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TALKING POINTS: PRIVATE DINNER FOR
LABOR SECRETARY JOHN DUNLOP
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1975
1. THOSE OF YOU AT THIS DINNER KNOW HOW WELL QUALIFIED JOHN DUNLOP IS TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE IMPRESSED AS I AM THAT HIS FORMER BOSS AND THREE FORMER DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES HOSTED THIS SPECIAL DINNER IN HIS HONOR.
I'M DELIGHTED TO JOIN IN SALUTING JOHN AND TO KNOW THAT

THE DISTINGUISHED HOSTS HERE TONIGHT AGREE WITH ME THAT HE

IS THE **RIGHT MAN FOR A TOUGH JOB.**
2. I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT BOK (BOCK) FOR ALLOWING THIS ADMINISTRATION TO BORROW STILL ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WASHINGTON MUST LOOK ON HARVARD AS ITS FARM CLUB -- BUT I'M SURE THAT CAMBRIDGE IS EQUALLY CONVINCED IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND. AT ANY RATE, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT HARVARD ON ITS LEND-LEASE PROGRAM.
3. All of us in this room know how important to
the country is the department that John now heads. And
we know he has one of the toughest jobs in town on his hands:

Jobs for Americans, for one thing. But we also know that
he will tackle that responsibility as he has every other thrust
upon him -- and he will succeed.

IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, JOHN AND MANY IN THIS ROOM WILL BE WORKING TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE MOST COMPLEX ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THIS NATION EVER FACED.
I AM CONFIDENT OF THE SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS.

5. WHEN JOHN WAS SWORN IN YESTERDAY, HE DESCRIBED AMERICANS AS A "CAN-DO" PEOPLE. I AGREE.

IT IS THIS FAITH IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE THAT MAKES ME SO SURE SOLUTIONS WILL BE FOUND.
JOHN ALSO SAID HE HOPED LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES WOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED WHILE WE ACT TO SOLVE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS. THIS IS THE TASK THAT FACES ALL OF US IN THIS NATION IN 1975 TO ACT WISELY IN THE PRESENT AND PLAN WELL FOR THE FUTURE. WE HAVE THE WILL AND THE TALENT TO DO BOTH.

THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT.  

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