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August 4, 1970

Dear Dr. Walster:

I do not agree with the position taken by Dr. Edgar Berman on the subject of women in politics. I have long urged and actively encouraged active participation by women in all areas of public life including elective office. Dr. Berman speaks only for himself on this issue. He does not speak for me.

I did not appoint Dr. Berman to the Committee on National Priorities of the Democratic Policy Council. All appointments are made by the Chairmen of the Committees and by the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Dr. Berman is a respected physician of professional competence but like many other scientists he has his own political views and expresses them openly. I have expressed clearly and frankly my opposition to his views in this controversy, and he has resigned from the committee.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

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P. S. Enclosed is a copy of my telegram to Congresswoman Edith Green.

Sent July 30, 1970

NIGHT LETTER

THE HONORABLE EDITH GREEN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOSEPH CALIFANO HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR PROPOSED HEARING. I DID NOT APPOINT DR. BERMAN TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PRIORITIES NOR HAVE I APPOINTED ANY OTHER MEMBERS TO ANY OF THE OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COUNCIL. THESE APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES. I EMPHATICALLY DO NOT AGREE WITH THE POSITION TAKEN BY DR. BERMAN ON THE MATTER OF WOMEN IN AMERICAN POLITICS. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN IN ALL FORMS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY INCLUDING ELECTIVE OFFICE. I HAVE LONG BEEN A SUPPORTER OF FULL AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THIS NATION. DR. BERMAN'S VIEWS ARE HIS. HE DOES NOT SPEAK FOR ME. I REJECT HIS INTERPRETATION. MY VIEWS ARE SET FORTH ABOVE.

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY



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