

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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We are here to tell the Nixon Administration that promises without action on behalf of black and other minority peoples are going to insure the defeat of Republicans in the forthcoming local and national elections.

Soon after assuming office, the President said that his Administration would do more than any other to promote equal opportunity and justice. In January, 1970, he said: "I would rather be measured by my deeds than all of the fancy speeches I may have made."

I say the time has come for an accounting of these deeds. And I advise the President that any last-minute promotional programs on behalf of black, Spanish-speaking, Indian Americans and other minority groups from now until next November will be judged against a three-year record of foot-dragging and back-tracking on civil rights.

In October, 1969, Mr. Nixon said, without qualification, that "the Supreme Court has spoken on the timing of school desegregation." He said: "working together in full respect for the law I am confident we can overcome the practical and human problems involved." And he pledged "to use the full leadership resources of the executive branch of government in doing so."

But what is the President doing now in carrying out this promise? Instead of pressing forward to assure every child, no matter what his color, the right to a quality education, the President by word and deed has set up blockades to the achievement of this vital goal.

He has threatened to scuttle his own bill -- the Emergency School Aid Act -- already passed by the Senate, to provide \$1.5 billion for special programs to help school children overcome the educational and cultural disadvantages of minority group isolation. And he has sent Justice Department lawyers to the Supreme Court in an attempt to hold up on ordering two school desegregation plans in Texas that had been worked out by his own Administration.

What are the results?

First, total confusion among school administrators trying to carry out the law.

Second, thousands upon thousands of children being denied the chance to get a good education and a decent start on life.

Meanwhile, the President's officials in the Department of Agriculture decided to save pennies by cutting off millions of needy children from getting free and reduced price lunches.

Hungry children are the shame of America. And this action by the Administration was in direct violation of the law.

Once again, it was necessary for Congress to overrule the Administration, telling it to maintain and expand financial support for the school lunch program.

These are but examples of the dismal record of this Administration in failing to promote equal justice and opportunity.

One of my proudest moments in the Senate was the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII of that act recognized that the most direct route to human dignity and security lies in getting a job, and that racial discrimination is an insidious pattern by which millions of men and women have been denied that chance.

Congress acted to prohibit racial discrimination in private and public employment, and it established an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to make the law work.

Now there is an important bill before Congress to give the Commission the enforcement powers it needs to end discrimination in the private employment sector. But the Nixon Administration doesn't want the Commission to have these essential powers, preferring instead to use the process of long delays in going through the courts.

But men and women want and deserve jobs today, and I intend to continue doing everything possible to see that this need is met.

Discrimination compounds the problem of unemployment for minority groups in America.

More than 5 million Americans are now out of work. This is unconscionable.

But with the general unemployment rate at 6 percent, joblessness among blacks and the Spanish-speaking has skyrocketed to 10.5 percent. Unemployment among teenage youth has reached 17.1 percent, but almost one-half the black youth in the depressed areas of our major cities are out of work.

And that is why I have been telling this Administration, again and again, as it huddles over its magical economic game plan, that the most important action to get this country moving again is to provide jobs -- jobs -- jobs.

And we must assure every American of the chance to obtain decent housing and adequate medical care.

But what do we hear from the Nixon Administration? Well, after months of "studying" the problem of discrimination in housing, the President finally issued a statement last June. But it failed to assert a forthright federal policy to open the doors of equal access to decent housing.

The net effect of this statement was to reinforce the President's earlier and highly insensitive comment that his Administration would not "force" the integration of neighborhoods.

That, of course, was not the issue at all. The need right now is for the substantial expansion of good lower-income housing that is well planned throughout our metropolitan areas -- housing where husbands can get to their jobs and mothers won't have to rescue their children from rats or continue to live in fear for their safety.

Nor should these mothers have to wait for hours in a hospital clinic with a sick child. They have a right to low-cost, top-quality, and immediately available health care through nearby neighborhood health centers.

We can and we must bring more doctors, more hospital bed spaces, and the benefits of expanded medical research -- particularly on the major illnesses suffered by disadvantaged minority groups -- into every city, town, and rural county of America.

The response of the Nixon Administration to these needs speaks for itself.

Hospital construction -- vetoed.

The education of more doctors -- vetoed.

Medical research clinics -- a number of them closed, and funds for many other programs withheld or reduced.

Across the board, the record of the Republican Administration on the needs of minority groups still waiting for the full rights and opportunities of citizenship, has been "not now -- we're studying the problem." Or, "it's too expensive."

