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THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID

SHRINERS CONVENTION DROP-BY  
WICHITA, KANSAS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1974

I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING THROUGH WICHITA  
WITH MY GOOD FRIEND, SENATOR BOB DOLE, WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT THERE  
WAS A SHRINER'S CONVENTION IN TOWN.

NATURALLY, I IMMEDIATELY DROPPED EVERYTHING TO  
COME TO WHERE THE ACTION IS. IN 26 YEARS OF PUBLIC LIFE  
I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND THAT SHRINERS CONVENTIONS ARE MUCH MORE  
FUN THAN POLITICAL CONVENTIONS AND FUNDRAISERS.

GOOD SHRINERS ARE GOOD CITIZENS, AND THE VOLUNTEER  
AND CHARITY WORK OF YOUR GROUP IS WELL-KNOWN. IT IS IN THE  
FINEST AMERICAN TRADITION AND I WISH IT, AND YOU, ALL THE BEST.

IN MANY WAYS, THE TIMES WE LIVE IN ARE DIFFICULT  
ONES. BUT AS LONG AS WE AS A PEOPLE, KEEP OUR ABILITY TO  
LAUGH, AND OUR ABILITY TO GET TOGETHER TO LEND A HAND, WE ARE  
GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT. AND BECAUSE SHRINERS STAND FOR BOTH  
THE LAUGHTER AND THE HELPING HAND, I AM GLAD I HAD THIS CHANCE  
TO STOP BY AND PAY MY RESPECTS TO YOU.

HAVE A GOOD TIME, AND A GREAT CONVENTION.

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