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27TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MANUSCRIPT SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974 2:00 PM

IT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO MEET WITH YOU THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTINGUISHED MANUSCRIPT SOCIETY. I KNOW THAT YOURS IS A MOST IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION DEVOTED TO THE IMPORTANT CAUSE OF PRESERVING AND SAFE-GUARDING THE HISTORIC DOCUMENTS OF AMERICA. I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK, BUT IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE, TEACHING AND RECORDING THE ACCURATE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY AND ITS MOST IMPORTANT CITIZENS.

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IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE FOR ME TO MEET SEVEN DISTINGUISHED DESCENDENTS OF EIGHT FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE SEATED HERE ON THIS PLATFORM. IT IS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME PERSONALLY, THAT THIS UNUSUALLY INTERESTING MEETING COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE EAST ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE AS I HAD PLANNED. AS YOU HAVE NO DOUBT LEARNED BY NOW, THE PRESIDENT HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE ON INFLATION WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN THE EAST ROOM ALL DAY TODAY.



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THIS GROUP OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS ARE HERE TO HELP RESOLVE THE GREATEST
PROBLEM FACING THE COUNTRY TODAY -- INFLATION. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU
ALL UNDERSTAND THAT EXCEPT FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING OF ECONOMIC
EXPERTS, YOUR GROUP WOULD BE ASSEMBLED IN THE EAST ROOM AT THIS MOMENT.
I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT ALL OF YOU ARE INVITED TO COME
TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A SPECIAL PRIVATE VISIT THIS SATURDAY AT ^{1:45}~~1:30~~
IN THE AFTERNOON.

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I WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS, NOT ONLY FOR THIS MEETING BUT FOR THE
FUTURE WORK OF SAFEGUARDING AMERICA'S DOCUMENTS AND HISTORIC HERITAGE.

