to the world.

And yet it was just a little over a century ago, my fellow Americans, that the first Greek Orthodox Church was established here in these United States and as an American, as I said earlier, of at least in part of Norwegian descent, my mother having been born there, I'm happy to say tonight how much all of us have benefited from having you among us. No longer, you see, do we seek to have Americans sort of stamped out all alike. We, in fact, rejoice in our differences. We do not seek a unanimity in this country, we seek a unity based upon respect for human individuality. We are, I think, a very much more mature and responsible and wise society today than we were years ago when there was some effort to make all Americans homogenized and standardized as they came to these shores. Just as we welcome a world of difference and diversity, so we glory in an America of the different ethnic groups and religious faiths, an America of diversity, an America that is all the richer for the many different and distinctive strands of which it is woven. It's a mosaic, isn't it? Each part distinct and different and colorful with its own individuality and personality, but, together making a beautiful design of a free nation, a blessed nation.

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is no freedom and there is no democracy unless you can accept in your heart and soul the fact that God created man in his own image. (Applause)

But His Eminence had this to say of the Declaration of Religious Liberty of the Second Vatican Council, "This declaration, we pray and hope, will help to establish more securely the inalienable rights of all men, and will initiate a new era of closer understanding among all churches and between them and the sincere believers of every God-fearing faith." A call to unity. And it was in this spirit that he appealed that same year to the leaders of the people of the Soviet Union, to the leaders and, I should say, the people of the Soviet Union, so many of whom are our Christian Orthodox bretheren, to allow the devout Jews in their midst to practice their ancient beliefs and customs without curtailment. You see, here are the words of a man who recognizes the Family of Man. In fulfilling his great responsibilities, Archbishop Iakovos has traveled many thousands of miles every year to many parts of the world, and I asked him how he could look so well with such a constant, radiant countenance of happiness and joy and it's because he loves his work and loves people.

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No more eloquent words could be spoken for the cause that this nation stands, the cause of human equality in freedom, of opportunity in freedom. These are the words of transcendent truth, well and truly spoken by a man of truth. They bring to bear on the challenges and necessities of our own times and our own place, a timeless wisdom and a timeless faith.

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