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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

TALKING POINTS

Meeting with University of Michigan summer interns on July 16, 1976

It's good to see you again Bev and to meet with the University of Michigan summer interns.

I'm sorry we can't meet by the pool, but all of these lovely young ladies would be quite a distraction--especially for my son Jack.

This is the second year that I have the honor of addressing the University of Michigan interns. I congratulate you for your initiative and the University of Michigan for it's sponsorship of this fine program. You have donated your time this summer to be a part of this group. You have volunteered your services as educated and responsible young people to get a first-hand look at Washington. I know that your work

within the different branches of government, with public service organizations, and with other groups has not gone by unnoticed.

I first came to Washington in the summer of 1931 with a group of recent high school graduates. I returned to Michigan to begin college. The desire to become involved in our government grew as I worked my way through the University of Michigan.

There have been many changes on the campus since I studied economics at Michigan. I believe that they have been for the better.

Attitudes on the campus are different now. The landscape and the administration have changed. But I can say with pride that I will always feel at home on the beautiful and hospitable U. of M. campus.

The University of Michigan has always been regarded as one of the nation's finest institutions of higher education. Because of outstanding

programs such as this, that reputation will continue to grow.

It is encouraging to see all of you involved in this unique learning experience. After a long summer of hard work, your fall classes should be a welcomed change. It is an accomplishment in itself to live through this summer in Washington without air-conditioning.

When you finish your schooling and begin to look for a vocation, always remember that the educated and disciplined have a responsibility to give their civilization a little more than they take from it. This country will always need people who are trained to think and see things in terms of their broadest implications.

Government is complex. It's contradictions are never fully resolved.

We need imaginative, innovative approaches for the decade ahead.

Every University of Michigan intern here today has demonstrated great ability. If you apply your knowledge and skills wisely, the challenges of the future will be met with our finest talent.

Thank you for coming. My best wishes for a most productive summer.

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