Not until this month has the Administration admitted its miserable record in failing to help minority enterprises get off the ground with adequate capital and good technical advice.

We have seen the Justice Department sway back and forth in hesitating to exercise its clear responsibilities under the 1965 Voting Rights Act to assure that new state election laws do not result in a return of racial discrimination.

And it has been necessary for Congress to reverse a clear direction in Administration policies to retreat from the war on poverty launched by the previous Democratic Administration.

For the first time in a decade, after a steady decline, the number of poor people in America has increased this year to more than 25 million.

But the Administration opposed a bill passed by the Senate recently to strengthen community action programs, assure a strong legal services program, launch a comprehensive program of child development, and greatly expand job opportunities for youth.

There were two areas where the Administration did give promise of doing something: First, providing badly needed financial help for our cities; and second, reforming welfare programs which are unfair both to the recipient and to the taxpayer.

But now the President has said that these top priorities for his Administration will have to be delayed.

Cities facing fiscal bankruptcy will have to wait.

Families with no other recourse than public assistance to meet the essential costs of living will have to continue in anxiety and despair.

I say these delays are morally, socially, and economically wrong.

It is essential that we get beyond the Nixon Administration's "crisis syndrome," where action is delayed until the last minute and comes only after intense public pressure.

We need an Administration that will plan and act today to meet the problems of tomorrow.

We need an Administration that will act to shape our future, an Administration that will replace despair with confidence and hope.

We must elect a new Administration that has compassion.

This nation needs direction, purpose, vision -- a government that understands the needs and hopes and aspirations of the people.

The priorities of a new Administration must be the priorities of the people.

Let us, therefore, commit ourselves to a new bill of rights in America.

- The right to peace;
- The right to a job;
- The right to health;
- The right to education;
- The right to decent housing and good neighborhoods;
- The right to safety and effective and fair law

enforcement;

- The right to justice for all Americans;
- The right to opportunity;
- And the right to a clean and healthful environment.

With your help, we can make these rights realities for all Americans.

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WE ARE HERE TO TELL THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT PROMISES
WITHOUT ACTION ON BEHALF OF BLACK AND OTHER MINORITY PEOPLES
ARE GOING TO INSURE THE DEFEAT OF REPUBLICANS IN THE
FORTHCOMING LOCAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

SOON AFTER ASSUMING OFFICE, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HIS
ADMINISTRATION WOULD DO MORE THAN ANY OTHER TO PROMOTE EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY AND JUSTICE. IN JANUARY, 1970, HE SAID: "I WOULD
RATHER BE MEASURED BY MY DEEDS THAN ALL OF THE FANCY SPEECHES
I MAY HAVE MADE."

I SAY THE TIME HAS COME FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF THESE DEEDS.

AND I ADVISE THE PRESIDENT THAT ANY LAST-MINUTE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF BLACK, SPANISH-SPEAKING, INDIAN AMERICANS AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS FROM NOW UNTIL NEXT NOVEMBER WILL BE JUDGED AGAINST A THREE-YEAR RECORD OF FOOT-DRAGGING AND BACK-TRACKING ON CIVIL RIGHTS.

IN OCTOBER, 1969, MR. NIXON SAID, WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, THAT "THE SUPREME COURT HAS SPOKEN ON THE TIMING OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION." HE SAID: "WORKING TOGETHER IN FULL RESPECT FOR THE LAW I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN OVERCOME THE PRACTICAL AND HUMAN PROBLEMS INVOLVED." AND HE PLEDGED "TO USE THE FULL LEADERSHIP RESOURCES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IN DOING SO."

BUT WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT DOING NOW IN CARRYING OUT THIS PROMISE? INSTEAD OF PRESSING FORWARD TO ASSURE EVERY CHILD, NO MATTER WHAT HIS COLOR, THE RIGHT TO A QUALITY EDUCATION, THE PRESIDENT BY WORD AND DEED HAS SET UP BLOCKADES TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS VITAL GOAL.

HE HAS THREATENED TO SCUTTLE HIS OWN BILL -- THE EMERGENCY SCHOOL AID ACT -- ALREADY PASSED BY THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE \$1.5 BILLION FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO HELP SCHOOL CHILDREN OVERCOME THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL DISADVANTAGES OF MINORITY GROUP ISOLATION. AND HE HAS SENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAWYERS TO THE SUPREME COURT IN AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP ON ORDERING TWO SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PLANS IN TEXAS THAT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BY HIS OWN ADMINISTRATION.

