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TO: SENATOR

FROM: DAN AND BOB

SUBJ: JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STATE CONVENTION

WE HAVE PREPARED REMARKS ON AN ISSUE THAT ALL THE JAYCEES CARE ABOUT: THE AMERICAN FAMILY AND WHAT IS HAPPENING TO IT. WE BELIEVE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NONPOLITICAL THEME WHICH USUALLY GOES OVER WELL AT EVENTS LIKE THIS.

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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LANSING, MICHIGAN

THE AMERICAN FAMILY IS IN TROUBLE TODAY. IN HOME
AFTER HOME, PARENTS ARE ASKING: WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT'S
GOING ON? AND THEY'RE ASKING SOMETHING ELSE: WHAT CAN BE
DONE ABOUT IT?

--CHILDREN ARE LEAVING HOME.

--FAMILY VALUES ARE UNDER ATTACK.

--GENERATIONS ARE SPLIT.

--GRANDPARENTS ARE OFTEN NEGLECTED.

--DRUGS ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF AMERICA WE WANT. THIS ISN'T
OUR COUNTRY. THINGS DON'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

A GOVERNMENT AND A PRESIDENT THAT CARES CAN TRY
TO HELP THE AMERICAN FAMILY.

I DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS TO THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM.
BUT I KNOW, AS THE BIBLE SAYS, "WITHOUT VISION THE PEOPLE
PERISH."

THE JAYCEES HAVE A HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. I
WANT TO SEE THE JAYCESS JOIN TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT TO
STRENGTHEN THE AMERICAN FAMILY.

THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT IS TO UNIFY
PEOPLE AND FAMILIES -- TO GIVE THEM HOPE AND MAKE THEIR
EXPECTATIONS COME ALIVE.

I SAY WE NEED AN END TO DIVISIVENESS, LOUD VOICES,
AN END TO THE SHOUTING AND A BEGINNING OF UNDERSTANDING.

IT'S THE DUTY OF GOVERNMENT TO BRING PEOPLE AND
FAMILIES TOGETHER -- NOT TO PLAY UPON THEIR DIFFERENCES.
I SAY SHAME TO THOSE WHO TRY TO EXPLOIT THE GENERATION GAP.

BRINGING US TOGETHER, JUST DOESN'T MEAN CHILDREN AND
PARENTS. IT MEANS GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN.

PEOPLE DO NOT BECOME 65 AND DISAPPEAR. AND GOVERNMENT
POLICIES SHOULDN'T BE JUST FOR THE YOUNG AND MIDDLE AGED.

ALMOST EVERYONE AGREES, WE NEED INCREASES IN SOCIAL
SECURITY FOR OUR GRANDPARENTS.

BUT WE NEED SOMETHING ELSE, TOO. WE NEED AN INCREASE
IN SOCIAL PARTICIPATION FOR THESE PEOPLE. OLD AGE SHOULDN'T
AUTOMATICALLY MEAN ISOLATION, A NURSING HOME OR A COUNTY
HOME.

GOVERNMENT CAN HELP FAMILIES KEEP THEIR GRANDPARENTS
CLOSE TO THEM. MEDICARE WAS ONE BEGINNING. FOSTER
GRANDPARENTS WAS ANOTHER.

WE NEED MORE BEGINNINGS: ELDERLY HOUSING, JOB PROGRAMS
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND HOME HEALTH CARE.

AND GOVERNMENT CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT DRUGS IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD.

DO YOU REALIZE MORE AMERICANS DIED FROM DRUGS LAST
YEAR THAN WERE KILLED IN VIETNAM? HOW DO YOU AND I COMBAT
GROWING DRUG ABUSE?

--IN OUR SCHOOLS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE DRUG EDUCATION
PROGRAM,

--IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TO TAKE PUSHERS OFF THE STREET
AND PUT THEM IN JAIL,

--IN CLINICS, TO HAVE EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

DRUG ABUSE CAN BE HALTED, BUT IT TAKES A PARTNERSHIP
OF GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

THAT'S WHAT OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES SHOULD BE:
A PARTNERSHIP.

AND BUSINESS IS A PART OF THIS.

AMERICAN BUSINESS CANNOT STAND APART FROM WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN OUR SOCIETY.

THAT'S WHY THE JAYCEES ARE IMPORTANT. FOR YOU
RECOGNIZE THAT IF WE ARE TRULY TO HAVE ONE NATION,
AMERICAN BUSINESS MUST CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS ROLE OF
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

THAT'S YOUR JOB IN 1972.

IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH TO BRING FAMILIES BACK TOGETHER --
TO GET THE AMERICAN FAMILY OUT OF TROUBLE.

I WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO GET THIS JOB DONE.

I KNOW THIS COUNTRY. I'VE LIVED HERE A LONG TIME.
I KNOW THIS GOVERNMENT. I KNOW WHAT MAKES IT WORK AND WHY
IT DOESN'T. YOU GIVE ME YOUR IDEALISM, YOUR ENERGY. I'LL
GIVE YOU MY EXPERIENCE. I'LL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING I HAVE.

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