

MEMORANDUM

APRIL 13, 1972

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TO: Senator  
FROM: Dan S.  
SUBJ: Alabama Democratic Conference

The audience will be 3/4 Black, 1/4 White. Max suggested that we use the Columbus Speech on the Nixon record and add information about how the Black population has been adversely affected by Nixon's policies.

I talked with Joe Reed, and he liked this theme.

He wants you to "touch the folks." He said that the biggest issue in the Black community is jobs -- "Black folks want some jobs that will provide a decent living.

On the busing issue -- he says do not use the words "racial balance." This is not a question down there. The question is quality education and busing kids from poor schools to good ones. He said that no one wants kids bused from good schools to poor ones.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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WHAT'S THE MAIN ISSUE IN 1972?

RICHARD NIXON, THE RECORD OF HIS REPUBLICAN  
ADMINISTRATION AND THE ABSENCE OF FAIRNESS IN AMERICAN  
SOCIETY -- AND THE PRESENCE OF BITTERNESS, DESPAIR, AND  
DIVISION.

IT'S BEEN RICHARD NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE FOR 39 MONTHS  
AND THE ECONOMY IS IN DEEP TROUBLE.

IT'S BEEN RICHARD NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE FOR 39 MONTHS  
AND WE REMAIN A DIVIDED PEOPLE. THERE ARE DEEP DIVISIONS  
IN AMERICA -- BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE, NORTH AND SOUTH, RICH  
AND POOR, YOUNG AND OLD.

IT'S BEEN RICHARD NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE FOR 39 MONTHS  
AND WE ARE STILL AT WAR IN ASIA.

IT'S BEEN RICHARD NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE FOR 39 MONTHS  
AND WE'VE HAD TOO MANY PROMISES, TOO MANY PRESS RELEASES,  
TOO MUCH PUBLICITY AND TOO FEW PROGRAMS.

LAST MONTH, CAMPAIGN MANAGER JOHN MITCHELL SAID THE  
ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS "PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE RECORD  
OF ~~THE~~ ADMINISTRATION."

THAT'S FAIR.

I ACCEPT THAT CHALLENGE.

WHAT IS THE NIXON RECORD?

IT'S A RECORD THAT HAS SAID "NO" TIME AND AGAIN TO THE  
NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WHAT'S THE NIXON ECONOMIC RECORD?

--OVER 5 1/2 MILLION UNEMPLOYED, AND BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOUBLE THAT FOR WHITE AMERICANS. BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO RISE -- TO A DEPRESSION LEVEL 10.6 PERCENT IN JANUARY. FOR BLACK YOUTH, IT'S WORSE. LAST SUMMER, 45.3 PERCENT OF BLACK YOUNG AMERICANS WERE UNABLE TO FIND JOBS. AND UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATION ACTS AND ACTS SOON -- WE CAN EXPECT AN EVEN HIGHER RATE THIS SUMMER.

--FOOD PRICES INCREASING, MEDICAL COSTS INCREASING, MEAT PRICES INCREASING, CLOTHING COSTS INCREASING, UTILITY RATES, INSURANCE RATES, AND TAXES INCREASING.

--A DEVALUED DOLLAR.

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--A \$40 BILLION BUDGET DEFICIT IN 1971, A \$23 BILLION  
DEFICIT IN 1970 AND A PROJECTED DEFICIT OF \$30 BILLION FOR  
NEXT YEAR.

--THE GREATEST BALANCE OF TRADE DEFICIT IN THIS CENTURY.

--THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATES SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.

--\$100 BILLION A YEAR IN LOST PRODUCTION FROM IDLE PLANTS,  
IDLE WORKERS, AND NO SALES IN OUR STORES.

SINCE LAST AUGUST, WE'VE HAD FREEZES, PHASES, AND  
FIASCOES.

BUT, WE HAVEN'T HAD ONE SINGLE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM  
TO PUT AMERICANS BACK TO WORK. A BLACK YOUTH LOOKING TO THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS FINDS 4 APPLICANTS FOR EVERY SLOT --  
AND OVER 100,000 YOUNG BLACKS HAVE GIVEN UP THE SEARCH OUT OF  
COMPLETE DESPERATION.

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THE ECONOMIC RECORD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION IS LIKE  
A ROLLER COASTER AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BEING GIVEN A RIDE.

YOU TALK ABOUT UPPERS AND DOWNERS IN DRUGS -- WELL,  
I'M A PHARMACIST AND I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THE HARMFUL EFFECTS  
OF THESE POLLS.

