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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR
STANLEY HATHAWAY, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1975

THANK YOU, KENT (FRIZZELL INTRODUCES YOU)

GOVERNOR AND MRS. HATHAWAY
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR STAFF
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

SWEARING-IN OF STAN HATHAWAY AS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.
GOVERNOR HATHAWAY JOINS AN OUTSTANDING TEAM OF POLICY ADVISORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO MAKE UP THE CABINET. I AM PROUD OF EACH ONE OF THEM -- AND AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY THAT SECRETARY HATHAWAY IS NOW PART OF THIS TEAM.

HE COMES TO THIS OFFICE AFTER SERVING FOR EIGHT VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS AS THE GOVERNOR OF WYOMING. HE IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AND MOST HIGHLY-RESPECTED MEN IN THE HISTORY OF THAT FINE STATE.
STAN HATHAWAY'S SERVICE AS GOVERNOR WAS DISTINGUISHED BY HIS OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS AND BY HIS STRONG DESIRE TO SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF HIS PEOPLE.

HE WILL BRING THOSE SKILLS AND THAT SAME STRONG DESIRE FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO HIS NEW JOB. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT NOT ONLY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUT THE WHOLE NATION WILL BENEFIT FROM HIS LEADERSHIP.
GOVERNOR HATHAWAY HAS ASSURED ME THAT AS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, HIS HIGHEST COMMITMENT IS TO A BALANCED PROGRAM OF THE PRESERVATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE, THE WISE MANAGEMENT OF OUR GREAT NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR NATIONAL ENERGY GOALS.

AND I HAVE ASSURED HIM THAT I WOULDN'T WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY.

I HAVE TRAVELLED OVER THIS COUNTRY COUNTLESS TIMES IN MY PUBLIC LIFE, AND I NEVER CEASE TO BE AMAZED AND AWED BY THE STRIKING NATURAL BEAUTY AND THE MAJESTY OF OUR LAND.
I never want to lose that feeling. I want to preserve our natural heritage and our abundant resources for future generations. And so does Stan Hathaway.

This is a challenging assignment which Secretary Hathaway has agreed to undertake. But I know he's up to it.

I wish you, Secretary Hathaway, and all of your associates the very best as you discharge the very important responsibilities of this department.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS, AND MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT.

NOW I TAKE PLEASURE IN CALLING UPON MR. JUSTICE REHNQUIST TO ADMINISTER THE OATH.