

Statement by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

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For Monday AM's

Now that the Democratic and Republican Parties have concluded their conventions, and the Presidential campaign is about to begin, I believe both candidates should make absolutely clear that they share a basic commitment to the success of the peace negotiations now taking place in Paris.

Both political parties, in their platforms, pledge their commitment to an honorable and lasting peace in Southeast Asia.

Neither political party, in its platform, gave any reason to the

Government of North Vietnam to conclude that there ~~should be any~~

cause
~~which~~ ~~reason~~ for further delay in the negotiating processes.

a Political Settlement through
I believe that ~~it will further the cause of peace~~ through negotiations

will be advanced
~~and a political settlement~~ if both candidates and parties serve notice

on North Vietnam that we support our government and its negotiators.

L The Government of North Vietnam should clearly understand that it is

not in its interest to continue the killing and the accompanying psychological

warfare in the hope that partisan debate in America might create
dissension here which would lead to a weakening of American deter-
mination either on the battlefield or at the negotiating table, North
Vietnam must understand that a political campaign in the United States
will not result in granting to North Vietnam concessions which it
cannot obtain through the legitimate processes of negotiation now
underway in Paris.

The time to negotiate is now, not later. The time to stop the
killing is now, not later. ~~At immediate cease fire should be established~~
~~in Vietnam, and the respective governments should proceed promptly~~
~~to obtain a political settlement of this costly and tragic war.~~

~~I have sent a copy of this statement to former Vice President Nixon,~~
~~suggesting that he join with me in urging the Government of North~~
~~Vietnam to proceed now with the negotiations.~~

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(3) Hulitt Smith.
Warren Kearney Miss

(3) Richard Hughes N.J.

(8) Harold Hughes Iowa

(3) Cal Rampton, Utah

Dan Shapiro Ill.

Charles Terry Delaware.

Wm Huey N. Dak.

Robt Docking Kansas.

Roger Branigan Indiana

Tate
Barr

(8) Wm Morgan
Cortland - a Homer
my.
Good Dem - soup
Farley

Press - P.R. - Someone
to Ride Herd

answer letters +
Telegrams

write Key People Letters

call Valente
connally

John Duncan



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