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All humanity everywhere has a common-kind and a conscious awareness of the need, both intellectual and practical, to reach out and help their fellow man. This is neither foolish nor futile. You and I - each of us - are made up of components - both dramatic and fundamental. Those among us - the most able, the swift and the sure - move with decision, clarity and purpose. These people are the leaders, the thinkers, the doers, - they need no introduction to the world of promise and material fulfillment. They are - in a sense - the gifted, the ones whose lives shall be enriched as they live - whose moves, as they are made, are sure, abundant and deliberate. These are the people the rest of us admire and concerning whom - we take comfort. Unfortunately, not all of us are gifted. There are those who walk and talk within our midst who-- when they speak - falteringly - mouth words and have difficulty getting them out. This we call stuttering. There are those who entertain and within their own homes when offering the hand of hospitality - be it a coffee cup - falter and fail in its delivery. These good people suffer from

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Palsy or Parkinson's disease. Again, some of us become privately and secretly terrorized at the thought of financial insecurity. Job worry - transfer - promotion or demotion, discharge! These are the dynamics of life. These are the kinds of situations where we see some of the manifestations of tension and strife. It is here, some of us who have disciplined ourselves to the fine point of purposeful action as opposed to relaxed indulgence and its contentments sometimes find a resting place in a world of phantasy and frustration.----- This we refer to as mental illness.

What of these situations? What of human misery and pathos that inevitably follows the physical or mental rupture from the desirable in life? It follows that wages decline - that a household becomes less the sanctum of promise and complete fulfillment. It follows that many a budding young career of a good student is halted - if not temporarily - often permanently in order to help others in the family make out with life.

Thank God for the great strengths and stamina that exists in our people! The very fact that from all sections of our country you good people gather here tonight, tomorrow and the day after - to ponder, to study and to evaluate concerning our most precious commodity and possession - our people - our boys and girls - in a convention dedicated to Crime and Delinquency. The objective, to deliberate and sensitivize your thoughts and findings toward the

betterment of our most precious potential this is government at work in its best sense. This is clearly a demonstration of life and living in a highly complex society securely fashioned to common sense and love and respect for our neighbor and his friends. This to me is Americanism, Patriotism, parenthood.....and brotherhood!

About a month ago the President of the United States designated me as one of two to represent the Congress of the United States at the World Health Conference in Europe. In fact my wife and I returned only yesterday from Geneva. While seated in my chair crossing the Atlantic and looking about at the other flight passengers I was strongly moved to relate the substance of where I had been to where I was going. The most dedicated, sincere people I have ever met had been assembled at a world meeting to share and acquire knowledge from one another. Pomp and ceremony were conspicuously absent from the meetings I was privileged to attend. Of all I experienced and felt, nothing had a more lasting and fundamental impact - than the stark, plain, reality of the conscious, simple awareness in each of the participants of his humble role in life - of his relative unimportance to the world in general. Yet, in each of these people there burned a fever and intensity so great to be heard, that one felt almost awed in the glow of its urgency. These were good people. They were brilliant and profound. They realized the value and dignity of the human being. They were there because they believed and practiced the philosophy that nations and people needed each other, wanted each other and beneath their

skins of black, yellow and white were one. They were there because they confidently knew enough people everywhere possessed common denominators of hope, patience, tolerance, loyalty, sensitivity and a real belief in the capacity for greatness that exists in all humans..... As I thought forward to this great country of ours and as to the many places I have been and the many people I have met I felt suddenly just a little chill.....A shudder of apprehension for that small but so very important segment of people who cannot and do not live in our free society in an acceptable manner. We refer glibly sometimes to this group as delinquent or anti-social. Some of them have had the label "criminal" attached to their self. Everywhere within our country when such persons act out or commit crimes our total culture is hurt. Personal injury and property loss and damage runs into figures which at best are staggering. This in no wise takes into account the untold human misery and suffering endured and enjourned in the doing. There is no taking back the pain and anguish of the wife wedded to an alcoholic husband. There is no elimination of suffering for the parent of a sociopathic son or for the prostitute daughter. The coals of hell burn hot with promise for the rapist and the same fires are no less banked for the thief in the night who prowls and preys on ones' security.

Is it not then right, honorable and dedication of the highest

level, for such people such as you to take unto yourself a life's dedication through study and enterprise; a concentration of detection, diagnosis and cure for such human, deviant behavior.

At best such action as you purport to deter is a blot on the culture of our country. At worst its an enigma of cancerous proportions eating away at the very foundation of morality and decency which

we all so very much need as part of our inherent dignity and worth as decent, law-abiding citizens. For the past 19 years I have been a member of the House of Representatives of the United States. Of these years, 12 have been spent as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Health, Welfare and Education. I am at the present time chairman of this committee. Clearly and repeatedly I have asked for, insisted upon and secured, legislation, funds and public support for those things that have maligned and abused mankind of a physical nature. It has been and is my belief only through federal funds can we secure the necessary finances for broad research and complete development of technique and treatment for the wasting diseases of body, mind and now - - - - - the field of emotional life. It is to you people engaged in the Correctional field of public and private service that I submit the following.

