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REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE

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*Discuss*  
I WANT TO ~~TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT~~ SOME OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT  
FACE THE COUNTRY AND THE CONGRESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD.

MOST AMERICANS RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUS THREAT POSED OUR COUNTRY AND  
ITS FREE INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS. BUT AS A CONGRESSMAN AND A CITIZEN I  
AM CONCERNED THAT NOT ENOUGH AMERICANS ARE AWARE OF THE THREAT TO OUR  
COUNTRY AND ITS INSTITUTIONS HERE AT HOME.

THE UNITED STATES TODAY -- MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT -- IS UNDER-  
GOING ITS MOST SERIOUS DOMESTIC CRISIS SINCE THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION OF  
THE 1930'S. YET OUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEEMS RELUCTANT TO RECOGNIZE  
AND TAKE ACTION TO DEAL WITH THIS CRISIS.

AS A RESULT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, AND WEST,  
URBAN AND RURAL -- ARE UNDERSTANDABLY ALARMED OVER THEIR GOVERNMENT'S  
FAILURE TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE GROWING THREAT OF CRIME, LAW-  
LESSNESS AND ORGANIZED VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY. LET ME GIVE YOU A PRIME  
EXAMPLE:

RECENTLY, HOUSE DEMOCRAT LEADER CARL ALBERT AND HOUSE REPUBLICAN  
LEADER GERALD FORD PUBLICLY STATED THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HIS ATTORNEY  
GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING ORGANIZED COMMUNIST ACTIVITY  
DURING LAST YEAR'S URBAN RIOTS.

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AND JUST LAST WEEK, FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT, WARNED THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS SUPPORTING RADICAL MILITANTS WHO HOPE TO MAKE 1968, AND I QUOTE, "A YEAR FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVE RACIAL UNREST."

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY "HAS CONTINUED ITS DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-VIETNAM WAR DEMONSTRATIONS AND HAS GIVEN ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THEIR PLOTTING AND EXECUTION."

THE FBI DIRECTOR WENT ON TO CITE DEMONSTRATIONS IN NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO AND THE MARCH ON THE PENTAGON LAST OCTOBER AS EXAMPLES OF SUCH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

*These Responsible*  
YET ~~PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HIS ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK~~ HAVE FAILED TO MAKE THE FULL RECORD REGARDING SUCH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO ~~GERRY FORD~~, *One Source* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISED THAT HIS INFORMATION BE KEPT SECRET BECAUSE IT MIGHT LAUNCH A WAVE OF ANTI-COMMUNISM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

- CREDIBILITY GAP -

THUS, IT MIGHT BE SAID THAT ~~THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION IS GUILTY OF CREATING~~ *We Have* A CREDIBILITY GAP WITH REGARD TO OUR DOMESTIC CRISIS AS ~~IT HAS BEEN~~ IN VIETNAM.

ALL EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN LAST YEAR'S RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FULLY KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC AS A NECESSARY STEP TOWARD CURBING SIMILAR OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

*or Any Other*  
THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION HAS A POSITIVE DUTY TO OPEN UP THE RECORDS AND LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT ORGANIZED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES TO CREATE AND EXPLOIT RIOTS IN OUR CITIES. THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE HERE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE TO CONTINUE COVERING UP THE FACTS ON A MAJOR NATIONAL THREAT THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO KNOW ABOUT.

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BUT RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ARE, OF COURSE, ONLY A PART OF THE CRISIS OF LAWLESSNESS AND DISORDER THREATENING OUR COUNTRY.

- CRIME UPSURGE -

AS MR. HOOVER POINTS OUT IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT, THERE HAS BEEN A METEORIC RISE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY -- BOTH THE ORGANIZED AND HOODLUM VARIETY.

IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, CRIME HAS RISEN BY 62 PER CENT, WHILE OUR POPULATION HAS CLIMBED BY ONLY NINE PER CENT. IN 1966, NEARLY THREE-AND-ONE-QUARTER MILLION CRIMES WERE REPORTED IN THE UNITED STATES -- AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR. AND THE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1967 SHOW A 17 PER CENT INCREASE ABOVE THE 1966 TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD!

THE U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BE UNCONCERNED ABOUT THESE FIGURES. BUT MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE -- AND LESS POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS VIEW THE PROBLEM -- AND ITS CAUSES -- IN A CLEARER LIGHT.

- THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY -

TO QUOTE J. EDGAR HOOVER:

"WE HAVE SEEN A CRIMINAL FEEDBACK CAUSED BY JUDICIAL LENIENCIES, INCLUDING PARDONS, PAROLES, AND PROBATION WHICH IS A DISGRACE TO OUR SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND WE HAVE SEEN LOOPHOLES, TECHNICALITIES, AND DELAYS RELEASE HUNDREDS OF HARDENED UNREPENTED CRIMINALS ON THE STREETS TO PREY AGAIN ON THE PUBLIC WHILE AWAITING TRIAL ON EASILY PROVABLE CHARGES."

IN MY OPINION -- AND AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE -- THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S INADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THE CRIME PROBLEM IS THE RESULT OF AN UNDERLYING POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY OF "THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY."

AS I SAID IN A SPEECH ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIS PAST NOVEMBER 20, SUCH PERMISSIVENESS, IF UNCHECKED, IS A FORCE THAT COULD DES-

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TROY OUR CIVILIZATION. IT IS TO A SOCIETY WHAT UNLIMITED POWER IS TO A RULER.

- DANGEROUS DRUGS -

THESE REMARKS WERE MADE ON THE OCCASION OF MY INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FINES AND IMPRISONMENT FOR PERSONS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF BARBITURATES, AMPHETAMINES OR LSD, WITHOUT A VALID DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SELL SUCH DRUGS.

CERTAINLY, THE GROWING THREAT OF DRUG USE AMONG JUVENILES IN OUR COUNTRY IS ALSO PART AND PARCEL OF THIS CRISIS OF LAWLESSNESS. AND HERE WE FIND THE ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO ACT IN THIS AREA REFLECTED BY A STATEMENT OF ITS CHIEF, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATOR, DR. JAMES L. GODDARD TO THE EFFECT THAT MARIJUANA USE, AFTER ALL, ISN'T ALL THAT BAD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

FOLLOWING OUTRAGED CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC REACTION TO THIS STATEMENT, DR. GODDARD -- NO DOUBT UNDER PRODDING BY HIS ELECTION-MINDED BOSS IN THE WHITE HOUSE -- MADE A FEEBLE EFFORT TO CLARIFY HIS POSITION ON THE EFFECT OF MARIJUANA ON YOUTH.

BUT THE ORIGINAL IMPRESSION REMAINS UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NATION. AND THIS REGRETTABLE IMPRESSION IS THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AT TOP LEVELS IN OUR GOVERNMENT LEAN TOWARD A PERMISSIVE POLICY REGARDING MARIJUANA USE.

ACTUALLY, IT SEEMS THAT THE ~~JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION'S~~ PERMISSIVE SOCIETY WILL PERMIT ALMOST ANYTHING -- EXCEPT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THEIR COUNTRY!

- EROSION OF LAW AND ORDER -

THIS EROSION OF RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE SECURITY AND SAFETY OF EVERY AMERICAN. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 90th CONGRESS -- OR AT LEAST THOSE OF US IN THE CONGRESS WHO DON'T GO

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ALONG WITH THE THEORIES OF THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY -- ARE NOT GOING TO BE CONTENT WITH THE JOHNSON-RAMSEY CLARK "TOO-LITTLE-TOO-LATE" APPROACH OF CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS.

TOUGH LEGISLATION IS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL AGENCIES' HAND IN THE SPREADING WAR AGAINST CRIMINAL LAWLESSNESS.