WE HAVE UPPERS AND DOWNERS IN OUR MISMANAGED ECONOMY:

PROFITS ARE UP -- WAGES ARE HELED DOWN.

INFLATION IS UP -- EARNING POWER IS DOWN.

UNEMPLOYMENT IS UP -- JOB OPPORTUNITIES DOWN.

TRADE DEFICITS ARE UP -- THE DOLLAR DOWN AND DEVALUED.

INTEREST RATES UP -- INVESTMENTS DOWN.

BUDGET DEFICITS UP -- TAXES ON BIG BUSINESS DOWN.

IMPORTS UP -- EXPORTS DOWN.

THIS IS THE KIND OF ECONOMIC RECORD THAT SAYS "NO" TO  
THE AMERICAN WORKER, THE HOUSEWIFE AND BUSINESSMAN.

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AND IT SAYS "NO" TO BLACK AMERICANS -- WHOSE INCOME IS  
ONLY 61 PER CENT THAT OF WHITES, WHO EARN AN AVERAGE OF  
\$3,600 LESS ACROSS THE BOARD THAN WHITES.

IT'S WRONG THAT THE AMERICAN WORKER IS FORCED TO PAY  
WITH HIS JOB FOR THE INEPT ONE-SIDED, PRO-BIG BUSINESS  
ECONOMIC FAILURES OF THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

WHAT'S THE NIXON RECORD ON DEALING FAIRLY WITH ALL  
SECTORS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY?

BIG BUSINESS GETS A 9 TO 1 ADVANTAGE IN TAX RELIEF  
OVER THE WORKING MAN.

43 PERCENT OF ALL CORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES --  
THAT'S 725,986 FIRMS -- PAID NO FEDERAL INCOME TAX ACCORDING  
TO THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA. I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER  
REASON TO CLOSE TAX LOOPHOLES SO YOU WILL PAY LESS.

AND TODAY A CLOUD OF SUSPICION AND DOUBT HANGS OVER  
THE HEAD OF THIS ADMINISTRATION AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED  
POLITICAL DEALINGS WITH A GIANT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION.  
GIANT CORPORATIONS HAVE AN OPEN DOOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

IS THIS THE WAY TO BE FAIR AND TO MAKE POLICY IN THE  
PUBLIC INTEREST?

IS THIS THE WAY GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEAL WITH BIG  
BUSINESS?

AND WHAT'S THE NIXON RECORD ON THE WAR?

IN 1968 HE PROMISED US THAT HE HAD A SECRET PLAN  
TO END THE WAR. BUT IN 1972, THE WAR STILL RAGES AND THE  
PRESIDENT UNILATERALLY BREAKS OFF THE PEACE TALKS IN PARIS.

TODAY, WE NEED THREE PLANS TO GET AMERICA OUT OF ASIA:  
ONE FOR CAMBODIA, ONE FOR LAOS AND ONE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM.

THIS RECORD SAYS "NO" TO THE DESIRE OF AMERICANS FOR  
PEACE.

WHAT'S THE NIXON RECORD ON CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE?

HE PROMISED US HE WOULD REDUCE CRIME, MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS  
SAFE AGAIN AND DECLARE AN ALL-OUT WAR ON DRUG ABUSE.

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BLACK AMERICANS KNOW THAT HASN'T HAPPENED. FOR ANY  
CRIME YOU PICK, ROBBERY, RAPE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT -- BLACKS  
ARE THE VICTIMS 2, 3, 4 TIMES AS OFTEN AS WHITES. AND WHERE  
IS THE CANCER OF DRUG ABUSE MOST COMMON AND MOST DEADLY?  
IN THE INNER CITIES.

THE CRIME RATE INCREASED 12 PERCENT THE FIRST YEAR OF  
HIS ADMINISTRATION AND 11.3 PERCENT THE SECOND.

YEAR AFTER YEAR THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S CRIME  
BUDGETS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HALF OF WHAT THE CONGRESS OFFERED.  
THEY HAVE ASKED FOR HALF OF WHAT THE CONGRESS THOUGHT THEY  
NEEDED TO WAGE WAR ON CRIME IN AMERICA.

AND HIS ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE ON DRUGS WAS NOT LAUNCHED  
UNTIL THE END OF 1971.

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THIS RECORD SAYS "NO" TO AMERICANS WHO LIVE IN FEAR  
AND WANT SAFETY. AND IT SAYS "NO" TO PARENTS WHO DON'T WANT  
THEIR CHILDREN TO BECOME THE VICTIMS OF DOPE PUSHERS.

WHAT'T THE NIXON RECORD ON ENDING POVERTY AND HUNGER  
IN AMERICA?

