### REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

#### DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUNDRAISER

### Columbia, South Carolina

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As I visit with Democrats all across America I sense a new spirit in our Party.

I sense this spirit here in the Palmetto state -- just as I sense it in my state of Minnesota.

It's a spirit of unity -- not division.

It's a spirit of hope -- not despair.

It's a spirit of courage -- not weakness.

It is a spirit which says that the Democrats are ready to win in 1976.

Why do I say this?

Because eight years of Nixon and Ford, Agnew and Rockefeller, Simon and Butz are enough.

We've had enough of lay-offs and joblessness.

We've had enough of high prices and low wages.

And we've had enough of high interest and shrinking dollars.

We've had enough of everything the Republican Party stands for: Privilege for the few and special favors for special interests.

The Democrats will win not because we can work miracles. Not because we have all the answers.

We will win because people know we care;

We dare;

We try:

We do.

We care about the elderly, the children, the handicapped, the sick and the needy.

To the needs of America, to the hopes of Americans, to the vision of tomorrow , we Democrats say "Yes."

The Ford Administration says "No" time and time again.

- -- It says "No" to 8 1/2 million workers who desperately need to work and want to work.
- $\mbox{\ \ --}$  It says "No" to 25 million Americans who live in poverty.
- -- It says "No" to 20 million of our senior citizens who can't make ends meet.
- -- And it says "No" to all of us who want justice and fairness brought to our tax system.

Here is an idea for tonight.

The time has come for the American people to say "No" to Jerry Ford November 2, 1976.

I have a very serious and important message to bring to you this evening. It's a message I want you to think about, discuss with your families, neighbors and friends.

The South simply cannot afford another four years of Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan or any Republican President.

The price you will be forced to pay for another Republican President's mismanagement and misjudgment is far too great.

Look what's happened to the South since Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford began trying to manage the economy.

The South's great post World War II boom has been halted.

Your great textile industry has been crippled and is only now beginning to recover.

And right here in South Carolina, a major timber and furniture producing State, you have lost millions upon millions of dollars because our housing market has been allowed to deteriorate to unacceptable levels.

Home building, light industry, and agriculture have been hard hit by skyrocketing inflation and a misguided energy policy.

We used to say the South was immune to recessions.

But your strong economy couldn't withstand a Nixon or a Ford.

And it can't take another four years of Republican economic mismanagement.

It is more important than ever, in this hour of crisis for the South and the nation, that we put the party of the people back to work for the people.

For the fate of our society and our standard of living hangs upon bringing a Democrat to the White House next year.

We need a Democratic President in the spirit of a Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson who will say to America: "There is an enormous job to be done here, one of the biggest we've ever faced. Let's get to work!"

You and I know what we have to do. We see that the job is there to be done.

Now let's get out there and get to work for victory in '76!

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