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"The fact is that no American is free of the fear of crime today.

"No American sees government moving forcefully and effectively to halt crime, which has spread like a cancer through inner city, suburbs, and rural America.

"The elderly are afraid to leave their apartments at night. The businessman carries a gun.

"The poor are increasingly the victims of the drug addict.

"The young working girl sleeps with a tear gas gun in her nightstand and with a dead bolt lock on her door.

"But the Nixon Administration has waged the wrong war in the wrong place.

"The foot soldiers in the war against crime must be the police, and they need better training and better pay.

"The battlegrounds of this war are frequently the courts -- courts that have become so clogged with overwork that they cannot function.

"This Administration asks for too little, too late in the war against crime. Its budgets are half of what the Congress is ready to appropriate to do the job.

"And now, Attorney General Mitchell, often pre-occupied with his role as political advisor to the President, is leaving the Justice Department in the hands of his deputy, Richard Kleindienst.

"That nomination offers the Nation an opportunity to examine the true law enforcement record of the Nixon Administration.

"I have asked the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator James Eastland, to broaden the nomination hearings of Mr. Kleindienst to include a careful examination of the role of the Justice Department during these past three years of escalating crime in America.

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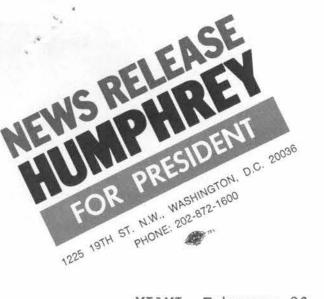
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Fifth Annual Scholarship Banquet Oholei Torah Day School

Miami Beach, Florida

February 20, 1972

It is a real pleasure for Mrs. Humphrey and me to meet with you here tonight.

One reason we have looked forward so much to be here tonight is the cause for which we have gathered. The Hebrew Day Schools of this country have made and

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And tonight is very much personally rewarding for us -because so many of the teachers and spiritual leaders of Oholei Torah Day School are part of the Lubavitcher Chassidic movement, which has its Midwest headquarters in our own state of Minnesota, and whose Midwest Director, Rabbi Moshe Feller, is a personal friend of ours.

And the purpose of tonight's affair -- the celebration of scholarship and religion -- is truly a central theme in all our lives.

It rises above our day to day concerns to the real meaning of our lives.

Our celebration here reminds me of a story I enjoyed hearing. More than a half-century ago, in 1929, the Stalin regime arrested the leader of the Lubavitcher movement, Rabbi Joseph Schneerson. Senator William Borah led a one-man crusade in this country that convinced President Hoover to intercede on the sage's behalf -- which led to his release.

One of the Borah's colleagues in the Senate asked him why he had given so much attention to the plight of one Rabbi -especially since there weren't even 100 Jewish voters in the whole state of Idaho.

"Sure, I like to do things that get me votes from the folks back home," Borah said, "but once in a while it's good to do something that will get me votes in that final election we're all going to have to stand for some day."

So my friends, tonight I'm thinking of two elections -- the one in November, and the final one.

I referred a moment ago to the contributions of the Hebrew Day School movement -- contributions that have meaning for all Americans.

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Yet we must also realize that the work of building America is not finished.

Up until very recently, whole segments of our people did not have the opportunity to make their full contribution to the nation's welfare.

You know for how long the doors to America's executive suites -- and many other doors as well -- were closed to Jews. Some still are.

It wasn't until 1960 that the door to the White House swung open for a Catholic -- and it is still closed to many, many Americans.

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Hebrew Day School movement -- for its many accomplishments in the past and its present and future contributions to making American society a better place for all the people.

The 80,000 young people who attend Hebrew Day Schools are not isolated from the problems of contemporary America. They are learning to cope with our problems from a special and valuable vantage point.

The concerns of America are not narrow, requiring simple solutions. They require the use of every resource we can command -- and one great resource is the rich Jewish heritage. Your school -- and the many like it -- are producing

sensitive, involved young Jewish Americans who are better Americans for their commitment to Judaism.

But the Hebrew Day School movement and all religious day schools in America face grave problems today. In many cities, children must be turned away and teachers must be grievously underpaid.

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If we are to have a healthy pluralistic America, then we must resolve to define a new right -- the right of every American child to know his or her own heritage.

Our Torah School is fully committed to this right. No child has ever been turned away from this school because of his parents inability to bear the expense of tuition. Over 70% of the students are on scholarship.

In many other schools, even the full tuition does not come close to paying the complete cost of education.

There are some in this country who say that a parent who wants his or her child to receive a cultural or religious education must be prepared to bear the total cost.