- STATUS OF THE DOLLAR -

TURNING TO ANOTHER AREA OF PUBLIC CONCERN, RECENT DAYS HAVE ALSO WITNESSED A BELATED RECOGNITION BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND ITS FISCAL ADVISORS OF THE GROWING THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF THE DOLLAR HERE AT HOME AND OVERSEAS.

LAST SESSION, RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOUGHT TO HEAD OFF THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF AN INFLATION CAUSED BY MASSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING AND HUGE RED INK DEFICITS.

AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S OWN ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM WAS ANOTHER SPIN ON ~~THE DEMOCRAT~~<sup>HIS</sup> CYCLE OF TAX AND SPEND. INDEED, THE PRESIDENT STILL LISTS HIS PROPOSED INCOME TAX SURCHARGE AS "UNFINISHED BUSINESS" FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 90TH CONGRESS.

THIS TAX INCREASE -- 10 PER CENT SURCHARGE ON PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME -- IS OPPOSED BY MANY LEGISLATORS FROM BOTH PARTIES. CONGRESSMAN WILBUR MILLS, DEMOCRAT FROM ARKANSAS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERFUL HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, SAYS, "WHAT MANY OF US FEAR IS THAT TAX INCREASES NOW MAKE MORE REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE."

THE POINT IS SIMPLY THAT IT WON'T DO MUCH GOOD TO INCREASE TAXES JUST TO ENLARGE JOHNSON'S "GREAT SOCIETY" PROGRAMS RATHER THAN REDUCE THE DEFICIT.

SINCE ~~THE DEMOCRATS CAME INTO OFFICE~~ IN 1961, ~~THEY HAVE~~ SPENT SOME 60 BILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN ~~THEY HAVE~~ TAKEN IN -- MOST OF IT FOR NON-DEFENSE PROGRAMS, DESPITE INCREASING COSTS OF VIETNAM.

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IN NOVEMBER, THE NATIONAL DEBT REACHED 340.8 BILLION DOLLARS -- UP 14 BILLION THE LAST YEAR. IT NOW COSTS 15 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR JUST TO PAY THE INTEREST ON THIS ENORMOUS AND FAST-GROWING DEBT.

SO IT IS THAT THE PROBLEM OF STRENGTHENING THE DOLLAR, ALONG WITH OUR SOCIETY'S INSTITUTIONS FOR LAW AND ORDER, ARE HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF THIS COMING SECOND SESSION OF THE 90th CONGRESS.

THESE ARE ISSUES WHICH RIGHTLY CONCERN YOU -- AS CITIZENS AND AS PROFESSIONAL MEN WITH A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR COUNTRY.

- OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES -

THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT WILL OCCUPY CONGRESS' TIME IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, OF COURSE.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE OF THE VIETNAM WAR IS AN OVERRIDING ONE.

THE CRISIS ON THE AMERICAN FARM CONTINUES -- THANKS TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN REALISTIC AND EFFECTIVE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.

AND THERE IS ALSO THE PROBLEM OF THE COST OF GOVERNMENT ON THE NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL, AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THE STEADILY INCREASING GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY AND SERVICES WITHOUT BREAKING THE FINANCIAL BACK OF OUR CITIZENRY.

- NO "RUBBER-STAMP" CONGRESS -

I REGRET NOT HAVING TIME TO GO INTO ALL THESE ISSUES TODAY. BUT OF THIS MUCH YOU CAN BE ASSURED: FAR FROM BEING A "RUBBER-STAMP" CONGRESS, THE 90TH CONGRESS HAS THUS FAR MOVED TO RE-ESTABLISH THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IN SHAPING THE COURSE OF NATIONAL POLICIES.

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IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, TOWARD THE END THAT THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH WE CHERISH IN THIS COUNTRY -- AND WHICH HAVE MADE US THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD -- ARE PROTECTED AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD WEAKEN OR DESTROY THEM, ON THE HOME FRONT AS WELL AS OVERSEAS.