

University of Montana

ScholarWorks at University of Montana

Mike Mansfield Speeches, Statements and Interviews

Mike Mansfield Papers

11-22-1973

John Fitzgerald Kennedy - A Remembrance

Mike Mansfield 1903-2001

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/mansfield_speeches

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

Mansfield, Mike 1903-2001, "John Fitzgerald Kennedy - A Remembrance" (1973). *Mike Mansfield Speeches, Statements and Interviews*. 1143.

https://scholarworks.umt.edu/mansfield_speeches/1143

This Speech is brought to you for free and open access by the Mike Mansfield Papers at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in Mike Mansfield Speeches, Statements and Interviews by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.

11/22/73

STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D., MONTANA)

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

A Remembrance

What is ten years remembered:

Is it shots of infamy in a Dallas street?

A clinical report of a murder.

Is it a dress dark-splotched with blood?

The swollen faces of grief.

Is it a rain-filled sky over Washington?

A silent throng under the Capitol's dome.

Is it two children and a child's single cry?

A riderless horse.

An intonation in a cathedral.

The flickering of a flame.

What is ten years remembered:

How much rain beating on a grave-site?

How much snow falling and filtered sunlight?

How many mind-flashes of a man?

Of his humor and humanity.

Of his sense and sensitivity.

Ten years after, it is ^{all} remembered and more:

An assertion of human decency

A trust of freedom

A confidence in reason

A love of country

A kindled hope for the nation.

This was John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

This is John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Ten years after.