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This outrageous insensitivity to religious practices must not continue. Even my Party is guilty of this sin.

I must tell you that in many cases delegate selection to this year's Democratic National Convention has been held on Saturday.

In California, for example, thousands of registered Democrats thus were automatically excluded from political participation.

Our Party must not allow this gross insensitivity to religious conviction to continue.

Let us confess -- because confession is good for the soul -that we haven't yet achieved "liberty and justice for all."

But let us at the same time proudly reaffirm our commitment to that goal.

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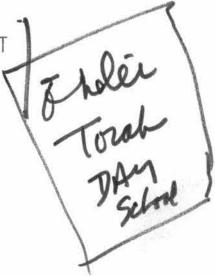
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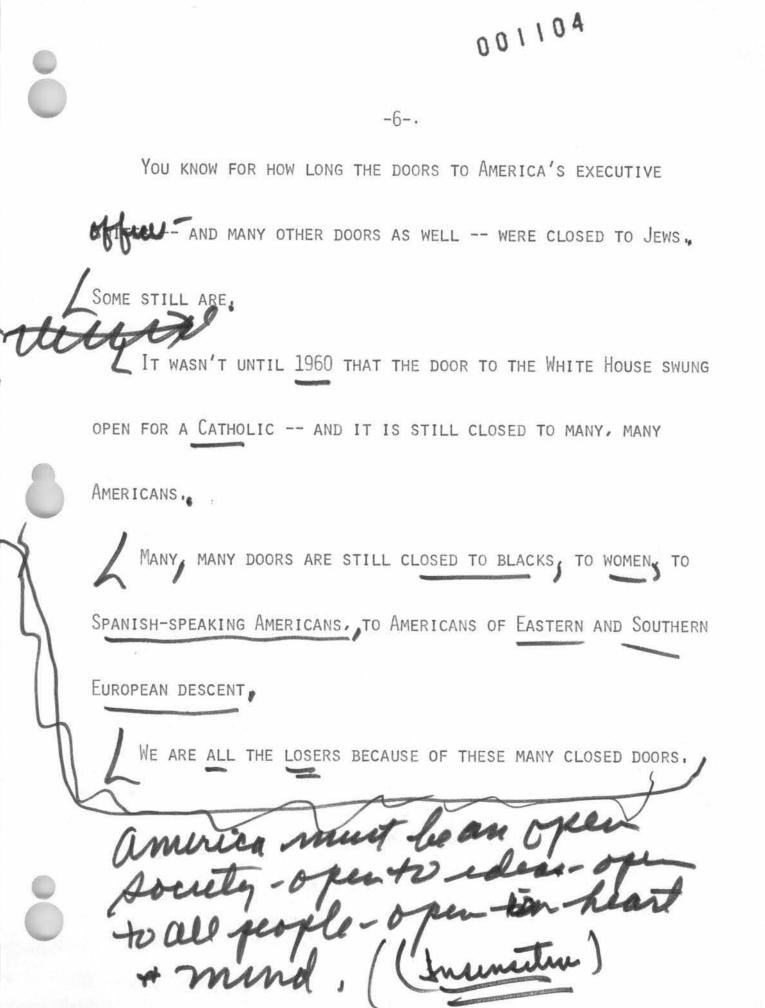
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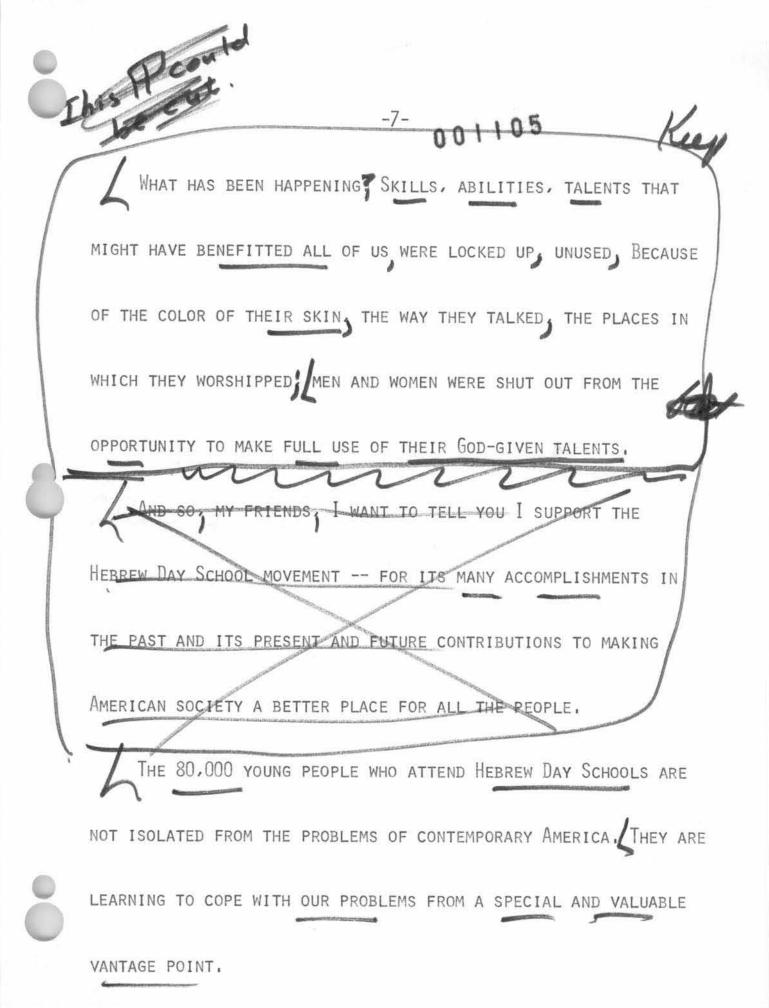
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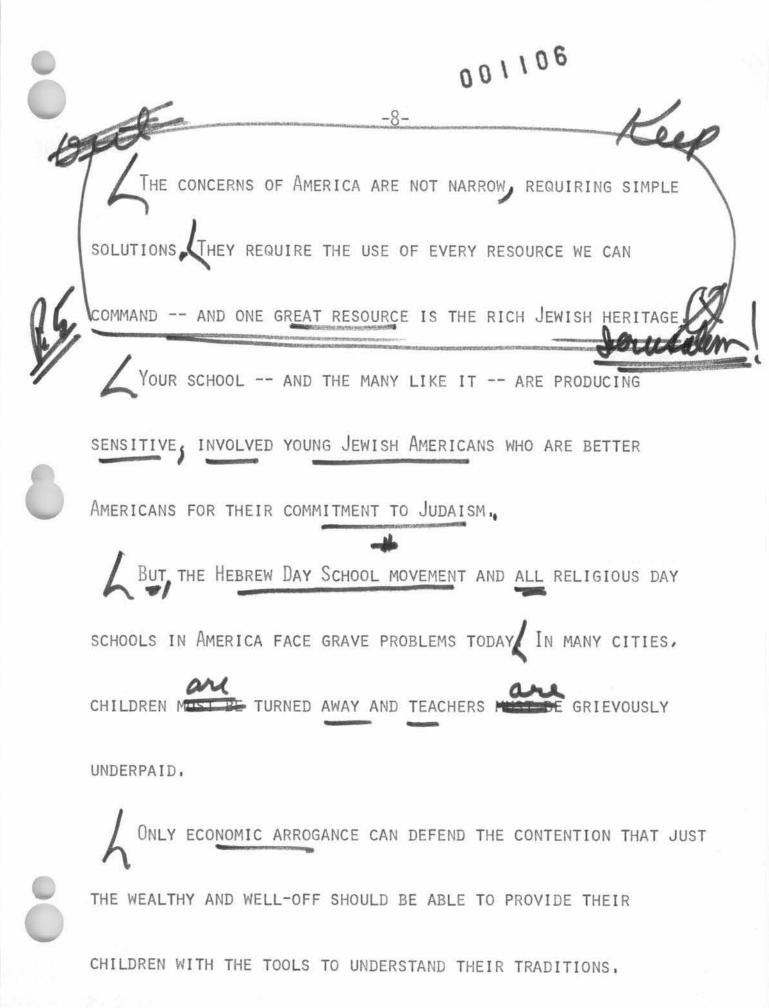
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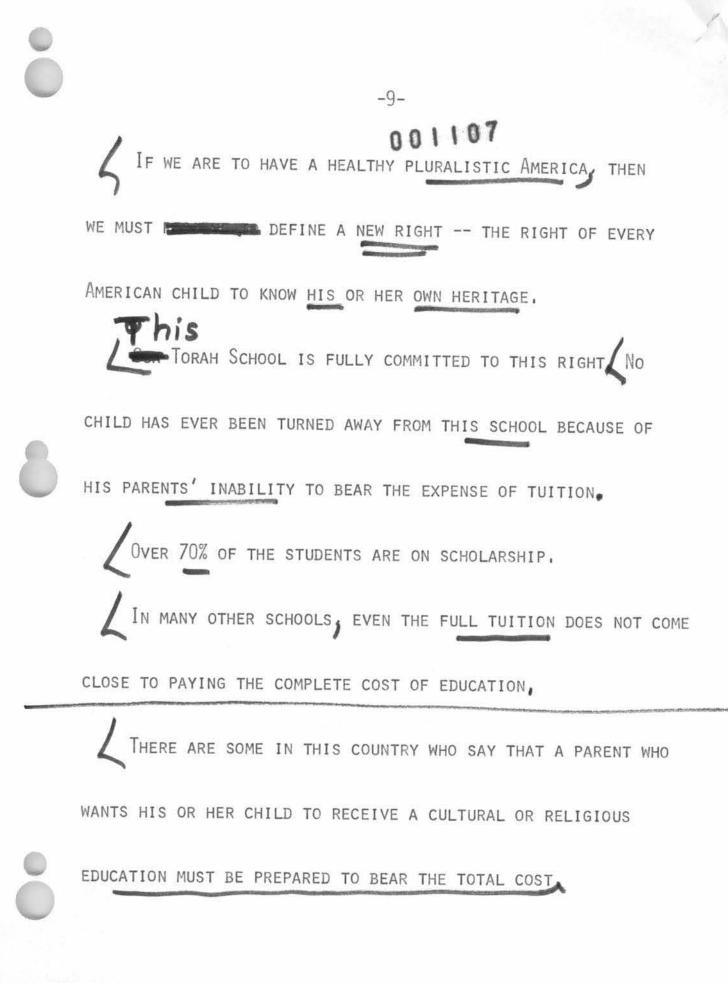
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FifthEAnnual Scholarship Banquet--Oholci Torah Day School

