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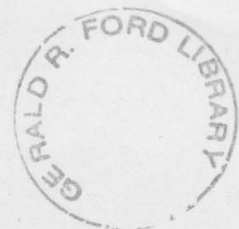
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STANLEY S. SCOTT  
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1975

ADMINISTRATOR PARKER, YOUR EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR  
PEALE, MY COLLEAGUES IN AID AND THE OTHER BRANCHES OF THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT, AND FRIENDS.

MR. PARKER, WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR VERY  
WARM AND GENEROUS REMARKS.....AND I MUST SAY THAT WE  
ARE VERY GRATIFIED BY THIS TREMENDOUS TURNOUT WHICH IS--  
IN MY VIEW--AN INDICATION OF THE GROWING INTEREST AND  
CONCERN THAT MANY OF OUR COUNTRYMEN AND COUNTRYWOMEN.....  
I WOULD HASTEN TO ADD--ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW FOR AFRICA.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
THE PIONEERING WORK OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR,  
AMBASSADOR SAMUEL ADAMS, WHO HAS PASSED ON TO ME A  
BUREAU COMPOSED OF DEDICATED AND COMMITTED STAFF.....



DAILY MEETING THE TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE OF IMPROVING  
THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN AFRICA.

I MUST SAY TO YOU THAT I AM HUMBLLED AND HONORED  
BY THE PRESIDENT'S NOMINATION AND THE SENATE'S QUICK  
CONFIRMATION OF MY APPOINTMENT TO THIS CHALLENGING  
OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

DURING AN OVAL OFFICE VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT ON  
SATURDAY, PERHAPS OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE BEST EXPLAINED WHY  
I AM HERE. "STAN," PRESIDENT FORD SAID, "YOU ARE YOUNG,  
ENERGETIC, YOU CARE ABOUT PEOPLE," AND AT THIS POINT.....  
LITTLE STAN, MY FIVE-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS STANDING THERE IN  
THE OVAL OFFICE WITH US.... LOOKED UP AND SAID: "THANKS  
MR. PRESIDENT."

SERIOUSLY, I AM PROUD TO JOIN THE AID TEAM AND HELP  
IN THE ONGOING EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE DIFFICULT AND  
COMPLEX PROBLEMS FACING AFRICA. I WOULD ADD THAT THE  
PRESIDENT REQUESTED THAT I SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT



"THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO HELPING TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS."

I AM PROUD OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE CAST INTO THE EYE OF THE STORM. TO BE A PART OF OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

I THINK MOST OF YOU WILL AGREE WITH ADMINISTRATOR DAN PARKER'S ASSESSMENT OF OUR CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY IN FOREIGN POLICY AS WE MOVE TOWARD OUR NATION'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY.

"THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IS INCONTESTABLE. THEY COMPRISE 70 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION. THEIR UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REMAIN A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. THEIR DEVELOPMENT IS A MAJOR FACTOR FOR THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF WORLD ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS."

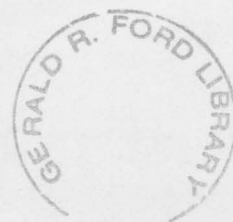
LET ME SAY HERE THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE APPROACHED ME INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER I AM AN AFRICANIST. FRANKLY, I



DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. BUT LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I AM. I AM A MAN BLESSED WITH PARENTS WHO TAUGHT ME THAT WE MUST RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF MAN IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, CREED, COLOR OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS THAT I SPENT IN MY PREVIOUS JOB...TRYING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS WILL SERVE ME WELL HERE AT AID.

I UNDERSTAND THE TERM LDC'S IS WIDELY USED HERE IN AID...AND SIMPLY MEANS LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MY PREVIOUS JOB INVOLVED WORKING WITH OUR NATION'S LESSER DEVELOPED COMMUNITIES. I MIGHT NOT QUALIFY AS AN AFRICANIST... BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I CAN QUALIFY AS ONE WHO IS VITALLY CONCERNED AND COMMITTED AND DEDICATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALL PEOPLE....WHETHER I OPERATE FROM 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE OR HERE IN FOGGY BOTTOM.





MR. PARKER... YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IT... BUT THIS  
MAGNIFICENT BUILDING IS TANGIBLE PROOF OF WHAT CHANGE CAN  
DO. THIS FACILITY IS LOCATED ON WHAT WAS ONCE CONSIDERED  
ONE OF WASHINGTON'S WORST SLUM AREAS.

SO WE CAN TRANSFORM BUILDINGS, INDIVIDUALS LIVES AND  
EVEN DEVELOPING NATIONS.... BY WORKING TOGETHER. AMERICA  
CAN'T DO THE JOB ALONE... BUT BY JOINING IN THE INTERNATIONAL  
HUMANITARIAN EFFORT.... I DARE SAY... BY LEADING THIS CHARGE...  
WE CAN PERFORM MIRACLES... I PROMISE TO DO MY PART.

AS WE APPROACH THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY,  
A SPECIAL SENSE OF URGENCY COMPELS ALL OF US TO STRIVE  
TOWARD TRANSLATING THE DREAM OF EQUALITY FOR ALL INTO  
LIVING REALITY... I PLEDGE TO YOU MR. PARKER AND ALL OF MY  
COLLEAGUES IN AID TO SUPPORT YOUR ONGOING EFFORT IN THIS  
AREA... TO WORK TO MAKE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY A REALITY  
IN OUR OWN FOGGY BOTTOM AREA SO THAT WHAT WE SAY AND WHAT  
WE DO ABROAD WILL HAVE REAL MEANING.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.... IF I HAD ANY DOUBT IN THE WISDOM OF ACCEPTING THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT.... IT WAS QUICKLY REMOVED WHEN I APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DURING MY CONFIRMATION HEARINGS.

SENATOR HUMPHREY DESCRIBED ME AS A NEW GUY ON THE BLOCK AND SAID" I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULDN'T JUST ACCEPT WHAT HAS BEEN AS WHAT NEEDS TO BE." I ASSURE YOU THAT THAT WILL NOT BE MY POSTURE.

THE DEPTH OF CONCERN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE ROLE THEY FEEL OUR COUNTRY CAN AND SHOULD PLAY IN SOLVING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICA WAS REASSURING.

SO MR. PARKER THERE IS CONCERN AND SUPPORT FOR AFRICA.... IT'S ON THE HILL AND IT'S ALSO IN THE VALLEYS OF THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS. THIS GREAT AUDIENCE...THIS SEA OF HUMANITY IS NOT HERE JUST FOR STAN SCOTT, BUT TO SUPPORT WHAT WE ALL



HERE AT AID HOPE TO DO IN OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA...  
THIS AUDIENCE... IN MY VIEW... IS A SIGNAL THAT THERE IS A  
GROWING CONSTITUENCY... THAT THERE ARE AMERICANS...  
BLACK AND WHITE... WHO SEE THE NEED TO MOVE BEYOND OUR  
OWN WATER'S EDGE.

AND I SAY TO YOU OUT THERE MY DEAR FRIENDS.... I HOPE  
AND PRAY THAT I CAN WARRANT YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE  
AS YOU HAVE SHOWN IT HERE TODAY.

WITH THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AND YOUR DIRECTION,  
MR. PARKER, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE...  
REPRESENTED BY THIS MAGNIFICENT AUDIENCE.... GOD WILLING....  
WE SHALL NOT FAIL.

THANK YOU.

