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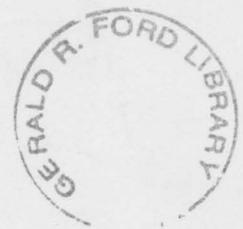
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THAT SPEECH AND SAID: "I ENJOYED YOUR SPEECH, BUT I DISAGREED WITH CERTAIN PORTIONS OF IT." I SIMPLY RESPONDED BY SAYING POLITELY TO THE GENTLEMEN: "NO ONE GIVES UP POWER IN THIS COUNTRY VOLUNTARILY." THAT, LADIES, IS WHAT THE STRUGGLE IS ALL ABOUT. POWER. GREEN POWER.

I AM REMINDED OF A STATEMENT MADE BY YOUR BELOVED NATIONAL PRESIDENT BENBOW, IF I MAY EXCERPT: "LET US GIVE OUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, WHATEVER IT IS, IN THE COMMON CAUSE OF BLACK PROGRESS." IN MY POSITION, IN WASHINGTON, I FEEL A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY -- AND A SPECIAL CONCERN -- AND I URGE YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN THIS COMMON CAUSE OF BLACK PROGRESS AMERICAN PROGRESS, IF YOU WILL.

MOST OF ALL, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO HELP YOU CARRY THAT TORCH LIGHTED BY THE GALLANT WOMEN WHO FOUNDED DELTA 60 YEARS AGO. I KNOW THAT WE SHARE MANY THINGS IN OUR COMMON BELIEF THAT WE MUST HAVE MORE DOERS. DELTAS HAVE BEEN BY TRADITION DOERS.



AS I LOOK AT THE FAMOUS NAMES AMONG YOUR ROLLS: MARY
Mc LEOD BETHUNE, DOROTHY HEIGHT, FANNIE LOU HAMMER,
JEWELL LAFONTANT, CONGRESSWOMEN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM AND
BARBARA JORDAN, CHARLAYNE HUNTER.... I COULD NAME SOME
RELATIVES IN THIS AUDIENCE, BUT I REFUSE TO YIELD TO THAT
TEMPTATION -- AND COUNTLESS OTHERS OF YOUR RANKS, IT IS
QUITE OBVIOUS THAT YOU ARE DOERS.... PIONEERS IN THE
GREAT AMERICAN STRUGGLE.

AS WE FAST APPROACH THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND, I URGE
YOU TO CONSIDER LIGHTING MORE TORCHES THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS. WE NEED
AN ESCALATION OF GROUNDBREAKING IN THESE AREAS. THIS IS
THE POWER BASE OF AMERICA ECONOMICS AND POLITICS.

AGAIN, I AM REMINDED OF A QUOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:
"IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT WE KEEP OUR EYES ON THE
HILLS, OUR VOICES IN THE EARS OF THE STATE LEGISLATORS,
MAYORS AND COUNCIL, OUR MINDS ON OUR NEEDS AND THOSE



OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND OUR HANDS ON THE GATE. AND IF WE FEEL TIRED, WE CAN THINK OF THE WEARINESS OF OUR SISTERS AND GROW STRONG: IF WE FEEL DISCOURAGED, WE CAN THINK OF THE RESOLVE OF OUR CHILDREN AND GROW BRAVE. OURS IS NOT THE PATIENCE OF THE OLD DAY. OURS IS TO STRATEGIZE THE NEW DAY."

DELTAS, THE NEW DAY IS UPON US. WE NEED NOT FACE IT WITH FATALISM AND FRUSTRATION. WE NEED NOT ACCEPT IT AS TRADITIONALISTS WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

AS WE MOVE INTO THE 70's WE SEE MORE POWER BEING RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL. WE SEE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING RETURNING MORE THAN \$20 BILLION TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE NEED TO "STRATEGIZE THE NEW DAY" AND MAKE THIS CHANGE WORK FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND NOT SIT ON THE SIDE-LINE WHILE THE FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT.



THE AMERICA OF THE 70's IS NOT THE AMERICA OF THE NEW DEAL OR THE AMERICA OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS STREET CONFRONTATIONS OF THE 60's. TODAY THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, AND MINORITIES KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE POLITICALLY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEY LEARNED THIS THROUGH BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS DURING THE 60's. TODAY, THEY DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD.... THEY VOTE. AND THEY ELECT THEIR OWN AND NO LOCAL POLITICIAN -- NO MATTER HOW WELL ENTRENCHED -- CAN DARE IGNORE THEIR DEMANDS.

THE AMERICA WE WILL HAVE AS WE MOVE TOWARD THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND WILL CERTAINLY SEE A CONTINUANCE OF THE PHENOMENON OF "BLACK POLITICS."

LOOKING BACK JUST A FEW YEARS, WE CAN FOCUS ON THE IMPRESSIVE ADVANCES IN THE NUMBER OF BLACK ELECTED OFFICE HOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 1969 THERE WERE 1,185. THE LATEST SURVEY SHOWS 2,621 ELECTED OFFICIALS, AN INCREASE OF 121 PERCENT.



ALTHOUGH THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE IS DRAMATIC, IT STILL REPRESENTS ONLY ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRY. BUT MUCH MORE THAN THAT, IT SHOWS THAT WE HAVE STARTED TO LEARN HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO DEAL WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

WE HAVE SHIFTED OUR GOALS FROM CONFRONTATION TO THE BOARD ROOM WHERE THE REAL DECISIONS ARE MADE, AND WE HAVE SET OUR SIGHTS ON THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE STATE-HOUSE. IF A LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL IS NOT RESPONSIVE, IF HE DOESN'T SPEND OUR REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, WE KNOW WE CAN REPLACE HIM.

