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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE
ABILENE JAYCEES

ABILENE CIVIC CENTER

7:34 P.M. CDT

Thank you very, very much Mayor Hughes and I will honor and treasure the privilege of being an honorary citizen of the great City of Abilene. I also am grateful for the fact that I am excused from paying any taxes. (Laughter)

I wish I could show reciprocity to you. (Laughter) Although you are a Buick dealer and my name is Ford, I have a great, great interest in a prosperous and healthy automobile industry. (Laughter) As strongly as I feel the automobile industry is a great contributor to our economic well being, I would respectfully suggest that 1976 is not a good year for all of you to trade in your Ford for another. (Laughter)

I was telling Billy Taylor that a good many years ago I was an active member, a very devoted participant in the Jaycees in my home town of Grand Rapids, Michigan before World War II and then four years later when I came back.

It is nice to see you and good luck and God bless each and every one of you.

END (AT 7:37 P.M. CDT)