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Dear Mrs. Coronado:

It was a privilege for me to talk with you recently in Washington. The Conference on Women in the War on Poverty represented what is possibly the most powerful force for good in our Nation -- its women leaders.

Whether we call it a War on Poverty or, as I suggested, an Adventure in Opportunity, our present effort to remake much of our society is a tremendous task and a consuming challenge. A challenge I know we can meet.

Right now I have a challenge for you -- and a job.

I'd like to discuss jobs -- jobs for teenagers, the teenagers in your city, the teenagers in every town throughout America where your club has members, and -- especially -- the nonwhite teenagers. I want you to help open up jobs for these youngsters, to help create jobs.

I want you to go out and find jobs. All those extra jobs that need doing -- the jobs that never seem to get done -- the jobs that pile up around our homes, our yards, our schoolyards, our church grounds, our parks, our playgrounds, our libraries, our hospitals, our civic and community centers -- the undone jobs in the office, factories, and plants throughout this country.

This effort takes local leadership and vocal leaders. Your club members and you are needed. I need you to carry the word. The word is: Give our youngsters a chance this summer. Give them something useful to do. Help them help themselves!

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CAMPAIGNS:

JOBS - SUMMER CAMPING - FEDERAL CAREERS - SHARE YOUR SUMMER - STAY IN SCHOOL

I am enclosing a fact sheet on the problem, an outline that tells you what some other groups are doing, and a suggestion sheet with some ideas on what you might do.

Your cooperation and support is needed now. Write or contact members of your organization. Tell them that I need their hearts and hands for the Summer Jobs program. But most of all, I want their heads -- to help figure out ways that we can get this message through to America this summer -- Help them help themselves!

Please!

May I hear from you about your plans as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey
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Enclosures