

Plan for America

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A PLAN FOR AMERICA:

Report To The President
And Domestic Council
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There will be many Future Plans to discuss. Each Future Plan will be based on a particular way of stating our national purpose.

This Future Plan states our national purpose as follows:

TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN OURSELVES.

This is the way to state our national purpose if the object is to inspire and unite the people behind a common goal they can see themselves participating in and enjoying.

This is the new promise we propose AMERICA make to each of her people:

I, AMERICA, WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER
WHAT YOUR UNIQUE HIGHEST POSSIBILITIES
ARE, AND I WILL HELP YOU ACHIEVE THEM.

SCENARIO A:
Straight-Line Projection
Of The Future

The President and Domestic Council tackle each issue with specific programs.

Nothing basic changes.

The economy recovers slowly, requiring Government stimulation which helps keep inflation high.

Many people remain unemployed, especially young people.

Productivity continues to drop as people lose sight of any goal other than immediate pleasure.

Other nations begin to surpass us in innovativeness and drive.

We react insecurely by becoming even more concerned about security.

Young people try new ways of getting things done, but are frustrated in attempts to contribute within the system.

People continue to think more in terms of securing advantages for their particular group, rather than thinking in terms of the good of the nation or world.

Backbiting among groups increases, further freezing progress possibilities.

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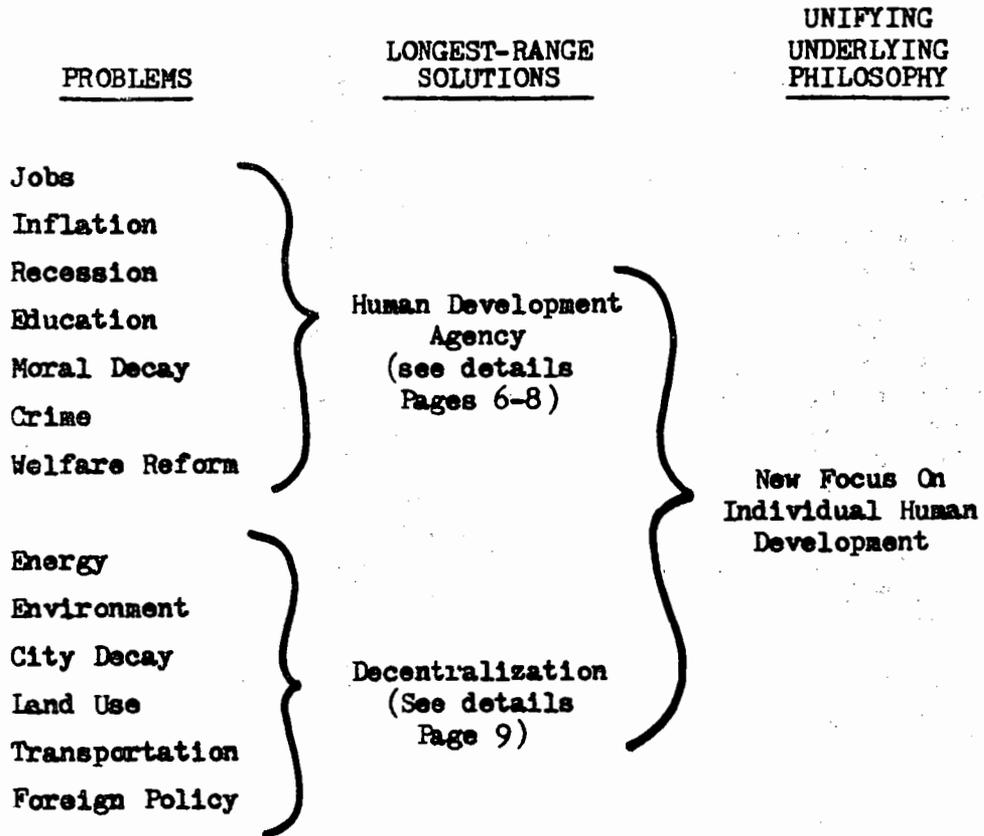
SCENARIO B:
The Opportunity

The President and Domestic Council penetrate beneath the specific issues to the underlying human needs, and announce a vision of the future based solidly on the philosophy of the Founding Fathers, and in which vision each American can see himself or herself playing a real part:

The people become re-inspired and reunited behind the goal of developing themselves to their highest capacities.

