

APRIL 30, 1972

MEMORANDUM

FOR: SENATOR

FROM: DAN

SUBJECT: YOUNGSTOWN POLICE BANQUET

WE HAVE TRIED TO LINK THE THEMES OF THE POLICEMAN'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY AS THE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY'S OBLIGATION TO THE POLICEMAN TO PROTECT HIM AND PROVIDE BENEFITS TO HIS FAMILY. WE USE THE KILLING OF A POLICEMAN SHOULD BE A FEDERAL CRIME AS THE CENTRAL NEWS PEG OF THE SPEECH.

BROTHERHOOD IS ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS OF CONCERN AT THIS BANQUET AND THERE IS MATERIAL IN THE REMARKS WHICH REFERS TO THE ROLE OF THE POLICEMAN IN HEALING WOUNDS AND DIVISIONS IN A COMMUNITY.

YOUNGSTOWN POLICE BANQUET

REMARKS BY SENATOR
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

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IF GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED--AND I MEAN GOVERNMENT AT ALL
LEVELS--IT HAS FAILED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS WHERE
THEY LIVE.

--IN THEIR CITIES.

--IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

--ON THEIR STREETS.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO
PLAY IN MAKING GOVERNMENT RESPONSIVE AGAIN.

IN MANY CASES, YOU ARE THE MOST VISIBLE, DIRECT LINK
BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

THE FAMILIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF AMERICA LOOK TO
YOU FOR MANY THINGS:

--THEY LOOK TO YOU FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR THEMSELVES
AND THEIR CHILDREN.

--THEY LOOK TO YOU TO KEEP THEIR STREETS FREE OF
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DRUGS AND/THOSE WHO VICTIMIZE OUR CHILDREN WITH THEIR MERCHANDISE
OF DEATH AND ADDICTION.

--THEY LOOK TO YOU FOR HELP AT TIMES OF NEED.

AND THEY ALSO LOOK TO YOU TO BIND THE DIVISIONS AND WOUNDS
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YOU PLAY A VITAL ROLE.

WHEN COMMUNITIES ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE,
RICH AND POOR, YOUNG AND OLD, NEIGHBOR AGAINST NEIGHBOR, YOU
ARE THERE TO CALM, TO HELP REDUCE TENSION, TO CONCILIATE AND
TO MEDIATE.

WE MAY SPEAK OF BROTHERHOOD TONIGHT, BUT THE POLICEMEN OF
AMERICA HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PRACTICE BROTHERHOOD EVERY SECOND

OF EVERY DAY.

LET'S FACE IT. YOU ARE THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS
OF OHIO AND AMERICA.

IF YOU DO YOUR JOB--IF YOU ARE RESPONSIVE TO PEOPLE, THEN
GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION OF REACHING DOWN
AND DOING GOOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND STREETS OF THIS GREAT
NATION.

AND IF YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, THEN
THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT HAVE A SIMILAR DUTY AND
OBLIGATION TO YOU.

I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
HELP PROTECT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THIS NATION.

I BELIEVE THE KILLING OF A POLICEMAN, FIREMAN OR

PRISON GUARD SHOULD BE MADE A FEDERAL CRIME TO HELP STEM THE ALARMING INCREASE OF KILLINGS OF THESE OFFICERS.

FEDERAL JURISDICTION IN SUCH CRIMES WOULD MEAN:

--THE TOTAL COMMITMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE F.B.I.

IN THE LAST DECADE THE NUMBER OF POLICEMEN MURDERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY HAS MORE THAN TRIPLED FROM 37 IN 1961 TO 126 IN 1971.

18 PRISON GUARDS WERE SLAIN FROM 1970-71.

AND THE LATEST FBI FIGURES FOR OHIO SHOW SEVEN POLICEMEN KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 1970.

WHEN WE MADE KIDNAPPING A FEDERAL CRIME IN 1931, THE NUMBER OF THESE CRIMES DROPPED DRASTICALLY.

AND WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO PROTECT POLICEMEN, I BELIEVE

WE SHOULD PROVIDE YOUR FAMILIES WITH NO-COST LIFE INSURANCE.

I AM ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE

YOUR FAMILIES WITH UP TO \$60,000 IN FREE LIFE INSURANCE.

THIS IMPORTANT BILL WOULD ALSO COMPENSATE THE VICTIMS
OF CRIME FOR INJURIES AND SALARY LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF
CRIME.

THE BATTLE AGAINST CRIME IN AMERICA IS LONG AND UNRELENTING.

THE LEAST WE CAN DO--AND MUST DO--IS PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICERS AND HELP THOSE WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF CRIME.

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HUMPHREY SAYS KILLING OF POLICE,
FIREMEN, PRISON GUARDS SHOULD BE
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YOUNGSTOWN, April 30--Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today
proposed that the killing of local and state police, firemen
and prison guards be made a Federal crime to help stem "the
alarming increase in killings of these officers."

Speaking at the Annual Youngstown Police Banquet, Humphrey
said Federal jurisdiction in such crimes would mean "the
immediate and total commitment of the vast resources of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation and the full commitment of
the Federal judicial process.

"It would mean that no matter where these crimes might
occur--from the smallest town to the largest city--the re-
sources and personnel of the FBI would be pressed into the
job of apprehending the criminal."

Humphrey said the number of policemen murdered in the
line of duty had more than tripled in the last decade, rising
from 37 in 1961 to 126 ten years later.

In the past ten years, more than 700 policemen and 44 firemen
were killed by violent attacks, he said. And in 1970-71, 18
prison guards were slain.

Latest FBI figures, he said, show that seven policemen
were killed in the line of duty in 1970 *in Ohio*.

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Humphrey pointed out that the number of kidnappings showed a dramatic drop when that crime was added to the Federal list.

There were nearly 300 kidnappings in 1931, he said. But when kidnapping was made a Federal crime, the number dropped to an annual average of just 28.

Humphrey also called for greater protection of the dependents of public safety officers and for compensation to the victims of crime.

The Victims of Crime act of 1972, of which Humphrey is a major co-sponsor, would provide up to \$60,000 of no-cost life insurance to public officers, he said.

It also would compensate the victims of crime and their dependents for injuries and salary losses incurred as a result of a crime.

"The battle against crime in America is long and unrelenting," Humphrey said. "The least we can do--and must do--is protect our public safety officers and help those who are the victims of crime.

"A time of genuine personal security is not visionary. We can have it. Meanwhile, the forgotten victims of crime must not be forgotten any longer."

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