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INTRODUCTION TO

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION PRESIDENTS

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1976

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THERE'S AN OLD SPIRITUAL THAT SAYS 'NOBODY KNOWS THE

TROUBLES I'VE SEEN''. WELL, AS I STAND HERE AS PART OF THIS

ROOM OF WALL-TO-WALL PRESIDENTS -- SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS

IS ONE GROUP THAT REALLY DOES KNOW THE TROUBLES I'VE SEEN.

AS ONE PRESIDENT AMONG MANY, I RESPECT THE JOB YOU

HAVE DONE AND THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE IN DIRECTING THE

AFFAIRS OF YOUR STATE ORGANIZATIONS. IN THE SPEECH YOU

JUST HEARD, I TRIED TO OUTLINE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS I HAVE

HAD TO DEAL WITH AND THE SOLUTIONS THAT WERE FOUND FOR THEM.

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NOW, IN THIS SMALLER AND MORE RELAXED SETTING, I'D LIKE TO USE THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE AVAILABLE, TO ANSWER ANY OF THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT ANY OF OUR COMMON CONCERNS.

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