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Telephone Remarks by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey for
MICHIGAN 18TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC DINNER, November 27, 1967.

I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY A FEW REMARKS
TO MICHIGAN'S 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC
DINNER. MAY I FIRST EXTEND GREETINGS TO MY GOOD FRIENDS
AND YOUR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND COMMITTEEWOMAN,
NEIL STAEBLER AND MILLIE JEFFRY, WHO I UNDERSTAND ARE
WITH YOU TONIGHT. THEY HAVE BOTH GIVEN SO MUCH OF THEIR
TALENT AND ENERGY OVER THE YEARS TO THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY.

GREETINGS ALSO TO YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE, JIM
HARE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANK KELLEY. IT IS DEMOCRATIC
OFFICE HOLDERS LIKE THESE TWO WHO GIVE US REASON FOR
CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTY IN YOUR STATE. AND
MAY I ALSO EXTEND GREETINGS TO YOUR DINNER CHAIRMAN AND
FORMER CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE, BILL MERRILL, AND TO

MORE.....

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YOUR DEMOCRATIC STATE SENATOR, SANDY LEVIN. I HEAR GOOD THINGS ABOUT YOU, SENATOR.

I KNOW THE 18TH DISTRICT IS ALSO THE HOME OF YOUR GREAT UNITED STATES SENATOR AND MY VERY GOOD FRIEND, PHIL HART. *What this Country needs is* ~~HOW I WISH WE HAD~~ MORE PHIL HARTS IN WASHINGTON---

AND MORE MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 90TH CONGRESS AND THE 89TH IS NO WHERE BETTER EXPLAINED THAN THROUGH THE LOSS OF THOSE FIVE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN FROM MICHIGAN LAST YEAR.

I KNOW THAT IN TALKING TO YOU 18TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS, I AM IN TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE A VITAL

INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE WELFARE OF OUR *Country* ~~PARTY~~ AND OUR

Party ~~NATION~~. IF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FAILS IN THE SUBURBS

SUCH AS BIRMINGHAM, ROYAL OAK, SOUTHFIELD, HUNTINGTON

WOODS -- IF WE FAIL TO REALIZE THE TALENT AND UTILIZE THE

MORE.....

3.

RESOURCES OF THE GROWING SUBURBS, THE FUTURE OF OUR

PARTY WILL BE DIM INDEED AND THE SOLUTION OF THE

PROBLEMS WHICH BESET US WILL BE FURTHER DEFERRED. SO

YOU HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

FOR LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING AND RE-BUILDING THE DEMOCRATIC

PARTY. I KNOW THAT I AM TALKING TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE

VICTORY POSSIBLE ~~FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY.~~

WE HAVE BEEN -- AND WE ARE -- A FORWARD LOOKING

PARTY. WE ARE A NATIONAL PARTY WITH NATIONAL GOALS,

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES, AND COMMITMENTS. WE ARE ALSO A

PARTY OF INDIVIDUALS -- A PARTY OF LOCAL GROUPS WITH

DIFFERING INTERESTS. AND IF OUR PARTY IS TO BE HEALTHY

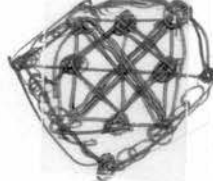
IT MUST ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY AND A FRAMEWORK

WITHIN WHICH MEMBERS CAN EXPRESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL ^{Concerns} ~~POINTS~~

~~OF VIEW.~~

their individual views.

MORE.....



BUT AFTER THE DEBATE THERE COMES A TIME FOR
DECISION. AND ON THAT DAY YOU MUST MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN
THE AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES -- BETWEEN WHICH CANDIDATES,
of the
WHICH TWO PARTIES, AND WHICH POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES YOU
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PREFER TO GUIDE OUR NATION FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

AND I FOR ONE WELCOME THE COMING OPPORTUNITY FOR
THIS DECISION. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THIS ADMINISTRATION
HAS ESTABLISHED AN ENVIABLE RECORD OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC
GROWTH, OF SOCIAL PROGRESS. THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON AND
JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE A *Good* GREAT RECORD.

~~AND WHILE TIME DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO RECOUNT THEM IN~~

Let me
~~DETAIL, I DO WANT TO~~ REMIND YOU OF JUST SOME OF THE HIGH

POINTS: MEDICARE FOR THE ELDERLY, HEAD START FOR SOME

TWO MILLION PRE-SCHOOLERS, AID TO ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

EDUCATION FOR EIGHT MILLION DISADVANTAGED YOUNGSTERS, *and*

AID TO NEARLY A MILLION COLLEGE STUDENTS IN GRANTS,

MORE.....

