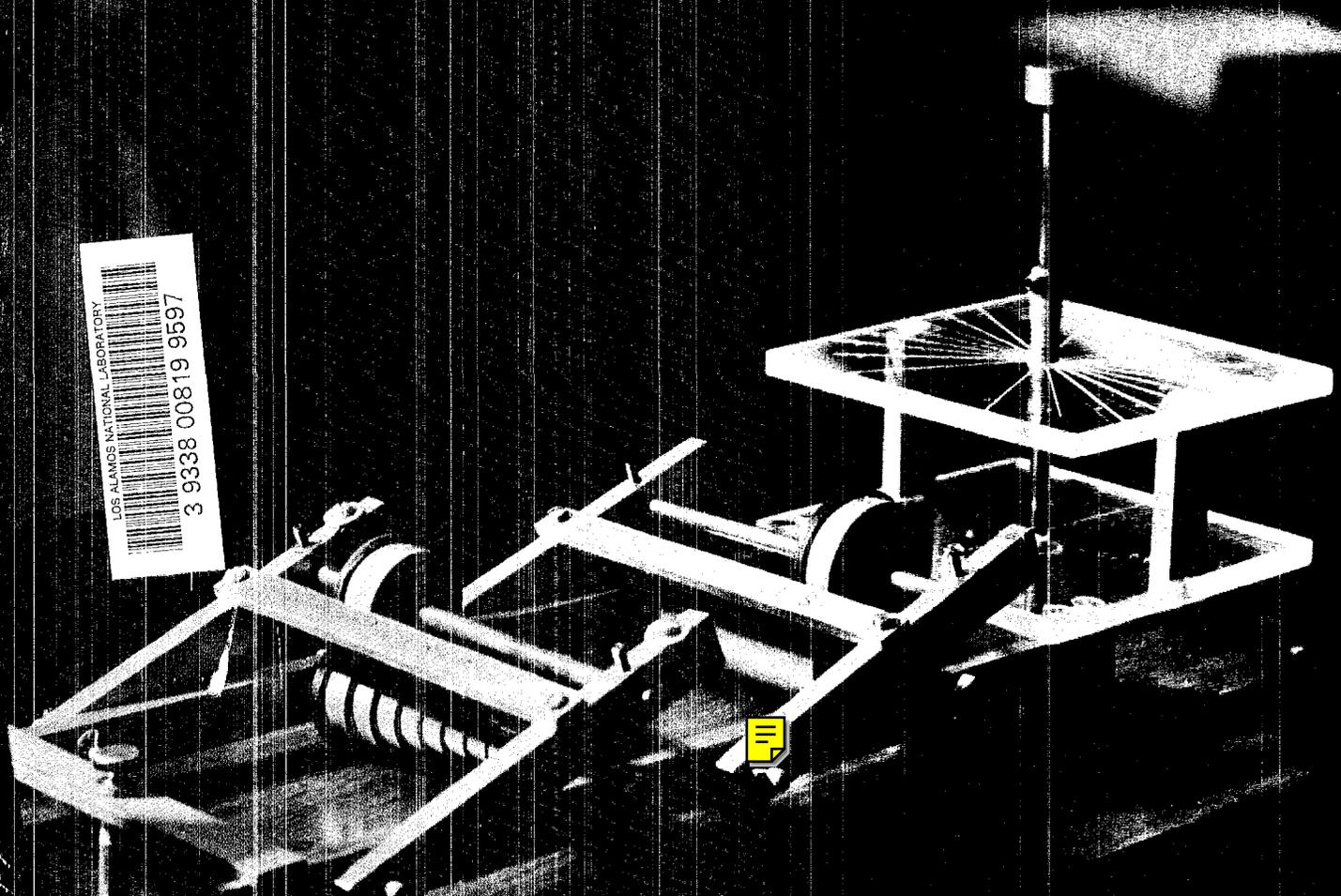


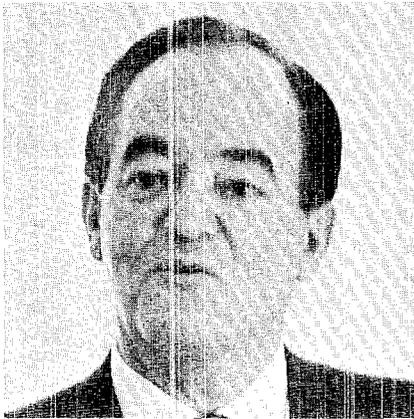
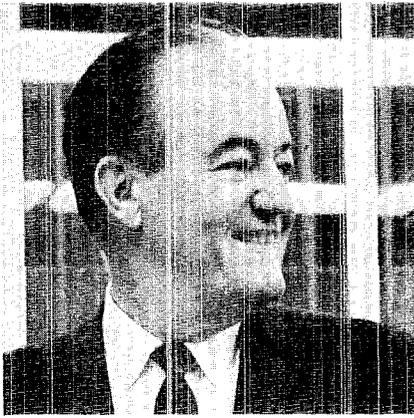
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The Vice President Visits The Hill

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey lived up to his tag "Hurricane Hubert" last month when he toured portions of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

From touchdown to takeoff the vice president was in Los Alamos for only three hours. But in that relatively short period, he:

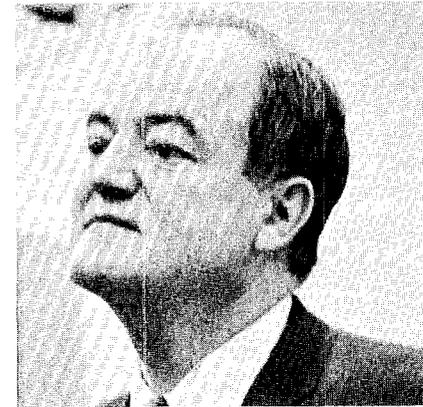
--Shook hundreds of hands, including a number through the barbed-wire fence at the airport. A crowd of about 200 was present to greet Humphrey, despite the hopes of the Secret Servicemen that the arrival would be unnoticed.

--Received a classified briefing on weapons research. This briefing was held in the "Blue Room" in the Administration Building—a restricted

area which contains cutaway models of nuclear weapons. While Humphrey was being briefed, curious Secret Servicemen were asking LASL personnel for information on the models.

--Toured the Physics Building and received information on the proposed Meson facility. A newsman awaiting the vice president's arrival in front of the building caused a mild flurry of panic when it was discovered he is an alien. However, after checking the reporter's credentials—he is a Canadian citizen—it was decided he could not be prevented from doing his job, and the matter was dropped.

