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Telephone Remarks by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey for  
MICHIGAN 18TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC DINNER, November 27, 1967.

I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY A FEW REMARKS  
TO MICHIGAN'S 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC  
DINNER. MAY I FIRST EXTEND GREETINGS TO MY GOOD FRIENDS  
AND YOUR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND COMMITTEEWOMAN,  
NEIL STAEBLER AND MILLIE JEFFRY, WHO I UNDERSTAND ARE  
WITH YOU TONIGHT. THEY HAVE BOTH GIVEN SO MUCH OF THEIR  
TALENT AND ENERGY OVER THE YEARS TO THE DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY.

GREETINGS ALSO TO YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE, JIM  
HARE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANK KELLEY. IT IS DEMOCRATIC  
OFFICE HOLDERS LIKE THESE TWO WHO GIVE US REASON FOR  
CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTY IN YOUR STATE. AND  
MAY I ALSO EXTEND GREETINGS TO YOUR DINNER CHAIRMAN AND  
FORMER CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE, BILL MERRILL, AND TO

MORE.....

2.

YOUR DEMOCRATIC STATE SENATOR, SANDY LEVIN. I HEAR GOOD THINGS ABOUT YOU, SENATOR.

I KNOW THE 18TH DISTRICT IS ALSO THE HOME OF YOUR GREAT UNITED STATES SENATOR AND MY VERY GOOD FRIEND, PHIL HART. *What this Country needs is* ~~HOW I WISH WE HAD~~ MORE PHIL HARTS IN WASHINGTON--- AND MORE MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 90TH CONGRESS AND THE 89TH IS NO WHERE BETTER EXPLAINED THAN THROUGH THE LOSS OF THOSE FIVE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN FROM MICHIGAN LAST YEAR.

I KNOW THAT IN TALKING TO YOU 18TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS, I AM IN TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE A VITAL INFLUENCE ON THE FUTURE WELFARE OF OUR *Country* ~~PARTY~~ AND OUR *Party* ~~NATION~~. IF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FAILS IN THE SUBURBS

SUCH AS BIRMINGHAM, ROYAL OAK, SOUTHFIELD, HUNTINGTON WOODS -- IF WE FAIL TO REALIZE THE TALENT AND UTILIZE THE

MORE.....

3.

RESOURCES OF THE GROWING SUBURBS, THE FUTURE OF OUR

PARTY WILL BE DIM INDEED AND THE SOLUTION OF THE

PROBLEMS WHICH BESET US WILL BE FURTHER DEFERRED. <sup>SO</sup>

YOU HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

FOR LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING AND RE-BUILDING THE DEMOCRATIC

PARTY. I KNOW THAT I AM TALKING TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE

VICTORY POSSIBLE ~~FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY.~~

WE HAVE BEEN -- AND WE ARE -- A FORWARD LOOKING

PARTY. WE ARE A NATIONAL PARTY WITH NATIONAL GOALS,

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES, AND COMMITMENTS. WE ARE ALSO A

PARTY OF INDIVIDUALS -- A PARTY OF LOCAL GROUPS WITH

DIFFERING INTERESTS. AND IF OUR PARTY IS TO BE HEALTHY

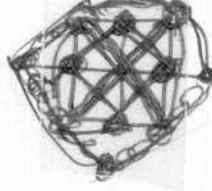
IT MUST ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY AND A FRAMEWORK

WITHIN WHICH MEMBERS CAN EXPRESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL <sup>Concerns</sup> ~~POINTS~~

~~OF VIEW.~~

*their individual views.*

MORE.....



4.

BUT AFTER THE DEBATE THERE COMES A TIME FOR  
 DECISION. AND ON THAT DAY YOU MUST MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN  
 THE AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES -- BETWEEN WHICH CANDIDATES,  
 WHICH TWO PARTIES, AND WHICH POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES YOU  
 PREFER TO GUIDE OUR NATION FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

AND I FOR ONE WELCOME THE COMING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
 THIS DECISION. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THIS ADMINISTRATION  
 HAS ESTABLISHED AN ENVIABLE RECORD OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC  
 GROWTH, OF SOCIAL PROGRESS. THE KENNEDY-JOHNSON AND  
 JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE A GOOD RECORD

~~AND WHILE TIME DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO RECOUNT THEM IN~~

Let me  
~~DETAIL, I DO WANT TO~~ REMIND YOU OF JUST SOME OF THE HIGH

POINTS: MEDICARE FOR THE ELDERLY, HEAD START FOR SOME

TWO MILLION PRE-SCHOOLERS, AID TO ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY

EDUCATION FOR EIGHT MILLION DISADVANTAGED YOUNGSTERS, and

AID TO NEARLY A MILLION COLLEGE STUDENTS IN GRANTS,

MORE.....