IN 1969, PRESIDENT NIXON PROMISED TO END HUNGER IN  
AMERICA AND TODAY HUNGER AMONG THE POOR HAS RISEN SHARPLY  
SINCE 1969.

THERE ARE BLACK CHILDREN AND WHITE CHILDREN IN AMERICA  
WHO ARE STILL HUNGRY TODAY.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS THE NUMBER OF  
AMERICANS LIVING IN POVERTY INCREASED BY 1 MILLION.

IN 1960 BLACKS MADE UP 26 PER CENT OF THE NATION'S  
POOR--TODAY IT'S 31 PER CENT. AND BLACKS ARE JUST 10 PER CENT  
OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION.

THIS IS A RECORD THAT SAYS "NO" TO OVER 30 YEARS OF  
HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

AND IT'S THE SAME IN CIVIL RIGHTS, IN VOTING RIGHTS,  
IN HOUSING AND IN HEALTH. THE HEALTH CARE GAP BETWEEN  
BLACK AND WHITE AMERICA IS CLARING: THREE BLACKS DIE OF  
TUBERCULOSIS FOR EVERY WHITE -- FIVE BLACK WOMEN DIE FROM  
PREGNANCY COMPLICATIONS FOR EVERY WHITE WOMAN -- AND ALMOST  
TWO BLACK CHILDREN DIE FOR EVERY WHITE CHILD.

IT'S A RECORD OF UNKEPT PROMISES.  
AND IT'S A RECORD OF VETOES.

A NIXON VETO OF BETTER HOSPITALS IN JUNE 1970.

A NIXON VETO OF BETTER EDUCATION IN AUGUST 1970.

A NIXON VETO OF URBAN RENEWAL AND WATER SEWAGE PROJECTS  
IN AUGUST 1970.

A NIXON VETO OF A PROGRAM TO GIVE US MORE DOCTORS IN  
JANUARY 1970.

A NIXON VETO THAT WOULD GIVE JOBS AND TRAINING TO THE  
UNEMPLOYED IN DECEMBER 1970.

A NIXON VETO OF AN ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM IN  
JUNE 1971.

A NIXON VETO OF GREATLY NEEDED CHILD CARE -- THE CRUELEST  
OF THEM ALL IN DECEMBER 1971.

THIS IS THE RECORD OF 39 MONTHS. THIS IS THE RECORD  
RICHARD NIXON, SPIRO AGNEW AND JOHN MITCHELL MUST DEFEND.

THIS IS THE RECORD THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL NOT  
LET THEM FORGET.

THERE IS MORE THAN A BAD RECORD AT ISSUE TODAY.

AT ISSUE IS A GOVERNMENT NOT GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE  
OF FAIRNESS FOR ALL OF ITS CITIZENS.

I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL NEVER USE  
FORCED UNEMPLOYMENT TO FIGHT INFLATION.

I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL NEVER LET  
PRICES AND PROFITS SKYROCKET WHILE WAGES ARE FROZEN.

I PLEDGE TO YOU A FAIR SOCIETY THAT WILL HAVE A TAX SYSTEM WHICH IS NOT RIGGED AGAINST WORKING AMERICANS.

I PLEDGE A FAIR SOCIETY THAT USES THE PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES OF THIS NATION TO SOLVE THE NEEDS OF ALL THE PEOPLE -- A SOCIETY THAT MAKES ALL THE PEOPLE THE BENEFICIARIES OF OUR WEALTH AND OUR RESOURCES, NOT THE VICTIMS OF RECESSION AND HARD TIMES.

I PLEDGE A FAIR SOCIETY THAT BRIDGES THE GREAT DIVISION BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE IN THIS COUNTRY -- IN JOBS, INCOME, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE.

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ALL THE DIVISIONS OF THIS COUNTRY  
IS POSSIBLE. IT MUST TAKE PLACE. UNTIL AMERICANS BEGIN  
TO RESPECT EACH OTHER WE ARE NOT GOING TO REBUILD THIS  
ECONOMY, MAKE OUR CITIES LIVABLE AGAIN AND PROVIDE EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

I'VE PROVED THAT YOUR BATTLE IS MY BATTLE IN A QUARTER  
CENTURY OF COMMITMENT AND ACTION TO SECURE THE RIGHTS OF ALL  
AMERICANS. AND WHEN I SAY SOMETHING TO YOU -- WHEN I PLEDGE  
SOMETHING -- I MEAN IT.

AND I SAY TO YOU, ABOVE ALL, WE CAN'T LOOK BACK. WE  
CAN'T STAND STILL. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GO -- AND THAT  
IS FORWARD.



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