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NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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President's
Council on
Youth
Opportunity

860,000 jobs 1968
610,000 " 1970

even with new budget
request of 64.3 million
only provides for
514,000 jobs -
need 642,000 say
mayno.
+ work weeks cut

Commitment provides
4,626,000 work weeks
need = 6,416,000

I THINK IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE THAT YOU HAVE
CHOSEN THE BEGINNING OF A WORKING DAY TO LAUNCH THE
ANNUAL DRIVE TO FIND JOBS IN THE MINNEAPOLIS METROPOLITAN
AREA FOR OUR FELLOW CITIZENS WHO ARE OUT OF WORK OR
UNDEREMPLOYED.

THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT NATIONWIDE EFFORT BY THE
NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN, IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT
JOHNSON'S CALL IN 1968 FOR AN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO SOLVE
THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED, HAS BEEN BOLD IN CONCEPT
AND DRAMATIC IN ACCOMPLISHMENT. and THAT IS EXACTLY
WHAT IT MUST BE, BECAUSE THE NEED FOR JOBS IS EVEN MORE
CRITICAL TODAY. (In Minn over 100,000 unemployed)

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Thanks - to Nat. Henry. Leonard
Job Developers - Industry

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YOU GENTLEMEN KNOW THAT YOUR WORK IS CUT OUT FOR
YOU, BUT UNDER THE PREVIOUS CHAIRMANSHIP OF DON DAYTON
YOU ESTABLISHED AN EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD AND I KNOW
THAT WITH HENRY RUTLEDGE AT THE HELM, YOU AREN'T GOING
TO BE SATISFIED WITH BEING SECOND-BEST. AS OF TODAY,
ALL LEAVES ARE CANCELLED. MINNESOTANS HAVE NEVER STEPPED
AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES. WE'RE GOING
TO OPERATE FROM A SIMPLE AXIOM: THAT EVERYONE WHO WANTS
TO WORK, SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK. *and have a job.*
AND THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT I FIRMLY BELIEVE MUST BE
THE AGENDA FOR THE NATION TODAY. WE HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO
ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO A GOOD JOB AT A FAIR
WAGE.

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HUMAN DIGNITY AND SOCIAL CONSCIENCE DEMAND THIS: *L* THE

WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES -- OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH

AND THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR CITIES AND OUR RURAL AREAS --

IS ABSOLUTELY DEPENDENT UPON THE FULFILLMENT OF A FIRM

COMMITMENT TO THIS RIGHT

of productive and meaningful employment

L I INTEND TO SEE TO IT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

RENDERS EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF THIS RIGHT.

L BUT *we* NEED YOUR HELP, AND *we* KNOW YOU CAN DEMONSTRATE

THAT THE JOB CAN BE DONE IN MINNESOTA. *L* YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY

OF HEALTHY COMPETITION FROM THE ST. PAUL N. A. B. UNDER

WAVERLY SMITH'S CHAIRMANSHIP.

St. Paul

AND YOU CAN EXPECT SOLID HELP FROM COMMITTED PEOPLE

LIKE DAVE ROE (AFL-CIO), HARRY DAVIS (URBAN COALITION),

AND EMMETT CUSHING (STATE MANPOWER SERVICES). *<* YOU ALREADY

HAVE A RUNNING START WITH THE "JOB CONSORTIUMS" FILED BY

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING AND THE MINNEAPOLIS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. *<* ACTIONS LIKE THAT PROVIDE STRONG

CREDENTIALS FOR YOUR 36 "AMBASSADORS" TO PRESENT AT

1,300 BUSINESSES OVER THE NEXT 6 WEEKS TO GET COMMITMENTS

FOR A SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF FULL-TIME JOBS AND FOR THE

PROVISION OF 1,200 SUMMER JOBS FOR OUR DISADVANTAGED YOUNG

PEOPLE.

< THOSE ARE COMMENDABLE GOALS. BUT I HOPE YOU WON'T

BE SATISFIED WITH THEM. I HOPE YOU WILL DOUBLE THE NUMBER

OF BUSINESSES TO BE COMMITTED

provided.

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I urge that you~~I KNOW YOU WILL~~ PUSH FOR THE CARRY-OVER OF SUMMER JOBS INTOWINTER. *(* OUR MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL YOUTH COORDINATORS,OTIS SMITH AND KAY KOZIOL, ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP MEET

ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING OUR NATION

RIGHT NOW.*(* LET ME SPELL THIS OUT FOR YOU. *(* WELL OVER 5 MILLION

AMERICANS ARE OUT OF WORK, WITH THEIR FAMILIES FACING

WEEKS AND MONTHS OF EMOTIONAL DESPAIR AND ECONOMIC CRISIS.