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

FIRST, TOTAL CONFUSION AMONG SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TRYING
TO CARRY OUT THE LAW.

SECOND, THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN BEING DENIED
THE CHANCE TO GET A GOOD EDUCATION AND A DECENT START ON LIFE.

MEANWHILE, THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE DECIDED TO SAVE PENNIES BY CUTTING OFF MILLIONS
OF NEEDY CHILDREN FROM GETTING FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES.

HUNGRY CHILDREN ARE THE SHAME OF AMERICA. AND THIS
ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION WAS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE LAW.

ONCE AGAIN, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR CONGRESS TO OVERRULE THE ADMINISTRATION, TELLING IT TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

THESE ARE BUT EXAMPLES OF THE DISMAL RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION IN FAILING TO PROMOTE EQUAL JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY.

ONE OF MY PROUDEST MOMENTS IN THE SENATE WAS THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. TITLE VII OF THAT ACT RECOGNIZED THAT THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND SECURITY LIES IN GETTING A JOB JOB, AND THAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS AN INSIDIOUS PATTERN BY WHICH MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN DENIED THAT CHANCE.

CONGRESS ACTED TO PROHIBIT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, AND IT ESTABLISHED AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION TO MAKE THE LAW WORK.

NOW THERE IS AN IMPORTANT BILL BEFORE CONGRESS TO GIVE THE COMMISSION THE ENFORCEMENT POWERS IT NEEDS TO END DISCRIMINATION IN THE PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT SECTOR. BUT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T WANT THE COMMISSION TO HAVE THESE ESSENTIAL POWERS, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO USE THE PROCESS OF LONG DELAYS IN GOING THROUGH THE COURTS.

BUT MEN AND WOMEN WANT AND DESERVE JOBS TODAY, AND I INTEND TO CONTINUE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT THIS NEED IS MET.

DISCRIMINATION COMPOUNDS THE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR
MINORITY GROUPS IN AMERICA.

MORE THAN 5 MILLION AMERICANS ARE NOW OUT OF WORK. THIS
IS UNCONSCIONABLE.

BUT WITH THE GENERAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 6 PERCENT,
JOBLESSNESS AMONG BLACKS AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING HAS
SKYROCKETED TO 10.5 PERCENT. UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG TEENAGE YOUTH
HAS REACHED 17.1 PERCENT, BUT ALMOST ONE-HALF THE BLACK YOUTH
IN THE DEPRESSED AREAS OF OUR MAJOR CITIES ARE OUT OF WORK.

AND THAT IS WHY I HAVE BEEN TELLING THIS ADMINISTRATION,
AGAIN AND AGAIN, AS IT HUDDLES OVER ITS MAGICAL ECONOMIC GAME
PLAN, THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION TO GET THIS COUNTRY MOVING
AGAIN IS TO PROVIDE JOBS -- JOBS -- JOBS.

AND WE MUST ASSURE EVERY AMERICAN OF THE CHANCE TO OBTAIN
DECENT HOUSING AND ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE.

BUT WHAT DO WE HEAR FROM THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION? WELL,
AFTER MONTHS OF "STUDYING" THE PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION IN
HOUSING, THE PRESIDENT FINALLY ISSUED A STATEMENT LAST JUNE.
BUT IT FAILED TO ASSERT A FORTHRIGHT FEDERAL POLICY TO OPEN
THE DOORS OF EQUAL ACCESS TO DECENT HOUSING.

THE NET EFFECT OF THIS STATEMENT WAS TO REINFORCE THE
PRESIDENT'S EARLIER AND HIGHLY INSENSITIVE COMMENT THAT HIS
ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT "FORCE" THE INTEGRATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS.

THAT, OF COURSE, WAS NOT THE ISSUE AT ALL. THE NEED RIGHT
NOW IS FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF GOOD LOWER-INCOME
HOUSING THAT IS WELL PLANNED THROUGHOUT OUR METROPOLITAN AREAS
-- HOUSING WHERE HUSBANDS CAN GET TO THEIR JOBS AND MOTHERS
WON'T HAVE TO RESCUE THEIR CHILDREN FROM RATS OR CONTINUE TO
LIVE IN FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY.

NOR SHOULD THESE MOTHERS HAVE TO WAIT FOR HOURS IN A
HOSPITAL CLINIC WITH A SICK CHILD. THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO LOW-
COST, TOP-QUALITY, AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE HEALTH CARE THROUGH
NEARBY NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTERS.

