

April 1, 1968

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CONGRESSIONAL DINNER - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. President, our hearts and prayers are with you tonight as you leave for the Pacific.

and Thank you, Mr. President.

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We have found that laws alone do not make justice.

We have learned that poverty of the spirit is far, far deeper than poverty of the purse.

We see that government must be not just for the people ... but also of and by the people -- if democracy is to finally succeed.

∠ We are the party of the future. ∠ We are the party of dreams and hope.

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Can we continue to provide the leadership that America

needs to bring both order and progress to a society in the midst of change?

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I say we will.

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