

Crime, another pernicious problem within our cities, will be reduced as we reduce recidivism in our prisons. Again, current vocational training is the key to rehabilitation and your aid is invaluable. I believe that only with the cooperation of labor and management can we develop meaningful vocational training programs that can stop the revolving-door syndrome in Maryland's correctional institutions.

These are concrete areas where your help is needed and your cooperation sought. Government simply cannot provide instantaneous answers or comprehensive programs to solve the complex and relieve all conflict. The expenditures of government have a direct relationship to the resources and energy we as private citizens are willing to apply to public problems. The less we invest privately, the more tax dollars government must spend. This is a mathematically unsound proposition, and, in human terms, even more shameful. We can put a limitation on this waste by encouraging the private sector to act wherever and whenever it can answer public problems better and more cheaply than government.

In the last analysis, it is not government but the initiative of people acting on their own that makes the world around us better and more livable. After this summer of violent and virulent discontent, we cannot afford to delude ourselves that it can't happen here — or deny or delay measures to assuage our urban crisis. Neither government nor industry can delegate or abrogate its respective responsibilities if we are to restore and secure our cities.

We must face the challenge ahead realistically, but with enthusiasm too; and remember that the world's most affluent and technologically advanced society has the resources, talents and energy to solve the complex — all we need is the will!

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I have a suspicion, indeed a faith, that after the last toast has been intoned this evening, after the memories of a vital and exciting life have been recharged, after our guest has been embarrassed and consumed by eulogy and anecdote, he will rise, pause in that familiar way