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For four long, costly years the American people have been plagued by
growing, gnawing doubts --

Doubt that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration understands the nature
and the enormity of our multiple domestic problems --

Doubt that this Administration comprehends the scope and viciousness
of individual and organized crime in the United States --

Doubt that this Administration is at all aware of the housewife's dreadful
dilemma as living costs continue to rise every day --

Doubt that this Administration is doing anything whatever -- in practical,
visible, meaningful ways -- to solve the frightening problems of our cities --

Doubt that this Administration is qualified to control rioting and strife
in our streets --

Doubt that this Administration appreciates the impossible economic position
into which it has forced the American farmer --

Doubt that this Administration knows the meaning and menace of the
mounting Federal deficit and overwhelming national debt --

Doubt that this Administration has any awareness whatever of the degree
to which the dollar has been weakened, both at home and abroad --

Doubt that this Administration understands the meaning of the word
"inflation" and how it has been brought about by its own wasteful, needless
spending on every front --

Doubt that this Administration realizes that we cannot spend our way
out of poverty or into prosperity --

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Mr. Ford.

Doubt that this Administration sees the effect of its suffocation of state and local leadership and personal self-reliance --

Doubt that this Administration cares at all about clean elections, the only means available for insuring good and responsible government --

Doubt that this Administration knows the vital need for telling our people the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth --

Doubt that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration realizes the rapid rate at which we are hurtling into fearful danger at home and abroad.

Therefore, Mr. President, our Question-of-the-Week:

TODAY DOUBT --

TOMORROW DISASTER?
This growing, gnawing doubt that has so plagued our people for so long extends to problems and perils far beyond our borders.

Doubt that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration realizes the dangers we face in spreading our forces and our resources so widely, so thinly, around the world --

Doubt that this Administration has foreseen, or now sees, the extent of the disintegration of NATO --

Doubt that this Administration appreciates the degree of disaffection on the part of our one-time friends and allies --

Doubt that this Administration knows how to prevent local conflicts from escalating into World War III --

Doubt that this Administration is qualified to solve predictable international crises without war --

Doubt that this Administration understands that the only thing the world respects is moral and military strength --

Doubt that this Administration's insistence upon ever greater foreign aid is wise or practical --

Doubt that this Administration is capable of administering properly the billions we have poured into the Alliance for Progress --

Doubt that this Administration is equipped to prevent the rapid drain of our gold to nations abroad --

Doubt that this Administration is qualified to defend the dollar against the mounting attacks upon it --

Doubt that this Administration's passion for "building bridges" with Red nations bent upon our destruction makes any sense at all --

Doubt that this Administration has any even remote understanding of the extent and degree to which our position and prestige throughout the world have been weakened and demeaned --

Doubt that the Johnson-Humphrey Administration, bankrupt in foreign policy and bogged down in foreign war, can prevent future crises anywhere, or, most importantly, end the conflict in Viet Nam.

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