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NOTES FOR
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HOPKINS, MINNESOTA

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- I. Without education the rights of free men are diminished. Freedom of speech, the right of petition and freedom of the press are virtually without value if one cannot state a grievance, offer a coherent solution or even read. The ideal for our American society must be the fulfillment of the capability of all individuals. Educational opportunity is the means to that end.

- II. My job is to see that you have the tools you need to get that job done. But my perception of those needs can only be improved by opportunities, such as this, to meet with you. Great progress was achieved in the 1960s to advance education's cause. Landmark legislation was shaped, fought for and enacted. I am proud of my role in

getting that legislation enacted.

As you know, the most significant piece of legislation enacted in that period was the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 --- the first general aid to education bill ever enacted by Congress. That legislation --- enacted in spite of my Republican opponent's opposition --- has benefited all the children of Minnesota --- rich and poor; urban and suburban.

- III. In the 70's our schools must help to lead the way ---
-- against violence
-- against drugs

Next to the home, our schools are a most potent moral force in a child's life. We must not only recognize that fact but bolster our schools' ability to meet the challenge. Schools must become a mind expanding experience --- for students and teachers. Computer technology and television have become mainstays of the American Way of Life. They must serve equally in education.

- IV. The Federal investment in education must be stabilized through the creation of a Federal Education Trust Fund. A fixed portion of Federal Revenues should be allocated each year to an Education Trust Fund in the same way that Federal gasoline taxes go into the Highway Trust Fund. Such a Trust Fund will enable State and local school administrators to plan sensible programs with assured funding levels.
- V. Our schools cannot solve all the problems of our society. But they must be given the opportunity to do their fair share. Faith in education has been a hallmark of the American system. That faith has been justified. The 1970s present a fresh challenge --- offering a kaleidoscope of complex problems. An educated, sensitive and perceptive electorate is essential if we are to meet that challenge. That will be your job and mine.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HHH

FROM: Sue

Here is the back up research information to accompany your talking points for Minnetonka Teacher's Association

It is the same material that is in your briefing book under "EDUCATION" - but this is probably more manageable for this occasion. Included is MacGregor's vote on various education bills, a recap of the Nixon administration's promises and performance in this area, your previous comments on education, and a report on urban education.



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