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AS WE MEET HERE, AMERICA RESOUNDS WITH PARADOXICAL  
ALARMS. TO LOOK AT JUST A FEW . . .

AMERICA HAS A BUSINESS SYSTEM, THE ENVY OF THE WORLD  
. . . AND, AS A RESULT, MATERIAL PROGRESS, BEYOND THE  
DREAM OF KINGS. YET WE HAVE MASSIVE FEDERAL DEFICIT SPENDING,  
CRIPPLING INFLATION AND A DETERIORATING GOLD SITUATION.

AMERICAN FARMERS -- THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE  
IN THE WORLD -- SUFFERED AN INCOME LOSS OF 1.9 BILLION  
DOLLARS LAST YEAR, FORCING ~~THEM~~ MORE AND MORE <sup>of them</sup> OFF THE FARM  
INTO THE ALREADY-CROWDED CITY.

IN THIS COUNTRY, OUR CITIZENS MAKE MORE MONEY THAN  
ANYONE IN THE WORLD. WE HAVE MORE FREE SCHOOLING THAN WE  
HAVE EVER KNOWN AND <sup>more</sup> RELIEF AVAILABLE ~~TO ALL~~. AND YET WE  
HAVE WIDESPREAD POVERTY.

WE HAVE MORAL CONCERN AND MORAL INDIFFERENCE -- SIDE BY  
SIDE AND BOTH AT UNPRECEDENTED HEIGHTS.

IN VIETNAM, THE PARADOX IS: HOW DO WE SAVE THE COUNTRY  
WITHOUT DESTROYING IT?



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FOR THE PEOPLE, THESE PERPLEXING PARADOXES CAN BE DISASTROUS. THEIR FIRST REACTION IS CHATTER. UNRELIEVED, IT BECOMES CONFUSION. FINALLY, CHAOS..

"A DEMORALIZED PEOPLE," WALTER LIPPMAN WARNED IN 1932 AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION, "IS ONE IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BECOME ISOLATED. HE TRUSTS NOBODY AND NOTHING, NOT EVEN HIMSELF. HE BELIEVES NOTHING, EXCEPT THE WORST OF EVERYBODY AND EVERYTHING. HE SEES ONLY CONFUSION IN HIMSELF AND CONSPIRACIES IN OTHER MEN. THAT IS PANIC. THAT IS DISINTEGRATION."

THERE IS MORE THAN A STRAIN OF THIS IN THE NATION TODAY.

AND DEMORALIZATION, DIVISION AND DESPAIR ARE NOWHERE MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF CRIME AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.

-MAJOR CRIMES-

FIRST, IN THE FIELD OF MAJOR CRIME...

A WEEK AGO, THE F.B.I. SAID INCIDENCE OF MAJOR CRIMES ROSE 16 PERCENT IN 1967 OVER 1966.

THIS MEANS 1967 MARKED THE HIGHEST CRIME LEVEL AND THE GREATEST ONE-YEAR INCREASE IN OUR HISTORY.

AND WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU AND ME IS JUST THIS:



- \* A MURDER EVERY 41 MINUTES;
- \* A RAPE EVERY 19 MINUTES;
- \* A ROBBERY EVERY 3 MINUTES;
- \* AN AUTO THEFT EVERY 49 SECONDS;
- \* A BURGLARY EVERY 20 SECONDS.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU IS THE IMPACT THESE CONDITIONS HAVE UPON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. LET'S LOOK AT JUST ONE KIND OF MAJOR CRIME -- ROBBERY.

SINCE 1960, BANK ROBBERIES HAVE ESCALATED 154 PER CENT. . . GAS AND SERVICE STATION HOLDUPS, 80 PER CENT . . . CHAIN STORE ROBBERIES, 75 PER CENT.

ROBBERY IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY GROSSED SOME 39 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1966.

BUSINESS LOSSES, OF COURSE, CANNOT BE MEASURED ALONE BY PROPERTY STOLEN OR DAMAGED. MANY LOSSES ARE INTANGIBLES -- ALL COSTLY TO YOU . . . LOSS OF EMPLOYEE TIME INVESTIGATING THEFTS, DISRUPTION OF NORMAL BUSINESS PROCEDURES, INCONVENIENCE TO CUSTOMERS.

-WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINALS-

A LARGE VOLUME OF CRIME AFFECTING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IS, GENERALLY SPEAKING, OUTSIDE WHAT IS USUALLY CONSIDERED TO BE THE PUBLIC PURVIEW.

HERE I'M TALKING ABOUT SO-CALLED "WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINALS" . . . THE BROKER IN FRAUDULENT SECURITIES . . . THE BUILDER USING DEFECTIVE MATERIALS . . . THE CORPORATION PRICE-FIXER . . . THE BANK EMBEZZLER . . . THE EMPLOYEE WHO STEALS.



THESE KINDS OF CRIME APPEAR IN RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBERS  
IN POLICE STATISTICS, BUT LOOM VERY LARGE IN YOUR DOLLAR  
VOLUME.

-CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE-

AND IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, YOU AND OTHER BUSINESSMEN  
ARE HAVING TO SUSTAIN SEVERE LOSSES FROM CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE,  
WHICH HAS GROWN FROM YEAR TO YEAR INTO CIVIL RIOTS AND  
ALMOST TO FULL-FLEDGED GUERILLA WARFARE.

IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, 76 MAJOR RIOTS HAVE SWEEPED  
THE NATION . . . KILLING MORE THAN 100 PERSONS AND WOUNDING  
NEARLY 2500. THESE SAME CIVIL EXPLOSIONS PRODUCED 7985  
CASES OF ARSON . . . 38939 ARRESTS . . . 5434 CONVICTIONS  
. . . 210 MILLION DOLLARS IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND 504  
MILLION DOLLARS IN ESTIMATED ECONOMIC LOSSES.

THE SMALL ENTERPRISER WAS HIT THE HARDEST.

IN NEWARK ALONE LAST SUMMER, 1039 STORES WERE DAMAGED  
OR DESTROYED. A DUN AND BRADSTREET SURVEY SHOWED 80 PER  
CENT OF THESE FIRMS WERE SMALL RETAILERS OR SERVICE FIRMS.

THE TRAGEDY OF THESE BUSINESS LOSSES GOES BEYOND THE  
DAMAGE TO INDIVIDUAL FIRMS. IN MANY CASES, THE ENTIRE  
ECONOMY OF THE URBAN AREA IS DEALT A SEVERE BLOW BY THE  
TOTAL COLLAPSE OF SMALL FIRMS.



- THE CHALLENGE -

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE COUNTRY CAN ACCEPT THIS MASSIVE EROSION OF ITS BUSINESS BASE IS OMINOUS ENOUGH. WHEN WE ADD THEN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITIES THEMSELVES -- AND THEIR PEOPLES -- IT IS CLEAR THIS COUNTRY HAS EMBARKED ON A DANGEROUS COURSE.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? IT IS IMPORTANT WHAT PATHS WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. WHAT IS AT STAKE, IN THE WORDS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, IS "WHETHER GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE CAN ENDURE".

THE WORLD WILL BE WATCHING, TOO, FOR THE UNITY AND STRENGTH OF AMERICA IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PRESTIGE AND ABILITY TO KEEP THE PROMISES TO KEEP THE PEACE IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.

-IRRESPONSIBILITY OF ALL-

FIRST, WE MUST REALIZE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND CRIME ARISE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE -- FROM PEOPLE OF ALL SKIN COLORS, FROM ALL ECONOMIC LEVELS, FROM ALL EDUCATIONAL LEVELS. NO ONE SEGMENT OF SOCIETY HAS A CORNER ON IRRESPONSIBILITY.

AND UNLESS THE REWARDS FOR IRRESPONSIBILITY CAN BE DIMINISHED, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF LAW-ABIDING AMERICANS -- BLACK AND WHITE, MEN AND WOMEN, REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS, URBAN AND RURAL -- WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY VICTIMIZED.



-NON-VIOLENCE-

SECOND, WE MUST REALIZE THAT BASIC TO THE AMERICAN SYSTEM IS THE MORALITY OF NON-VIOLENCE. WE WELCOME DISSENT IN AMERICA, WE WELCOME CHANGE, WE WELCOME PROGRESS -- BUT WE HOLD FIRMLY THEY MUST BE ACHIEVED BY NON-VIOLENT MEANS IF THEY ARE TO LAST. REASON, NOT FORCE IS OUR TOOL OF CHANGE. THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA IS THAT OUR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS PROVIDE THE MACHINERY FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST, PEACEFUL CHANGE, AND PEACEFUL PROGRESS. THERE IS NO CAUSE WHICH JUSTIFIES RESORT TO VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS.