I LAY THE CHARGE FOR THE CAUSE OF THIS EXTENSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT,

COUPLED WITH A COST OF LIVING THAT IS HIGHER THAN EVER

BEFORE, RIGHT AT THE DOOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS ACCEPTED EXTENSIVE

UNEMPLOYMENT AS THE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR CURING INFLATION.

AND YET THE FEVER OF INFLATION PERSISTS, BECAUSE THE
ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO BATTLE IT WAS DEAD WRONG.

*John
Guth*

BUT OUR PRESENT OVER-ALL HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS
ONLY PART OF THE PICTURE, THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE, PRESSING
NEED TO FIND JOBS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE OUGHT TO BE

SHOCKED INTO ACTION BY THE STARTLING FACT THAT 28 PER CENT
OF OUR DISADVANTAGED, POOR YOUTH, AGED 16 TO 21, ARE OUT
OF WORK, AND BEHIND THAT STATISTIC IS THE PROFOUNDLY
DISTURBING FACT THAT 42 PER CENT -- I REPEAT, 42 PER CENT --
OF OUR YOUNG BLACKS WHO LIVE IN ~~POVERTY~~ *the inner city* ARE UNEMPLOYED,

*Public
1969-70*

THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE. IT IS ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY,
AND MORALLY WRONG.

LAST DECEMBER, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND THE
U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS DOCUMENTED A TOTAL NEED ACROSS
THE NATION FOR AT LEAST 641,639 FULL-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES
FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH THIS SUMMER. YET THE ~~REDACTED~~
ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1972 ALLOWED FOR ONLY
414,000 NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS JOB SLOTS -- ABOUT THE
SAME AS LAST SUMMER. BUT HIDDEN IN THIS FIGURE WAS A
FURTHER REDUCTION OF THE TOTAL WORK-WEEK PERIOD UNDER THIS
PROGRAM FROM 10 TO 8 WEEKS. NOW, TO OUR YOUTH COORDINATORS
SERVING UNDER OUR CITY MAYORS THESE WORK-WEEKS ARE JUST
AS IMPORTANT AS JOB SLOTS, BECAUSE THEY PERMIT FLEXIBILITY IN
PROVIDING STILL MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES OVER VARYING PERIODS.

ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE I ATTACKED THIS POLICY
OF OFFICIAL NEGLECT OF CRITICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING
OUR YOUTH ALREADY FACING THE ADVERSITY OF POVERTY. I
POINTEDLY ASKED: "AS THE SUMMER APPROACHES WITH OVER
5.4 MILLION AMERICANS OUT OF WORK, DOES THE ADMINISTRATION
PROPOSE TO COMPOUND THE ERRORS OF ITS PAST ECONOMIC
POLICIES BY DENYING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DISADVANTAGED
YOUTH A FAIR CHANCE AT OBTAINING JOBS?"

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH POLITICAL
^{have}
PARTIES STRONGLY CRITICIZED THIS ADMINISTRATION POLICY
OF NEGLECT. THEY CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE FULL FUNDING OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM COMMENSURATE
WITH THE SERIOUS NATIONAL NEED.

THEY ASKED WHY THE ADMINISTRATION HAD FAILED TO ANNOUNCE
FIRM PLANS FOR SUMMER JOB PROGRAMS, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR
STATES AND CITIES NEED TO KNOW WHAT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THEY
CAN COUNT ON WELL IN ADVANCE IF THEY ARE TO BE ABLE TO
FIND THE JOBS AND GET THE WORD OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN POOR
NEIGHBORHOODS IN TIME FOR ALL THIS TO COUNT FOR ANYTHING
BOTH FOR LOCAL BUSINESS ITSELF AND IN THE LIVES OF THESE
YOUTH.

L BUT I INTEND TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

JUST RECENTLY, THE ADMINISTRATION RESPONDED TO THIS CRITICISM
BY ANNOUNCING A PARTIAL INCREASE IN SUMMER JOB PROGRAM FUNDS
AND BY RAISING THE WORK PERIOD TO NINE WEEKS.