THAT'S WHY THE DECENTRALIZATION INHERENT IN NEW FEDERALISM WILL PROVE TO BE A BOON TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE CITIES WHERE OUR PEOPLE LIVE.

AS WE STRATEGIZE, I KNOW THAT DELTA WILL BE BREAKING NEW GROUND IN ALERTING ELECTED OFFICIALS EARLY ABOUT OUR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS. DELTAS WILL BE ASKING AND DEMANDING



THEIR HELP. DELTAS WILL BE INSURING THAT LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE RESPONSIVE, AND THOSE WHO AREN'T WILL BE DEALT WITH BY YOU AS YOU JOIN HANDS WITH OTHER GROUPS IN YOUR AREAS WHO SHARE THE SAME INTEREST YOU HAVE.

IN STRATEGIZING, YOU WILL CERTAINLY MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY AND DON'T FORGET ANY OF THE UNFORTUNATE OR UNDERPRIVILEGED AS YOU MAP OUT YOUR GOALS.

THE IMPACT OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING CANNOT BE EVALUATED ONLY IN TERMS OF WHERE THE DOLLARS ARE FLOWING. THE DIVERSITY OF LOCAL NEEDS, THE COMPLEXITY OF DETERMINING PRIORITIES, AND THE POLITICAL REALITIES OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS MUST BE CONSIDERED AS YOU EXAMINE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING EXPENDITURES.

I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE AT THIS POINT TO NOTE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCIALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS IS A



~~Clear~~ ONE. LET THERE BE NO DOUBT IN ANYONE'S MIND AS TO WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES IN THIS AREA AND LET THERE BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THE COMMITMENT OF THIS ADMINISTRATION TO ENFORCE FULLY BOTH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND THE NON-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING BILLS. THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED EXPENDITURES OF \$521 MILLION IN 1974 TO SUPPORT THE ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS, AN INCREASE OF 62% OVER 1973 SPENDING.

I THINK IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT UNDER GENERAL REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ENFORCING FOR THE FIRST TIME NON-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS IN FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COVERING WOMEN.

I SAY THIS IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE WOMEN TODAY REPRESENT 52% OF THE POPULATION, AND MAKE UP 40% OF THE NATION'S WORK FORCE. YET THE AVERAGE WORKING WOMAN EARNS ONLY 56% OF WHAT THE AVERAGE WORKING MAN EARNS.



I AM ENCOURAGED BY A RECENT ITEM PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON POST DISCLOSING THE FACTS OF A STUDY MADE BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE THAT INDICATES STATES ARE USING MORE THAN 50 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR RECEIVED UNDER REVENUE SHARING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

THIS IS JUST ONE MORE REASON FOR US TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS ADMINISTRATION'S NEW FEDERALISM POLICY OF REVENUE SHARING. EDUCATION IS OUR MOST POWERFUL INSTRUMENT. IF WE ARE TO HAVE AN AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT, WE MUST QUESTION EVERYTHING IN OUR SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND ENLIGHTENMENT. I BELIEVE DELTA'S MOTTO BEARS REPEATING, "INTELLIGENCE IS THE TORCH OF WISDOM."

RIGHT NOW THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT REVENUE SHARING. PEOPLE SAY, "YES, THE PROPOSALS MAKE SENSE, BUT WOULD THE MONEY REALLY BE SPENT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY?" NOW, I SAY THIS IS REALLY A WAY OF QUESTIONING WHETHER LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN BE



TRUSTED TO SPEND ADEQUATE PORTIONS OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE DISADVANTAGED.

I DON'T BUY THIS LINE OF REASONING AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE DISADVANTAGED CAN HAVE A LOT MORE INFLUENCE IN ELECTING A MAYOR THAN IN ELECTING A PRESIDENT. THEREFORE, THEY CAN HAVE A LOT MORE CLOUT AND BRING A LOT MORE POLITICAL HEAT TO BEAR. THIS POWER OF THE DISADVANTAGED TO ELECT RESPONSIBLE MAYORS HAS BEEN CONCLUSIVELY DEMONSTRATED IN THE ELECTION OF FINE LEADERS SUCH AS TOM BRADLEY, CARL STOKES, KENNETH GIBSON AND OTHERS.

THE PROPOSITION BEHIND REVENUE SHARING IS THAT BY DECENTRALIZING POWER AND DECISION MAKING, GOVERNMENT COMES CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE IT REPRESENTS AND BECOMES MORE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE. THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS THAT THE BEST WAY TO ASSURE WISE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IS TO ELECT WISE OFFICIALS AND



GIVE THEM THE POWER TO CONTROL THE USE OF FUNDS. REVENUE SHARING IS BASED UPON THIS PREMISE.

IT PUTS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY IN THE HANDS OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO CAN BE HELD TO ACCOUNT BY THE LOCAL VOTERS -- THOSE WHO WILL BE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY WHETHER OR NOT THE FUNDS ARE USED WISELY.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE REVENUE SHARING CAN WORK. IT IS CLEAR ALREADY THAT THE NEW FEDERALISM HAS BEGUN TO ALTER THE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG LOCAL, STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS IN WAYS WHICH MAY SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE THE STRUCTURE AND POWER BALANCE OF OUR REPUBLIC.

WITH THE ACTION SHIFTING TO THE LOCAL AND STATE SCENE, BLACKS MUST START TO THINK OF BLACK ADVANCEMENT IN TERMS OF ECONOMICS. WE MUST START TO THINK IN TERMS OF BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES, BLACK-OPERATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, POLITICAL COALITIONS AND BUSINESS COALITIONS MUST BE OUR MAJOR CONCERNS.



