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Election Eve Statement  
May 16, 1972

FIRST OF ALL, ~~I WOULD LIKE TO SAY~~ <sup>Mrs</sup> HUMPHREY AND I JOIN

WITH ALL AMERICANS IN PRAYING FOR THE SPEEDY AND TOTAL RECOVERY

OF GOVERNOR WALLACE. <sup>/we</sup> KNOW HOW TRYING MOMENTS LIKE THESE

ARE. <sup>our</sup> ~~my~~ HEARTS <sup>go</sup> ~~are~~ OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WALLACE FAMILY.

<sup>L now let me</sup> ~~I WANT TO~~ CONGRATULATE GOVERNOR WALLACE ON HIS PRIMARY

VICTORIES IN MARYLAND AND MICHIGAN.

<sup>L</sup> BUT THIS ELECTION DAY IS DWARFED IN IMPORTANCE BY THE

TRAGIC VIOLENCE OF YESTERDAY.

<sup>L</sup> I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE NOT PERMIT AN

ISOLATED ACT OF VIOLENCE TO DISTORT THE TRUE PICTURE OF THE

AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

<sup>L</sup> OUR NATION IS TOO STRONG, AMERICANS ARE TOO RESOLUTE TO

ALLOW VIOLENCE TO SILENCE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF <sup>any person</sup>

*that process requires  
open debate and dialogue  
and discussion in order  
to arrive at decision.*

~~TO~~ TO SEEK POLITICAL OFFICE ~~or to~~ ~~freedom~~ <sup>State</sup>  
~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~or her~~ <sup>views</sup> without threat or violent reaction

L AMERICANS MAY DIFFER ON THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS, BUT WE

must NOT LET THESE DIFFERENCES TEAR US APART.

L VIOLENCE OF ANY SORT -- EITHER BY WORD OR BY DEED -- MAKES

MORE DIFFICULT THE HEALING OF OUR SPIRIT AND THE RECONCILIATION

AMONG ALL AMERICANS THAT WE SO DESPERATELY NEED.

L we ~~AMERICANS~~ PAY A TERRIBLE PRICE WHEN VIOLENCE ENTERS OUR LIVES.

WHETHER IT IS VIOLENCE IN THE STREETS, ON THE CAMPUS, IN OUR

NEIGHBORHOODS OR BY THE USE OF <sup>arms.</sup> ~~arms~~ VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE.

L THE ANSWER TO VIOLENCE IS MATURE LEADERSHIP WITH COMPASSION

AND UNDERSTANDING. L ~~THIS IS WHAT ALL AMERICANS SEEK AT THIS~~

~~TIME OF CRISIS.~~

L AMERICA NEEDS THE SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AND THE GUIDANCE OF

LEADERSHIP ~~—~~ <sup>This why I seek the Presidency.</sup>



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