-THE VIOLENT FEW-

THIRD, WE MUST REALIZE THE MILITANT PROPHETS OF RACISM REPRESENT THE VIOLENT FEW. LET'S TAKE RAPHAEL BROWN'S STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS AN EXAMPLE. HE HAS ONLY ABOUT 100 MEMBERS. BY FAR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR 22 MILLION NEGRO CITIZENS ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY MILITANT ORGANIZED GROUP.

WE ARE NOT TWO NATIONS, BLACK AND WHITE, AS THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE. WE ARE NOT SEPARATED BY IRRECONCILABLE ISSUES AND POISED FOR IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT. WE ARE ONE NATION, ONE PEOPLE AND IN THIS AND EVERYTHING ELSE TOGETHER.



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-FAIR LAW ENFORCEMENT-

FOURTH, WE MUST INSIST UPON JUST LAWS THAT ARE FAIRLY AND VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED. THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE WITH CRIME. PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW -- NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE -- MUST BE SWIFT AND DECISIVE.

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS -- TO DETERMINE WHICH LAWS ARE GOOD, WHICH ARE BAD, WHICH HE WILL OBEY AND WHICH HE WILL IGNORE. OUR LAWS APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL OF US ALL OF THE TIME.

AS SURELY AS THE SUPREME COURT HAS BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO ASSURE NO INNOCENT MAN WILL EVER BE PUNISHED, SO IT MUST EQUALLY PURSUE THE BASIC PURPOSE OF ALL CRIMINAL LAW -- PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AND SOCIETY FROM LAWLESS ACTS. TO DO OTHERWISE IS NEITHER JUSTICE FOR THE ACCUSED, NOR SAFETY FOR THE MASSES.

- THE FEDERAL ROLE -

FIFTH, WE MUST REALIZE MASSIVE FEDERAL DOSES OF MONEY AND MANPOWER INTO DEPRESSED AREAS CANNOT SOLELY STRIKE AT THE CAUSES OF VIOLENT UNREST AND CRIME. FEDERAL PROGRAMS WHICH DEMONSTRATE THEY CAN ROOT OUT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CAN BE OF HELP, ESPECIALLY THOSE STRESSING EDUCATION.

GOVERNMENT AID CAN SUPPORT; IT CAN HELP. BUT IT CANNOT DO THE JOB ALONE; NEITHER SHOULD WE WANT IT TO.



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-BUSINESS CAN HELP-

THIS IS WHERE YOU AS BUSINESSMEN COME IN. BUSINESS BELONGS IN THE FOREFRONT OF SOCIAL PROGRESS, AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THAT IS PRECISELY WHERE IT IS.

WHEN BUSINESSMEN HAVE ACTED ON THEIR OWN, WHEN THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED THEIR OWN INTEREST WITH THE CURING OF OUR EXPLOSIVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS, THEY HAVE FORGED FAR AHEAD OF OTHER SECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THIS IS A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF AND A RECORD TO BUILD ON.

YOU'VE GOT TO GO WHERE THE NEED IS. YOU'VE GOT TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT, PUT PEOPLE TO WORK. TO HELP YOU, THE GOVERNMENT MUST BACK YOU UP BY PROVIDING TAX, CREDIT AND OTHER INCENTIVES.

YOU'VE GOT TO REACH OUT TO RECRUIT THE HOPELESS IN THE SLUMS WHERE THEY LIVE. MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN UP ON THEMSELVES MUST BE SHOWN THAT OTHERS HAVE NOT.

BUSINESS CAN RE-THINK PRODUCTION PROCESSES, SO THAT THE JOB CAN BE FITTED TO THE MAN RATHER THAN THE MAN TO THE JOB.

BUSINESS CAN GREATLY EXPAND ITS TRAINING AND RETRAINING PROGRAMS. IT CAN DO MORE TOWARD ANTICIPATING THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE POORLY EDUCATED AND THE CULTURALLY ALIENATED, AND THEY ENTER THE COMPETITIVE WORLD.

AMERICAN BUSINESS, MEN LIKE YOURSELVES, BUILT THE CITIES OF THIS NATION; AND AMERICAN BUSINESS CAN HELP REBUILD THEM.