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STRONG DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY NEEDED TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES WITHOUT TAX RISES, HUMPHREY SAYS

Levittown, N.Y., Nov. 2--Continued strong economic growth-which we cannot take for granted--is the key to meeting the nations needs without adding further to local property and other taxes, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said today.

Humphrey reiterated his proposal to share growing Federal revenues with states and local governments. "You have urgent needs --education, health, housing--and the Federal government can help you meet these needs."

One such need is "bringing safety back to our neighborhoods," he said. The other candidates have complained about crime "But I was the only candidate to speak to you directly on television, to talk sense about this problem that troubles so many people.

"And I am the only candidate to set forth a specific program of action--not talk, but action--to help your local police with better salaries, better training and better equipment," Humphrey said. He recalled that he had led a successful fight against crime as Mayor of Minneapolis and pledged similar decisive action as President.

Humphrey also pointed to the Democratic leadership in and the Republican opposition to measures to improve education and aid consumers. "In the last 8 years, we have done more to improve the quality of education in America than was done in the entire previous history of the Republic. The Nixon-Republicans voted no on educating our children. But we Democrats voted yes. And we will press forward," he said.

The text of his remarks is attached.

REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK NOVEMBER 3, 1968

It's great to be in Levittown.

I remember your community as the marvel of the post-World War II building boom. Thousands of houses sprang up overnight -- houses urgently needed by our returning veterans.

But there were those who refused to believe ... who said that within 25 years Levittown would be falling apart -- that it would be a run-down, second class neighborhood.

But they were wrong.

You have worked for what we see here, today ... better homes ... better schools ... shopping centers ... consumer services.

You have had commitment ... vision ... and a willingness to make financial sacrifices.

You -- and others like you -- have carried a heavy burden in upgrading our whole society ... and this burden has been getting heavier all the time.

But I believe that no one in America should carry more than his fair share of the burden of making democracy work.

I have proposed a number of important and constructive steps to help preserve and improve the quality of your communities -- without adding further to local property and other taxes.

The key is the unprecedented growth of our economy. That growth means an increase of federal revenues of 12-15 billion dollars a year with no increase in taxes.

We can -- and we will share these revenues with our states ... we will share these revenues with our cities and towns ... we will guarantee them their fair share of our nation's economic growth.

We will do this when I am president.

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But a president who understands the problem can act. When I was mayor of Minneapolis I broke up organized crime. I know how to do it. I've done it.

And I will take action when I am your president.

We can make our neighborhoods safe ... and keep order, with justice for every American .. and I will do it.

And there is much that we can do to improve the quality of life in America... for ourselves and our families.

First, education, ... in the last 8 years, we have done more to improve the quality of education in America than was done in the entire previous history of the Republic. The Nixon-Republicans voted no on educating our children. But we Democrats voted yes.

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Ed Muskie and I see education as the best investment we can make in America's future ... and in the future of your children. And we will make that investment.

And we have other work to do together.

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(ATTENTION: DON WARD)

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BUT THEY WERE WRONG.

YOU HAVE WORKED FOR WHAT WE SEE HERE, TODAY...BETTER HOMES... BETTER SCHOOLS...SHOPPING CENTERS...CONSUMER SERVICES.

YOU HAVE HAD COMMITMENT... VISION... AND A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE FINANCIAL SACRIFICES.

YOU -- AND OTHERS LIKE YOU -- HAVE CARRIED AHEAVY BURDEN IN UPGRADING OUR WHOLE SOCIETY ... AND THIS BURDEN HAS BEEN GETTING HEAVIER ALL THE TIME.

BUT I BELIEVE THAT NO ONE IN AMERICA SHOULD CARRY MORE THAN HIS FAIR SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK.

I HAVE PROPOSED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO HELP PRESERVE AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR COMMUNITIES --

WITHOUT ADDING FURTHER TO LOCAL PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES.

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CAMPAIGN ORATORY NEVER CAUGHT A CRIMINAL. BUMPER STICKERS. STICKERS WON'T HELP YOU LOCAL POLICE.

BUT A PRESIDENT WHO UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM CAN ACT. WHEN I WAS MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS I BROKE UP ORGANIZED CRIME. I KNOW HOW TO DO IT. I'VE DONE IT. AND I WILL TAKE ACTION WHEN I AM YOUR PRESIDENT.

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IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS THE DEMOCRATS STOPPED THE SALE OF DRUGS THAT WOULD PRODUCE DEFORMITIES IN UNBORN CHILDREN... PROTECTED YOUR CHILD FROM DANGEROUS TOYS...PROTECTED YOUR FAMILY FROM FRAUD AND HIDDEN CHARGES IN INSTALLMENT-PLAN BUYING.

WE CANNOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. IN THE 1950'S THE NIXON-REPUBLICANS GAVE US THREE RECESSIONS IN EIGHT YEARS...THE LOWEST RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD...AND AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT CLIMBED ALMOST TO 7 PERCENT.

BUT TODAY, WE HAVE HAD 92 STRAIGHT MONTHS OF PROSPERITY ... WE HAVE CUT UNEMPLOYMENT IN HALFXXX HALF.

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. THERE IS NO LONGER ANY QUESTION THAT, IF THE REPUBLICANS GET IN THE WHITE HOUSE, YOU WILL SEE INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY HAVE SAID SO. THEY ARE COMMITTED, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, TO DELIBERATELY THROWING MEN OUT OF WORK.

THE ONLY QUESTION NOW IS HOW LONG THE REPUBLICAN RECESSION WOULD LAST...AND HOW DEEP IT WILL CUT.

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THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT.

AND I DON'T THINK IT'S WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT.

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I WANT TO END THE CRUEL WAR IN VIETNAM. THURSDAY NIGHT
THE PRESIDENT TOOK A WISE AND COURGEOUS STEP TOWARD PEACE...A
STEP THAT ALL PEACE-LOVING AMERICAN SUPPORT.

I WANT TO GO ON AND BUILD A STABLE STRUCTURE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

AND I WANT TO STOP THE SUICIDAL NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS RACE.

IN THIS DANGEROUS NUCLEAR AGE, EVERYTHING WE HAVE BUILT HERE AT HOME, ALL OUR HOPES AND REAMS...ALL OUR LIVES... COULD BE WIPED OUT IN A SINGLE BLINDING INSTANT... IF YOUR PRESIDENT WHO SUCCEEDED HIM MADE A SINGLE MISTAKE.

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WHEN I AM PRESIDENT, I WILL PRESS FOR THE REATIFICATION OF THAT TREATY.

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