

REMARKS BY

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MEMORANDUM

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FOR: SENATOR

FROM: DAN & BOB

SUBJECT: SACRAMENTO STATE COLLEGE

WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH A BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THIS STATE. THE SPEECH IS MORE IN OUTLINE-IDEA FORM THAN IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT. WE ARE PLANNING, BY THE WAY, TO DO THE NATIONAL GROWTH SPEECH IN CALIFORNIA AND WE HAVE COMPLETED A FIRST DRAFT.

I AM SENDING ALONG SOME OF MCGOVERN'S VIETNAM QUOTES IN CASE YOU ARE ASKED.

EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT CALIFORNIA AS BEING THE LAND
OF TOMORROW. AND THEY'RE RIGHT.

BUT HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO
THE CALIFORNIA OF TOMORROW AND THE FUTURE?

I BELIEVE CALIFORNIA IS IN REAL DANGER TOMORROW
IF WE DON'T CHANGE OUR WAYS OF DOING THINGS TODAY.

I WANT TO LIST SOME OF CALIFORNIA'S PROBLEMS WHICH
WILL GROW AND BECOME WORSE UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE TODAY.
I DON'T HAVE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THESE.

BUT I WANT YOU TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE TOMORROWS--
NOT THE YESTERDAYS.

I BELIEVE ANY MAN WHO SEEKS THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
MUST FOCUS ON THE FUTURE--NOT THE PAST.

--SMOG IS NOW FOUND IN ALMOST EVERY POPULOUS AREA OF THE STATE. 30 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S POPULATION SUFFERS FROM EYE AND RESPIRATORY IRRITATIONS RELATED TO AIR POLLUTION.

--ENORMOUS AREAS OF CALIFORNIA ARE SUBJECT TO FIRES, SLIDES, FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES. FIRES IN METROPOLITAN AREAS OCCUR EVERY SUMMER. THE HUMAN AND PROPERTY LOSS FROM THESE DISASTERS COMPOUNDED BY OVERDEVELOPMENT IS STAGGERING.

--VIRTUALLY ALL OF CALIFORNIA'S RIVERS, BAYS AND ESTUARIES ARE POLLUTED.

--TO KEEP UP WITH HOUSING NEEDS IN THE 1970'S, CALIFORNIANS MUST BUILD 2.5 MILLION NEW UNITS. BUT IF BUILDING CONTINUES AT THE PRESENT RATE, THE STATE WILL BE SHORT 725,000 UNITS BY 1980.

--A QUARTER OF CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION--THE AGED, THE POOR AND THE YOUNG--ARE ESPECIALLY DISADVANTAGED BECAUSE OF THIS STATE'S RELIANCE ON THE AUTOMOBILE AS THE ONLY MAJOR SOURCE OF TRANSPORTATION.

--510,000 CALIFORNIANS ARE WITHOUT WORK TODAY, THAT'S 6 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE.

--HUNGER IS STILL A SHAMEFUL PROBLEM WITH 300,000 HUNGRY CHILDREN AND ABOUT 100,000 HUNGRY ADULTS LIVING HERE.

--FROM 1960 TO 1970 THE COST OF LIVING ROSE 20 PERCENT AND THE COST OF HEALTH CARE WENT UP 122 PERCENT.

--THE USE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS CONTINUES TO BE A GROWING PROBLEM WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS IN THE BILLIONS YEARLY.

--THE NOISE LEVEL IN CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN INCREASING AT

ABOUT ONE DECIBEL A YEAR CAUSING PEOPLE TO LOOSE SLEEP
AND THEIR HEARING.

THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
THAT TOUCH YOUR LIVES EVERY DAY--NO ONE CAN ESCAPE THEM
OR THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE WHICH THEY POSE,
NO AMOUNT OF WEALTH OR SOCIAL SECLUSION CAN KEEP THESE
PROBLEMS AWAY FROM YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

NOW I WANT TO ASK: HOW DO WE SOLVE THE PROBLEMS?

FIRST, WE DON'T SOLVE THEM BY IGNORING THEM.

WE DON'T SOLVE THEM BY ASKING SOMEONE ELSE TO DO
THE JOB.

AND WE DON'T EXPECT THE ANSWERS TO COME OVERNIGHT.

I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS IS BY
ASKING HOW DID WE GET THIS WAY.

THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS THAT NOBODY WAS THINKING ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF WHAT WE DO TODAY ON HOW WE LIVE TOMORROW.

WE NEED FOUR COURSES OF ACTION TO DEAL WITH CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION.

ONE, WE MUST START TO PLAN, NOT JUST AT HIGH LEVELS LIKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT DOWN TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE, AND OUR PLANS MUST INVOLVE ACTION--NOT MORE PLANS, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT WE HAVE NO PLANNING IN GOVERNMENT TODAY.

SECOND, WE MUST DEMAND A GREAT COMMITMENT OF OURSELVES, AND I MEAN A COMMITMENT OF TIME, OF ENERGY AND OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, TO CHANGE THINGS FOR THE GOOD IN THE FUTURE IS

NOT GOING TO BE CHEAP.

THIRD, WE MUST ALL DEMAND THAT OUR POLITICAL LEADERS ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE FUTURE AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE. IF THEY DON'T, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO: VOTE THEM OUT OF OFFICE--DEFEAT THEM. WE CAN NO LONGER LET OUR ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS NEGLECT THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION.

FINALLY, YOU MUST MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE-- TO PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. IF YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR STATE, YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR FAMILY--YOU MUST GET INVOLVED AND FIGHT FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE WE MUST DO TO DEAL WITH AN EVER-APPROACHING FUTURE.

THE BIBLE SAYS: "WITHOUT VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH."

I WANT TO ADD: WITHOUT ACTION, THE PEOPLE WILL PERISH ALSO.



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