

THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Congressman Dole:

As a Member of Congress, and now as Vice President, I have been interested in assisting the many visitors to Washington, especially young people, achieve a more meaningful understanding of our democratic government and the history of America. A pilot program, Washington Briefing for Young Americans, will take place on May 3-5 and 10-12 in the Departmental Auditorium in an attempt to provide visiting high school seniors with greater insight into the operations of the legislative and executive branches.

Students already planning to visit Washington on those dates have been invited to participate in a two-hour briefing. Special emphasis will be given to the development and implementation of the exciting manned-space flight program.

I am serving as Chairman of the Washington Briefing for Young Americans, and the National Park Service, in cooperation with The Smithsonian Institution and The American Political Science Association, will assist in carrying out this pilot program.

There will be an evening of related entertainment during the weeks the briefings are scheduled. The first evening program will take place in Constitution Hall at 7:30 P.M. on May 4. The Washington National Symphony will play, Richard Chamberlain (TV's Dr. Kildare) will be narrator, The Catholic University Players will perform an excerpt from Sidney Kingsley's "The Patriots," and there will be folk songs by Ailene Goodman. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will also participate. Admission is free but the availability of seats is limited. If you would like tickets for your own party, your staff and your visiting constituents, please promptly call Miss Carmella LaSpada, Coordinator of Washington Briefing for Young Americans on code 183-38723. She can also arrange to furnish tickets for the briefing sessions if you would like them.

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I am indeed hopeful this pilot program will be a constructive step toward making every young American's visit to the Nation's Capital a more worthwhile and memorable experience.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

The Honorable Robert Dole United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515