All of the specific issues are then approached and individually solved with knowledge of the overall goal in mind,

SPECIFICALLY...



This is roughly the way we have been spending our money. Note how much of it goes for welfare payments,

The thing about welfare is that it's like paying rent: it's an expense, not an investment. After you pay a guy one year, you have to pay him again (usually) next year.

We would shift spending from welfare to the five subsequent categories in a way that keeps the money going to the same people but now requiring them to work for it... and in a way that develops these people into functioning members of society who no longer need government sponsorship.

This resource development spending (categories C-G) is not like paying rent, but like buying a house: it's an investment, not an expense:

Therefore, in the long run, a better way to spend our money.

	<u>THE U.S.</u> <u>BUDGET</u> (%)	
A. <u>DEFENSE</u>	33.8	
B. <u>HEALTH & WELFARE</u>	33.5	
<u>RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</u>		
C. Commerce & Transportation	4.8	} Proposed Longrange Shift Of Emphasis
D. Education & Manpower Training	3.9	
E. Agricultural Resources	2.5	
F. Community Development & Housing	2.0	
G. Natural Resources (incl. Energy)	1.9	
<u>OTHER</u>		
H. General Government	2.2	
I. International Affairs & Finance	1.8	
J. Space Research & Technology	1.4	
K. Veterans' Benefits & Services	4.6	
L. Miscellaneous	7.6	
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THE U.S. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Most people don't like their jobs. They don't see how their job fits in, how it benefits anybody, how it is a steppingstone in their lives-- because they don't know where they are stepping to. So many don't take jobs, and those that do are typically not very inspired about productivity. They want more money to do the same work. This is the root cause of all inflation. If we can arrange for people to do the work they really want to do, the seemingly-eternal pressure for higher wages for the same work will evaporate, and then inflation will take leave of us forever.

Our new focus must be on our people: the question is how to get the most value (for them and for everyone else) out of each person.

We must begin to look at our people as development opportunities and not as carcasses to protect.

For example, those on welfare are typically not simply lazy: almost everyone would like to be doing something that feels useful and right for them. But almost no one in our society has been able to find such a job.

One solution would be to help people discover their unique bent, and then help them either get a job or set up their own business based on that bent. There would have to be a mechanism set up for this, with capital and management counseling available for those who will invent small-business concepts for themselves, and the equivalent of a Federal national-computerized personnel agency/career-counseling service for the rest who prefer to fit into existing organizations.

This would bring a return to the America of individual opportunity and inventiveness. Each American will realize that his government will stand behind him and help him find himself, no matter how long it takes, no matter if no one else will listen-- as opposed to locking him up if he can't pay his bills. Gradually, hope will seep back into the hopeless, and they will give America another try-- life another try.

The mechanism which could achieve this is a superagency that might be called the U.S. Human Development Agency, to incorporate HEW within a structure that also has additional responsibilities to those now performed by HEW.

In addition to HEW, the new Departments within this superagency and their responsibilities could be as follows:

- o Department Of Life Counseling. A free government service for all citizens of all ages and stages in life. Helps people find out what their thing is and how to do it via a wide range of tools (aptitude/preference/projective testing, etc.) and a network of specialists in each field donating their time to

supplement an experienced fulltime professional staff in each major city and populous rural areas.

