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AREA CONFERENCE OF

Mrs H. ~~new~~ ~~Stuff~~

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

AND THE NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BEVERLY HILTON HOTEL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 7, 1971

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~~0005~~ Galt - young - needs - elderly

Dr Fleming - You need Both Parties

L TONIGHT I WANT TO OUTLINE THE PROGRAM OF ACTION IN

WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED OVER THE COMING

MONTHS.

L THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT OLDER AMERICANS MUST SPEAK

OUT NOW. L THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHTS.

~~THE DECADE OF THE '70'S MUST BRING IN A NEW ERA WHEN THE~~ *for older Americans*

~~NATION GETS ITS PRIORITIES STRAIGHTENED OUT.~~

L TWENTY MILLION AMERICANS HAVE ~~critical human~~ *critical human*

~~THEY HAVE CRITICAL NEEDS.~~ *needs* AND THEY HAVE INCREASINGLY

~~CONFRONTED~~ OFFICIAL ~~WELL~~ AS SUBTLE FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION

THAT ARE MORALLY WRONG, AND THAT HAVE CAUSED UNTOLD DESPAIR

AND SUFFERING.

✓ WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH STUDIES ABOUT THE ELDERLY. ✓ WE
HAVE VOLUMES OF STORIES OF FINANCIAL INSECURITY, SICKNESS,
ISOLATION, AND ENFORCED IDLENESS AFFLICTING OLDER PEOPLE --
VOLUMES OF CONFERENCE REPORTS AND STUDY COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT GATHER DUST ON THE SHELVES OF THE
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

✓ WHAT WE NEED NOW IS ACTION.

✓ WE NEED TO HAMMER OUT FIRM NATIONAL POLICIES ON OLDER
AMERICANS, BACKED UP BY BOLD AND COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL
PROGRAMS.

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~~I AM DETERMINED THAT THIS WILL BE DONE AND I KNOW~~

~~I CAN COUNT ON YOUR HELP AND GUIDANCE.~~

and,

IF THERE IS ONE PLACE WHERE "SENIOR POWER" CAN BE
BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY,

IT IS HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

~~I FELT THAT VERY STRONGLY WHEN I WAS AT SEAL BEACH~~

~~IN THE 1968 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.~~ THIS STATE HAS THE

largest

~~GREATEST~~ CONCENTRATION OF OLDER PEOPLE OF ANY STATE IN

THE UNION -- 10 PER CENT OF ALL AMERICANS OVER 65. AND

MANY OF THEM ARE WITHIN A FEW HOURS DRIVE FROM HERE.

~~LET US COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE~~
~~GOAL: THAT A HUMAN BEING IN HIS OLD AGE SHOULD BE~~
~~TREATED LIKE A HUMAN BEING.~~

~~LET US MOVE FROM CONFERENCES TO PROGRAMS WITH~~
Last week,
~~SPECIALISTS.~~ THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED DELEGATES CLEARLY
EXPRESSED ^{*their*} ~~THE~~ DEEP CONCERN DURING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED
WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING. *(1961 Conference)* THEY KNEW THAT MUCH HAD
BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AS A RESULT OF THE CONFERENCE A DECADE
EARLIER.

(1961 Conference)
AND I REGARDED IT AS A SINGULAR PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN
AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ENACTMENT OF A MAJOR LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM THAT HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE 1961 CONFERENCE.

L THAT CONFERENCE LED TO MEDICARE, AN ADMINISTRATION ON AGING,
THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT, A LAW TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION
IN EMPLOYMENT, AND FIVE BADLY NEEDED SOCIAL SECURITY
INCREASES.

L BUT AS A RESULT OF THAT PROGRESS, WE CAME TO RECOGNIZE
THAT MUCH MORE HAD TO BE DONE ! ~~THAT TO ESTABLISH THE~~
~~RIGHTS AND BEGIN A NEW ERA OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN~~
~~IMPROVED AND USEFUL LIFE FOR OLDER AMERICANS WOULD REQUIRE~~
~~A SUSTAINED AND INTENSIVE EFFORT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO~~
~~GIVE THIS AGENDA THE HIGHEST PRIORITY~~

AND THAT CONCERN WAS MADE STRONGER BY THE LATER
EVIDENCE THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, MEDICARE WAS COVERING LESS
THAN HALF THE RISING EXPENSES OF ILL HEALTH, AND THAT ONE
OUT OF FOUR ELDERLY LIVES IN ABJECT POVERTY. *Poverty*

BUT I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT UNDER THE
PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON -- DESPITE PROMISES
AND FINE SPEECHES -- THE RECORD OF PERFORMANCE SAYS THAT
THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF OLDER CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

I'm sure you recall that
~~LET IT BE FORGOTTEN THAT~~ THE PRESIDENT ORIGINALLY
OPPOSED THE 15 PER CENT INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY ENACTED
BY THE LAST CONGRESS.