A QUICK RUNDOWN OF THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS REVEALS: RACE RIOTS ARE PRACTICALLY A THING OF THE PAST, THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS RUNNING FULL STEAM AHEAD, AND FAMILIES ARE SPENDING MORE LEISURE TIME TOGETHER THAN EVER BEFORE. THE CHURCH IS ALIVE AND WELL AND EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO CLEAN UP POLLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ENTERED A PERIOD OF CONSIDERABLE CALM, BLACKS ARE NOT STANDING STILL. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A SHIFT IN MOVEMENTS FROM BLACK POWER TO GREEN POWER.

WITH THIS NEW FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION CAN FULFILL A CRITICAL NEED BY HELPING DISADVANTAGED BLACKS UNDERSTAND THE REAL MEANING OF CAPITALISM AND HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK FOR US.

IN YOUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE, YOU NO DOUBT ARE AWARE THAT BLACK AMERICANS SPEND MORE THAN 50 BILLION



DOLLARS ANNUALLY. YET, WE EXERCISE NO CONTROL OVER THE 50 BILLION THAT WE SPEND. NONE OF IT IS CHANNELED BACK INTO THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND VERY LITTLE OF IT BENEFITS THESE COMMUNITIES.

INSTEAD OF PLOTTING MARCHES, LET'S PLOT STRATEGIES TO CONTROL SOME OF THAT 50 BILLION THAT PASSES THROUGH BLACK HANDS EACH YEAR.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED THE GHETTO ENVIRONMENT AS MORE BLACKS BECAME AWARE HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS. SUDDENLY THERE WAS TALK OF GETTING A PIECE OF THE ACTION. THIS DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN SCHEMING TO GET RICH QUICK. WHAT BLACKS BEGAN TO REALIZE WAS THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAD MANY SPINOFFS.

KEEPING THEIR DOLLARS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY CREATED NEW JOBS, MADE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE ~~SICK~~^{SICK} AND ELDERLY, CONTRIBUTED TO A SENSE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE AND GAVE BLACK YOUTH MORE FAVORABLE IMAGES THAN THE HUSTLER AND RACKETEER.



AS ONE AUTHOR FURTHER POINTS OUT:

IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, BLACK CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO CLIMB OUT OF THEIR SLUMS EN MASSE ONLY IF THEY SEE THEIR PARENTS DOING THE SAME -- ONLY IF THE ADULTS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVOLVED IN ACTION ON THEIR OWN BEHALF. FOR IT IS THE DIS-ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE -- THE EVIDENCE OF ALL SIDES THAT THEIR PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO CONTROL THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR, UNABLE TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON PEOPLE WHO THREATEN THE COMMUNITY'S WELL-BEING -- THAT PERSUADES THE YOUNG THAT THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST THEM, THAT THE OMNIPRESENT "THEY" WILL NOT PERMIT THEM TO "MAKE IT" IN ANY LEGITIMATE FORM, AND SO LEADS THEM INTO APATHY, WITHDRAWAL, OR REBELLION."

AS A BLACK IN THIS ADMINISTRATION, I AM WELL AWARE OF BLACK PEER GROUP PRESSURE ON THOSE WILLING TO MAKE



A MOVE FORWARD. THE THING TO REMEMBER IS THAT WHATEVER THE REASON FOR THAT PRESSURE, MAKE SURE THAT IT IS FOUNDED ON A CLEAR AND OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS AND NOT A SHORT-SIGHTED, EMOTIONAL BASE. WE HAVE LOST MANY BATTLES BECAUSE OF BEAUTIFUL RHETORIC. WE CAN WIN MORE IF WE RELY ON STRATEGIC THINKING THAT IS BOTH RATIONAL AND REALISTIC.

I WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BECOME MORE POLITICALLY INVOLVED. OF ALL THE ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE GOVERNMENT JOBS IN AMERICA, ONLY 3% ARE CURRENTLY HELD BY WOMEN. TO VIRTUALLY EXCLUDE 52% OF THE NATION'S TALENT, WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE FROM THE GOVERNING BODIES WHICH MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT INFLUENCE OUR DAILY LIVES IS AN ENORMOUS LOSS TO THE COUNTRY.

AS YOU ARE PROBABLY WELL AWARE, THERE ARE ONLY 15 WOMEN AMONG THE 435 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NO WOMEN AT ALL AMONG THE 100 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.



I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU, AS LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITIES TO THINK ABOUT PUTTING YOURSELF OUT IN FRONT AS CANDIDATES -- AT ALL POSSIBLE LEVELS -- AND IF THAT DOESN'T FIT INTO YOUR LIFE AT THIS MOMENT, LOOK AROUND FOR THE WOMEN IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHOSE INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE WOULD MAKE THEM GOOD CANDIDATES, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO RUN.

REVENUE SHARING HAS GIVEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MORE CONTROL OVER THEIR DESTINIES, AND BLACKS MUST EXERCISE THEIR VOTE AND CONCENTRATE ON PUTTING MORE BLACKS INTO THE STATE HOUSE, INTO CITY HALL AND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

I APPLAUD THE BROAD AND VERY RELEVANT PROGRAMS WHICH YOU HAVE OUTLINED FOR THE COMING YEAR -- DEALING WITH VITAL QUESTIONS OF WOMEN'S ROLES IN THE SOCIETY, IN THE ECONOMY AND IN POLITICS. I ALSO APPLAUD YOU AS WOMEN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS AS VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND A HOST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES



DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RACE
AND OUR NATION.

WOMEN HAVE WORKED HARD FOR SOCIAL CAUSES FOR
MANY YEARS. YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS INDEED MADE ITSELF
RELEVANT TO THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE MODERN WOMAN.

