

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

FAIRMOUNT HOTEL  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1972

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I'VE PROPOSED PROGRAM AFTER PROGRAM TO RESPONSIBLY RETURN THIS NATION TO PROSPERITY AND TO KEEP IT STRONG.

TO PROPOSE A UNILATERAL 40% REDUCTION IN DEFENSE SPENDING IS DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE. IT WEAKENS OUR STRATEGIC DETERRENT. I WOULD NEVER CALL FOR SUCH MASSIVE REDUCTIONS WITHOUT IMMEDIATELY PROTECTING JOBS AND COMMUNITIES IN CALIFORNIA AND ELSEWHERE, WHICH WOULD BE SEVERELY HARD HIT BY THE McGOVERN DEFENSE BUDGET.

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GIVE HIM HELL

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