

March 28, 1972

MEMORANDUM

FOR: SENATOR

FROM: DAN

SUBJECT: MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

We understand that this is one of the leading post-secondary vocational education schools in the state of Wisconsin. It offers its students advanced courses in vocational training as well as a 2 year community college degree. It has an extensive night school for worker retraining . It's day students range in age from 18 to 25.

The school is really tied into the community because it orients its educational programs to the needs of industry in the Milwaukee area.

The school has a dynamic Director--his name is Dr. Bill Ramsey.

We thought that a good subject for this audience would be jobs--according to school officials, this is what the students are most concerned about. Although the majority of them go right into good jobs, many are concerned about job opportunities in today's economy. You haven't mentioned your Employment Opportunities Act of 1972 in Wisconsin. Considering the high unemployment in the state, this seems a good place and time to do it especially since we have tied it to rebuilding the cities of America.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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THE MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS AN
OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF HOW AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
STRIVES TO MEET BOTH THE NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS AND THE
NEEDS OF A GROWING COMMUNITY HERE IN MILWAUKEE.

THE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING YOU RECEIVE HAS BEEN
DESIGNED AROUND YOUR NEEDS FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND
MILWAUKEE'S NEEDS FOR HIGHLY SKILLED PERSONS READY AND
WILLING TO WORK IN ITS INDUSTRY, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.

TOO OFTEN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FORGET
THE NEEDS OF THEIR STUDENTS.

TOO OFTEN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REMAIN
ISOLATED AND ALOOF FROM THE COMMUNITIES THEY ARE SUPPOSED
TO SERVE.

THIS IS WRONG. AND WHEN IT HAPPENS, OUR COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES BECOME STERILE AND UNPRODUCTIVE PLACES
WHEN THEY COULD BE HELPING TO SOLVE SOME OF THE GREAT
PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY.

WE DO FACE SOME TOUGH PROBLEMS IN AMERICA.

BUT THERE ARE FEW THAT AN IMAGINATIVE, CREATIVE AND
PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY CAN'T SOLVE.

I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ONE SERIOUS PROBLEM
WE FACE TODAY. BUT I KNOW THAT WE CAN AND MUST SOLVE IT.

THE PROBLEM IS UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA.

--THERE ARE MORE THAN 5 1/2 MILLION AMERICANS OUT OF
WORK TODAY.

--IN THE GHETTOES OF AMERICA NEARLY 11 PERCENT OF THE
BLACK POPULATION IS OUT OF WORK. BLACK TEENAGE
UNEMPLOYMENT IS NEARLY 40 PERCENT.

--10 PERCENT OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS IN WISCONSIN DON'T
HAVE JOBS.

--AND THINGS COULD BE GETTING WORSE. MANY OF YOU HERE
TODAY AND MILLIONS OF OTHER YOUNG AMERICANS WILL FINISH
YOUR COURSES IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND YOU MAY NOT FIND
THE JOB YOU WANT, THE JOB YOU TRAINED FOR OR ANY JOB AT
ALL.

AND YOU MAY ASK YOURSELF: WHY HAVE I SACRIFICED AND
SAVED AND WORKED SO HARD ONLY TO FIND THAT
I CAN'T OBTAIN A WELL-PAYING JOB?

WHY SHOULD A COUNTRY THAT CAN SEND A MAN TO THE MOON
BE UNABLE TO PUT ITS PEOPLE TO WORK?

I BELIEVE THERE ARE ANSWERS TO THE GREAT PROBLEM OF
UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA.

AND THE ANSWER IS NOT WELFARE, IT'S NOT UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION, IT'S NOT FOOD STAMPS, AND IT'S NOT DEAD-END
TRAINING WHICH ONLY LEADS TO MORE TRAINING.

THE ANSWER IS JOBS, SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON--
ESPECIALLY THAT MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE--SEEM TO FORGET THAT

WE WON'T HAVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY WITHOUT PROGRAMS TO CREATE
AND STIMULATE JOBS.

AND I BELIEVE THAT IF OUR PRESIDENT WERE TRULY
COMMITTED TO REBUILDING URBAN AND RURAL AMERICA NONE OF YOU
WOULD HAVE TO THINK TWICE ABOUT OBTAINING GOOD JOBS WITH
RAPID CAREER ADVANCEMENT.

WE ARE A NATION OF GREAT UNMET NEEDS.

--WE NEED SCHOOLS.

--WE NEED HOSPITALS.

--WE NEED FACTORIES.

--WE NEED DRUG CLINICS AND DAY-CARE CENTERS.

--WE NEED TO REBUILD OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES.

--WE NEED TO REBUILD OUR CENTRAL CITIES AND
TO REDESIGN OUR SUBURBS.