BACK IN THE 1830's WOMEN FOUGHT TO ABOLISH SLAVERY
AND LATER EXPANDED THEIR FIGHT TO ATTAIN BASIC CIVIL
RIGHTS FOR THEMSELVES. BUT IN THIS YEAR, 1973, WOMEN
STILL HAVE NOT GAINED FULL LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
OPPORTUNITY.

BUT THAT IS THE CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US TODAY. IT IS
A CHALLENGE FOR YOU AS MEMBERS OF THIS NATIONAL ORGANI-
ZATION AND FOR ME, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION.
IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US TO ASSIST WOMEN IN BECOMING
EQUAL PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE OF AMERICA -- NOT AS A
SEPARATE CATEGORY LABELLED "WOMEN" BUT AS RESPONSIBLE,
CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY.



TODAY, DELTAS, I AM PROUD AND HONORED TO STAND HERE IN MY HOMETOWN OF ATLANTA AND PLEDGE TO YOU MY SUPPORT AND MY COMMITMENT TO THE VERY VITAL GOALS YOU HAVE SET FOR YOURSELF. IT IS MY HOPE THAT, WORKING TOGETHER, WE MAY FIND WAYS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT COHERENT AND CONSISTENT APPROACHES TO MATTERS OF WIDESPREAD PUBLIC CONCERN -- MATTERS THAT WE CAN WORK ON IN A PARTNERSHIP IN PROGRESS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE EVEN YET UNBORN.

I AM REMINDED OF REMARKS MADE RECENTLY BY A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MINE VERNON JORDAN OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE. VERNON WAS DELIVERING A SPEECH OUT IN HOUSTON RECENTLY. VERNON SPOTTED ME QUIETLY ENTERING THE BANQUET ROOM, STOPPED TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY PRESENCE, AND JOKINGLY REMARKED: "THERE'S MY FRIEND, STAN SCOTT, HE WASN'T INVOLVED IN THE WATERGATE SCANDLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN."

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, IN CLOSING, TO SAY THAT NO I WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE WATERGATE SCANDLE I AM HAPPY AND PROUD TO SAY.

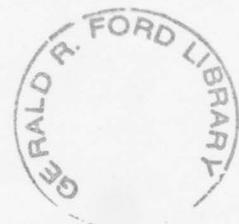


I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO HAVE IT SAID WHEN I DEPART THE WHITE HOUSE IN MY PRESENT JOB, PEOPLE WILL LOOK TO MY RECORD AND SAY THAT SCOTT WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, SCOTT WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICE TO THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED, SCOTT WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING TO IMPROVE HOUSING IN AMERICA FOR BLACKS AND OTHER MINORITIES.

WITH YOUR HELP YOUR PARTNERSHIP, I AM SURE WE CAN MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS AGENDA A TRULY AMERICAN AGENDA.

DELTAS, THANK YOU.

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August 9, 1973

MEMO TO: STAN SCOTT

FROM: ELAINE JENKINS

SUBJECT: SPEECH TO DELTA CONVENTION AUGUST 15, 1973

TITLE: DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF REVENUE SHARING

A. Rationale for approach

Many blacks are anti-Revenue Sharing. Black leaders (Deltas) must help blacks feel secure about their ability to make the system work for them - to make revenue sharing work in their respective communities.

B. Theme of Speech

That during the 1960's blacks gained first hand knowledge of how the political system works. Use examples such as:

1. Number of blacks elected to public office.
2. Number of blacks having gained managerial skills in developing and operating community action programs.
3. Number of blacks who through necessity successfully combined packages (programs) consisting of local and federal support and endorsement for local programs.

This expertise can and must be transferred to the local and state levels, ask the Delta's _____ "are we (blacks) capable or not capable of making such a "transition"?" "Do we beat a dead horse or do we jump ahead of the herd."

C. Explain briefly the rationale and 4 parts of revenue sharing.

1. Give recognition to two of the outstanding community action programs during the late 1960's.



2. Give equal recognition to two of the spoils.
3. Give two simplistic examples to illustrate that when money and programs are controlled and dispensed afar how impossible it is to be fully sensitive to individual community needs.

Examples:

- a. Atlanta NAACP School Desegregation Program
- b. Computerized system of the placement of students into college.

Imagine a central center for feeding information on the programs and curriculum of all colleges. Every student wanting to attend college applies to this centralized center who matches and compares his abilities and needs with those of all other students.

The personnel in this central center of the computer decides who goes to each college based on the information supplied.

I ask you, "Is it possible to supply the personnel in this central center with all of the information needed?" How does one describe the "differences" which exist between students?" "How will a student from Georgia compare to a student from Illinois -- and should he be so compared, obviously not!"

The program which the Delta Chapters must map for themselves in order to receive part of the revenue sharing pie is:

1. Know your community; decide what is needed; what the priorities are.
2. Join hands and efforts with other groups and organizations.
3. Talk to elected officials early. Alert them to your needs and expectations. Ask and demand their help, etc.

This approach is the same as that utilized during the community action years. Apply it now to revenue sharing. It can be done!