It is a real pleasure for Mrs. Hupphrey and me to be meet with you here tonight.

One reason we have looked forward so much to be here tonight is the cause for which we have gathered. The Hebrew Day Schools of this country have made and continue to make a profound contribution to the fabric of American and Jewish communal life.

And tonight is very much personally rewarding for us -because so many of the teachers and spiritual leaders of **IMEX** Ohalei Torah Day School are part of the Lubavitcher Chassidic movement, which has its Midwest headquarters in our own state of Minnesota, and whose Midwest Director, Rabbi Moshe Feller, is a personal friend of ours.

And the purpose of tonight's affair -- the celebration of scholarship and religion -- is truly a central theme in a all our lives. It rises above our day to day concerns to the real meaning of our lives.

And Our celebration here reminds of a story I love to hear and tell. Morethan a half-century ago, in 1929, the Stalin regime arrested the leader of the Ex Lubavitcher movement, Ratbi Joseph Schneerson. Senator William Borah led a one-man crusade in this country that convinced President Hoover to htcrecede on the sage's behalf-- which led to his release.

One of Borah's cileagues in the Senate asked him why he had given so much attention to the plight of one Rabbi --especially since there wenen't even 100 Jewish voters in the whole state of Ideho.

"Sure, I like to do things that get me votes from the folds back home," Borah said, "but once in a while it's good to do something that g will get me votes in that final election 22222

we're all going to have to stand for some day."

So, my friends, tonight I'm thinking of two elections -the one in November, and the final one.

I referred a moment ago to the contributions of the Hebrew Day School movement -- contributions that have meaning for all Americans.

We live in a pluralistic nation -- a country of minorities, each with a distinct and proud heritage these Combinged make up A the fascinating mosaic that is American life.

We have no single American identity, no aingle set of A values or athers. On the contrary, it is only in totalitarian regimes that there is an official code of vislues that all then people must conform to.

We have all learned this lesson from the social upheavals of the past few decades. We have learned that America is not you'd just one big melting pot. (America is a tapestry of many colors. beliefs, and cultures.

We must not tell Black Americans, Jewish Americans, Italian individual Americans, and others to submerge or ignore their/identity and heritage.

We mat, instead, rai realize that a robust and vibrant America requires the full contribution of our many ger groups-condistingting that cur specific traditions have meaning today and value for us all.

Yet we must also realize that our society is not complete.

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Up until very recently, whole segments of our people did

not have the opportunity to make their full contribution to

the nation's velfare.

You know for how long the doors to America's executive suites - and many other doors as well - were closed to Jews. Some

still are.

"It wasn't until 1960 that the door to the White House avong

2021) for a Catholic - and it is still closed to many, many Americans.

Many, many doors are still closed to blacks, to women, to

Spanish-speaking Americans, to Americans of Eastern and Southern

European descent.