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AND WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE PROGRAM OF
NUTRITIONAL LOW-COST MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY PROMISED LONG
AGO BY THE COMMISSIONER ON AGING.

WHAT WE KEEP HEARING IS THAT SOMETHING WILL BE
DONE -- SOMEDAY. SOMETHING WILL BE DONE ABOUT SUBSTANDARD
NURSING HOMES, THAT ARE HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT UNDER MEDICAID -- SOMEDAY.

*Something ^{more} will be done about ^{low cost} housing.
Someday -*

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AND WHILE THE PRESIDENT HAS JUST PROMISED TO PROPOSE
A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN THE BUDGET OF THE ADMINISTRATION
ON AGING, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT FOR THREE YEARS THIS
AGENCY HAS BEEN WEAKENED AND CRIPPLED UNDER WHITE HOUSE
DIRECTIVES TO TRANSFER AWAY VITAL PROGRAMS, AND TO
SUBSTANTIALLY CUT THE BUDGET FOR OTHERS -- LIKE COMMUNITY
PROJECTS, AND RESEARCH AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL CONCERNED
WITH AGING, AND FOSTER GRANDPARENTS, AND RETIRED SENIOR
VOLUNTEERS.

AND THEN THERE IS THE PROGRAM OF HOUSING DESIGNED
SPECIFICALLY FOR THE AGING AND AT LOW COST TO THEM --
THE SECTION 202 PROGRAM.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE ITS BEST TO PHASE OUT
THIS PROGRAM ALTOGETHER. AND ON TOP OF THIS, THE NIXON
ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED THAT OLDER NEEDY AMERICANS BE
REQUIRED TO PAY MORE FOR EXTENDED HEALTH CARE UNDER MEDICAID

AND I NOTE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NOW CALLING FOR CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE REFORM BILL. I
COULD NOT AGREE WITH HIM MORE.

But
~~BUT WHY WAS HE SAYING ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT THIS~~
he asked the Congress to set
~~ENTIRE VITAL PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE INCOME SECURITY~~
all this aside
~~OF OLDER AND NEEDY CITIZENS WOULD HAVE TO BE SET ASIDE~~

AS THE PRICE OF CONTROLLING INFLATION?

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Stet.
Nixon proposes
good things
but not

until
his case 1973

Well
ALL THIS CAN ONLY MAKE ONE WONDER WHETHER GOVERNMENT
IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF PRESS RELEASES
DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO THE SPIRIT AND PRESSURES *of* THE
MOMENT, AND PERHAPS TO BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW, BUT MORE
LIKELY GEARED SIMPLY AND BLUNTLY TO THE NEED TO WIN FRIENDS
IN AN UPCOMING ELECTION YEAR.

*Myon proposals-1973
we acted last week*
Well, I am not
NEITHER I NOR THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN CONGRESS
SATISFIED WITH SUCH A STRATEGY. I HAVE PROPOSED A

SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF ACTION TO BRING INTO REALITY THE HOPE

FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR OLDER AMERICANS.

*Let me
discuss it with you.*

L FIRST, I HAVE PROPOSED THAT A CABINET-LEVEL OFFICE ON
AGING BE ESTABLISHED NOW.

L THE PROBLEMS OF OLDER AMERICANS MUST BE ADDRESSED
AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF AUTHORITY IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

L THERE MUST BE AN ADEQUATELY FUNDED AND ON-GOING STAFF
OPERATION, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT, WITH
SUFFICIENT POWER AND INDEPENDENCE TO TELL THIS GOVERNMENTAL
BUREACRACY WHAT MUST BE DONE, AND THEN TO GET IT DONE

and WE DARE NOT LET THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LATEST

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ~~GO ON BEING~~ *be filed away - we must* ~~BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE~~

act and follow through - yes
TO ESTABLISH A STRONG MECHANISM TO MONITOR THE FOLLOW-UP

WORK THAT MUST BE DONE

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2 AND TO ASSURE THAT AN OFFICE ON AGING FUNCTIONS WITH
THE BENEFIT OF THE BEST ADVICE AND EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE,
AND IS ACTUALLY ABLE TO SET TARGETS AND FIX RESPONSIBILITY,
1 WE SHOULD ESTABLISH A PERMANENT NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON OLDER AMERICANS. It should be composed of RESPONSIBLE
FEDERAL AGENCY OFFICIALS AND EXPERIENCED AND DEDICATED
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY OF OLDER CITIZENS.