AND IN THE FACE OF THESE UNMET NEEDS WE HAVE THE
MOST TALENTED, EDUCATED AND SKILLED WORK FORCE IN THE
HISTORY OF THE WORLD. AND THESE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE SIT
IDLE TODAY WAITING FOR WORK.

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WANT TO WORK. ALL OF YOU WANT
GOOD JOBS.

AND OUR GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT A 5 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE IS THE BEST IT CAN DO AND TODAY THE RATE IS NEARLY
6 PERCENT. AND IT MAY INCREASE IN JUNE WHEN MANY OF YOU
WILL BE LOOKING FOR JOBS.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR ECONOMIC POLICIES TRICKLE DOWN
RATHER THAN PERCOLATE UP.

THIS MEANS THAT JOB CREATION HAS BEEN GIVEN A LOW
PRIORITY BY THIS GOVERNMENT.

AND THIS IS WRONG.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND THE
TOUGH JOB SITUATION MANY OF YOU FACE. I'VE GOT A PLAN.
IT'S A SIMPLE ONE, AND UNLIKE MR. NIXON'S PLANS, I'M NOT
GOING TO KEEP IT SECRET.

HERE IT IS:

I WANT TO PUT A MILLION AMERICANS BACK TO WORK NOW
THROUGH A COMMUNITY JOB PROGRAM. I WANT TO USE YOUR SKILLS

AND THE SKILLS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS IN REBUILDING OUR CITIES, OUR SMALL COMMUNITIES AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

I WANT TO CUT THE WELFARE ROLLS AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LINES BY PUTTING AMERICANS ON THEIR FEET.

I WANT TO PROVIDE 250,000 JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS NOW.

I WANT TO HAVE JOB TRAINING THAT LEADS TO A JOB--NOT TO MORE TRAINING.

AND I WANT TO PROVIDE OUR STATES WITH THE TOOLS TO COORDINATE AND EVALUATE OUR NATIONAL MANPOWER PROGRAMS.

THESE AREN'T IDLE HOPES, THESE AREN'T THE PLANS OF A DREAMER.

LAST WEEK I INTRODUCED A BILL TO PUT ONE MILLION AMERICANS BACK TO WORK AND PUT PAYCHECKS INTO THE HOMES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKING FAMILIES.

I BELIEVE THAT ALL AMERICANS--YOUNG AND OLD--BLACK AND WHITE--SHOULD BE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO A JOB--THE RIGHT TO GAINFUL AND MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT.

A COMPASSIONATE GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT THAT CARES ABOUT FAIRNESS AND EQUITY IN ITS ECONOMIC SYSTEM MUST MOVE NOW TO PUT AMERICANS BACK TO WORK REBUILDING OUR SOCIETY.

AND IT MUST MOVE NOW TO INSURE THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE JOBS YOU TRAINED AND STUDIED FOR WAITING AT YOUR GRADUATION.

SENATOR: FEEL FREE TO USE THIS AT ANY STOP.

Dan

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A SHARP RISE IN INTEREST RATES ACCELERATED LAST WEEK WHEN A NUMBER OF MAJOR BANKS ACROSS THE U.S. INCREASED THEIR PRIME LENDING RATE TO 5 PERCENT. THIS JUMP TO 5 PERCENT FROM A LOW OF 4 3/8 PERCENT IN EARLY MARCH MEANS THAT INTEREST RATES HAVE RISEN OVER 14 PERCENT IN LESS THAN A MONTH IN THE MIDST OF WHAT RICHARD NIXON STILL CALLS A WAGE-PRICE FREEZE. BUT IT'S A WAGE FREEZE ONLY.

YOUR WAGES ARE LIMITED BUT BANK INTEREST RATES AND CORPORATE PROFITS ARE NOT.

LAST YEAR CORPORATE PROFITS ROSE 14 PERCENT--ALMOST THREE TIMES THE WAGE INCREASES THE REPUBLICANS WILL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE.

WHAT WE SEE HAPPENING IS A FAILURE OF REPUBLICANS TO
DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT OR INFLATION.

THERE ARE STILL OVER 5 MILLION PEOPLE OUT OF WORK AND
PRICES ARE RISING FASTER NOW IN THE MIDST OF THE REPUBLICAN
SO-CALLED FREEZE THAN BEFORE THE FREEZE.

^{WHAT}
BUT/WE ARE ALSO SEEING IS RICHARD NIXON USING THIS
FREEZE TO HELP HIS FRIENDS.

BANK INTEREST CHARGES AND CORPORATE PROFITS AREN'T
CONTROLLED, BUT YOUR WAGES ARE.

RICHARD NIXON IS USING THE WAGE FREEZE TO TAKE MONEY
OUT OF YOUR POCKET AND PUT IT INTO BANK AND CORPORATE
POCKETS. AND THIS IS WRONG.



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