5.

LOANS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS THIS PAST YEAR, MODEL CITIES,

AND MANY, MANY OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN

ON THE LIST OF GOALS ESTABLISHED BY LIBERAL DEMOCRATS.

L AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT IT WAS OUR PARTY AND

OUR PRESIDENT WHO ENACTED THE GREAT LEGISLATIVE

LANDMARKS IN CIVIL RIGHTS, LEGISLATION WHICH CLIMAXED

THE LONG STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW

TO EVERY AMERICAN REGARDLESS OF RACE OR COLOR. THIS

STRUGGLE IS STILL NOT FULLY WON, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT

YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT TONIGHT FROM THAT GREAT

my friend
DEMOCRAT, YOUR FORMER GOVERNOR, G. MENNEN WILLIAMS,

the Governor inspired
WHO DURING HIS SIX TERMS IN ~~THAT~~ OFFICE GAVE ~~UNPARALLELED~~

LEADERSHIP IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS.

L AND IT IS OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT WHO TODAY GIVE

LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIR AND WATER POLLUTION

AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONSUMER

MORE.....

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PROTECTION WHETHER IT BE THE QUALITY OF THE MEAT SERVED

ON THE TABLE OR THE INTEREST CHARGES PAID ON BORROWING.

I WELCOME ALSO THE COMING DEBATE AND DECISION

BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE AMERICAN VOTERS ON

THE CONDUCT OF OUR NATION'S FOREIGN POLICY ~~BY THE~~

~~JOHNSON HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION.~~ AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE

JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A MISSION TO THREE NATIONS

IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: VIETNAM, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA. THE

CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM THESE VISITS WAS INESCAPABLE,

THESE NATIONS---WITH A COMMON EXPERIENCE OF COMMUNIST

SUBVERSION AND AGRESSION, OF EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT AND

BUILD A NATION ---DESERVE OUR CONTINUING CONCERN AND

SUPPORT.

BEHIND THE SHIELD OF POWER, BOTH OF OURSELVES

AND OUR ALLIES, THESE AND OTHER INDEPENDENT NATIONS OF

MORE.....

7.

SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE WITHSTOOD COMMUNIST PRESSURE, HAVE
JOINED TOGETHER IN NEW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MOVED
FORWARD TO PROVIDE THEIR PEOPLE WITH A NEW MEASURE OF
SECURITY *and national Development*

L SHOULD THAT SHIELD BE REMOVED? *?* I THINK NOT. TO DO
SO WOULD FORCE THESE NATIONS TO COME TO TERMS WITH
AGGRESSIVE, EXPANSIONIST, MILITANT COMMUNISM -- AND THE
clear
A
LEADERS OF THESE FREE NATIONS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ARE
THE FIRST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT REALITY.

looking to
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE ~~ARE~~ APPLYING ~~IN~~ IN ASIA THE
FORMULA WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED IN EUROPE AND
ELSEWHERE SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II -- TO RAISE A
SHIELD OF SECURITY BEHIND WHICH NATIONS CAN BUILD AND
DEVELOP UNTIL THEY CAN EVENTUALLY STAND ON THEIR OWN
FEET AND DETER POTENTIAL AGGRESSORS TO THE PATHS OF
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. *L* THIS IS NOT AN EASY JOB. BUT I

MORE.....

8.

BELIEVE IT IS A NECESSARY ONE.

~~YES, WE DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE AS OUR~~

~~PRESIDENT, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS~~

FULLY NOT ONLY ^{our} ~~HIS~~ RESPONSIBILITIES AT HOME, BUT OUR

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A NATION IN BUILDING THE PEACE WE SO

EARNESTLY SEEK AND SO DEEPLY DESIRE.

THE DEMOCRATS OF MICHIGAN ARE VERY MUCH A PART OF
THIS QUEST. YOU HAVE LONG BEEN LEADERS IN OUR EFFORTS TO

ACHIEVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS AT HOME. YOU HAVE

LIKEWISE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO BUILD

THE FRAMEWORK FOR A DURABLE PEACE IN THIS WORLD. ^{this is our objective} ~~I AM~~

~~CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SO SERVE OUR PARTY~~

AND OUR NATION.

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