But THE ITEM THAT SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF THE NATIONAL
AGENDA IS ~~TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF ALL OLDER~~
AMERICANS TO A LIVABLE INCOME.

Income
and that right is far from
a reality,

and there is a
~~NO WAY TO GET AT THIS~~ WAY TO GET AT THIS

CRITICAL NEED, ~~HE~~ I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO DO

EXACTLY THAT. UNDER MY BILL, MINIMUM SOCIAL SECURITY

PAYMENTS WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL,

AND BENEFITS WILL BE INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT,

L BUT I HAVE ALSO INCLUDED A PROVISION TO CORRECT ONE

OF THE GLARING INEQUITIES OF SOCIAL SECURITY, THAT HITS

HARDEST AT PRECISELY THOSE WHOSE INCOME NEEDS THE SOCIAL

SECURITY PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO MEET, *and* THAT IS THE

UNREALISTICALLY LOW LIMIT SET ON A RETIRED PERSON'S

EARNINGS,

My BILL PROVIDES FOR LIFTING THE EARNED INCOME

EXEMPTION CEILING TO \$3,000.

AND I AM CONVINCED THAT THE FINANCING OF THE SOCIAL

SECURITY SYSTEM IS IN NEED OF FUNDAMENTAL REVISION.

THEREFORE, THIS BILL CALLS NOT ONLY FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCING

OBTAINED THROUGH ~~AN INCREASE IN~~ THE WAGE TAX BASE, BUT

ALSO THE APPLICATION OF FEDERAL GENERAL REVENUES TO ONE-

THIRD OF ^{all} ~~THE~~ COSTS.

BUT WE MUST ALSO GIVE ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN OTHER FORMS OF RETIREMENT

INCOME.

*as a first step -
on fact, why any limit!
Minimum income allowance \$1,300*

Plus Escalator Clause

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THAT IS WHY, FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE CALLED FOR EXTENSIVE
REFORMS IN CORPORATE PENSION PLANS, SO THAT AN EMPLOYEE
WILL NOT BE DENIED THE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY HE HAS
COUNTED ON OVER YEARS OF HARD WORK.

4 AND I HAVE INTRODUCED FURTHER LEGISLATION TO PERMIT
OVER 2.08 MILLION RECIPIENTS OF OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE TO,
IN FACT, BENEFIT FROM ANY INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY
BENEFITS -- RATHER THAN FACE A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR CUTBACK
IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

L BUT I BELIEVE WE MUST GO FURTHER IN ~~THE~~
PROTECTING ELDERLY CITIZENS FROM BEING, IN EFFECT, DENIED
OR DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR OTHER PROGRAM BENEFITS -- SUCH
AS MEDICAID AND FOOD STAMPS -- EITHER THROUGH RECENT
REGULATION CHANGES BY THE ADMINISTRATION, OR AS A RESULT
OF AN INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.
L SUCH TOTALLY INSENSITIVE AND ECONOMICALLY ILLOGICAL
REGULATIONS MUST BE WITHDRAWN OR REVISED WITHOUT DELAY.
L HEALTH CARE AND ADEQUATE NUTRITION ARE TWO CRITICAL
NEEDS CONFRONTED BY THE ELDERLY. L THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION
THAT ~~THE~~ CONGRESS MUST ENACT AN EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE
PROGRAM OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

AND I HAVE PLEDGED TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT
TO SEE THAT THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED, ALONG WITH THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE RESOURCES THAT ARE IMMEDIATELY
ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OUR PEOPLE

Keep L IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S
PROGRAM DOES NOT DO THIS, DESPITE HIS CALL FOR THE REMOVAL
OF ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO ADEQUATE HEALTH PROTECTION.

L IN POINT OF FACT, HIS PROPOSAL WOULD PROVIDE THE
NEEDY AND ELDERLY WITH LESS ^{*Pre*} ~~FEDERALLY~~-PAID HEALTH CARE THAN
THEY CURRENTLY RECEIVE UNDER MEDICAID AND MEDICARE, AND
IT WOULD EXCLUDE AN ESTIMATED 15 MILLION PERSONS.

*Your association has taken the
position called this to the
attention of Congress.*

✓ BUT THERE ARE IMMEDIATE STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN
UNDER MEDICARE TO MEET THE SHARPLY RISING COSTS OF HEALTH
CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE, AND TO PROVIDE THE HEALTH SERVICES
THAT THEY REALLY NEED.

