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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *df*

REMARKS FOR THE  
KENNEDY CENTER PREVIEW OF  
CAPITOL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY FILM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1975

John Warner

BETTY AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY.

Capital Historical  
Society.

PERSONALLY, I COULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT OF A BETTER WAY TO END THE  
WEEK AND BEGIN A NEW ONE THAN BY SEEING THIS DELIGHTFUL FILM.

AND IN PARTICULAR, I LIKE THAT UPBEAT TITLE -- "CITY OUT OF  
WILDERNESS." IT REALLY GAVE ME A LIFT. AFTER A WEEK SPENT  
IN MEETINGS CONCERNED WITH RECESSION, WITH INFLATION, WITH  
UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WITH THE OIL PROBLEM -- ALL I CAN TELL YOU  
IS THIS: WE MAY BE OUT OF THE WILDERNESS - BUT WE'RE STILL  
NOT OUT OF THE WOODS!

AND THAT'S WHY A FILM LIKE THIS IS SO IMPORTANT,

IT VIVIDLY RECALLS THE REALITY OF PAST PROBLEMS AND REMINDS

US THAT SOLUTIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FOUND FOR THEM AND

WILL BE FOUND IN THE FUTURE.

I PARTICULARLY ENJOYED THE SCENES OF THE CAPITOL  
BUILDING. EVEN THOUGH I SPENT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE  
HOUSE, I MUST CONFESS I AM STILL SOMEWHAT AWED BY THE SIGHT  
OF THE CAPITOL. SO MANY IMPORTANT EVENTS HAVE TAKEN  
PLACE IN THERE + SO MANY INSPIRING WORDS HAVE BEEN SPOKEN +  
SO MUCH HISTORY HAS BEEN WRITTEN.

AND I HOPE CONGRESS WILL WRITE MORE HISTORY THIS  
YEAR BY APPROVING MY TAX CUT AND ENERGY PROGRAM.

SEEING THIS FILM REMINDED ME ALSO OF THE SHEER  
BEAUTY OF THE CITY. LITERALLY, OUT OF THE WILDERNESS A  
CITY HAS GROWN THAT REFLECTS AMERICA'S PROMISES AS WELL  
AS ITS PROBLEMS. I HOPE ALL AMERICANS WILL HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THIS FILM AND TO VISIT THIS CITY.

I KNOW THE BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION IS PLEASED  
WITH THIS FILM, WHICH OBVIOUSLY WILL DO MUCH TO TELL THE  
STORY OF WASHINGTON TO THE MILLIONS OF VISITORS WHO WILL  
200  
COME HERE TO CELEBRATE OUR TWO HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE MY GOOD FRIEND AND FORMER COLLEAGUE IN THE HOUSE, FRED SCHWENGEL, FOR THE WORK HE AND HIS ASSOCIATES PUT IN ON THIS FILM.

FRED AND THE DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARE ALWAYS WORKING ON PROJECTS TO AID THE CAPITOL. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE SOCIETY USES THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES OF CAPITOL GUIDEBOOKS TO PAY FOR PROJECTS TO BEAUTIFY AND ENHANCE THE BUILDING.

SINCE BETTY IS WORKING ON THE SOCIETY'S NEXT PROJECT  
OF A SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW AT THE CAPITOL, YOU KNOW I'LL BE  
AWARE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF FRED AND THIS PRODUCTIVE GROUP.

AGAIN, LET ME CONGRATULATE THOSE WHO WORKED ON THIS  
FILM DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF THIS FEDERAL CITY, WHERE MANY  
CHALLENGES REMAIN TO BE MET AND NEW DREAMS WILL YET BE FULFILLED.

THANK YOU.

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