Throughout the country state and local budgets as submitted have contained - wherever clear thinking and perception rule - items of requested appropriation for research into human behavior.

Funds have been requested to study deviant and abnormal human conduct. This has been done and still goes on so that the validity of or the giving/the lie to practising techniques of social case work, correctional procedures and approaches can be determined. Such requests have almost routinely been ignored. While crime costs billions of dollars and results in untold anguish annually, the same society that suffers, spends almost nothing in terms of basic research as to the effectivity of existing technique and practice. The federal government should appropriate and earmark funds in greater amounts to accomplish this end and should enact legislation making monies available to the states for program development where such is needed and does not exist in the Correctional field. Once psychiatry, professional corrections, education and the other disciplines have available to them techniques and practices of proven worth their acceptance into our scheme of things by the general public will have been established. Confidence and assurance by the great masses of citizens in your work will be a reality. This is something that you people already so richly deserve if only by your untiring efforts and faithful persistence even in the face of repeated failures such as are yours in the Correctional field.

Federal funds will again be recommended by me and I believe will become available to the states within the foreseeable future for

purposes of training personnel in the specialties within the Correction field. As I see it there are two parts - equally vexacious - to the problem of training. First, the necessity for ample scholarship and fellowship grants which will permit a mature person with family responsibilities opportunity to pursue advanced study and training and at the same time care for, in a proper and decent manner, his family. The situation at this point is now most discouraging and many a fine brain is turning elsewhere in the field of public administration in order to sustain his family. A second area within the field of training is the need for public monies to be available so that experienced probation, parole and other correctional workers can take time out from their day-to-day work activity and secure additional professional education. This cannot now be done unless an accidental material windfall bestows its sudden blessings on a family - - - - and we all know what a rare bird this fellow is This is not pie - in - sky - it is practical common sense. Any society that so avails itself of training and equipping its people not only enriches the individual but the entire community.

The national government has obligations in other areas as pertain to this field. Financial assistance to communities should be available with no strings attached other than to see that the money

is put to quick and immediate intelligent use in so called problem areas. From time to time population and cultural areas undergo drastic shifts in complexion and nature. An encroachment of heavy industry into a heretofore urban area can sometimes make for a community with high incidence of juvenile offenses. Population changes of a sudden nature can strike a community with a terrific impact causing tensions and stresses that provide a backdrop for crime and violence. Federal funds are intended to meet such situations and should be available to effect a smoothness of life without discordant interruption. This condition needs immediate attention and to correct it - lets not kid ourselves - - - money is needed!

We have witnessed some considerable advances within the last few years in treatment of the offender. We have seen the start of rehabilitative services and programs take place in our Juvenile Courts, our Probation personnel see the necessity of advanced training and we already feel the influence of psychiatry and its related disciplines in our total areas of responsibility. On the other hand, the seeing, experienced person has become increasingly aware of the need for greater community and state relationship

Government has tended for too many years to become impersonal and complex to the point of frustration as so many of our citizens have experienced. Government must be vibrant. It must be flexible. People change and people feel. In this vein I recommend a conscious and determined effort be extended by every citizen, everywhere

to interest himself in his state and national affairs. Get to know what the problems are and what your elected officials are doing about them. Not just words and pretty phrases but statements of policy, plan and positive action. If you are lethargic - - so to will be the kind of government that spends your money. If you are alert, supportive and tolerant you will have that kind of management in governmental affairs. Your children will benefit, your culture will flourish and flower. Your heritage will become increased a thousand fold.

It is not often I have the opportunity to address myself to a body of experts in the field of Corrections. I have close contact with the Children's Bureau at Washington. I must say the entire staff or those I know are just about the most dedicated people ever. I believe the Juvenile Delinquency section of the Children's Bureau should be increased in size and scope. Field representatives should be more numerous and cover smaller geographical areas. In this way they could bring the latest thinking and advice and better serve as a clearance house of ideas in a more personal and frequent manner to the many good people working at like activity throughout the country. At the seat of government greater facilities should be available for the many inquiries that originate throughout the states.

This is in no way a criticism of the work performance either qualitative or quantitative that is now going on. So many hands can do just so much work. Of special commendation and note has been the work of the National Probation and Parole Association and of the American Congress of Corrections. These organizations have spear headed and pioneered through many years the necessity of professional correctional practice. They have buttressed many an administrator in the face of public clamor. Through such arrangements as have been made at this very fine conference people from all over the country have an opportunity to express and to receive new ideas - affirmation of thoughts held by them and supported by others. Progress has been your watchword and for this you are to be complimented....

One last thought - brief as it is - the matter of delinquency, the content of abnormal behavior is not the property of any one cause. Its development is insidious, its growth gradual and steady. It effects deep and sinister within the minds and emotions of those so shackled. Be patient, be wise - be seeing. You are dealing with the most precious gem in the world. You are working with creatures made in the image of God!