

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
AN EVENING IN HONOR OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*Jerry Schaller - chm of dinner*  
*\* Minnesota State Society*  
*Mrs Lorna Hammes - Pres. of State Soc*  
*Lorne Greene*  
*V. P. Mondale*  
*SKIP Humphrey*      *Francis Humphrey Howard*

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I've been told, that many of you are disappointed because I'm not there with you tonight - I too, ~~am~~ disappointed. ~~Just a few days ago the medical reports I'm receiving should have indicated that Senator Humphrey would die there - He is - My Son, Senator H.H.H. III -~~  
ASKED TO TALK WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE TONIGHT, <sup>then</sup>

BECAUSE BEING SUCH A QUIET, INTROVERTED AND HUMBLE

FELLOW, I FIND MYSELF VERY UNCOMFORTABLE IN LARGE CROWDS. <sup>airfare I</sup>

<sup>I'm</sup> SERIOUSLY, I AM OVERWHELMED BY THE TREMENDOUS SIZE OF THIS SOCIAL GATHERING. <sup>Congrats to Jerry Schaller,</sup>

<sup>Mr. Mrs. Lorne Hammes, Mrs. Mamm. State Society</sup> HAVE ENOUGH WORK TO DO, SO I'D BETTER GET BACK TO

WASHINGTON TO START THE GRINDSTONE TURNING AGAIN.

BY THE WAY, JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROJECT BEING LAUNCHED AT THIS DINNER GETS OFF TO A GOOD FINANCIAL START, I'VE ASKED THE HOTEL TO SEND THE TAB FOR <sup>cocktail the</sup> THIS MEAL TO MY <sup>generous</sup> GOOD FRIEND, THE VICE PRESIDENT.

~~NOW, LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.~~ YOU DO ME GREAT HONOR THIS EVENING. IT TRULY IS A HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE TO KNOW THAT SO MANY COMRADES IN ARMS ARE GATHERED HERE -- FRIENDS WHO HAVE WEATHERED THE POLITICAL STORMS AND FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT ON SO MANY ISSUES WITH ME OVER THE YEARS.

And so many ~~others~~ who have tolerated my Politics - and blessed me with the gift of their friendship.

BUT THE REALLY IMPORTANT THING WE ARE CELEBRATING  
THIS EVENING IS THE INAUGURATION OF ~~AN IMPORTANT~~ <sup>a</sup> NEW  
EXPERIMENT IN WHAT AN EDUCATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS CAN AND  
SHOULD BE. / THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH PUTTING TOGETHER THE  
CONCEPT OF THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS HAVE UNDERTAKEN A DYNAMIC AND CHALLENGING TASK,  
AND THEY NEED AND DESERVE OUR FULL SUPPORT.

IT IS VERY KIND OF THEM TO ADD MY NAME TO THE TITLE  
OF THIS INSTITUTE. *I look forward to the time when*

*I can spend some of my day at the Institute*  
PUBLIC STRUCTURE THAT HAS BORNE MY NAME UP UNTIL RECENTLY  
*being with students and faculty of the U of M.*  
HAS BEEN A BRIDGE IN FLORIDA. AND IT'S A SMALL BRIDGE,

AT THAT.

~~THE USE OF THAT BRIDGE IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT UPON THE~~  
~~CONTINUED SUPPLY OF ENERGY IN THE FORM OF FOSSIL FUELS.~~

*But* THE INSTITUTE WILL TAP OUR MOST VITAL ~~ENERGY~~ RESOURCE --

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Our youth are our future. America itself is a young country with its future before it. Our people are builders, they are restless. They are energetic. They are idealists who want to put their ideals to the test.

This is the strong foundation on which the Institute will be built. It will direct its research toward addressing the critical and complex problems of the future --

- PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMY;
- OUR ENVIRONMENT;
- THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE *on our society*
- THE HEALTH AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF OUR PEOPLE;
- THE URGENT REQUIREMENTS POSED BY A CLOSELY INTERDEPENDENT COMMUNITY OF NATIONS;
- AND THE CHALLENGES TO GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS TO ANTICIPATE AND BE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE AS OUR SOCIETY UNDERGOES MAJOR CHANGES.

↳ TO MEET THESE PROBLEMS, WE NEED NEW GENERATIONS OF  
PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO CAN THINK AND ACT CREATIVELY, WHO WILL  
DISCIPLINE THEMSELVES IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, AND  
WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MAKING OF PUBLIC POLICY SHOULD  
EFFECTIVELY INVOLVE AN INFORMED CITIZENRY.

↳ THESE THINGS ARE WHAT THE INSTITUTE IS ALL ABOUT.

↳ I HOPE YOU SHARE MY SENSE OF EXCITEMENT OVER ITS POSSIBILITIES.

↳ BUT FOR NOW, I WANT YOU TO ENJOY THIS EVENING WITH  
GOOD FRIENDS. *Have fun - Live it up!*  
~~THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHOM I WOULD LIKE~~  
*and many Had Bless you in all of*  
~~TO THANK FOR GIVING THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO MAKING THIS A~~  
*your day.*  
~~MEMORABLE EVENING. MY HEART IS FULL, AND MY WARM BEST~~  
~~WISHES ARE WITH YOU ALL.~~

*to my staff -*  
BUT I WANT YOU TO BE BACK AT YOUR DESKS EARLY TOMORROW  
MORNING -- THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE! - *and I'll see you*  
*next week!*

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