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TALKING POINTS
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MAY 9, 1975

I. I WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON
27th Annual Conference.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DAY. I AM GLAD YOU ARE HERE.
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I PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE SPECIAL STUDENTS FROM ABROAD WHO
ARE STUDYING IN OUR UNIVERSITIES AND THOSE WHO HELP MAKE
YOUR STUDIES HERE POSSIBLE.

2. THERE IS SO MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT AMERICA AND OUR WAY OF LIFE AND WE CAN

LEARN ABOUT YOUR COUNTRIES AND YOUR CULTURES. THERE IS

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS PERSON-TO-PERSON RELATIONSHIP.

THAT IS WHY YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR COUNTRY IS SO IMPORTANT.

3. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN THE WORLD GROW MORE
INTERDEPENDENT BECAUSE OF SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS. BUT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER HAS NOT
ALWAYS MOVED AS RAPIDLY. THIS IS CHANGING, HOWEVER,
BECAUSE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE RECOGNIZING THE COMMON GOALS AND
HOPES AND EVEN DREAMS THAT UNITE ALL PEOPLES.

4. THE WORLD HAS MANY DIFFERENT RACES, CREEDS AND

POLITICAL SYSTEMS -- BUT THESE DIFFERENCES NEED NOT DIVIDE US.

THE KNOWLEDGE YOU BRING US OF YOUR UNIQUE BACKGROUND ENRICHES

AMERICA AND PROMOTES BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

WHEN YOU RETURN HOME, I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE

LEARNED ABOUT AMERICA WITH YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS.

5. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED TO MAKE THESE
VALUABLE EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE POSSIBLE -- ESPECIALLY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE FOREIGN STUDENT SERVICE COUNCIL WHICH SPONSORS ACTIVITIES
TO ASSIST OUR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS DURING THEIR STAY IN OUR
COUNTRY.

END OF POINTS