

# United States Senate

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## MEMORANDUM

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## EMPLOYMENT/ECONOMICS

RECESSIONS FOR WHITE FOLKS MEAN DEPRESSIONS FOR  
BLACK FOLKS. AND YOU KNOW IT.

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THE TRAGEDY OF THE REPUBLICAN  
RECESSION IS THAT THE GREAT ECONOMIC STRIDES MADE BY BLACK  
AMERICANS HAVE SLOWED TO A CRAWL.

--SINCE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE, BLACK  
UNEMPLOYMENT HAS INCREASED BY 104 PERCENT.

--ONE-HALF OF BLACK YOUTH ARE WITHOUT WORK. HOW MANY  
MORE WILL BE OUT OF LUCK, OUT OF MONEY, AND OUT OF A JOB  
THIS SUMMER?

--BLACK FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT IS OVER 50 PERCENT.

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I THINK IT IS TIME THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOOK A HARD  
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AND IT IS WRONG THAT GROCERIES COST MORE IN YOUR  
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#### HEALTH

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Housing + Neighborhoods -  
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*Above all —*

L I PLEDGE A HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION WITH SOUL. *Soul*

I BELIEVE YOUR LIST OF IMMEDIATE GOALS FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN AMERICA SHOULD INCLUDE:

--A FREE NUTRITIOUS LUNCH FOR ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

REGARDLESS OF INCOME.

*School Lunch*

--FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS OF CHILD CARE FOR NEW BORN  
AND THE VERY YOUNG IN NEED.

*Child Care*

--JOBS NOW FOR UNEMPLOYED TEENAGERS. THE UNEMPLOYMENT

*Jobs*

RATE FOR WHITE TEENAGERS IS 13.5 PERCENT. BLACK TEENAGE  
UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT A SCANDALOUS LEVEL OF 33.5 PERCENT.

--AN END TO ILLITERACY IN AMERICA.

*Ill. Literacy*

--EXPANDED VOCATIONAL AND MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE.

*Training*

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--JOBS FOR THE RETURNING VIETNAM VETERANS. THEIR  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NOW STANDS AT 13 PERCENT.

*Vets*

--JOBS FOR YOUNG TEACHERS, LAWYERS, ENGLISH MAJORS AND  
COLLEGE EDUCATED PEOPLE IN GENERAL; UNEMPLOYED PHD'S ARE  
EVERYWHERE.

*Registration*

--A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR FEDERAL  
ELECTIONS.

*Peace*

--LAST -- PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT -- PEACE NOW IN VIETNAM.  
THE GREATEST PURSUIT OF MANKIND IS PEACE. AND, AS POPE PAUL  
HAS SAID, DEVELOPMENT IS THE NEW PEACE -- AND DEVELOPMENT  
MUST BE HERE AT HOME AS WELL AS ABROAD.

*Training*

IF WE ARE TO HAVE A PEACEFUL WORLD, WE MUST START HERE.

IF WE CAN'T GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK

WE CAN GET ALONG WITH THE WORLD? AND PEACE IS NOT JUST THE

ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE AND WAR, IT IS THE PRESENCE OF A HARMONY

OF LIFE.

I WANT AMERICA TO BE KNOWN FOR OUR COMPASSION AND

UNDERSTANDING -- NOT FOR OUR WEALTH AND POWER. BUT WE MUST

BEWARE OF TWO WORDS -- "HATE" AND "YESTERDAY." HATE IS A

CANCER, AND YESTERDAY IS GONE. AND WE MUST REMEMBER TWO

OTHER WORDS -- "LOVE" AND "TOMORROW." LOVE IS UNDERSTANDING,

TOLERANCE, AND HUMAN DIGNITY. AND TOMORROW IS THE FUTURE --

AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. EACH GENERATION HELPS

TO BUILD THIS COUNTRY--YOU MUST LEARN NEW WAYS TO BUILD  
AND CLEAR AWAY THE DEBRIS.

WE MUST FORGE AHEAD -- TO BUILD A SOCIETY OF JUSTICE  
AND DECENCY. A SOCIETY WHERE THE OLD ARE CARED FOR, WHERE  
THE YOUNG ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY, AND WHERE THOSE IN THE  
FULLNESS OF LIFE HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE BUILDING OF A BETTER SOCIETY.

THAT'S MY MESSAGE TO YOU AND LET ME TELL YOU -- IT'S  
IN YOUR HANDS. UNLESS YOU MAKE THE BEST OF IT, YOU'LL GET  
THE WORST OF IT. WE MUST MOVE FORWARD -- OR WE WILL ONLY  
MOVE BACK. WE MUST ACHIEVE OUR PROMISE AND OUR DREAM --  
TO MAKE AMERICA THE LAST BEST HOPE ON EARTH.

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