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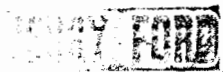
Dear Cabot:

You will be pleased to know that Rog Morton has given to me the opening remarks of your lecture to the Executive 100 Club of Davenport College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

I want you to know that I very much appreciate your very kind comments on my behalf. It is indeed encouraging for me to have someone such as you speak so favorably on my actions as President. This means much to me, and I want you to know that I am grateful.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and for your support.

Warmest personal regards,



Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge
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President Ford Committee

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MR. PRESIDENT --

Cabot Lodge asked me to send on to you the opening remarks of his lecture to the Executive 100 Club, Davenport College, in Grand Rapids.

Roy Morton

*D/wrote note of Thanks to
to Lodge.*

Executive 100 Club, Davenport College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tuesday, June 15, 1976

Lecture by Henry Cabot Lodge

(40 minutes)

It is good to be in Grand Rapids again.

My first visit was when I was in college -- in the 1920's -- and I stayed with my Harvard classmate, Clay Hollister. Then I came back in 1940 on Wendell Willkie's train when he was running for President. I was here again for the funeral of a true statesman of rare talent and achievement, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg. And now I come when a citizen of Grand Rapids is President of the United States and is, in my opinion, doing exceedingly well.

It makes me think of a day in 1948 in Washington when Senator Vandenberg said to me "we have an excellent man coming to Washington from Grand Rapids. His name is Jerry Ford. He will be worth watching". The years went by. Others may forget, but I well remember that it was Congressman Ford who in 1960 made a nominating speech in Chicago supporting me to be the Republican candidate for Vice President. But there are far more important reasons for saying that he has indeed been worth watching. Let me cite two:

A President, as the nation's chief diplomat, has special responsibility for peace: President Ford's leadership in this field can be measured by the fact that nowhere today is the U.S. involved in war -- a rare and blessed occurrence. A President is also looked to for leadership in bringing about conditions in which there will be prosperity. The prosperity which the U.S. is now experiencing and the growing steadiness in the value of the dollar are signs of his success. Take any standard that you wish and you will find that President Ford is doing well. If he were like some politicians, he would, instead of being the gentleman that he is, boast of his achievements.

Henry Cabot Lodge

Beverly, Massachusetts
June 17, 1976

Honorable Rogers C.B. Morton
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Dear Rog:

Can you get the enclosed to the
President? It was great to hear the ^{enthusiastic} reaction
of his neighbors!

As ever yours,



Henry Cabot Lodge

P.S. Sending you a book under separate cover,
Chapter Three of which may be of interest (beginning
on page 75.)

Enclosure