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TALKING POINTS

RECIPIENTS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS OF 1975

May 21, 1975

THANK YOU , MR. POWELL ,

TOM KLEPPE

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I. I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME HERE TODAY THE AWARDS
RECIPIENTS, THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OFFICIALS OF THE
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

*Moore /
Horn / Fisher /
McKay / James*

2. SMALL BUSINESS IS A VITAL PART OF OUR FREE
ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, ENCOMPASSING APPROXIMATELY ⁹NINE
MILLION BUSINESSES ACCOUNTING FOR ⁴⁹FORTY-EIGHT PERCENT OF
GNP THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND ⁵⁵FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE
LABOR FORCE.

3. IT TAKES COURAGE TO START A BUSINESS TODAY AND
SKILL AND DEDICATION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. IT REQUIRES
THE ENTERPRISING QUALITIES THAT TAMED THE FRONTIER, BUILT
OUR CITIES AND MADE OUR ECONOMY THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD.

4. I CONGRATULATE THE RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL
ADVOCACY AWARD, BRUCE TORELL (TOR-EL); THE PRIME CONTRACTOR
OF THE YEAR AWARD, HENRY KURAS (KERR-AS), AND THE
SUBCONTRACTORS OF THE YEAR, HARVEY STUMP AND R.V. JACK,
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

5. I AM ESPECIALLY DELIGHTED TO CONGRATULATE
MR. AND MRS. JOHN STONE AND MR. AND MRS. STEVEN MITCHELL
ON THEIR SELECTION AS SMALL BUSINESSMEN OF THE YEAR.

YOUR BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE MATCHED BY YOUR
COMPASSION, EXEMPLIFIED BY YOUR EXTENSIVE EMPLOYMENT OF
THE HANDICAPPED. ~~I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT
OF ONE OF YOUR STUFFED TOYS WHICH WILL BE SENT TO A NEEDY
CHILD.~~

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