HAVING CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION,

~~I am~~ ^{was} ~~highly~~ ^{pleased} SATISFIED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION ACTION -- UNTIL

I LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE FIGURES WHICH CAN BE VERY MISLEADING.

L FIRST, IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT ABOUT HALF OF
THIS ADDITIONAL \$64.3 MILLION AMOUNTED TO A RESTORATION

OF FUNDS CUT BACK FROM THE AUTHORIZED LEVEL FOR LAST SUMMER,

L THUS, TO SAY THAT ALL THIS MONEY WILL CREATE NEW JOB
OPPORTUNITIES IS TO DO VIOLENCE TO THE FACTS.

L SECOND, THE TOTAL WORK PERIOD IS STILL ONE WEEK LESS
THAN WHAT IT WAS LAST SUMMER, L

SO WE ARE ACTUALLY TALKING
ABOUT A FEDERAL COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING 4,626,000 WORK

WEEKS, AS OVER AGAINST A NATIONAL WORK NEED DOCUMENTED BY

OUR MAYORS AT 6,416,390 WEEKS.

SINCE A FEDERAL EXPENDITURE OF \$481 -- COMPARED WITH \$442
LAST YEAR -- WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EACH JOB OPPORTUNITY,
WITHOUT CUTTING THE HOURS OF PARTICIPATION, THE DOCUMENTED
NEEDS CAN ONLY BE MET BY AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF
\$144.6 MILLION -- OR ABOUT \$80 MILLION MORE THAN THE
ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED.

I INTEND TO KEEP FIGHTING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF
THESE ADDITIONAL FUNDS. BUT THIS MUST BE ONLY PART OF
THE EFFORT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TO HELP OUR DISADVANTAGED
YOUNG PEOPLE. WHAT DEEPLY DISTURBS ME IS THE OVERALL
DECLINE IN JOB OPPORTUNITIES INITIATED OR STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S
COUNCIL ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITY, I WITNESSED A TOTAL OF AT LEAST
856,000 JOBS GENERATED IN 1968.

DIRECT FEDERAL HIRING RESULTED IN 78,000 JOBS FOR POOR YOUTH THAT SUMMER. THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESSMEN ACCOMPLISHED SOME 141,000 JOB PLACEMENTS, BUT WHILE THE N.A.B. RECORD REMAINED FAIRLY CONSTANT THROUGH THE SUMMER OF LAST YEAR, DIRECT FEDERAL HIRING DECLINED TO ABOUT 60,000 AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS DECLINED TO A LEVEL ESTIMATED AT SLIGHTLY OVER 610,000.

NOW THERE IS ONE REASON FOR THIS DECLINE, AND THAT IS AN ABSENCE OF POLICY, OF DIRECTION, AND OF SOLID FORWARD THRUST AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THIS WAS MADE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S RECENT ACTION TO DISCONTINUE THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITY.

I AM SIMPLY AMAZED AT THIS EXAMPLE OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE
ON THE PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS COUNCIL
FROM ITS CREATION, ^{LATER FORMALIZED} BY EXECUTIVE ORDER IN MARCH, 1967, UNTIL
THE COMPLETION OF MY TERM AS VICE PRESIDENT. WE WORKED
LONG, HARD HOURS TO COORDINATE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND HEALTH SERVICES.
WE PULLED TOGETHER FRAGMENTED FEDERAL RESOURCES AND
ACCELERATED THE DELIVERY OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE
NATION WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT HOPE.
WE SUCCEEDED IN GENERATING A REMARKABLE COOPERATIVE EFFORT
BY OUR CITIES AND NATIONAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

I REGARD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CONTINUOUSLY WITH
MAYORS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND DEEPLY COMMITTED CITIZENS
AS ONE OF THE FINEST EXPERIENCES OF MY PUBLIC SERVICE.

NOW THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DISSIPATED THIS INTENSIVE
EFFORT TARGETTED AT PROVIDING SOLID HELP AND ENRICHING
THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD ONLY KNOWN DESPAIR, ECONOMIC
CRISIS, AND THE VIOLENCE AND FILTH OF THE STREETS IN THE
CITY SLUM.

THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD DISTRIBUTE THE FUNCTIONS
OF THE PRESIDENT'S YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL AMONG THE
DOMESTIC COUNCIL, THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND
THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE AND OF
LABOR.