5.

LOANS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS THIS PAST YEAR, MODEL CITIES,

*as a result  
of the  
control*

AND MANY, MANY OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN

ON THE LIST OF GOALS ESTABLISHED BY LIBERAL DEMOCRATS.

AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT IT WAS OUR PARTY AND

OUR PRESIDENT WHO ENACTED THE GREAT LEGISLATIVE

LANDMARKS IN CIVIL RIGHTS, LEGISLATION WHICH CLIMAXED

THE LONG STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW

TO EVERY AMERICAN REGARDLESS OF RACE OR COLOR. THIS

STRUGGLE IS STILL NOT FULLY WON, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT

YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT TONIGHT FROM THAT GREAT

DEMOCRAT, *my friend* YOUR FORMER GOVERNOR, G. MENNEN WILLIAMS,

WHO DURING HIS SIX TERMS IN *the Governor* THAT OFFICE GAVE *inspired* ~~UNPARALLELED~~

LEADERSHIP IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS.

AND IT IS OUR PARTY AND OUR PRESIDENT WHO TODAY GIVE

LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIR AND WATER POLLUTION

AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR CONSUMER

MORE.....

6.

PROTECTION WHETHER IT BE THE QUALITY OF THE MEAT SERVED  
~~THE~~ ON THE TABLE OR THE INTEREST CHARGES PAID ON BORROWING. *consumer credits*

I WELCOME ALSO THE COMING DEBATE AND DECISION  
BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE AMERICAN VOTERS ON  
THE CONDUCT OF OUR NATION'S FOREIGN POLICY, ~~BY THE~~  
~~JOHNSON HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION.~~ AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE  
JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A MISSION TO THREE NATIONS  
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: VIETNAM, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA. THE  
CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM THESE VISITS WAS INESCAPABLE,  
THESE NATIONS---WITH A COMMON EXPERIENCE OF COMMUNIST  
SUBVERSION AND AGRESSION, OF EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT AND  
BUILD A NATION ---DESERVE OUR CONTINUING CONCERN AND  
SUPPORT. *They need us*

h BEHIND THE SHIELD OF POWER, BOTH OF OURSELVES  
AND OUR ALLIES, THESE AND OTHER INDEPENDENT NATIONS OF

MORE.....

7.

SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE WITHSTOOD COMMUNIST PRESSURE, HAVE JOINED TOGETHER IN NEW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MOVED FORWARD TO PROVIDE THEIR PEOPLE WITH A NEW MEASURE OF SECURITY *and national Development*

*L* SHOULD THAT SHIELD BE REMOVED? *?* I THINK NOT. TO DO SO WOULD FORCE THESE NATIONS TO COME TO TERMS WITH AGGRESSIVE, EXPANSIONIST, MILITANT COMMUNISM -- AND THE *war* LEADERS OF THESE FREE NATIONS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ARE THE FIRST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT REALITY.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE *seeking to* ~~ARE~~ APPLYING ~~IN~~ IN ASIA THE FORMULA WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II -- TO RAISE A SHIELD OF SECURITY BEHIND WHICH NATIONS CAN BUILD AND DEVELOP UNTIL THEY CAN EVENTUALLY STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET AND DETER POTENTIAL AGGRESSORS TO THE PATHS OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. *L* THIS IS NOT AN EASY JOB. BUT I

MORE.....

8.

BELIEVE IT IS A NECESSARY ONE.

~~YES, WE DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE AS OUR~~

~~PRESIDENT, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS~~

FULLY NOT ONLY <sup>our</sup> ~~HIS~~ RESPONSIBILITIES AT HOME, BUT OUR

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A NATION IN BUILDING THE PEACE WE SO

EARNESTLY SEEK AND SO DEEPLY DESIRE.

THE DEMOCRATS OF MICHIGAN ARE VERY MUCH A PART OF  
THIS QUEST. YOU HAVE LONG BEEN LEADERS IN OUR EFFORTS TO

ACHIEVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS AT HOME. YOU HAVE

LIKEWISE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO BUILD

THE FRAMEWORK FOR A DURABLE PEACE IN THIS WORLD. ~~I AM~~ <sup>this is our objective</sup>

~~CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SO SERVE OUR PARTY~~

~~AND OUR NATION.~~

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