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TO: PRESIDENT CARTER

FROM: HAMILTON JORDAN

I am sure you are aware of the fact that many, many people in our country are thinking about and praying for Hubert Humphrey. He is the only remaining American "senior statesmen" now that Johnson has gone and Nixon is discredited.

He represents all that is good about our country and our political system - his eternal optimism, his continuing belief that things can be better, his willingness to speak up for the disadvantaged.

I would like to suggest that you clear your schedule for a morning or an afternoon and fly out to see him in Minnesota. It would be the greatest tribute

that you could pay him while he is alive. You could take your paperwork with you as well as any staff or Cabinet members you had planned to meet with that day. You could fly out and back in four to five hours. You have regularly scheduled meetings each week with Schultz, Turner, Lance and others. You could conduct several of those on the plane.

In view of all that Humphrey has done for this country in his lifetime and all that he has done for us in the past six months, such a personal tribute would mean so much to him. Not to mention what it would mean to the American people, his friends in the Senate and the many, many other people who have followed him for many years through many battles. He deserves such a tribute.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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i have not given or shown
a copy of this to tim kraft
for scheduling aspects....
thought you or mark might
want to touch base with
tim, including or excluding
a copy of attached.

-- susan

FILE

MR. PRESIDENT -
F.Y.I. and reaction

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DATE 12-13-77

October 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO HAMILTON JORDAN

FROM: MARK SIEGEL *hawk*

SUBJECT: HUMPHREY EVENT

~~Confidential~~

The time frame in my previous memo to the President on Senator Humphrey's condition and travel plans remains unchanged.

I am all but certain that Senator Humphrey will be in Washington for one week, beginning next Tuesday or Wednesday (October 18th or 19th). He is scheduled to attend a major event on Thursday night, October 20th -- it is a very big (2500 people) fundraising kick off for the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, which is being established at the University of Minnesota, modeled after the Kennedy Institute of Government at Harvard. It is a peoples event, tickets for the dinner are only \$50. Unless we have something unexpected in mind, it will almost certainly be the Senator's last major public appearance. Full press coverage etc.

I have been called by the Senator's office to find out if the President might wish to make some remarks at the dinner. Although it begins at 6:30, they have suggested a 9 P.M. Presidential appearance.

Since I don't know if the President has any other specific Humphrey tribute plans, this opportunity looks pretty good. Since the Institute is non-profit, public service and government related, the subject matter would be a natural for the President. If he was seriously considering the other option I suggested (and still strongly recommend) about the Medal of Freedom, this event might even be a fitting forum for presentation.

Could you see if the President would be able to attend the dinner for a few minutes? I don't like to be pushy, but the time is so short...