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THE PRESIDENT HAS SHEET

SWEARING-IN OF WILLIAM W. SCRANTON AS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

MARCH 15, 1976

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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THE CABINET AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS A <u>PRIVILEGE</u> AND HONOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SWEARING IN OF <u>BILL SCRANTON</u> AS THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE OF THE <u>UNITED STATES</u> AT THE <u>UNITED NATIONS</u> AND

AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR CABINET.

I KNEW BILL AS A STRONG INTERNATIONALIST

WHEN WE WERE FELLOW STUDENTS AT YALE LAW SCHOOL.

I KNEW HIM AS A FELLOW CONGRESSMAN

WHO STRONGLY SUPPORTED SUCH CONCEPTS AS THE PEACE CORPS

AND FOREIGN AID.

I KNEW HIM AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND

INTERNATIONAL TROUBLE-SHOOTER FOR SECRETARIES OF STATE

JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND CHRISTIAN HERTER.

I KNEW HIM AS A GOVERNOR OF A GREAT STATE

WHO BROKE DEADLOCKS IN DISPUTES BETWEEN DIFFERING INTERESTS.

AND THEREFORE I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE

IN HIM AS OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

BILL SCRANTON IS THE MAN WHO PERFORMED SO EFFECTIVELY

ON THE TRANSITION TEAM DURING THE TUMULTUOUS DAYS

WHEN I FIRST ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY.

HE WILL NOW BE OUR UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR

WHEN THE ENTIRE WORLD IS IN TRANSITION.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

ON CAMPUS UNREST, BILL SCRANTON SHOWED GREAT INITIATIVE AND INDEPENDENCE OF SPIRIT. NOW HE TAKES OVER

A DIFFICULT POST AT A TIME OF WIDESPREAD UNREST IN THE WORLD.

FROM BILL SCRANTON'S RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT, AND FROM MY MANY YEARS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH HIM, I KNOW OF HIS DEPTH AND VISION. HE PERSONIFIES THE OLD AMERICAN VIRTUE, DATING FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON AND PENNSYLVANIA'S BEN FRANKLIN, OF <u>BALANCING CONCILIATION</u> WITH GREAT PERSONAL STRENGTH. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS THE WORLD'S BEST HOPE FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM. UNIVERSAL ASPIRATIONS FOR A BETTER LIFE DEPEND SUBSTANTIALLY ON OUR STRENGTH, OUR PERSEVERANCE, AND OUR PRUDENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THESE QUALITIES WILL BE ABLY DEMONSTRATED BY OUR NEW AMBASSADOR. THE UNITED STATES RETAINS THE IDEALISM THAT MADE US THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE CREATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OVER THREE DECADES AGO, AS A WORLDWIDE SYSTEM TO PROMOTE PEACE AND PROGRESS. AMERICANS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE WORLD

CAN BE A BETTER PLACE. REASON AND GOOD WILL CAN TRIUMPH OVER PREJUDICE AND ARROGANCE. THAT IS WHY WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM INTERDEPENDENCE ARE POSITIVE AND CREATIVE. WE REMAIN GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED

IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPEECH TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS LAST AUTUMN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT FOR THE GOOD NAME OF THE UNITED STATES AND AGAINST THE PURSUIT OF NARROW INTERESTS. BILL SCRANTON WILL HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE DISCHARGE

OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.

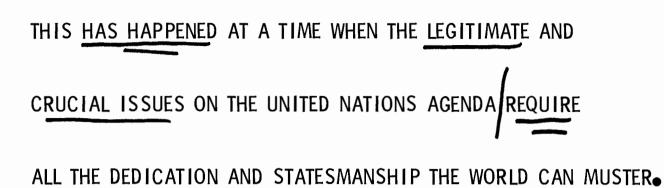
I KNOW THAT HE WILL NOT ONLY ADVOCATE AMERICA'S VIEWS WITH GREAT STRENGTH AND SKILL BUT THAT HE WILL LISTEN RESPECTFULLY TO ALL OTHER DELEGATES WHO SPEAK IN GOOD FAITH. I KNOW THAT HE WILL WORK, AS HE HAS IN SO MANY PAST ENDEAVORS, TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS AGENCIES. THE CHALLENGE FACING BILL SCRANTON IS IMMENSE.

CONFLICTS ARE INEVITABLE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE WORLD HAS WITNESSED UNFORTUNATE AND

EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATION ON IRRESPONSIBLE RESOLUTIONS

AND THE MANIPULATION OF PROCEDURES.



OUR <u>NEW AMBASSADOR</u>, WITH THE <u>PEOPLE</u> AND <u>GOVERNMENT</u> OF THE UNITED STATES <u>FIRMLY BEHIND HIM</u>, <u>WILL DEMONSTRATE</u> THE <u>GOOD WILL</u>, <u>DETERMINATION AND SERIOUS PURPOSE</u> THAT HAVE <u>CHARACTERIZED</u> <u>AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS</u>. WE WILL LISTEN WITH RESPECT TO ALL GENUINE GRIEVANCES.

WE WILL DEAL WITH ALL PROBLEMS ON THEIR MERIT.

WE ASK ONLY THAT OTHERS SHOW RECIPROCITY AND COOPERATION.

THE UNITED STATES WILL DEFEND THE UNITED NATIONS

AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO USE IT FOR CYNICAL TESTS OF STRENGTH THAT SUBVERT THE IDEALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

I KNOW BILL AS A GOOD FRIEND AND HAVE CALLED HIM "GOVERNOR" FOR MANY YEARS. TODAY, I ADDRESS HIM AS "MR. AMBASSADOR" AND ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN WISHING AMBASSADOR SCRANTON EVERY SUCCESS.

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IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO CALL ON JUSTICE

