

STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
TO SECOND ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS
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The Second Annual Dinner of the Association of Federal Investigators is an important occasion -- not merely for your membership but for other public-spirited citizens, interested in ever more effective law enforcement.

To be with you would have been a genuine pleasure; I did appreciate your kind invitation. Other commitments, regrettably, prevent my attendance; and so, I am asking my Special Counsel, Mr. Martin J. MacNamara, to represent me and to convey this message to you.

I can assure you it is not a mere pro-forma greeting. The field in which each of your awardees has distinguished himself is an integral part of the fabric of a society based on law, a society of equal, prompt and effective justice.

I convey my congratulations to each of your recipients. It has been my particular privilege to know Senator Joseph Tydings at first hand as an outstanding member of the United States Senate. His career has deservedly won respect and admiration -- not only for his accomplishments in fulfillment of the law, but in statesmanship in the development of enlightened concepts of law and in the writing of law.

To Major General Turner, To Dr. Elkins, Judge Curran, and U. S. Attorney Hanrahan, I express my commendation on their individual achievements. The task ahead is not theirs, nor their colleagues' alone. We, as a nation, do have "our work cut out for us" to remedy many tragic and shocking conditions which we have too long tolerated. I refer not only to conditions which breed crime and conditions which foster recidivism, but conditions which impair the ability of those who wear the badge of law enforcement to do their most effective job in accordance with the most modern standards.

President Johnson is determined that we shall move ahead in remedying each of these types of conditions. Certainly, every man who is entrusted with the responsibility and the burdens of investigation is entitled to the resources he needs to do his job, just as he deserves public respect and cooperation in fulfilling his mission.

May this evening be another milestone in our continuing effort toward these goals.

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