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Governor Hughes and members of the Executive Branch of the State of Iowa, let me join Governor Daniel in welcoming you to Washington.

Governor Daniel, let me also welcome you back to Washington.

As you know, the President has charged me with the responsibility for maintaining close links of communication between our various federal programs and the cities, counties, and local governments throughout the nation. Having been a mayor, this job is one of the most rewarding of the many tasks President Johnson has asked me to take on.

Talking with and dealing with these local and state officials you realize that the great goals of our society cannot be achieved through the efforts of the Federal government alone. The War on Poverty, the preservation of our nation's beauty, the safety of our citizens from crime and violence -- all of these depend more upon state and local

action than upon us here in Washington.

Sometimes we can lead, sometimes we follow, always we are ready to help. In many cases we can provide tools -- but in most instances you in the states and those in local governments must be the craftsmen who use those tools.

Farm from tale

I have appreciated serving in this cause with Governor Bryant over the last eighteen months. I look forward to an equally rewarding association with Governor Daniel. It is a pleasure and an opportunity to have you here to tell us ways to make your tools better serve America.

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