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IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME WITH OLD FRIENDS.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY TOGETHER THESE PAST

FEW YEARS IN MINNESOTA AND IN AMERICA.

THIS MORNING I WANT TO VISIT WITH YOU ABOUT

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR

~~Twenty years ago - President Kennedy said let us~~

COUNTRY.

FIRST, WE'VE REALLY BEGUN TO MAKE OUR FREE
ECONOMIC SYSTEM FULFILL ITS PROMISE.

IN THE EIGHT YEARS BEFORE 1961, WE WENT THROUGH
THREE RECESSIONS.

President Kennedy - Let us begin
and we did - our economy began to
move to fulfill its promise

L.B.J. - Let us continue

~~L BUT SINCE THEN WE'VE TAKEN 20TH CENTURY ECONOMICS
OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE AND PUT IT INTO THE WHITE HOUSE,
WHERE IT ALWAYS BELONGED.~~

h YOU KNOW THE RESULTS -- 67 STRAIGHT MONTHS OF

SUSTAINED AND VIGOROUS ECONOMIC GROWTH / WAGES ARE UP.

h PROFITS ARE UP. / INVESTMENT IS UP. / AND THERE IS NO

Farm Prices are up! Unemployment is Down.

QUESTION THAT MORE AMERICANS, IN MORE CITIES, TOWNS

AND RURAL AREAS, ARE LIVING BETTER TODAY THAN EVER

BEFORE!

~~L IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WE'VE CUT OUR NATIONAL~~

~~UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALMOST IN HALF.~~

L TODAY WE FACE THE THREAT OF INFLATION -- OF

OVERHEATING IN OUR ECONOMY -- AND INFLATION WHICH

COULD WIPE OUT THE GAINS WE'VE MADE.

Economists

INFLATION STEALS THE PURSE OF THE WAGE-EARNER --
IMPAIRS THE VALUE OF INVESTMENTS -- DIMINISHES THE TRUE
WORTH OF PROFITS -- ROBS THE ELDERLY OF THEIR SAVINGS.

INFLATION IS THE LOST WEEKEND OF A FAST GROWING ECONOMY.

THAT IS WHY THE PRESIDENT HAS RECENTLY TAKEN *Steps and*
PROPOSED MEASURES TO HEAD OFF INFLATION AND KEEP OUR

GROWTH STEADY AND BALANCED. HE HAS CALLED UPON

BUSINESS AND LABOR TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND SELF-

DISCIPLINE IN PRICES AND WAGES NOW -- SO THAT WE CAN

HAVE CONTINUED PROSPERITY FOR THE YEARS AHEAD.

IF MORE MEASURES ARE NEEDED, HE WILL PROPOSE
THEM, I CAN ASSURE YOU.

BUT THIS ECONOMY IS BASICALLY STRONG AND HEALTHY.
IT IS ON THE MOVE.

Business + labor have cooperated - cost of living price index ~~is~~ lower in last 5 yrs 1961-66 - than in 1956-61.

Don't sell America's assets

THEN TOO, WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF SOME UNFINISHED
BUSINESS THESE PAST FEW YEARS, TOO

Unfinished Business

- Opportunity!

WE'VE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS
ASSURING OUR NEGRO FELLOW AMERICANS WHAT HAS BEEN

DENIED THEM FOR GENERATIONS -- EQUAL RIGHTS AND

OPPORTUNITIES BOTH IN LAW AND IN FACT. WE'RE KEEPING
PROMISES *unfulfilled* BROKEN FOR A HUNDRED YEARS.

MEDICARE IS NO LONGER A DREAM, AN ISSUE, OR A
BILL BEING KICKED AROUND IN CONGRESS. IT IS NOW A FACT
OF LIFE -- AND IT HAS LIFTED FROM THE SHOULDERS OF
OUR SENIOR CITIZENS THE HIGH COST OF HOSPITAL AND
MEDICAL CARE.

Medicare

THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEMOCRATIC
89TH CONGRESS KEPT THEIR PROMISE TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS.