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The vice president began shaking hands shortly after his arrival at the airport . . . and continued up until his departure three hours later.

Humphrey . . .

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—Was briefed on Project Rover and visited a Kiva at Pajarito Site. While Humphrey inspected a mock-up of the Phoebus reactor, his aides inspected the old Indian caves in the nearby cliffs.

—Toured the science museum where he manipulated the manipulator in the mock-up of a hot cell. After a short reception and a brief news conference, the vice

Humphrey was briefed on the Rover Project. . .



He received a top-secret classified briefing. . . .



president left for the airport and a flight to Santa Fe.

While Humphrey was shaking hands outside the front door of the museum, the following conversation between a small boy and his mother was overheard:

“Mama, who is that man?”

“That’s the vice president—Mr. Humphrey.”

“Is he important?”

“Yes, honey.”

“As important as Jesus?”

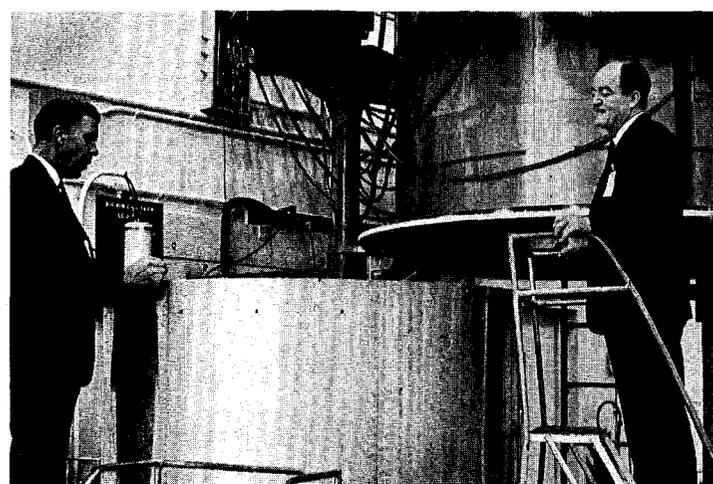
The mother’s answer, if there was one, was drowned out by the laugh-

ter of the vice president who had also tuned in on the conversation.

