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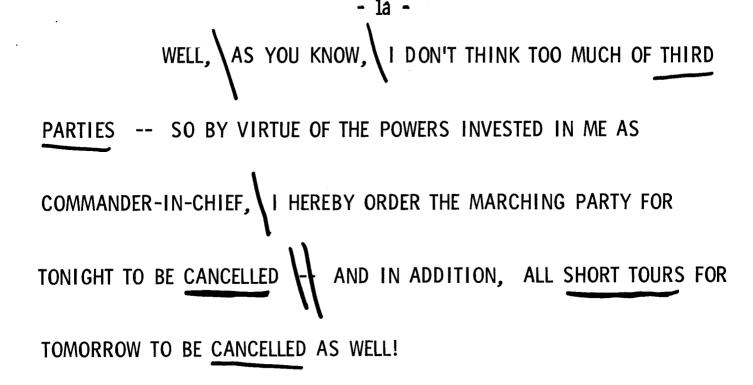
IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TONIGHT --

FOR MANY REASONS. FOR INSTANCE, IN WASHINGTON WE HAVE

THE HEADQUARTERS OF OUR TWO GREAT POLITICAL PARTIES.

BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT HERE AT THE U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER,

YOU'VE ORGANIZED A THIRD PARTY THE MARCHING PARTY.



LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME AND FOR

SHARING THIS TOTALLY ENJOYABLE SUPPER WITH ME. I REALLY

APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE, WHEN I WAS IN THE NAVY, WE HAD

RATHER PLAIN, SIMPLE FOOD.

I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT HAS CHANGED. THAT ALMOST EVERY

NIGHT HERE YOU HAVE SOME RARE AND SUMPTUOUS DISH.

GOURMET DELICACIES WITH STRANGE EXOTIC NAMES LIKE --

"THE MYSTERY MEAT" . . . OR "SEAGULL AND JELLO"!

WELL, I THINK THE FOOD TONIGHT WAS JUST GREAT AND

I THANK ALL THE COOKS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR SKILLS TO

MAKING IT GREAT -- AND PARTICULARLY FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER

GUY JOHNSON AND THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICER CYNTHIA SWEIGART

FOR BAKING THIS FABULOUS CAKE.

AND IN ANOTHER AREA, LET ME ALSO CONGRATULATE

C28 THE MEMBERS OF COMPANY ZERO-TWO-EIGHT ON THEIR WINNING

THE BRIGADE EFFICIENCY AWARD. I AM TOLD THIS IS ONLY

THE SECOND TIME THE AWARD HAS BEEN GIVEN THIS YEAR AND IT

WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO SIT WITH AND TALK TO THE MEMBERS

OF THIS OUTSTANDING COMPANY.

I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY --

TO SEE FIRST HAND THE DEMONSTRATED QUALITY OF THE TRAINING AND

INSTRUCTION YOU ARE RECEIVING. IN A FAST CHANGING WORLD,

YOU ARE KEEPING PACE WITH THE DEMANDS OF CHANGE.

THE ROLE OF OUR PEACETIME NAVY TODAY IS MORE

COMPLEX AND MORE CHALLENGING THAN EVER IN THE PAST.

YOU MUST ALWAYS BE READY FOR WAR, BUT YOU ALSO HAVE A

WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT PEACETIME DUTIES TO PERFORM --

DUTIES THAT REQUIRE SKILL, DISCIPLINE, TRAINING AND EVEN

DIPLOMACY.

THE NAVY WILL GIVE YOU THE BEST POSSIBLE TRAINING.

I HOPE EACH OF YOU WILL TAKE GOOD ADVANTAGE OF IT.

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THE NAVY CANNOT GIVE YOU.

IT IS SOMETHING INSIDE -- SOMETHING YOU MUST FEEL AND

EXPRESS ON YOUR OWN.

AND THAT IS THE TIMELESS SENSE OF DUTY, TEAMWORK AND PERSONAL

RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT IN TODAY'S

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NUCLEAR AGE AS IT WAS TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, IN THE DAYS

OF JOHN PAUL JONES.

I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOUR JOB IS. I BELIEVE

MOST AMERICANS DO. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM

HERE TONIGHT -- TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE,

AND WHAT YOU WILL DO, IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY.



WHETHER YOU SERVE AT SEA ON A CARRIER OR ON SHORE

BEHIND A DESK, EACH OF YOU IS A PART OF A GREAT SERVICE

TRADITION. EACH OF YOU IS ALSO A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN

OF OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE. IN THE NEW VOLUNTEER NAVY,

YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO GO AS HIGH AS YOUR ABILITY AND YOUR

ENERGY WILL TAKE YOU.

SO, IN CONGRATULATING YOU FOR COMING THIS FAR,

I ALSO WANT TO URGE EACH OF YOU TO GO FURTHER -- TO TAKE

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FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THE NEW NAVY OFFERS.

IN DOING SO, YOU WILL BE HELPING YOURSELF AS WELL

AS SERVING YOUR COUNTRY.

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AND AS AN OLD NAVY MAN MYSELF,

YOU HAVE MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES ALL THE WAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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