

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY

DOLLARS FOR DEMOCRATS

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q Hello...is everybody on the line?

This is Hubert Humphrey in Washington. I'm going to see many of you in person between now and election day.

But today I welcome the opportunity -- on behalf of the President -- to visit, if only by phone, about the Dollars for Democrats drive.

Every one of our Democratic leaders and Democratic candidates in our states knows about the high cost of political campaigning. The Dollars for Democrats drive is designed to broaden the base of financial support for campaigning. And it aims to bring as many people as possible into the elective process, no matter how modest their contributions may be.

I think it is a good idea not just because it will benefit Democratic candidates. I think it is a good idea, too, because it makes our democracy -- with a small "d" -- a little stronger.

I know that some of the people hearing my voice are Republicans and independents. If they feel they can't give dollars to Democrats, I hope they will give dollars to the candidates of their choice.

But my own preference ought to be clear.

I'd like to hear from my friends out there how things are going. Is Soapy Williams there? (etc. --the others will pick up from here)



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