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MUSKIE STATEMENT ON FAIR HOUSING

President Nixon's statement of June 11 on fair housing was a great disappointment. In an area where much progress needs to be made to end discrimination, the President has offered only a national blueprint for the status quo.

We need more leadership than an enumeration of the existing laws on fair housing. We must have the federal government employ the resources at its disposal to encourage and to initiate policies that will help create racially and economically integrated neighborhoods.

I do not believe that on questions of fundamental rights -- such as fair housing -- the federal government can continue to be a bystander.

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