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OF TELEVISION AND RADIO ANNOUNCERS--IN NEW ORLEANS. I URGED THIS PARTICULAR
GROUP OF BLACKS TO *(BEGIN TO)* LOOK BEYOND THEIR FRIDAY PAYCHECKS TO ACTUAL OWNERSHIP OF *Some of*
THE HUNDREDS OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS THAT EMPLOY THEM. THIS SUGGESTION
BROUGHT HOWLS OF PROTEST FROM SOME OF THE STATION OWNERS. SEVERAL OF THE OWNERS
AND CORPORATE EXECUTIVES APPROACHED ME AFTER THAT SPEECH AND SAID: " I ENJOYED
YOUR SPEECH, BUT I DISAGREED WITH CERTAIN PORTIONS OF IT." I SIMPLY RESPONDED
BY SAYING POLITELY TO THE GENTLEMEN: "NO ONE ~~NEEDS TO~~ GIVES UP POWER IN
THIS COUNTRY." *Voluntarily.* THAT, LADIES, IS WHAT THE STRUGGLE IS ALL ABOUT. *Power. Green power.*

I AM REMINDED OF A STATEMENT MADE BY YOUR BELOVED NATIONAL PRESIDENT
BENBOW, IF I MAY EXCERPT: "LET US GIVE OUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, WHATEVER
IT IS, IN THE COMMON CAUSE OF BLACK PROGRESS." IN MY POSITION, IN WASHINGTON,
I FEEL A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY--AND A SPECIAL CONCERN--AND I URGE YOU TO
JOIN WITH ME IN THIS COMMON CAUSE OF BLACK PROGRESS...AMERICAN PROGRESS, IF
YOU WILL.

MOST OF ALL, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO HELP YOU
CARRY THAT TORCH LIGHTED BY THE GALLANT WOMEN WHO FOUNDED DELTA 60-YEARS *AGO.*
I KNOW THAT WE SHARE MANY THINGS IN OUR COMMON BELIEFS *f* THAT WE MUST HAVE
MORE DOERS. DELTAS HAVE BEEN BY TRADITION DOERS. AS I LOOK AT THE FAMOUS
NAMES AMONG YOUR ROLLS: MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, DOROTHY HEIGHT, FANNIE LOU
HAMER, JEWELL LAFONTANT, CONGRESSWOMEN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM AND BARBARA JORDAN,
CHARLAYNE HUNTER...*but* I COULD NAME SOME RELATIVES IN THIS AUDIENCE, BUT I REFUSE
TO YIELD TO TEMPTATION---AND COUNTLESS OTHERS OF YOUR RANKS, IT IS QUITE
OBVIOUS THAT YOU ARE DOERS...PIONEERS IN THE GREAT AMERICAN STRUGGLE.



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As we fast approach the year two thousand, I urge you to consider lighting more torches throughout the country in the fields of economics and politics. We need an escalation of groundbreaking in these areas. This is the power base of America...economics and politics.

Again, I am reminded of a quote from your president: "It is not too much to ask that we keep our eyes on the hills, our voices in the ears of the state legislators, mayors and council, our minds on our needs and those of our brothers and sisters, and our hands on the gate. ~~AND~~ IF WE FEEL TIRED, WE CAN THINK OF THE WEARINESS OF OUR SISTERS AND GROW STRONG; IF WE FEEL DISCOURAGED, WE CAN THINK OF THE RESOLVE OF OUR CHILDREN AND GROW BRAVE. OURS IS NOT THE PATIENCE OF THE OLD DAY. OUR ^{s/} IS TO STRATEGIZE THE NEW DAY."

Deltas, THE NEW DAY IS UPON US. WE NEED NOT FACE IT WITH FATALISM AND FRUSTRATION. WE NEED NOT ACCEPT IT AS TRADITIONALISTS...WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH OF ~~THE~~ ^{them} AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

AS WE MOVE INTO THE 70's WE SEE MORE POWER BEING RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL. WE SEE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING RETURNING MORE THAN \$20-BILLION TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE NEED TO "STRATEGIZE THE ~~THE~~ NEW DAY" AND MAKE THIS CHANGE WORK FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND NOT SIT ON THE SIDELINE WHILE THE FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT.

THE AMERICA OF THE 70's IS NOT THE AMERICA OF THE NEW DEAL OR THE AMERICA OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS STREET CONFRONTATIONS OF THE 60's. TODAY THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, AND MINORITIES KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE POLITICALLY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEY LEARNED THIS THROUGH BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS DURING THE 60's. TODAY, THEY DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD...~~AND~~ THEY VOTE. AND THEY ELECT THEIR OWN...AND NO



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local politician---no matter how well entrenched---can dare ignore
THEIR DEMANDS.

THE AMERICA WE WILL ~~HAVE~~ AS WE MOVE TOWARD THE YEAR OF
TWO THOUSAND WILL CERTAINLY SEE A ~~CONTINUATION~~ CONTINUANCE OF THE
PHENOMENON OF "BLACK POLITICS." ~~LOOKING BACK AT 1969 and 1972~~

Looking back just a few years,

we ~~can~~ focus on the impressive advances in ~~the~~ the number of
BLACK ELECTED OFFICEHOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES. IN 1969
THERE WERE 1,185. THE LATEST SURVEY SHOWS 2,621 ELECTED
OFFICIALS, AN INCREASE OF 121 PERCENT.

ALTHOUGH THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE IS DRAMATIC, IT STILL
REPRESENTS ONLY ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF ALL ELECTED
OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTRY. BUT MUCH MORE THAN THAT, IT SHOWS
THAT WE HAVE STARTED TO LEARN HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS, AND WE
ARE PREPARED TO DEAL WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

WE HAVE SHIFTED OUR GOALS FROM CONFRONTATION TO THE
BOARD ROOM WHERE THE REAL DECISIONS ARE MADE, AND WE HAVE SET
OUR SIGHTS ON THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE STATEHOUSE. ~~IF~~
A LOCAL ELECTED ~~OFFICIAL~~ OFFICIAL IS NOT RESPONSIVE, IF HE
DOESN'T SPEND OUR REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR THE NEEDS ~~OF~~ OF
THE COMMUNITY, ~~we~~ WE KNOW ~~we~~ ~~can~~ WE CAN REPLACE HIM.