- o Federal Personnel Agency. A free government service for all citizens of all ages and stages in life; helps them find jobs. Incentives to employers and a national online computer network help maintain an up-to-date file of hundreds of thousands of available positions across the country. An experienced fulltime professional staff shares office space with the Department of Life Counseling nationwide.
- o New Business Administration. A partially-free government service for citizens of all ages/stages; helps them set up their own new business. Provides training in management skills, and aid in arranging capitalization. Oversees quarterly operations to ensure that capital support continues to be warranted. Serves as a liaison between funding sources and citizens; only approaches funding source after applicant has demonstrated readiness to begin effective operation, often after several months of New Business Administration training on a meeting/homework basis. Business concept viability must also be demonstrated by applicant, using market research/accounting/other tools taught by the NBA. Applicants launching successful businesses pay back small royalty to NBA in perpetuity. Fulltime professional staff, primarily venture-capital specialists, shares office space with its sister agencies across the country.
- o Human Research Agency. Carries out and funds research into Man and his bioprogramming needs. Conducts experiments to evaluate the effects of all major human self-development approaches (e.g., hatha yoga, meditation, etc.). Publishes reports to the public on the efficacy of major "school" methods (e.g., Transcendental Meditation, Arica, EST, Scientology, etc.). Conducts research to determine the optimal environmental programming with which to greet new humans into the world; this will be pivotal in helping to redesign cities as well as classrooms for the next couple of centuries. As research validates certain methods as having positive effects on human beings, these validated methods may slowly be introduced into public school systems, military training, and prisoner rehabilitation systems.

Two problems can solve each other by making "BEING training" (i.e., yoga, meditation, biofeedback, etc.) available free to the unemployed/welfare recipients, prisoners and others who currently are unable to contribute to the common weal. This will provide huge samples for research purposes, and will tend to re-equip the dropout population with the ability to get back into action.

Also serves as the research arm of its sister agencies; develops testing techniques for use by DIC, teaching methods for use by NBA, etc.

The responsibility of this Department is no less than to discover what are the highest possibilities for Man... and how does Man achieve these.

Our own research suggests that, given the amount of input the average human now receives in one day, Man needs meditation the way he needs sleep... to assimilate the input so that it doesn't assimilate him. Early studies by this Department will no doubt explore in this direction.

THE DEMOCRACY EXPERIENCE

Democracy was originally a participatory experience. People would get together and work out the one solution all of them could favor. It worked like a dream. We wanted to base a nation on it.

We must reestablish the feeling of democracy. This requires new communication links to lubricate the flow of information so that all parties are looking at the same data on a given situation, and have an easy outlet to express themselves into the democratic process.

This complete information flow had been possible in Town Halls in the Colonies. Then we got larger and it became impossible for nearly two hundred years. Now it is once again possible, through the magic of the technology we have lately overreacted against.

As a "works project" of the HDA, it would be possible to set up a fourth GOVERNMENT/PEOPLE NETWORK. With satellite transmission, this could be considered a world network. The main programming on this network could be the daily business of the U.S. Government, as presented in separate segments by Americans inside and outside the government.

A program which might be called Answer, America could present various sides of an issue and then let viewers "vote" by a hookup with the telephone company, whereby dialing may be used to indicate choice, once a special telephone number has been called. This would function as an independent government poll and informal "referendum"; in effect, it would simulate a pure democracy in action, except that the votes would not be binding; they would merely signal the public mood to legislators. This program brings the whole population into the conference room when we need them.

This network would also provide a new outlet for innovative entertainment programming, with which to stimulate experimentation on the part of the three commercial networks.

A weekly fireside chat, from various spots in America, could provide the President with a vehicle for communicating longrange philosophies to the people.

Such a network might be phased in after a couple of years of pilot-testing the concept on the existing networks, via specials.

MAKING AMERICA INTO THE GARDEN OF EDEN

- o Our cities are a big part of the problem. It is in the cities that the bioprogramming pressure is greatest. It is in the cities that Man is most cut off from healing nature. It is typically in the cities where divergent groups are thrown together and divisiveness develops. And it is our cities that represent the most vulnerable thermonuclear targets on the planet, the vital nerve centers of our nation and the bulk of our population.

Already the cities are beginning to go bankrupt.

It seems abundantly clear that we must move out of our cities into a decentralized "continuous suburbs/exurbs" concept, tied together by new highspeed transportation and further improved communications.

The cities will return to being centers of culture and gathering-places. New lifestyles will develop involving having a city home and a country home, for the well-off; this will combine the advantages of city stimulation and country assimilation; today most Americans must settle for one or the other.

