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THE 61ST ANNIVERSARY AWARDS CEREMONY, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 10 A.M., WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 7, 1974.

IT IS WITH PARTICULAR PLEASURE THAT I
ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF MY GOOD FRIEND
PETER BRENNAN TO JOIN WITH YOU IN THIS
CEREMONY TODAY.



IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE ASKED TO HELP
HONOR THE MORE THAN 100 MEN AND WOMEN WHO
HAVE MERITED SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THEIR
EXCEPTIONAL WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.



AND IT IS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO DO SO
ON THE 61ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT.
YOU IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DEAL WITH SOME
OF THE MOST BASIC PROBLEMS OF OUR CITIZENS:
A JOB; INCOME SECURITY; PROVIDING A SKILL;
PROTECTING FROM INJURY; HELPING GUARD AGAINST
DISCRIMINATION; AND HELPING THE RETURNED
VETERAN, AND THE HANDICAPPED.



I CAN THINK OF NO OTHER AGENCY OF
GOVERNMENT WHICH TOUCHES THE BASIC CONCERNS
OF SO MANY AMERICANS IN SO MANY WAYS.

YOUR WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT HELPS
RAISE YOUR COUNTRY TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF
SECURITY, PRODUCTIVITY, AND EQUITY--NOBLE WORK,
INDEED.



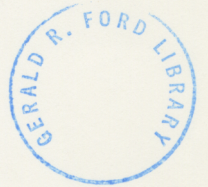
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TO THEIR WORK AND THEREFORE HAVE PROVIDED
EXCEPTIONAL BENEFIT TO THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS
AND TO THEIR COUNTRY.



IN LOOKING OVER THE LIST OF AWARDS,
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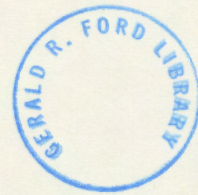
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WITH CONGRESS IN GETTING THE COMPREHENSIVE
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FORM ACCEPTABLE TO A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS.



WE APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS FACE IN DEALING WITH THE CONGRESS. AND WE APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCILIATION, COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THESE TWO BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE MORE THOSE TWO VITAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT CAN WORK TOGETHER, THE MORE OUR COUNTRY WILL BENEFIT.



I WISH IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO SINGLE OUT EACH OF THE AWARD WINNERS FOR PARTICULAR MENTION. BUT TIME CANNOT BE STRETCHED THAT FAR. HOWEVER, I DO WISH TO OFFER EACH OF YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, AND MY HOPE THAT YOUR AWARD HERE TODAY WILL INSPIRE YOU TO EVEN GREATER EFFORTS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.



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COUNTRY.

I THANK YOU.



REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
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It is with particular pleasure that I accepted the invitation of my good friend Peter Brennan to join with you in this ceremony today.

It is a privilege to be asked to help honor the more than 100 men and women who have merited special recognition for their exceptional work, *for the Department of Labor.*

And it is a special privilege to do so on the 61st anniversary of the Department, ~~at Labor~~. You in the Department of Labor deal with some of the most basic problems of our citizens: a job; income security; providing a skill; protecting from injury; helping guard against discrimination; ~~and~~ ^{and} helping the returned veteran, and the handicapped.

I can think of no other agency of government which touches the basic concerns of so many Americans in so many ways.

Your ~~work~~ work in the Department helps ~~to~~ raise your country to a higher level of security, productivity, and equity--noble work indeed.

That makes the congratulations we offer to the award winners *today* of even greater significance. Their selection for special recognition means they have ~~reached~~ ^{reached} ~~an~~ ^{level of} exceptional achievement and devotion, ~~and therefore~~ ^{to their work} ~~have provided~~ exceptional benefit to their fellow Americans, and to their country.

In looking over the list of Awards, I was struck by the wide variety of skills, knowledge and ingenious application of both put to the service of the American people.

If it were possible for every American to get a real understanding of the accomplishments of our award winners here, I believe it would still the voices of those critics who carp at the "bureaucratic mind"; who complain that government is an unfeeling monster; who derisively label federal workers ^{as} listless paper pushers.

Another striking feature in the list of award winners, ~~was~~ the demonstration of the wealth of creative talent throughout the Department of Labor. Almost half of the Department's outstanding workers whom we honor here come from outside the Washington area.

That is most convincing proof that wherever one may live in this country, he or she can look for high standards of excellence and ability in Department of Labor Offices and agencies.

One award being given today---the Philip Arnow Award---hit very close to home for me. I was very happy to see William Hewitt honored for his long hours of work with Congress in getting the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act into legislative form ~~which was~~ acceptable to a majority ⁱⁿ Congress. ~~We~~ ^{We} appreciate the difficulties the Executive Department^s face in dealing with the Congress. And we appreciate the importance of conciliation, cooperation and communication between these two branches of the federal government. The more those two vital branches of government can work together, the more our country will benefit.



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

To: Mr. Hartmann

From: Bill Roberts

Date: 3-6-74

Time 4:40 a.m.
p.m.

JWR

Revised draft of the Dept of Labor speech from the

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[Signature]

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