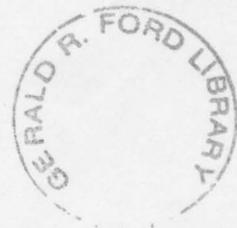


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THAT'S WHY THE DECENTRALIZATION INHERENT IN NEW FEDERALISM WILL PROVE TO BE A BOON TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE CITIES WHERE OUR PEOPLE LIVE.

AS WE STRATEGIZE, I KNOW THAT DELTA WILL BE BREAKING NEW GROUND IN ALERTING ELECTED OFFICIALS EARLY ABOUT OUR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS. DELTAS WILL BE ASKING AND DEMANDING THEIR HELP. DELTAS WILL BE INSURING THAT LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE RESPONSIVE, AND THOSE WHO AREN'T WILL BE DEALT WITH BY YOU AS YOU JOIN HANDS WITH OTHER GROUPS IN ~~THE~~ ^{your} AREA^s WHO SHARE THE SAME INTEREST YOU HAVE.

IN STRATEGIZING, YOU WILL CERTAINLY MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY AND DON'T FORGET ANY OF THE UNFORTUNATE OR UNDERPRIVILEGED AS YOU MAP OUT YOUR ^{goals.} ~~STRATEGY~~.



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~~AMERICA OF THE NEW DEAL OR EVEN OF THE 60'S. TODAY,~~
~~THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, AND THE MINORITIES KNOW HOW~~
~~TO ORGANIZE POLITICALLY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEY VOTE~~
~~THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD. AND THEY ELECT THEIR OWN --~~
~~AND NO LOCAL POLITICIAN -- NO MATTER HOW WELL ENTRENCHED~~
~~CAN DARE IGNORE THEIR POWER OR DEMANDS~~

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~~THAT'S WHY THE DECENTRALIZATION INHERENT IN NEW~~
~~FEDERALISM WILL PROVE TO BE A DOOR TO SOCIAL PROGRAMS~~
~~THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT / STATES AND THE CITIES WHERE~~
~~RATHER THAN THE DEATH OF THEM.~~
~~OUR PEOPLE LIVE.~~

THE IMPACT OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING CANNOT BE
EVALUATED ONLY IN TERMS OF WHERE THE DOLLARS ARE
FLOWING. THE DIVERSITY OF LOCAL NEEDS, THE COMPLEXITY
OF DETERMINING PRIORITIES, AND THE POLITICAL REALITIES
OF APPROPRIATING FUNDS MUST BE CONSIDERED ^{AS YOU} ~~WELL~~ EXAMINED ~~AS~~
GENERAL REVENUE SHARING EXPENDITURES.

I BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE AT THIS POINT TO NOTE
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE
NON-DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCIALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS IS
A CLEAR ONE. LET THERE BE NO DOUBT IN ANYONE'S MIND
AS TO WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES IN THIS AREA AND ^{YET} THERE BE
NO DOUBT ABOUT THE COMMITMENT OF THIS ADMINISTRATION
TO ENFORCE FULLY BOTH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS
ACT AND THE NON-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS CONTAINED IN THE
GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING BILLS. THE PRESIDENT



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HAS REQUESTED EXPENDITURES OF \$521 MILLION IN 1974 TO SUPPORT THE ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS, AND INCREASE OF 62% OVER 1973 SPENDING.

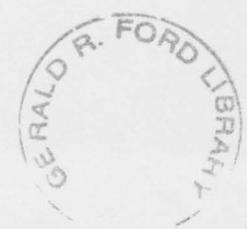
I THINK IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT UNDER GENERAL REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ENFORCING FOR THE FIRST TIME NONDISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS IN FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COVERING WOMEN.

I SAY THIS IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE WOMEN TODAY REPRESENT 52% OF THE POPULATION, AND MAKE UP 40% OF THE NATION'S WORK FORCE. YET THE AVERAGE WORKING WOMAN EARNS ONLY 56% OF WHAT THE AVERAGE WORKING MAN EARNS. ~~EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IS NOT~~

I AM ENCOURAGED BY A RECENT ITEM PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON POST DISCLOSING THE FACTS OF A STUDY MADE BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE THAT INDICATES STATES ARE USING MORE THAN 50 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR RECEIVED UNDER REVENUE SHARING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

THIS IS JUST ONE MORE REASON FOR US TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS ADMINISTRATION'S NEW FEDERALISM POLICY OF REVENUE SHARING. EDUCATION IS OUR MOST POWERFUL INSTRUMENT. IF WE ARE TO HAVE AN AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT, WE MUST QUESTION EVERYTHING IN OUR SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND ENLIGHTENMENT. I BELIEVE DELTA'S MOTTO BEARS REPEATING, "INTELLIGENCE IS THE TORCH OF WISDOM".

RIGHT NOW THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT REVENUE SHARING. PEOPLE SAY, "YES, THE PROPOSALS MAKE SENSE, BUT WOULD THE MONEY REALLY BE SPENT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY?" NOW, I SAY THIS



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IS REALLY A WAY OF QUESTIONING WHETHER LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN BE TRUSTED TO SPEND ADEQUATE PORTIONS OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE DISADVANTAGED.

I DON'T BUY THIS LINE OF REASONING AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE DISADVANTAGED CAN HAVE A LOT MORE INFLUENCE IN ELECTING A MAYOR THAN IN ELECTING A PRESIDENT. THEREFORE, THEY CAN HAVE A LOT MORE CLOUT AND BRING A LOT MORE POLITICAL HEAT TO BEAR. THIS POWER OF THE DISADVANTAGED TO ~~REJECT~~ ELECT RESPONSIBLE MAYORS HAS BEEN CONCLUSIVELY DEMONSTRATED IN THE ELECTION OF FINE LEADERS SUCH AS TOM BRADLEY, CARL STOKES, KENNETH GIBSON AND OTHERS.

