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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS: PRIVATE DINNER FOR

LABOR SECRETARY JOHN DUNLOP

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1975

1. THOSE OF YOU AT THIS DINNER KNOW HOW WELL  
QUALIFIED JOHN DUNLOP IS TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.  
BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE IMPRESSED AS I AM THAT HIS FORMER BOSS  
AND THREE FORMER DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES HOSTED THIS  
SPECIAL DINNER IN HIS HONOR.

I'M DELIGHTED TO JOIN IN SALUTING JOHN AND TO KNOW THAT

THE DISTINGUISHED HOSTS HERE TONIGHT AGREE WITH ME THAT HE

IS THE RIGHT MAN FOR A TOUGH JOB.

2. I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT BOK (BOCK) FOR

ALLOWING THIS ADMINISTRATION TO BORROW STILL ANOTHER

OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WASHINGTON MUST LOOK

ON HARVARD AS ITS FARM CLUB -- BUT I'M SURE THAT CAMBRIDGE

IS EQUALLY CONVINCED IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND. AT ANY

RATE, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT HARVARD ON ITS LEND-LEASE PROGRAM.

3. ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM KNOW HOW IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTRY IS THE DEPARTMENT THAT JOHN NOW HEADS. AND WE KNOW HE HAS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST JOBS IN TOWN ON HIS HANDS: JOBS FOR AMERICANS, FOR ONE THING. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT HE WILL TACKLE THAT RESPONSIBILITY AS HE HAS EVERY OTHER THRUST UPON HIM -- AND HE WILL SUCCEED.

4.    WHATEVER THE POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS OF  
  
EACH OF US, THERE IS UNITY AMONG US IN OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE  
  
THE ECONOMY AND THE WELFARE OF THE AMERICAN WORKER.  
  
IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, JOHN AND MANY IN THIS ROOM WILL BE  
  
WORKING TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE MOST COMPLEX  
  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THIS NATION EVER FACED.



I AM CONFIDENT OF THE SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS.

5. WHEN JOHN WAS SWORN IN YESTERDAY, HE  
DESCRIBED AMERICANS AS A "CAN-DO" PEOPLE. I AGREE.

IT IS THIS FAITH IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE THAT MAKES ME SO SURE  
SOLUTIONS WILL BE FOUND.

6. JOHN ALSO SAID HE HOPED LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES  
WOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED WHILE WE ACT TO SOLVE IMMEDIATE  
PROBLEMS. THIS IS THE TASK THAT FACES ALL OF US IN THIS  
NATION IN 1975 TO ACT WISELY IN THE PRESENT AND PLAN WELL  
FOR THE FUTURE. WE HAVE THE WILL AND THE TALENT TO DO BOTH.  
THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT.

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