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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.... December 10, 1975

TALKING POINTS: BOARD OF OVERSEERS, HOOVER INSTITUTION,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1975

I know and have worked with many members of this Board.

It's good to see Allan, Pete and Andrew Hoover -- my good friends

Dave Packard and Jack Parker -- Glenn Campbell, Bill Baroody, Sr.,

whose son is doing such a fine job on my staff -- and Dick Burress,

your Associate Director, who did a great job when he was on my staff.

The Board of the Hoover Institution is a very distinguished group, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you today.

If memory serves correctly, it was just two years ago this month that I met with Allan and Andrew Hoover, Glenn Campbell and Dick Burress and discussed with them their kind invitation to address the 100th Anniversary celebration of the birth of President Hoover on August 10, 1874.

Due to certain events that occurred on August 9th, I was unable to keep this date. However, in January of this year I had the pleasure of signing the Herbert Hoover Federal Memorial Act. I understand that the plans for the construction of this Memorial at the Hoover Institution are proceeding very satisfactorily and that ground will be broken this Spring and construction started. I am very pleased -- as I know the Hoover family is -- about the marvelous support for this project that has been provided by so many. So many of you have given so much of your time and talents to Government that your contributions are well-known.

When the late Herbert Hoover helped found the Institution at Stanford University, the world had just emerged from its first global conflict. One of the goals of the Institution is to search for peaceful avenues of change. The conflicts of recent years and those in today's headlines are reminders of the critical need to promote peace.

The Hoover Institution fosters continuing academic dialogue among the world. That is of paramount importance because the exchange of ideas and information is a vital avenue toward peace.

Yet, peace is rooted in the understanding that comes from personal dialogue. It's also very important that the Institution seeks to strengthen its scholarship and research activities in the area of domestic affairs. America needs to put its best minds to work on the challenges of the last quarter of this century -- some of the kinds of challenges you've been discussing today.

Freedom to explore new ideas and solutions is an important function of our educational system. Great centers like the Hoover Institution create the climate to encourage this exploration. The Institution's tradition of public service, its unique library and its commitment to peaceful change make it an invaluable resource to this Nation.

I commend you for your contributions to the Hoover Institution,
which above all, is dedicated to using knowledge of the past to create
a better future.

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