THE PROPOSITION BEHIND REVENUE-SHARING IS THAT BY DECENTRALIZING POWER AND DECISION-MAKING, GOVERNMENT COMES CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE IT REPRESENTS AND BECOMES MORE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE. ~~THE NEW FEDERALISM NOT ONLY REJECTS MASSIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTION, BUT IT ALSO CALLS FOR DECENTRALIZING SOME PROGRAMS AND REFORMING AND RE-EVALUATING OTHERS.~~

THE BASIC PREMISE OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS THAT THE BEST WAY TO ASSURE WISE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IS TO ELECT WISE OFFICIALS ^{AND} AND GIVE THEM THE POWER TO CONTROL THE USE OF FUNDS. Revenue SHARING IS BASED UPON THIS PREMISE.

IT PUTS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY IN THE HANDS OF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO CAN BE HELD TO



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ACCOUNT BY THE LOCAL VOTERS -- THOSE WHO WILL BE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY WHETHER OR NOT THE FUNDS ARE USED WISELY.

OF COURSE, MANY HAVE RIGHTFULLY BEEN CONCERNED IN THE PAST THAT LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS DID NOT REFLECT THE WISHES OR THE DEMANDS OF THE ELECTORATE, ESPECIALLY IF THAT ELECTORATE WAS BLACK, POOR OR DISADVANTAGED IN A NUMBER OF ~~OTHER~~ OTHER WAYS. I USED THE PAST TENSE ON PURPOSE BECAUSE TIMES HAVE CHANGES.

ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THE GROWING NUMBER OF BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, 16 BLACKS ARE SITTING IN CONGRESS (4 OF THEM WOMEN), AND EDWARD BROOK OF MASSACHUSETTS SITS IN THE SENATE.

THE JUNE ISSUE OF "FOCUS", A NEWSLETTER PUT OUT BY THE JOINT CENTER FOR POLITICAL STUDIES IN WASHINGTON POINTED OUT, "THE LOCAL LEVEL CONTINUES TO BE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AREA FOR BLACKS SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE." THE REPORT REVEALED THAT THE ELECTIVE OFFICES HELD BY BLACKS REPRESENTS ONLY A TOKEN ONE-HALF OF 1 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTIVE OFFICES IN AMERICA.

THE INSTANT CONCLUSION WE CAN DRAW FROM THAT IS THAT IF WE ARE TO SEEK GREATER CONTROL OVER OUR LIVES WE MUST INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BLACKS IN POLICY MAKING POSITIONS.



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BE UP TO YOU AND YOUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO
DEFINE THE PROBLEMS, DETERMINE THE PRIORITIES, AND
DEVELOP THE SOLUTIONS, AND IN DOING SO, BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ~~PRESENT~~ ACTIONS.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE REVENUE SHARING CAN WORK. IT
IS CLEAR ALREADY THAT THE NEW FEDERALISM HAS BEGUN TO
ALTER THE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG LOCAL, STATE AND THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS IN WAYS WHICH MAY SIGNIFICANTLY
CHANGE THE STRUCTURE AND POWER ~~AND~~ BALANCE OF OUR
REPUBLIC.

WITH THE ACTION SHIFTING TO THE LOCAL AND STATE
SCENE, BLACKS MUST START TO THINK OF BLACK ADVANCEMENT
IN TERMS OF ECONOMICS. WE MUST START TO THINK IN
TERMS OF BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES, BLACK OPERATED
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, POLITICAL COALITIONS AND BUSINESS
COALITIONS MUST BE OUR MAJOR CONCERNS.

A QUICK RUNDOWN OF THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS
REVEALS: ~~THE~~ RACE RIOTS ARE PRACTICALLY A THING OF THE
PAST, THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION ^{MOVEMENT} IS RUNNING FULL STEAM
AHEAD, AND FAMILIES ARE SPENDING MORE LEISURE TIME
TOGETHER THAN EVER BEFORE. THE CHURCH IS ALIVE AND
WELL AND EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO CLEAN
UP POLLUTION IN OUR COUNTRY. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ENTERED
A PERIOD OF CONSIDERABLE CALM, BLACKS ARE NOT STANDING
~~STILL~~ STILL. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A SHIFT IN MOVEMENTS
FROM BLACK POWER TO GREEN POWER.



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WITH THIS NEW FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION CAN FULFILL A CRITICAL NEED BY HELPING DISADVANTAGE^d BLACKS UNDERSTAND THE REAL MEANING OF CAPITALISM AND HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK FOR US.

IN YOUR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE, YOU NO DOUBT ARE AWARE THAT BLACK AMERICANS SPEND MORE THAN 50 BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. YET, WE EXERCISE NO CONTROL OVER THE 50 BILLION THAT WE SPEND. NONE OF IT IS CHANNELED BACK INTO THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND VERY LITTLE OF IT BENEFITS THESE COMMUNITIES.

INSTEAD OF PLOTTING MARCHES, LET'S PLOT STRATEGIES TO CONTROL SOME OF THAT 50 BILLION THAT PASSES THROUGH BLACK HANDS EACH YEAR. ~~YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT, MRS. BENBOW, PUT IT RATHER SUCCINCTLY WHEN SHE SAID, "OURS IS NOT THE PATIENCE OF THE OLD DAY. OURS IS TO STRATEGIZE THE NEW DAY".~~

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED THE GHETTO ENVIRONMENT AS MORE BLACKS BECAME AWARE HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS. SUDDENLY THERE WAS TALK OF GETTING A PIECE OF THE ACTION. THIS^{did} NOT NECESSARILY MEAN SCHEMING TO GET RICH QUICK. WHAT BLACKS BEGAN TO REALIZE WAS THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAD MANY SPINOFFS.

