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President's Speeches

AUDIO TAPING FOR THE 30-30 CLUB

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1975

THANK YOU, ART -- BETTY JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU
AND ALL OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE 30-30 CLUB, THEIR FAMILIES
AND THEIR SPECIAL GUESTS, A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY.

I JUST WISH WE COULD BE THERE WITH YOU ALL
AT THE PANTLIND HOTEL, SO WE COULD SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER,
BRING EACH OTHER UP-TO-DATE, SWAP SOME STORIES, AND
MEET ALL THE NEW GRANDCHILDREN THAT HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD
SINCE OUR LAST FIVE-YEAR MEETING.

THIS IS THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR MEETING WE HAVE MISSED

AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO SEE THAT IT WON'T BE A HABIT.

I ASSURE YOU, I DO NOT INTEND TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT

OF THE 30-30 CLUB ON AN ABSENTEE BASIS.

BETTY AND I STILL THINK ABOUT OUR LAST MEETING

HERE IN WASHINGTON AND HOW GOOD IT MADE US FEEL TO BE

AMONG SO MANY OLD FRIENDS AND TO SHARE A BIT OF NOSTALGIA

TOGETHER. IT IS VERY HARD TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT

IT WAS 45 YEARS AGO THAT WE PLAYED UNION HIGH FOR THE

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ON THAT BITTER COLD DAY WITH THE

piled high along the side lines.
SNOW ~~COMING DOWN.~~

I'M SURE YOU ALL HAVE EXPERIENCED, AS I HAVE,
THE FLASHES OF MEMORY THAT BRING THE PAST INTO SHARP FOCUS --
~~OUR ROYAL BLUE JERSEYS,~~ THE SOUTH HIGH TROJAN FIGHT SONG,
THE FACES, THE GAMES -- YES, EVEN SOME OF THE PLAYS.
THEY ARE MOMENTS AND MEMORIES TO BE TREASURED.

AND WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT WE FINISHED OUR LAST YEAR

WITH A SEASON SCORE OF 172 TO 12 -- AS SOMEONE

WHO HAS BEEN IN POLITICS FOR THE LAST 27 YEARS --

I TELL YOU, THAT'S NOT A BAD PLURALITY!

Let me add a special hello
to Cliff Kettinger who pulled
us together as a team and gave us
the inspiration to keep going when
the opposition seemed too much
to handle.

THE FORD FAMILY'S WARM GOOD WISHES ARE WITH YOU
AT THIS MEETING, ON THIS THANKSGIVING DAY, AND FOR THE
MANY DAYS AND YEARS AHEAD. GOOD FRIENDS LIKE
GOOD FOOTBALL TEAMS ARE NOT EASY TO COME BY.

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Jerry

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Film*

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