We may all the losers because of these many closed doors.

has been that may happening? Skills, abilities, talents that might have

benefited all of us were locked up, unused. Because of the color of their skin, the way they talked, the places in which they worshipped, men and women were shut out from the opportunity to make full use of their God-given gifts, 44444

And so, my friends, I want to tell you I support the Hebrew Day School movement - mp for its many accomplishments in the past and its present and future contributions to making American society a better place for all the people.

These 80,000 young people who attend Hebrew Day Schools are not isolated from the problems of contemporary America. They are learning to cope with our problems from a special and valuable peropeotive. Veulage piece.

The concerns of America are not narrow, requiring simple solutions. They require the use of every resource we can mester command-- and one great resource is the rich Jewish heritage.

Your shhool -- and the many like it -- are producing involved sensitive,/zazzizzad young Jewish Americans who are better Americans for their commitment to Judaism.

But the Hebrew Bay School movement faces grave problems today. In many cities Jemish children must be turned away and teachers must be greviously underpaid.

Only economic arrogance can defend the contention that **prix** just the **riskxandxmxwaweal**by and well- off should be able to provide their children with the tools to understand their traditions.

If we are to have a healthy pluralistic America, then we must resolve to define a new right -- the right of every American child to know his ow her own heritage.

No child has ever been turned way from your school because of his parents inability to bear the expense of tuition.

Over 70% of your students are on scholarships and as with

schools, even the full tuition does not come close to paying the mast complete cost of education.

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There are some in this country who say that a parent who wants his or her child to receive a cultural or g religious education must be prepared to pay militing full prx bear the total cost.

That position, my friends, is indefensible. It is the same as saying that if the sick or injured cannot pay their hospital bills, isky they shouldn't get sick.

Today we do not expect a family that joins a community center to pay the full b price of the services they receive. Americans, especially the Jewish ms community, are very generous in subsidizing such centers. (Is education less vital a m service?

What sort of society subsidizes vollegball games and swimming pools but refuses to help meet the cost of education?

Day schools such as Ohalai-Torah are performing a priceless service -- forging strong links in a tradition that benefits both America and the entire world.

None of us wants the government to take over religious education. That would destroy religion and government bogether. Financing religious education is the duty of the private sector -a duty that Jewish Americans have grs gratefully shouldered in the past and are eager tobear in the future.

But it we must fix urgently find mays imaginative and the creative methods for aiding/non-religious part of your children's education. --We must explore the pssiblilty of tax credits to releive parents of some of the burden.

--We must expand grants in aid for scientific equipment and modern educational tools.

=-We must expand the school lunch program.

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It is outrageous that Ohalei Torah cannot participate in the national school lunch program because kosher foods are not available in adequate amounts,

You can get kosher food on any airline in Americant (Why not in any school? (You can get hösher food on any armed forces base? (Why not in any school?

The provision of kosher foods for the observant Jew must be viewed as a basic right. It is not a privilege or a luxury. In our plusalistic society, we must respect the customs and ratuals that each groups finds significant.

I call, may here and now, for the President to issue an executive order specifying that federally m funded m meal programs must make provide kosher food for all who want it.

Another area in which we can and must take immediate action is the protection of Sabbath **Provision**. A There are millions of Americans, m of both the Jewish and the Seventh Day Adventist faith, who are discriminated against because their day of Sabbath **STRT Rephromener** is Saturday.

Sabhath observance is a basic right. It then is not a privilege or a luxury.

If any American is denied employment because of his Sabbath observance, then his or her civil rights have clearly been violated.

If any employer doing business with the Federal government

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discriminates against Sabbath observers, his government contracts should be cancelled.

If any university forces observant students to take exams on the Sabbath or religiou holdsys, then its Federal assistance should be whtheld.

This outrageous insensitivity to religious practices must not continue. Even my Party is guilty of this sin.

I must tall you that in many cases delegate selection to this year's Democratic National Convention has been held on Saturday.

In Califronia, for example, tens_of thoudands of registered were Democrats thus/automatically dam excluded from poltical participatio Our Party must not allow this gross insensitivity to religious conviction to continue. I am sending a telegree to Farty Chairman the present practice Larence O'Brien-informing him of/inizzeitastics and demanding-that it-be-stopped_immediately.

Let us confess -- because confession is good for the soul -that we haven't yet achiefed "liberty and justice for all."

t But let us at the same time proudly reaffirm our commitment to that goal.

Let us push forward. Let us set as a goal the isrix elimination of all forms of racial, religious, and ethnic discrimination by 1976 -- our 200th anneversary as a nation.

Let us begin our third century as an America rich in diversity, a nation that realizes the importance of pluralism --

-- a society where no one is denied advancement or employment because of creed, race, or sex,

-- a society which recognizes the need to offer special ducational opportunities to the disadvantaged children of all

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