

DRAFT NOTES

I am deeply sorry my schedule did not permit me to address your Banquet tonight.

Tribute to V.A. Volunteers

The 18 organizations you represent are among the greatest bulwarks of patriotism.

You whose husbands have served on the field of battle have been consistent champions of strong national defense, law enforcement and respect for the U.S. Constitution.

I want, in particular, to commend the wonderful work you do as members of the Veteran's Administration Voluntary Services, performing countless vital services to hospitalized ex-servicemen.

VIET NAM

I had hoped to be able to address your delegates on the major challenges of American Security. I ask you to take back this message to them:

Viet Nam represents our foremost problem: it is up to us to inform the American people further of the danger to mankind from Communist aggression there. We are in a long, agonizing, costly struggle. The enemy is determined, fanatic and skilled. We should try to further unite our own people. Thereby, we will convince Hanoi that its aggression will not succeed and that we will not pull out.

ANTI-CRIME

On the home front, our job is to make America's cities better places in which to live -- cleaner and safer. President Johnson is proposing a Safe Streets and Crime Control Act. The forthcoming Report by the National Commission on Crime will also recommend major reforms.

The ~~shocking~~ toll taken by adult and juvenile crime in our country is intolerable.

JOBS FOR YOUNG GIRLS

Eliminating the breeding grounds of crime must be high on our priority. That means: replacing slums, building playgrounds, keeping our schools open, 12 months a year.

This summer we will have another major Youth Employment Program. I ask your help. Ask your husbands to hire young people.

You as wives and mothers can be of particular help in opening doors of opportunity to young girls. I ask you to work with Neighborhood Youth Centers, with the Job Corps and other Community Action Programs.

OLD FASHIONED PATRIOTISM

Keep up your good work in preserving the values we hold dear: --

-- love of our flag

-- respect for our institutions

-- honor to men who wear and have
worn the proud uniform of America

SPACE & OCEANS

As Chairman of both the National Space and National Oceanography Councils, I can assure you **this** country will maintain its steady progress in scientific and technical innovations. We are embarked on great adventures. You have heard of our astronauts' achievements. You will hear still more of our aquanauts' good work in the years to come.

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