MEDICARE IS A VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE -- IT IS A VICTORY
FOR DECENCY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

OUR FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH ARE MORE THAN
DOUBLE WHAT THEY WERE EVEN THREE YEARS AGO.

THE MINIMUM WAGE IS GOING UP IN TWO STAGES TO
ONE DOLLAR - SIXTY CENTS, AND COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED
TO EIGHT MILLION ADDITIONAL WORKERS.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF OUR
DEMOCRACY WE'VE BEEN ATTENDING TO. WE'VE BROKEN
NEW GROUND AS WELL.

LAST YEAR, UNDER PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LEADERSHIP,
CONGRESS ENACTED A RECORD-BREAKING PROGRAM OF
FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION -- INCLUDING THE FIRST
ACROSS-THE-BOARD FEDERAL AID TO ELEMENTARY AND

Health

*Min
Wage*

SECONDARY EDUCATION IN AMERICAN HISTORY -- AND
GENEROUS AID TO OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

*add to
educ
in all forms
up 10.4 billion*

THIS AID HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED ON THE TWO MOST
URGENT NEEDS OF OUR SCHOOLS -- STEPPING UP THE QUALITY
OF AMERICAN EDUCATION AND SEEING TO IT THAT POOR
CHILDREN GET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF IT. TO ALL OF THIS
HAS BEEN ADDED STUDENT LOANS; WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS;
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS.

WE ARE WAGING AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST POVERTY
-- THE FIRST NATION IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY TO DO SO.

Power

AND WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO SEE REAL RESULTS.
MANY THOUSANDS OF THE POOR HAVE BEEN RESCUED FROM
DESPAIR, TRAINED IN NEEDED SKILLS, AND LAUNCHED INTO
THE MAINSTREAM OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

and we have worked together on other matters
~~MUCH ELSE WE HAVE DONE OR BEGUN TOGETHER.~~ *WE*

HAVE PURGED OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS OF DISCRIMINATION...

MOVED AGAINST TRANSPORTATION BOTTLENECKS... *we have taken*

ACTION TO MAKE OUR CITIES BETTER PLACES IN WHICH TO

LIVE, OUR AIR MORE FIT TO BREATHE AND OUR WATER MORE

FIT TO DRINK. *and we are* ASSURING THE PEOPLE OF RURAL AMERICA

A FAIRER SHARE OF OUR NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

L FIVE YEARS AGO PRESIDENT KENNEDY SAID: "LET US

BEGIN." THREE YEARS AGO PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID: "LET

US CONTINUE." AND TODAY WE SAY: "~~LET'S MOVE AHEAD~~

Lets AND FINISH THE JOB." *and we must!*

WE CAN ASSURE TO WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE, BY REPEALING 14(b). THAT'S ONE

FIGHT WE HAVEN'T WON YET. BUT WE ARE DETERMINED TO WIN IT.

WE CAN END POVERTY IN AMERICA.

WE CAN END RACIAL DISCRIMINATION -- AND THE SOONER

THE BETTER.

WE CAN ASSURE TO EVERY CHILD IN AMERICA A GOOD

EDUCATION AND THE CHANCE TO MAKE THE MOST OF HIMSELF.

WE CAN MAKE THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS A GOLDEN

EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD OF DEMOCRACY AT WORK.

WE CAN MAKE OUR CITIES MODERN, CLEAN, AND LIVEABLE.

WE CAN CONTINUE TO BEAR OUR BURDENS AND SHOULDER

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ABROAD AS WELL AS AT HOME -- BUILDING

THE KIND OF WORLD ENVISAGED IN THE UNITED NATIONS

CHARTER, IN WHICH LARGE AND SMALL NATIONS CAN LIVE

TOGETHER IN PEACE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP.

WE CAN AND WE WILL.

NOW, IN CONCLUSION, I'D LIKE TO TALK FOR A FEW
MOMENTS ABOUT OUR OWN D-F-L FAMILY.

