

---We must find ways to ~~make~~ provide better opportunities where people live, to slow the present rate of migration from rural areas to the inner cities. I would support increased training programs in rural areas and work for a uniform standard of welfare and work benefit payments, ~~so that~~ ^{urban} areas such as yours would no longer have to pay the price of another state's reluctance to help its citizens.

---We must involve the private sector more closely in employment and training programs. ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{This year an} ~~The present~~ alliance of government and business ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{which} has brought ~~about~~ ^{the} employment and training ~~of~~ ^{of} thousands under the JOBS program, ^{it} must be expanded into every urban area in the country.

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SPECIAL STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF BRIDGEPORT

The first obligation of government is to provide for the safety of its citizens.

~~Every American has the right to a safe and a decent neighborhood. Ours must be a society in which order and justice prevail. On this there can be no compromise.~~

You want to know that your children are safe at play, that your streets are ~~safe~~ not places of fear, that your businesses and homes are secure.

I have been mayor of a big city. ^{year,} We fought for--and won-- the right of ~~the~~ citizens to live in safety. In the past four years I have visited hundreds of cities. I know what you want.

In Bridgeport--and in the nation--you want to know that your children are safe at play, that your streets are not places of fear, that your businesses and homes are secure, ~~that your neighborhoods are~~

Bridgeport is working hard for that goal.

Your city has assumed the financial burden of higher police salaries and increased police recruitment. A ^{new} lighting system for streets and parks will insure greater citizen safety. A special summer employment program ^{gave} ~~over~~ 2,000 Bridgeport young people a profitable, productive rather than destructive summer.

But you know, and I know, that the programs we need represent a heavy drain on municipal resources. Many cities simply ~~can~~ can not afford adequate police protection. ~~The~~ The answer lies in federal assistance ~~to~~ for local law enforcement.

I have made a series of proposals which will provide order and justice for ~~the~~ the American people:

---First, increased and expanded programs of assistance for local law enforcement agencies to help them do the job we have given them, to increase salaries, improve recruitment and training and to provide modern equipment.

---Second, a major new program of tax-sharing so that local governments may ~~benefit~~ benefit from rising federal revenues, using the new funds to fill local priorities of law enforcement, renewal, job training and education.

---~~Third~~ Third, federally sponsored programs for law enforcement training and research at universities and ~~colleges~~ colleges throughout the country, with grants and fellowships for in-service police education.

---Fourth, a National Courts Assistance Act to ~~enable~~ our courts to ~~provide~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ end overcrowding of court dockets and the lack of personnel and resources in the judicial branch of government.

These proposals can ~~not~~ make a difference here in Bridgeport.

But we can never forget that ~~prevention~~ crime prevention is the key to an ordered society, and ~~to prevent crime~~ We must ^{also} make a new commitment to full employment, to complete educational opportunity for all citizens, to support for the young, the old, the handicapped. ~~With~~ ^{to remove} and the frustration and despair of poverty, the conditions which breed crime + violence.

Without this commitment, order in America will be only the thinnest illusion. With it, order can be the context within which every citizen can live a life of responsibility and opportunity.

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