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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 5 -- ~~SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY~~

IT IS CLEAR AS DAY

~~TODAY ACCUSED~~ ^{that} THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ^{is} OF "TRYING TO POSE AS

THE FRIEND OF THE WORKING FAMILY, WHILE CUTTING THE HEART OUT

OF PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT WORKING AMERICANS."

~~SPEAKING TO A UAW-IAM LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE AT THE~~

~~SHOREHAM HOTEL, HUMPHREY SAID THAT~~ "WHEN WORKING PEOPLE LOOK

CLOSELY AT THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET, THEY WILL SEE THEIR ~~PROBLEMS~~

NEEDS ARE GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT."

"OUT OF A \$268.7 BILLION BUDGET, LESS THAN TWO PERCENT

OF THE BUDGET GOES FOR URBAN HOUSING.

^h "A LITTLE MORE THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE BUDGET GOES FOR

THE HEALTH CARE OF MORE THAN 150 MILLION AMERICANS WHO ARE

NEITHER OLD NOR POOR -- ABOUT \$20 PER PERSON PER YEAR.

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L "LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE BUDGET GOES TO COMBAT THE
CRITICAL PROBLEM OF CRIME, INCLUDING DRUG AGUSE.

"LESS THAN ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF THE BUDGET GOES
FOR MASS TRANSIT -- THE KEY TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND AIR AND
NOISE POLLUTION.

"THESE ARE FOUR AREAS THAT TYPIFY THE PROBLEMS WORKING
FAMILIES WANT GOVERNMENT TO *to do something about*
~~THESE~~ HUMPHREY OBSERVED "yes"

LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS ALLOCATED
TO ALL OF THEM COMBINED.

"WORKING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS
TRADITIONALLY OPPOSED MEDICARE, AID TO EDUCATION, AND LOWER
INTEREST RATES TO HOME-BUYERS. THIS BUDGET IS JUST MORE OF
THE SAME."

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~~HUMPHREY MAINTAINED THAT~~ THE PRESIDENT'S ATTEMPT TO POSE
AS A FRIEND OF THE WORKER, WHILE ENACTING POLICIES AGAINST
WORKERS' INTERESTS, ^SAMOUNTED TO DECEPTION.

"THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT LEVEL WITH YOU," HE TOLD THE
CONFERENCE. "HE TELLS YOU THAT HE IS CUTTING SPENDING, BECAUSE
IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO CONTROL INFLATION. BUT HE IS NOT CONTROLLING
INFLATION.

"GROCERY COSTS ARE HIGHER. MEDICAL COSTS ARE HIGHER,
RENTS ARE HIGHER, GASOLINE IS HIGHER. ONLY PROGRAMS FOR
PEOPLE -- AND THE RATE OF WAGE INCREASES ARE LOWER.

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"THE PRESIDENT TELLS YOU HE IS RETURNING 'POWER TO THE PEOPLE.' BUT THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY, AS REVEALED IN HIS BUDGET, IS NOT TO RETURN POWER TO THE PEOPLE. IT IS TO RETURN ~~PROBLEMS OF NATIONAL SCOPE BACK TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS~~ WHICH HAVE INADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SOLVE THEM.

L "THE PRESIDENT TELLS YOU THAT HE IS DETERMINED NOT TO HAVE A TAX INCREASE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. SO HE SHOVES PROBLEMS ~~BACK TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHERE THEY'RE EITHER TO BE IGNORED OR YOUR PROPERTY TAXES WILL HAVE TO BE RAISED TO PAY THE BILLS.~~"

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~~HUMPHREY ASSERTED THAT THE PRESIDENT, IN CUTTING BACK PROGRAMS, IS ACTING "TRUE TO REPUBLICAN FORM -- LIKE A CORPORATION PRESIDENT WHO CUTS BACK WAGES AND BENEFITS BECAUSE HIS OWN MISMANAGEMENTS THREATEN TO CUT INTO HIS PROFITS.~~

"THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MISMANAGED THE ECONOMY FOR FOUR YEARS, TO THE TUNE OF \$100 BILLION IN DEFICITS, SO IT DECIDES THAT PROGRAMS WHICH BENEFIT PEOPLE MUST BE CUT BACK," HE SAID.

"THE ADMINISTRATION IMPOUNDS FUNDS. IT TERMINATES PROGRAMS.
ITS ADVISERS HIDE FROM THE CONGRESS BEHIND EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE.
ITS BUDGET IS DEVELOPED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S BIG-BUSINESS MENTALITY ALSO SHAPES THE WAY IN WHICH THE BUDGET IS PUT TOGETHER, AS WELL AS ITS SUBSTANCE.

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~~THE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT CHARGED THAT~~ ALL OF THESE
ACTIONS RESULT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION'S DISTRUST OF THE
ABILITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, REPRESENTED BY CONGRESS, TO
SET THEIR OWN NATIONAL PRIORITIES.

"THE ATTEMPT TO DISMANTLE PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT PEOPLE --
AND TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT IGNORES THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES,
IS WHAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IS ALL ABOUT," ~~HUMPHREY~~

~~CONCLUDED.~~

h "IF THE PRESIDENT IS SERIOUS ABOUT DECENTRALIZING POWER,
HE SHOULD START BY RESTORING THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN
THE ANONYMOUS BUREAUCRATS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE
PEOPLE'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS."

~~WHILE INDICATING THAT HE FAVORS A SPENDING CEILING,~~ ^I

~~HUMPHREY STATED THAT~~ ^{BUT} CONGRESS SHOULD SET IT.

4 "CONGRESS SHOULD ALSO SET UP AN OFFICE OF BUDGET ANALYSIS
AND PROGRAM EVALUATION, SO IT CAN ESTABLISH BUDGET PRIORITIES
AND EVALUATE PROGRAMS," ~~HE SAID.~~

~~SPECULATING ON~~ ^{IS TRANSPARENT.} THE POLITICAL STRATEGY BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S
BUDGET, ~~THE SENATOR COMMENTED,~~ "PRESIDENT NIXON KNOWS THAT IF

YOU ADD UP THE ELDERLY, THE DISABLED, THE MENTALLY ILL, THE

POOR FARMERS, THE CHILDREN AND MOTHERS ON WELFARE, THE

STRUGGLING STUDENTS, AND OTHERS NEEDING HELP, YOU DO NOT GET

A POLITICAL MAJORITY. ↓

h "THE PRESIDENT SEEMS TO BELIEVE THE AMERICAN MAJORITY
HAS GROWN INDIFFERENT TOWARD THOSE WHO LEGITIMATELY NEED

HELP, AS THEIR OWN STANDARD OF LIVING HAS RISEN OVER THE YEARS.

h "HE IS DEAD WRONG ABOUT THIS ~~AND HIS MISCALCULATION ON~~
~~THE POINT MEANS HE WILL NOT SUCCEED IN FASHIONING A POLITICAL~~
~~MAJORITY OF HAVES VERSUS HAVE NOTS.~~

"HE IS WRONG BECAUSE HE FORGETS THAT WE ^{EACH} ~~ALL~~ HAVE SOMEONE
IN OUR FAMILY WHO ARE AMONG THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THIS
NATION WHO CANNOT BE SELF-RELIANT WITHOUT SOME HELP."

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