- o For all, the return to nature will greatly improve the quality of life. A great many will grow some of their own food, saving the 90% of current food cost that is for distribution, since only 2% now feed 100% of us. (With government help, the American farmer will shift emphasis somewhat to international markets.) The bioprogramming pressure of the city abated, families will find ample time for life. Home energy based on bioconversion will become a practical reality.
- o Since our cities will no longer be sitting ducks, we will gradually cease to feel so comparatively vulnerable, and will discover that we can sleep securely at night with less of an overkill factor, and perhaps never again have to increase the defense budget.
- o How is this move to be effected? Most people would rather move to the country but fear being unable to find jobs there, and so stay in the city. What is needed is a coordinated effort to set up communities with related work-interests... kind of a government "computer dating service" for prospective neighbors.

This might be accomplished through the Department Of Life Counseling, and real estate obtained via the New Business Administration. This would be a return to homesteading in America. One community might be formed of people interested in organic gardening, another of people interested in crystal research, another of people interested in filmmaking. Each community thus formed would be expected to survive as a viable business, producing something someone will pay for.

- o Laws have often run into difficulty when applied nationally to issues of custom and morality, i.e., to "victimless crimes" such as drug use, gambling, pornography, prostitution, etc. Such issues are clearly best solved on a community scale. All of the current divisiveness in America will dry up when people can live in a community whose local laws reflect their own lifestyle preferences.

IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN POLICY & DOMESTIC MORALE

We know now that we do not have the right to regard Communism as an evil we are committed to destroy. Because we see our system as better for us, we err in thinking that others must also adopt it now. This is failing to treat other nations as we would have them treat us, thus it is not right. It is doubting our own system to the extent that we need world agreement to tell us we are right. It is doubting the potency of our own ideals to fear that a competitive system could wipe ours away, and thus want to wipe it away.

Our obsolete policy of containing Communism should be changed to a new policy of demonstrating the superiority of our system. The only way this can be demonstrated is by the happiness of our people, and the desire of other people to move to America or to emulate our system. In other words, a good product does not need to be sold; and we have been putting too much energy into the selling and not enough into the product itself.

Then, rather than we being faced with the necessity of containing the spread of Communism in the world, Communism will be faced with the necessity of containing the spread of Americanism within its own borders.

The real strength of a nation lies stored up in its people. When the people are strong and happy, and committed to what is right, such as the Spartans of the Golden Age, no one wants to attack such a nation. When the people are confused and despairing, and guilty over deviation from what is right, then they invite invasion and can be easily routed, like the South Vietnamese.

Thus the real strength of America lies in making her people strong again. America will be the first nation of the world to formally recognize that the era of national expansion is over on Earth, now that there is no place left to expand into except each other's territory... and that the era of individual expansion is just beginning.

Only such a focus on the individual and on what is right will eventually allow the emerging uncommitted nations to distinguish us from the alternative system.

The rest of the world evaluates our system based purely on an intuitive feel for whether or not they would rather live here. Thus the only thing we can do for the rest of the world is to make living here like living in The Garden Of Eden... for then they will emulate and not attack us. If we merely talk about how good our system is, while trying to enforce it outside our own borders, we defeat our own purpose.

We cannot and need not "contain" other systems; all we can and must do is to demonstrate the real values of our own system as enjoyed by our people.

Therefore, for our own safety as well as for its own sake, let us live out our highest image of ourselves; let us live out Idealism, rather than merely engaging in the empty forms of it. Let us have the courage to face death if we make a wrong decision, and the courage to face life if we are right.

Then we can let the world make its own decision about us.

The public is dying for a decisive new factor with which to overcome our miasma. This proposal offers them the most decisive new factor of all: themselves. The people move into the spotlight as never before.

It is a powerful political recipe to conjure with. It is also what is right. And it puts the heart back in.

If some form of this Vision proceeds to be put into action, consumer buying confidence will begin to go up almost immediately and will continue upward through the end of 1976. Savings will be partially converted to spending, longer credit horizons will be risked, and the economy will recover without excessive inflationary stimulation.

Other nations will follow our lead. The new investment we will make in personal development will give us a much deeper new basis for dialog with other nations. And it can only be by Design that this is a subject area with roots in the East, flowering in the West: a perfect subject area to bring us together.