



"Poverty creates crime. A family who has to push an 18 year old man or woman out of the home, maybe a law abiding young person, because the welfare payments and the unemployment compensation or social security doesn't apply to an 18 year old. And when that young person wanders up and down the street for a week, two weeks, three weeks, without a chance for a job, there is a pushing toward shop lifting, breaking into automobiles, selling numbers rackets, prostitution, drugs. Poverty is not an excuse for crime but it is a reason for or a cause of crime. So what this Republican administration has done to our country is not only devastating in economic terms but is devastating in human terms."



"This is not just a large figure -- two and one-half million. It is a large number of families in our country where a mother or a father in the past, maybe twenty or twenty-five years, they have been able to hold the family together, with respect for one another and the respect of the children for the head of the family. Now, two and one-half million Americans -- maybe some of you -- no longer have a job, who had one two years ago. That's not part of

the character of our country. It must be changed. We've got 6 1/2 per cent inflation average for the last eight years. Under Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, the inflation rate was about two per cent. This is not just a figure, it is a constant daily robbing of those who are retired, who have fixed incomes, who have a savings account with 5 per cent interest, who see their earnings grow absolutely none -- but shrink 1% a year."



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"I've never hear of an interstate highway going through a golf course. But I've seen a lot of interstate highway projects and urban renewal projects tear down two hundred homes which people had invested their life savings."

"There is no reason for us to be divided along racial lines; or sexual lines or partisan lines; between government and private industry; between the President and Congress; between Black or white people; those who speak English, those who don't; those who've been here two years, those who've been here 200 years. There's no reason for these divisions. We need to unify our nation, not because of an absence of differences among us individually but with a common purpose -- to correct our mistakes, to bind ourselves together, to answer difficult questions and to have once again a spirit. It is endemic in our people, it has been absent in our government -- a spirit of hope, and truth, and compassion, and love, and brotherhood and confidence -- for a change."

