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There are many problems confronting America, at home and abroad.

- Peace in Southeast Asia and in the Middle East
- Pollution of the water we drink and the air we breathe
- Soaring consumer prices and declining farm prices
- Unemployment, inflation, and tight money
- Inadequate health care for too many
- The need to improve the quality of education

The list is virtually endless. However, none is more important to our future than law and order / Our will --- indeed, our physical capacity to address ourselves to other problems ---

is sapped by the concern for our personal safety and the security of property *and the ~~safe~~ protection of vital institutions*
 It is that problem that I want to discuss with you *Bout, Eric.*
 today. Law and order is fundamental to the social contract that civilized people make with their government.

The preservation of life is the prime function of government.

Without law and order, there is no government -- only anarchy.

We need to have safe streets and we can.

We need to have safe parks and we can.

Merchants must be secure in their places of business and we can see that this, too, is done.

Parents must feel that their children are safe.

Older people must know that they can walk to a store without being attacked by some hoodlum.

I am a liberal, and proud of it, and I believe in law and order. There is nothing inconsistent in that.

Struggle - is not liberal-conservative
but those who believe in system -
+ those who destroy it.

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↳ Liberals believe in man's dignity. They hold dear the gift of life. They believe that peaceful change and progress can be achieved through the American system --- through our democratic processes.

↳ Dignity, life and progress are all dependent on law and order.

Now what can we do about it!

↳ In the first instance, we must all understand that the police power in this government is not vested in Washington --- it is in our state capitals and in our city halls.

↳ Our forefathers designed it that way for a reason. In European countries of the 18th Century national police forces were instruments of repression --- crushing freedom and suppressing civil rights.

↳ The validity of their concept is unchallenged today. We are grateful for the wisdom of those who set that pattern for us. We want to preserve local law enforcement. But we are going to have to work together to see that the job gets done.

↳ That means that when it comes to passing the buck on the problems of crime, terrorism, drug abuse and riots in our

society the buck doesn't stop in Washington. It stops right here.

↳ The federal government can help --- indeed, must help by directing its agencies of law enforcement to give all possible support and cooperation to state and local officers.

↳ The Federal law enforcement officers from the Department of Justice, the F. B. I., the U. S. Marshall's Office, the U. S. Attorney's, the Narcotics Bureau, the Treasury Department, the Customs Services and others must be tied into law enforcement activities in every state and local authority thereto. ↳ With local governments suffering from inadequate revenues for local services, the Federal Government must provide substantial grants of money to expand and improve local law enforcement. - Safe Streets Act

and ↳ We must help our police to the job they can and want to do.

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Today, in Washington, to help our President guard against external ^{violence} agression, we have the National Security Council.

This Council includes the chief members of the executive branch of government charged with our defense and foreign policy. Through the National Security Council, the President is able to receive a coordinated view of our problems. Here he receives advice and ^{an} opportunity for an exchange of views on the best course to take. The decision is, of course, his own.

My view is that our governors and our mayors also need to coordinate the various law enforcement activities in our states and communities.

To do that, I propose that we establish in every State under the leadership of the Governor, Councils for Civil Peace.

The ~~Minnesota~~ Council for Civil Peace should include representation from all economic, religious and

racial groups, the state attorney general's office, the National Guard, state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as representatives of state and local government, the F.B.I., U.S. Marshall's Office, ^{U.S.} ~~Dist. Attorney~~ -

↳ In addition to providing an avenue of coordination among officials directly charged with law enforcement, the Council on Civil Peace could and should also provide a state community relations service designed to prevent violence, to gain community cooperation and provide a platform for the voices of those who all too often have gone unheard.

↳ This community relations service could provide an early warning system, anticipating civil disorders through its contacts with community leaders. ↳ Similarly, a rumor control center could function out of local councils.

↳ Where problems of drug abuse exist Councils of Civil Peace could act to assist local communities to organize

educational programs for young people and their parents on the facts and dangers of drug abuse. *L* Particular *educators* efforts must be made to insure that physicians and law enforcement authorities have every opportunity to participate in the development of drug prevention programs.

Many, many times I have heard the complaint of parents that they did not know that their teenage youngster was using drugs.

L The opportunity for parental education must be provided. It can be organized through Councils of Civil Peace.

L We cannot depend solely on legislation in Washington. It can help but it cannot do the job. We are going to have to do the major portion of that job for ourselves.

