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MUSKIE COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON VIETNAM APRIL 7, 1971

I was very disappointed in what the President had to say. He announced a slight increase in the rate of troop withdrawal which will leave close to 200,000 American troops in Vietnam at the end of this year. He gave us no indication as to when our involvement would end. I had hoped he would announce the policy I so strongly believe offers the best prospects of an end to the war and the return of all our troops, including American prisoners-of-war -- a fixed date to end our involvement. This he did not do.