THE DFL IS A PARTY MADE UP OF A WIDE SPECTRUM
OF MINNESOTANS INCLUDING MANY BUSINESSMEN AND
PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND FARMERS.

AND THAT IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.

↳ OUR PARTY IS NOT ONLY A PARTY FOR LABOR.

↳ IT IS NOT ONLY A PARTY FOR THE FARMER.

↳ IT IS NOT ONLY A PARTY FOR BUSINESS.

↳ IT IS NOT ONLY A PARTY FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE

COMMUNITIES.

IT IS A PARTY WITH VISION AND PURPOSE BROAD ENOUGH
TO INCLUDE ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL AND
DEMOCRATIC IDEALS.

SO, ADDRESSING HERE THE LEADERSHIP OF MOST OF
THE GREAT MINNESOTA LABOR MOVEMENT, LET ME REMIND
YOU OF THE SPLENDID VICTORIES WE HAVE WON TOGETHER
IN THE PAST.

BUT, ONCE AGAIN, THIS DFL PARTY AND ITS PROGRESSIVE
PROGRAM FACES A STERN CHALLENGE. WE NEED YOUR HELP.
MINNESOTA NEEDS YOUR HELP. THE CHILDREN OF MINNESOTA
NEED YOUR HELP FOR BETTER EDUCATION. THE ELDERLY OF
MINNESOTA NEED YOUR ~~COMPARISON AND~~ HELP FOR BETTER
HEALTH CARE, HOUSING, AND OPPORTUNITY. THE ECONOMY
OF MINNESOTA -- BUSINESS, FINANCE, LABOR, AGRICULTURE
NEEDS YOUR HELP IN BUILDING MINNESOTA'S FUTURE.

AS FORMER PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT SAID:

"THE ONLY LIMIT TO OUR REALIZATION OF TOMORROW WILL BE OUR DOUBTS OF TODAY. LET US MOVE FORWARD WITH A STRONG AND ACTIVE FAITH."

I CALL ON YOU TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS NOVEMBER -- AND TO OTHER NOVEMBERS -- AS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE NOT ONLY THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT ALL THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA AND OF THE NATION.

FOR WITHOUT YOU, WE WOULD NOT HAVE A GOVERNOR ROLVAAG, A SENATOR McCARTHY, A SENATOR MONDALE, A CONGRESSMAN BLATNIK, OR KARTH, OR FRASER, OR OLSON.

✓ CERTAINLY, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, THERE WOULD BE NO MINNESOTAN SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR YOUR SUPPORT, DEVOTION AND DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICE.

Congress - Mondak

- 1 - George Daley
- 2 - Charles Christensen
- 3 - Elva Walker
- 4 - Joe Karth
- 5 - Don Fraser
- 6 - Alec Olson
- 7 - Keith Davison
- 8 - John Blatnik

Karl Rolvaag - Gov
Bob Short - Lt Gov
Joe Donovan - Sec of State
Bob Hanson - Auditor
Harlan Christensen - Treas
Wayne Olson - Atty Gen

AND I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU. I REMEMBER. I KNOW

WHERE MY FRIENDS ARE, AND WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN,

AND WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

WE ALL OWE MUCH TO YOU.

AND I BELIEVE YOU KNOW THAT THOSE FOR WHOM YOU
HAVE FOUGHT HAVE FOUGHT FOR YOU.

THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE SUPPORTED HAVE REMEMBERED
YOU, AND WHAT YOU STAND FOR.

LET US, THEN, JOIN HANDS MORE FIRMLY, *once again*

~~STRENGTHLY~~, WITH RENEWED DETERMINATION TO STAND AND

TO WORK SIDE BY SIDE. ~~WE MUST SET ASIDE ANY DIFFERENCES~~

~~AND MOVE ON TO VICTORY.~~ *The Dth - your Party -*

*offers Minnesota a great team -
for the State ~~House~~ + the Congress
Legislature
Railroad -
mondale - Congress*



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