At the news conference, Humphrey praised the Laboratory and its work and added, “I have a feeling that what this facility needs will be provided.” He also noted that LASL Director Dr. Norris E. Bradbury is held in high esteem in Washington.

The visit by Humphrey and his small official party of aides and Secret Servicemen was apparently a last-minute decision. It was known he was coming to New Mex-

. . . then visited a Kiva for a first-hand look.



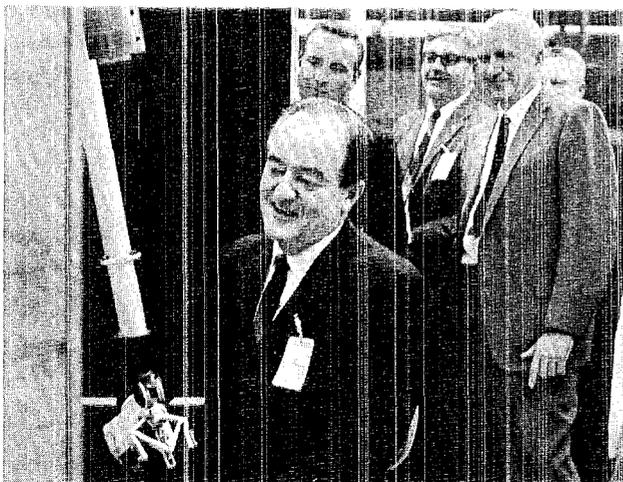


... after which his aides and secret servicemen scurried to their cars for the next stop.

... for a dinner in Albuquerque and a weekend of rest in the Santa Fe area, but there was no advance warning he would come to Los Alamos—until late Friday, Sept. 9, the night before his visit. At that time the vice president's Washington office notified the Laboratory of the impending visit, and it was confirmed the next day that Humphrey would indeed spend a few hours in Los Alamos that afternoon.

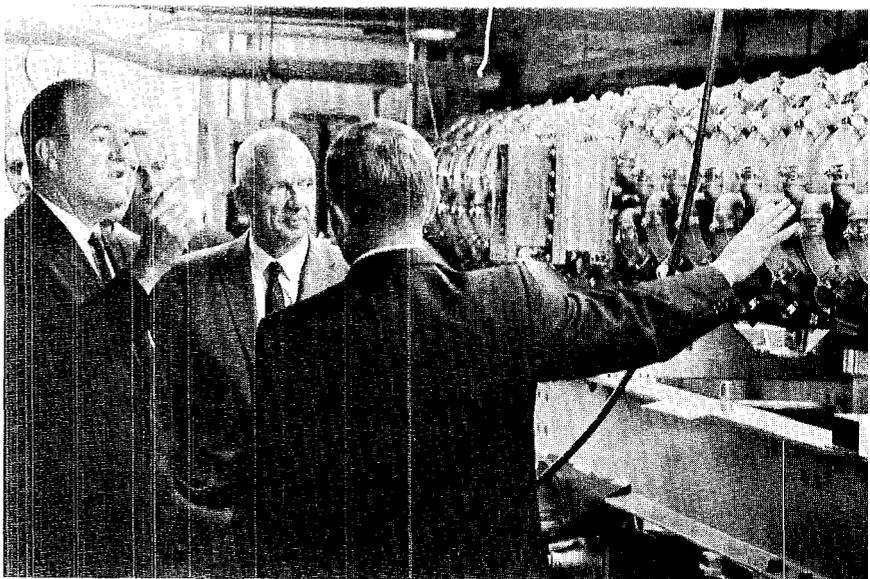
Preparations were hastily made for the visit, and indications were it was a success.

The vice president's final stop was the museum where he tried his hand at the manipulator. . .



Louis Rosen, MP division leader, brought a laugh from Humphrey. . .

... but later, the vice president's sharp mind raised a question for Rosen.



... and was assured LASL's gold bar would not leave the country. . .