WE CAN AND WE MUST BRING MORE DOCTORS, MORE HOSPITAL BED SPACES, AND THE BENEFITS OF EXPANDED MEDICAL RESEARCH -- PARTICULARLY ON THE MAJOR ILLNESSES SUFFERED BY DISADVANTAGED MINORITY GROUPS -- INTO EVERY CITY, TOWN, AND RURAL COUNTY OF AMERICA.

THE RESPONSE OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO THESE NEEDS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION -- VETOED.

THE EDUCATION OF MORE DOCTORS -- VETOED.

MEDICAL RESEARCH CLINICS -- A NUMBER OF THEM CLOSED, AND FUNDS FOR MANY OTHER PROGRAMS WITHHELD OR REDUCED.

ACROSS THE BOARD, THE RECORD OF THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION ON THE NEEDS OF MINORITY GROUPS STILL WAITING FOR THE FULL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF CITIZENSHIP, HAS BEEN "NOT NOW -- WE'RE STUDYING THE PROBLEM," OR, "IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE."

NOT UNTIL THIS MONTH HAS THE ADMINISTRATION ADMITTED ITS MISERABLE RECORD IN FAILING TO HELP MINORITY ENTERPRISES GET OFF THE GROUND WITH ADEQUATE CAPITAL AND GOOD TECHNICAL ADVICE.

WE HAVE SEEN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SWAY BACK AND FORTH IN HESITATING TO EXERCISE ITS CLEAR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS ACT TO ASSURE THAT NEW STATE ELECTION LAWS DO NOT RESULT IN A RETURN OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

AND IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR CONGRESS TO REVERSE A CLEAR
DIRECTION IN ADMINISTRATION POLICIES TO RETREAT FROM THE
WAR ON POVERTY LAUNCHED BY THE PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A DECADE, AFTER A STEADY DECLINE,
THE NUMBER OF POOR PEOPLE IN AMERICA HAS INCREASED THIS YEAR
TO MORE THAN 25 MILLION.

BUT THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED A BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE
RECENTLY TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS, ASSURE A
STRONG LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM, LAUNCH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM
OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT, AND GREATLY EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES
FOR YOUTH.

THERE WERE TWO AREAS WHERE THE ADMINISTRATION DID
GIVE PROMISE OF DOING SOMETHING: FIRST, PROVIDING BADLY
NEEDED FINANCIAL HELP FOR OUR CITIES; AND SECOND, REFORMING
WELFARE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE UNFAIR BOTH TO THE RECIPIENT AND
TO THE TAXPAYER.

BUT NOW THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID THAT THESE TOP PRIORITIES
FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED.

CITIES FACING FISCAL BANKRUPTCY WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

FAMILIES WITH NO OTHER RECOURSE THAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
TO MEET THE ESSENTIAL COSTS OF LIVING WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE
IN ANXIETY AND DESPAIR.

I SAY THESE DELAYS ARE MORALLY, SOCIALLY, AND ECONOMICALLY
WRONG.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE GET BEYOND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S
"CRISIS SYNDROME," WHERE ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL THE LAST
MINUTE AND COMES ONLY AFTER INTENSE PUBLIC PRESSURE.

WE NEED AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL PLAN AND ACT TODAY
TO MEET THE PROBLEMS OF TOMORROW.

WE NEED AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL ACT TO SHAPE OUR
FUTURE, AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL REPLACE DESPAIR WITH
CONFIDENCE AND HOPE.

WE MUST ELECT A NEW ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS COMPASSION.

THIS NATION NEEDS DIRECTION, PURPOSE, VISION -- A GOVERNMENT
THAT UNDERSTANDS THE NEEDS AND HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE
PEOPLE.

THE PRIORITIES OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION MUST BE THE
PRIORITIES OF THE PEOPLE.

LET US, THEREFORE, COMMIT OURSELVES TO A NEW BILL OF
RIGHTS IN AMERICA.

-- THE RIGHT TO PEACE;

-- THE RIGHT TO A JOB;

-- THE RIGHT TO HEALTH;

-- THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION;

-- THE RIGHT TO DECENT HOUSING AND GOOD NEIGHBORHOODS;

-- THE RIGHT TO SAFETY AND EFFECTIVE AND FAIR LAW

ENFORCEMENT;

-- THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AMERICANS;

-- THE RIGHT TO OPPORTUNITY;

-- AND THE RIGHT TO A CLEAN AND HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN MAKE THESE RIGHTS REALITIES FOR ALL

AMERICANS.