L Through Councils of Civil Peace we *can advise* ~~to have to organize~~ *concerning* educational programs in our primary and secondary schools, as well as on college campuses. Law enforcement officials, businessmen, doctors, lawyers, teachers,

ministers, parents and young people are all going to have to be joined in this effort.

↳ But let me level with you, law and order costs money --- a lot less than crime costs the American people every year --- but it still costs money.

↳ I know, I served as the Mayor of this great city --- ~~I had a reputation as a crime and racket busting mayor.~~ I know what it takes, I expanded a police department, I modernized it and I enforced the law. I didn't theorize about it. I did it.

↳ Yes, law and order costs money. But when we spend more for one submarine than we do to administer our Federal, State and local judicial system, something is wrong with our priorities.

↳ We need to increase the number of judges available to try criminal cases. Today a man can be arrested for a crime, brought before a magistrate, charged, released on bail. Because

it is six months before he is brought to trial, he commits three more crimes before he is tried for the original crime. That must be stopped.

The only way it can be stopped is by having an adequate number of judges.

Justice delayed is justice denied. Justice denied to the defendant and justice denied the public. For when criminals, after arrest, continue to remain free on bail month after month, justice is denied the public. Swift trial is the answer. More judges is the way to get the job done.

Our police need help, too. They cannot do their job with inadequate training or antiquated equipment. We must give them the help they need, too.

Also, we must help our colleges and universities to expand their curriculum in the area of law enforcement. We must encourage the best of our young people to enter law enforcement activities. ⁹¹ We must stop terrorism --- terrorism in our airways and terrorism on the streets of our cities and in our rural communities.

Across the length and breadth of America there is a struggle. It is a struggle between a handful of those who would destroy without reason and those of us who would build and who believe that we can achieve desired progress working within the framework of our democratic government.

↳ It is my judgment that the sporadic violence we are now experiencing in urban centers around the country are vicious terrorist attacks. ↳ Some of these have been the work of active conspiratorial groups.

But --- make no mistake about it --- these attacks on people and property are criminal and we must act to bring the full force of law to bear on those who would seek to destroy.

↳ Every agency of law enforcement must be used to stop these despicable and brutal acts.

To meet these acts of terror, we must not panic --- and we must be careful not to play the game that these terrorists want us to play. ↳ They hope that we will overreact emotionally and institute repression --- an over response. In

this manner they hope that the social fabric of our society will be torn by internal dissension and destroyed.

✓ We are going to avoid that mistake.

Within the law, we ~~will~~^{must} find these criminals, bring them to justice, try them before a jury of their peers in a fair trial and, if guilty, put them in jail.

Democracy in this country will be preserved --- in spite of these criminal acts.

We must prove to these criminals and the rest of the world our capacity for firm and swift justice.

These criminal terrorists will be given an opportunity --- while languishing in jail --- to reflect on the efficiency and fairness of the American political system.

Yes, law and order will cost some money --- more than we are presently spending. It will also require public support for our police and respect and support for our courts.

✓ I know that if we work together, it can and will be done.

Over the past few decades, the American system has been confronted by Big Problems and we have turned to Big

Government for the answers.

Depression, War, Poverty, Health Care, Education and Civil Rights were among those challenges. We meet these national problems by turning increasingly to Big Government for federal legislation.

Federal legislation has provided us with some of the tools. We have a host of programs designed to meet the Big Problems of our generation.

We may not have provided ultimate answers to these problems. But we --- Democrats --- have led the way. Those programs must be properly funded and administered.

Ask the old couple receiving Social Security and Medicare benefits conceived of, fought for, and passed by a Democratic Congress.

Ask the teacher who has books and equipment provided by Aid to Education legislation conceived of, fought for and passed by Democrats.

Ask the businessman who has obtained a small business investment company loan to expand his business.

Ask the man now a productive member of society because of federal job training programs.

Yes, we have done all these things and much, much more. I am proud of what we have done. But we have also lost something.

Perhaps it can be simply defined as a diminished sense of personal involvement and personal effectiveness.

"What can one man do?"

Isn't that the question? The problems are so vast --- and so complex. Government is so remote.

"What can one man do?"

L I say dig in. There's lots of room. We need all the help we can get. There is much that we can do together.

We need dialogue in the American Community.

We need understanding.

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Congressional hearings and Senate debates are
no substitute.

We have to get together --- work together ---
in our cities, in our towns and in our communities.

There is a reservoir of good will in Minnesota.

There is a reservoir of faith in America.

There is hope.

The tools are there.

I say let's roll up our sleeves and get the job done.

I am ready to serve.

I'll need your help.

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