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SPARTAN RODEO

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RADIO TAPE FOR  
THE MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO  
SPARTA, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 2, 1974

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR. (PAUSE)

SOMEHOW, THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND HASN'T SEEMED QUITE  
RIGHT, WITH THE MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO IN PROGRESS, WHILE  
I'M IN WASHINGTON.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, I HAD PLANNED TO BE WITH YOU---JUST AS I  
HAVE BEEN FOR EACH LABOR DAY OF THE PAST 25 YEARS---TO CROWN THE  
RODEO QUEEN. BUT MY PLANS WERE \*CHANGED ABRUPTLY A LITTLE MORE THAN  
3 WEEKS AGO. AND SINCE THEN I FIND IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO GET  
AWAY FROM WASHINGTON.

BUT I DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE THIS YEARS' LOVELY QUEEN,  
AND TO SALUTE FLOYD SCHUT AND CLIFFORD VANDEN HOUT, AND ALL THOSE  
WHO'VE DONE SO MUCH TO MAKE THIS RODEO A SUCCESS. AND TO SAY HELLO  
TO THE MANY, MANY FRIENDS I'VE ENJOYED MEETING THESE PAST YEARS AT  
THE RODEO.

INCIDENTALLY, I HEAR SOME RUMORS THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE  
LAST MICHIGAN CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO.

I HOPE THOSE RUMORS AREN'T TRUE. I HOPE THAT THE RODEO  
AT SPARTA WILL KEEP GOING FOR MANY YEARS. AND THAT ONE OF THOSE  
YEARS, FLOYD, CLIFFORD, AND THE REST OF YOU WILL INVITE ME BACK  
AGAIN TO CROWN THE QUEEN, AND TO MEET AND TALK WITH SO MANY OF MY  
VERY GOOD FRIENDS.

MY BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOU, AND MAY YOU HAVE A MOST  
ENJOYABLE DAY.

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