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DEMOCRATIC LABOR LUNCH

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- Jim Kunnally
- John Connor
- Jack Connor Jr
- Jim Delaney
Shirley Driscello Tony Russo!
 Sal Bontempo!
 Union County

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THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF TALK LATELY ABOUT
THE ECONOMY -- ABOUT THE UNFAIRNESS OF THE FREEZE, THE
FAILURES OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, AND THE LACK OF
JOBS.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN UNFAIR TO LABOR AND
THE WORKING MAN.

AND, IT HAS SHOWN LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT.

IT HAS NO PROGRAM FOR JOB CREATION.

TODAY THOUGH, I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ON A
RELATED SUBJECT -- THE ATTEMPT TO HIDE THE FACTS ABOUT
THE AMERICAN ECONOMY BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

THIS ADMINISTRATION JUST DOES NOT LIKE TO FACE
THE TRUTH:

-- UNDER ITS POLICIES, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS
LIVING IN POVERTY HAS INCREASED. SO WHAT IS THE
RESPONSE?

THE ADMINISTRATION APPOINTS A TASK FORCE TO
REDEFINE POVERTY,

-- UNDER ITS POLICIES, UNEMPLOYMENT IN URBAN
POVERTY NEIGHBORHOODS HAS RISEN TO WELL OVER 10 PER
CENT. BUT WHAT IS THE RESPONSE?

THE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES IT WILL NO LONGER
ISSUE THESE STATISTICS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1972 --
A NATIONAL ELECTION YEAR, BY SHEER COINCIDENCE,

-- AND, WHEN THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
TRIES TO DO ITS TRADITIONAL PROFESSIONAL JOB FREE FROM
POLITICAL INFLUENCE, THE ADMINISTRATION REORGANIZES IT
BY REPLACING UNBIASED TECHNICIANS WITH POLITICAL ANALYSTS.

BUT HIDING THE FACTS WILL NOT FEED THE HUNGRY
NOR PROVIDE JOBS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

NEXT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ABOLISH THE WEATHER
BUREAU'S WEATHER FORECAST EXCEPT WHEN IT CALLS FOR
SUNNY SKIES.

LET'S LOOK AT THE PRESIDENT'S NEW ECONOMIC GAME
PLAN. THE ADMINISTRATION IS ASKING CONGRESS FOR A BLANK
CHECK.

RECENTLY IT SUBMITTED A BILL THAT CALLS UPON
THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONFIRM ALL THE
ACTIONS AND REGULATIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS
TAKEN UNDER THE WAGE-PRICE FREEZE.

THEY WANT US TO CONFIRM AS LEGITIMATE ALL THE
STEEL PRICE INCREASES.

THEY WANT US TO CONFIRM AS LAW -- WITHOUT ANY
HEARINGS -- ALL THE TELEVISION SHOWS IN WHICH THE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY APPEARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THEY WANT US TO CONFIRM AS LAW EVERY SCRAP OF
PAPER EVER ISSUED ON THE SUBJECT OF THE FREEZE.

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IN SHORT, THEY WANT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO WRITE A RETROACTIVE BLANK CHECK SAYING EVERYTHING THE ADMINISTRATION DID WAS CORRECT, PROPER, AND LEGAL.

THIS ADMINISTRATION, IN EFFECT, IS ASKING THAT CONGRESS GIVE IT A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH AFTER ALMOST THREE YEARS OF EXECUTIVE INTRANSIGENCE, INACTION, PROCRASTINATION, AND RHETORIC ON THE ECONOMY.

I SAY TO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION -- IF YOU WANT A RETROACTIVE BLANK CHECK, THEN PAY THE WORKERS OF AMERICA THE WAGES THEY LOST BECAUSE OF YOUR MISTAKES.

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I SAY TO THIS ADMINISTRATION IF YOU WANT A BLANK
CHECK, THEN PAY THE WORKERS OF AMERICA ANY DEFERRED
INCREASES THEY HAVE COMING.

I SAY TO THIS ADMINISTRATION, IF YOU WANT A BLANK
CHECK, THEN COME TO CONGRESS AND OPENLY JUSTIFY, EVERY
RULE, EVERY REGULATION, EVERY INTERPRETATION, EVERY
CIRCULAR, EVER ISSUED,

ONLY IN THIS MANNER WILL THE PUBLIC INTEREST
BE SERVED,

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