✓ WHY GO TO A DOCTOR, IF YOU CAN'T PAY FOR THE
PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE HE SAYS YOU MUST HAVE?

✓ AND HOW MANY OLDER PEOPLE COULD AVOID INJURY OR ILL
HEALTH, IF THEY COULD SIMPLY PAY FOR EYE GLASSES, OR DENTAL

WORK OR DENTURES? — *or have made available to*

them —

AND WHY DO WE PERMIT THOUSANDS OF THE ELDERLY TO END
UP IN THE HOSPITAL UNDER EMERGENCY TREATMENT, SIMPLY BECAUSE
THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET NUTRITIOUS MEALS?

I HAVE SOUGHT TO ADDRESS TWO OF THESE PROBLEMS --

THE NEED FOR COVERAGE OF THE HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS,

AND THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE NUTRITION -- THROUGH INTRODUCING

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

THEIR ENACTMENT, ALONG WITH OTHER VITAL MEASURES I

HAVE SPONSORED -- SUCH AS THE NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE

ELDERLY ACT, RECENTLY PASSED ~~RECENTLY PASSED~~ BY THE SENATE --

CAN HELP THE REAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND COSTS THAT OLDER

AMERICANS ARE CONFRONTED WITH RIGHT NOW.

↳ BUT IN DISCUSSING THE INCOME PROTECTION NEEDS OF OLDER
PEOPLE, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

Jobs
↳ OF THEM, THIS IS BASICALLY A PROBLEM OF GETTING OR HOLDING
A JOB. ↳ WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE MAXIM THAT TOO OFTEN RINGS

TRUE TODAY: "TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE, BUT TOO OLD TO HIRE."

↳ I FIND IT MORALLY UNCONSCIONABLE AND ECONOMICALLY
FOOLISH TO DENY OUR OLDER CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO GAINFUL
EMPLOYMENT.

↳ IT IS AN AFFRONT TO THEIR DIGNITY.

IT IS AN ACT OF IGNORANCE IN FAILING TO RECOGNIZE THE

SOLID CONTRIBUTION THEY CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE TO OUR

ECONOMY AND THE EXTENSIVE SERVICES THEY CAN PERFORM IN OUR

COMMUNITIES

AND YET THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ^{adequately} ~~very~~ CONCERNED ABOUT FORCED

EARLY RETIREMENT, ABOUT PROVIDING EXTENSIVE JOB AND

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER AMERICANS, OR

ABOUT ENFORCING THE LAW PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE

BASIS OF AGE. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT TWO-

THIRDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE

OPERATED FOR PERSONS UNDER 45, AND THAT ONLY 4 PERCENT REACH

THOSE 55 AND OVER.

- Foster - Grand Parents
- Green thumb - Green Light

Bernard
Nash
your
space
Director

Retired Senior Citizen
Organization

h I BELIEVE WE MUST ESTABLISH FEDERALLY ASSISTED
PROGRAMS ACROSS THE NATION TO PROVIDE OLDER WORKERS WITH
GUARANTEED OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOB RETRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
IN NEW CAREERS.

h AND WE MUST PROVIDE FOR MULTI-PURPOSE CENTERS IN OUR
COMMUNITIES WITH EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR AND BY OUR OLDER CITIZENS. *And, we should*
~~IN ADDITION TO GREATLY~~

EXPAND ~~THE~~ EXISTING PROGRAMS TO INVOLVE THESE PEOPLE IN
REMUNERATIVE AND VITALLY NEEDED COMMUNITY SERVICE.

✓ THERE MUST ALSO BE A NATIONAL EFFORT TO REVERSE
AN ATTITUDE ABOUT THE ELDERLY THAT IS ALL TOO PREVALENT
TODAY, ~~AND THAT IS PERHAPS MOST SIMPLY EXPRESSED IN THE~~
PHRASE, "OUT OF SIGHT; OUT OF MIND."

✓ I ~~REFER TO THE FACT THAT~~ ALL TOO OFTEN WE ARE, IN
EFFECT, LOCKING UP OLDER PEOPLE EACH EVENING AND WEEKENDS
FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT WE FAIL TO PROVIDE THEM WITH
ESSENTIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

✓ THIS MUST NO LONGER BE TOLERATED. ^{must} WE ~~ARE~~ NOT DENY
THEM THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES, TO REACH JOBS,
OR TO PURSUE COMMUNITY-SERVICE OR PERSONAL INTERESTS.

*Low cost - regular mass Transit -
bus schedules -*

L NOR SHOULD THE COST OF AIRLINE OR INTERSTATE
TRANSPORTATION TICKETS PROHIBIT THEM FROM TRAVELING, AND I
HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO MEET THIS NEED BY
Substantiated
AUTHORIZING REDUCTIONS IN THESE FARES.

