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U.S. NAVAL TRAINING CENTER DINNER

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1975

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.

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK TOO MUCH OF THIRD

PARTIES -- SO BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS INVESTED IN ME AS

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, I HEREBY ORDER THE MARCHING PARTY FOR

TONIGHT TO BE CANCELLED AND IN ADDITION, ALL SHORT TOURS FOR

TOMORROW TO BE CANCELLED AS WELL!

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

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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

DIPLMACY.

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
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

FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THE NEW NAVY OFFERS.

IN DOING SO, YOU WILL BE HELPING YOURSELF AS WELL
AS SERVING YOUR COUNTRY. AND AS AN OLD NAVY MAN MYSELF,
YOU HAVE MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES ALL THE WAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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