

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
RECEPTION HOSTED BY NEW DIRECTIONS  
IN HONOR OF MEMBERS OF THE 95TH CONGRESS  
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DR. RUSSELL PETERSON, MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING  
BOARD OF NEW DIRECTIONS, AND FELLOW COLLEAGUES, IT  
IS, INDEED, A PLEASURE FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS  
RECEPTION HONORING MEMBERS OF THE 95TH CONGRESS.

IT IS AN HONOR BECAUSE I FEEL VERY STRONGLY  
THAT NEW DIRECTIONS IS AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE TIME  
IS LONG OVERDUE. IT IS AN ORGANIZATION COMPRISED  
OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING A VAST CROSS-SECTION  
OF OUR SOCIETY. IT IS AN ORGANIZATION REACHING  
DOWN TO THE GRASS-ROOTS CITIZENRY OF THIS COUNTRY  
IN AN EFFORT TO FIND COMMON AND RATIONAL SOLUTIONS  
TO COMMON BUT OFTEN IRRATIONAL GLOBAL CONCERNS.

IT IS AN ORGANIZATION SPAWNED OF A REALIZATION  
THAT THE NATIONS OF THIS PLANET ARE, INDEED, TRULY  
INTERDEPENDENT AND THAT THE FUTURE OF MANKIND IS  
INEXTRICABLY TIED TO THE FATE OF EACH AND EVERY  
INDIVIDUAL ON THE FACE OF THIS GLOBE.

THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS FACING HUMANITY ARE,  
INDEED, COMPLEX AND ALL-PERVASIVE. THE PROBLEMS OF  
HUNGER, POVERTY, ILLITERACY, WASTE OF RESOURCES,  
DETERIORATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT, UNCHECKED POPULA-  
TION GROWTH, CONFLICT, AND THE CONTINUAL THREAT OF  
NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST ALL WEIGH VERY HEAVILY ON THE  
SHOULDERS OF MANKIND.

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THEY DEMAND UNDERSTANDING IF WE ARE TO  
COHERENTLY FASHION NATIONAL POLICIES WHICH RESPOND  
EFFECTIVELY TO THEIR RESOLUTION.

THEY DEMAND A BROAD-BASED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION  
IF WE ARE TO SUSTAIN A LONG-TERM NATIONAL WILL  
REQUIRED FOR A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

THEY DEMAND RESOLUTION IF MANKIND AS A SPECIES  
IS TO SURVIVE FAR INTO THE FUTURE.

ALL TOO OFTEN THE FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS OF  
THIS NATION HAVE BEEN MARKED BY LITTLE MORE THAN  
A RESPONSE TO CRISES.

AND ALL TOO OFTEN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY,  
OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS AN INTEGRAL PART,  
HAS PAID A HEAVY PRICE FOR OUR HESITATION AS A  
NATION--TO WHICH THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S  
PEOPLE LOOK FOR INSPIRATION, VISION, LEADERSHIP  
AND GUIDANCE.

YET, IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE SO. IT MUST NOT  
CONTINUE TO BE SO.

FOR, IF THE FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKING  
PROCESS OF A NATION IS ANYTHING, IT IS THE FORESIGHT  
AND WISDOM TO PREVENT CRISES FROM OCCURRING, NO  
MATTER HOW REMOTE THEIR LIKELIHOOD.

AS DR. PETERSON HAS NOTED, THE PROBLEMS ARE FRIGHTENING. THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS, AND I QUOTE, "ABOUT ENERGY RESOURCES AND NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, THE POPULATION BOMB, THE ARMS RACE, THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE HAVE AND THE HAVE-NOT NATIONS. ALL OF THESE ARE INEXTRICABLY TIED TO NATIONAL POLICIES."

I MIGHT ALSO ADD THAT IF WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED ONE THING, IT IS THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT SURVIVE AS AN ISLAND OF WEALTH IN A SEA OF POVERTY. THAT SHOULD BE THE ONE LESSON BROUGHT HOME BY THE ENERGY CRISIS. OUR FATE AND OUR OWN ECONOMIC VIABILITY ARE TIED TO THAT OF THE REST OF THE GLOBE.

THEREFORE, IN CONCLUDING MY REMARKS I WANT TO WISH NEW DIRECTIONS, ITS PRESIDENT, ITS GOVERNING BOARD AND COUNCIL NOTHING BUT OVERWHELMING SUCCESS IN THEIR EFFORTS NOT ONLY TO EDUCATE THE CONGRESS BUT ALSO TO BUILD THAT ALL-IMPORTANT GRASS-ROOTS SUPPORT.

FOR, IT WILL BE ONLY THROUGH THE ACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT PARTICIPATION ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT OUR POLICIES RESPONDING TO THESE COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WILL BE SUSTAINABLE.

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