L *Housing* FINALLY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIGH PROPORTION OF THE
INCOME OF OLDER AMERICANS THAT IS PAID FOR HOUSING THAT
IS OFTEN SUBSTANDARD AND IN UNSAFE NEIGHBORHOODS, THERE MUST
BE A TOTAL REDIRECTION IN NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS TO
END DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AGE

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THE INADEQUACY OF DECENT HOUSING THAT INCLUDES THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR ENRICHING COMMUNITY LIFE FOR OLDER PEOPLE,
IS A FACT OF LIFE ACROSS AMERICA. TO MEET THIS CRITICAL
NEED, WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION OF A
MINIMUM OF 125,000 UNITS OF LOW-COST HOUSING FOR THE
ELDERLY EACH YEAR.

AND WE MUST PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND REASONABLE ASSISTANCE
TO OLDER PERSONS WHO WANT TO REMAIN IN THE HOMES FOR WHICH
THEY HAVE WORKED AND CARED OVER THE YEARS.

WE ~~SHOULD~~ ^{must} NOT ALLOW SPIRALLING PROPERTY TAXES TO FORCE
THOUSANDS OF OLDER COUPLES TO SELL THEIR HOMES.

✓ IF A FEDERAL TAX CREDIT TO MEET THIS PROBLEM --
WHICH I HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED -- IS NOT TO BE ENACTED

NOW, THEN WE MUST GET AT THE COSTS WHICH ARE DRIVING UP

LOCAL TAXES. *Costs of Education - of welfare*

✓ SPECIFICALLY, I HAVE CALLED FOR TRIPLING THE LEVEL OF
FEDERAL AID TO OUR SCHOOLS, TO HELP RELIEVE THE LOCAL
TAX BURDEN AND TO EQUALIZE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ALL OUR CHILDREN.

AND I HAVE URGED CONGRESS TO PASS THE HUMPHREY-REUSS
REVENUE SHARING BILL, WHICH I SINCERELY BELIEVE WILL GET
GUARANTEED FINANCIAL HELP TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES FASTER AND
MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN, *and it*
IS DESIGNED TO PUT PRESSURE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MODERNIZE
THEIR OPERATIONS AND PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.
BUT FOR THOUSANDS OF THE ELDERLY, A PLACE TO LIVE
HAS MEANT A BED IN SOME 23,000 EXISTING NURSING HOMES
ACROSS AMERICA TODAY. *For many,* THIS HAS MEANT GOOD CARE
AND ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SERVICES RIGHT AT HAND.

h BUT FOR MANY OTHERS, IT HAS BEEN A NIGHTMARE OF INADEQUATE

AND SOMETIMES INHUMANE TREATMENT. / THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

SHOULD HAVE ACTED LONG AGO TO ENFORCE QUALITY HEALTH CARE

STANDARDS, / IN LINE WITH ITS SUBSTANTIAL SUBSIDIZATION OF

NURSING HOMES. / I WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THIS BE

DONE. / BUT I HAVE ALSO CALLED FOR THE INITIATION OF

EXTENSIVE AND INNOVATIVE EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT TO APPLY

INCENTIVES AND ASSURE THE PROVISION OF A BROAD RANGE OF

MEDICAL MANPOWER AND FACILITY RESOURCES, BOTH TO IMPROVE

INSTITUTIONAL CARE AND TO BROADEN ^{the whole range} ~~the whole range~~ OF HEALTH CARE

FROM PREVENTIVE MEDICINE TO REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

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THIS ,THEN, IS THE OUTLINE OF ^{my} ~~THE~~ PROGRAM

ON BEHALF OF AND DIRECTLY INVOLVING OLDER AMERICANS, ~~THE~~

I AM ASKING YOU TONIGHT TO JOIN ME IN SPONSORING AND

^{this program}
IN GETTING, ACCOMPLISHED,

^L AMONG YOU THERE IS A TREMENDOUS RESERVOIR OF TALENT
AND ABILITY AND DETERMINATION TO SEE THAT THESE ^{things} ~~THINGS~~ CAN

AND WILL BE DONE..

LET US RESOLVE TO GET ON WITH THE CHALLENGING TASK OF

CREATING A NEW ERA FOR AND BY THE OLDER PEOPLE OF AMERICA—^{an}

^{era that} ~~THAT~~ WILL ASSURE THEM A LIFETIME OF DIGNITY, SECURITY, AND

OPPORTUNITY, AND THAT WILL MAKE THIS A BETTER NATION FOR ALL

OUR PEOPLE.

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