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I AM AMAZED AT THE ASSERTION THAT THIS FRAGMENTATION WILL IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COUNCIL'S OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION TO NOT KNOWING WHOM TO CONTACT ABOUT FEDERAL POLICY AND COMMITMENTS ON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS WITHIN THESE SEVERAL AGENCIES, OUR GOVERNORS AND MAYORS WILL HAVE TO THUMB THROUGH A LIST OF SOME 65 CONTACTS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON SPECIFIC PROGRAM QUESTIONS.

THIS EXECUTIVE DECISION THAT WAS NOT EVEN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED, AMOUNTS TO THE ABANDONMENT OF ANY CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO HELP HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT A TIME WHEN THEY DESPERATELY NEED TO BE HELPED.

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SEVERAL MONTHS EARLIER, THE VITALLY IMPORTANT YOUTH
COORDINATOR PROGRAM HAD BEEN BURIED IN THE MANPOWER
ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH YOUTH
COORDINATOR GRANTS BEING FOLDED INTO FUNDING FOR THE
COOPERATIVE AREA MANPOWER PLANNING SYSTEM. THE SPECIFIC
INTENT OF THIS TRANSFER BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
AND BUDGET WAS THAT THE YOUTH COORDINATOR PROGRAM BE RUN
ON A LOW KEY BASIS. A HIGHLY VISIBLE PROGRAM WAS VIEWED
AS HAVING UNDESIRABLE IMPLICATIONS.

WHAT ALL THIS DEMONSTRATES IS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION
HAS NO INTENTION OF REGARDING YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
AS ACTION-ORIENTED, WHERE THE CENTER OF PLANNING AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL CAN BE PINPOINTED,
AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CAN BE KEPT UP
TO DATE ON SPECIFIC PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES. AND BE ASSURED
OF THEIR ON-TIME DELIVERY.

NOR, IN ADDITION TO FAILING TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE JOB
OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE, IS THERE
ANY REAL THRUST IN THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY
TOWARD EXPANDING THEIR OTHERWISE VICIOUSLY-CONSTRICTED
HORIZONS THROUGH NEVER-BEFORE-EXPERIENCED RECREATIONAL AND
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES -- A WEEK AT SUMMER CAMP WITH 3
SQUARE MEALS A DAY;

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A CHANCE FOR A DAY AT THE CIRCUS OR FOR A TRIP TO THE
AIRPORT; A NEW WORLD OPENED THROUGH LEARNING A HOBBY OR
SKILL; OR THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPORTS PROGRAM
RUN BY PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES. IN FACT, ONLY AT THE LAST
MINUTE HAS THE ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATED MINIMAL FUNDS FOR
THIS EFFORT. AND IT WOULD RESTRICT THE USE OF SMALL
FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PURPOSES --
MEANING THAT EVEN IF THE CHILDREN OF AN URBAN GHETTO
RECEIVED TICKETS TO A BALL GAME, THEY COULDN'T GET THERE.

I COULD GO ON IN DOCUMENTING THE INCREDIBLE DISINTEREST
IN POOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVIDENCED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION
IN SUCH REORGANIZATION DECISIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS STIPULATIONS.
BUT THE CRITICAL NEEDS OF OUR POVERTY-STRICKEN NEIGHBORHOODS
MUST BE AT THE CENTER OF OUR CONCERN AS THE SUMMER APPROACHES.

THE DESPAIR OF THE URBAN GHETTO, REFLECTED IN HIGH RATES OF SUICIDES AND ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS AND ACTS OF CRIMINAL VIOLENCE, OUGHT TO SHOCK US INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION. WE KNOW THAT THE LONG LINES OF THE UNEMPLOYED WILL BE SWELLED AS THE SCHOOL YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE. HAVE WE EVEN BEGUN TO PREPARE FOR THIS CRITICAL SITUATION?

THAT IS THE QUESTION THAT SHOULD WELD US INTO ACTION TODAY. WE HAVE GOT TO GET TO WORK NOW TO GIVE OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE DIGNITY OF WORK. YOU HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED A SOLID COMMITMENT AND CAPABILITY FOR MEETING THIS CHALLENGE. AND OUR GOVERNMENT MUST BE A FULL PARTNER IN ASSURING USEFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL WHO WANT AND NEED TO WORK.

YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
SEE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT DELIVERS ON THE EMERGENCY ORDERS
PLACED BY THE CITIZENRY TODAY. FOR WE ARE TALKING
ABOUT PEOPLE -- PEOPLE WHO DESERVE A LIFE OF DIGNITY AND
DECENCY.

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