KEEPING THEIR DOLLARS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY CREATED NEW JOBS, MADE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY, CONTRIBUTED TO A SENSE OF



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I would also encourage you to become more politically involved.

~~THE SITUATION IS EVEN MORE CRITICAL AMONG WOMEN IN POLITICS.~~ OF ALL THE ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE GOVERNMENT JOBS IN AMERICA, ONLY 3% ARE CURRENTLY HELD BY WOMEN. TO VIRTUALLY EXCLUDE 52% OF THE NATION'S TALENT, WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE FROM THE GOVERNING BODIES WHICH MAKE THE DECISIONS THAT INFLUENCE OUR DAILY LIVES IN AN ENORMOUS LOSS TO THE COUNTRY.

AS YOU ARE PROBABLY WELL AWARE, THERE ARE ONLY 15 WOMEN AMONG THE 435 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NO WOMEN AT ALL AMONG ^{THE} 100 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU, AS LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITIES TO THINK ABOUT PUTTING YOURSELF OUT IN FRONT AS CANDIDATES -- AT ALL POSSIBLE LEVELS -- AND IF THAT DOESN'T FIT INTO YOUR LIFE AT THIS MOMENT, LOOK AROUND FOR THE WOMEN IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHOSE INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE WOULD MAKE THEM GOOD CANDIDATES, ~~AND~~ AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO RUN.

REVENUE SHARING HAS GIVEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MORE CONTROL OVER THEIR DESTINIES, AND BLACKS MUST EXERCISE THEIR VOTE AND CONCENTRATE ON PUTTING MORE BLACKS INTO THE STATE HOESE, INTO CITY HALL AND THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

~~AS IT NOW STANDS, MANY OF THE DECISIONS NOW MADE,~~ IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE MADE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. IT SHOULD



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WIN MANY MORE IF WE RELY ON STRATEGIC THINKING THAT IS BOTH RATIONAL AND REALISTIC.

INSIST I APPLAUD THE BROAD AND VERY RELEVANT PROGRAMS WHICH YOU HAVE OUTLINED FOR THE COMING YEAR -- DEALING WITH ~~VITAL~~ VITAL QUESTIONS OF WOMEN'S ROLES IN THE SOCIETY, IN THE ECONOMY AND IN POLITICS. I ALSO APPLAUD YOU AS WOMEN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENT^{S OR} PROGRAMS AS VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND A HOST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR RACE AND OUR NATION.

WOMEN HAVE WORKED HARD FOR SOCIAL CAUSES FOR MANY YEARS. YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS INDEED MADE ITSELF CHANGING RELEVANT TO THE ~~EXAMXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ROLE OF THE MODERN WOMAN.

BACK IN THE 1830'S WOMEN FOUGHT TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND ^{A LATER} EXPANDED THEIR FIGHT TO ATTAIN BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THEMSELVES. BUT IN THIS YEAR, 1973, WOMEN STILL HAVE NOT ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ GAINED FULL LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY.

BUT THAT IS THE CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US TODAY. IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU AS MEMBERS OF THIS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND FOR ME, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR ALL OF US TO ASSIST WOMEN IN BECOMING ~~XXXX~~ EQUAL PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE OF AMERICAN -- NOT AS A SEPARATE CATEGORY LABELLED "WOMEN" BUT AS RESPONSIBLE, CONTRIBUTING

members of this society.



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TODAY, DELTAS, I AM PROUD ~~REMEMBER~~ AND HONORED TO STAND HERE IN MY HOMETOWN OF ~~DELTA~~ ATLANTA AND PLEDGE TO YOU MY SUPPORT AND MY COMMITMENT TO ~~YOUR~~ THE VERY VITAL GOALS YOU HAVE SET FOR YOUR ^{self} ~~SELVES~~. IT IS MY HOPE THAT, WORKING TOGETHER, WE MAY FIND WAYS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT COHERENT AND CONSISTENT APPROACHES TO MATTERS OF WIDESPREAD PUBLIC CONCERN ~~NO~~---MATTERS THAT ~~WE~~ WE CAN WORK ON IN A PARTNERSHIP IN PROGRESS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE EVEN YET UNBORN.

I AM REMINDED OF REMARKS MADE RECENTLY BY A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MINE...VERNON JORDAN OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE. VERNON WAS DELIVERING A SPEECH OUT IN HOUSTON RECENTLY. ~~HE~~ VERNON SPOTTED ME QUIETLY ENTERING THE BANQUET ROOM, STOPPED TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY PRESENCE, AND JOKINGLY REMARKED: "THERE'S MY FRIEND, STAN SCOTT, HE WASN'T INVOLVED IN THE WATERGATE SCANDLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN."

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, IN CLOSING, ⁷ ~~TOSAY~~ THAT NO.. I WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE WATERGATE SCANDLE...I AM HAPPY AND PROUD TO SAY.

I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO HAVE IT SAID ~~THAT~~ WHEN I DEPART THE WHITE HOUSE IN MY PRESENT JOB, PEOPLE WILL LOOK TO MY RECORD AND SAY THAT SCOTT WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, SCOTT WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING TO IMPROVE ~~RESEARCH~~ THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICE TO THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED, SCOTT WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING ^{improve} TO ~~IMPROVE~~ HOUSING IN AMERICA FOR BLACKS AND OTHER MINORITIES. ⁷

WITH YOUR HELP...YOUR PARTNERSHIP, I AM SURE WE CAN MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS AGENDA...A TRULY AMERICAN AGENDA.

DELTAS, THANK YOU.

