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THANK YOU SECRETARY WEINBERGER

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MRS. COOPER

DIRECTOR - DESIGNATE FREDRICKSON AND
MRS FREDRICKSON

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

SWEARING - IN REMARKS

DONALD FREDERICKSON, DIRECTOR N-I-H

AND

TED COOPER, ASST. SECRETARY OF H-E-W

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 1975

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I AM HERE THIS MORNING FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

very good
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FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANT, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR

TWO OUTSTANDING MEN WHO ARE TAKING OFFICE TODAY -- ONE AS ASSISTANT

SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND THE OTHER AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL

INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

SECOND, I WANT TO THANK CAP WEINBERGER FOR THE

OUTSTANDING JOB HE HAS DONE AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION

AND WELFARE.

Cap will be missed by me, by all of you and by ALL Americans.

H-E-W IS A HUGE AND COMPLEX DEPARTMENT. BUT AS

responsible

A RESULT OF CAP'S LEADERSHIP AND ~~HARD NOSED~~ DECISIONS, IT IS

IN BETTER SHAPE NOW THAN IT HAS BEEN IN ITS ENTIRE 22-YEAR HISTORY.

H-E-W IS OPERATING AT PEAK EFFICIENCY TODAY AND ITS PROGRAMS ARE

MORE EFFECTIVELY REACHING THOSE WHO ARE TRULY IN NEED. THERE IS

ALWAYS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, BUT A GREAT JOB IS BEING

DONE.

FINALLY, I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES

OF HEALTH. THE FACT THAT THE TWO MEN WE ARE HONORING TODAY ARE

BOTH PRODUCTS OF THIS INSTITUTION IS TESTIMONY TO ITS GREATNESS AS

A TRAINING GROUND FOR LEADERS IN HEALTH AND MEDICINE.

OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE WATCHED THE N-I-H GROW INTO THE

WORLD'S FOREMOST MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION. I HAVE FOLLOWED

YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS -- THE BREAKTHROUGHS YOU HAVE ACHIEVED HERE AND

IN LABORATORIES WHICH YOU SUPPORT AROUND THE WORLD -- AS A

CONGRESSMAN, AS VICE PRESIDENT AND, NOW, AS PRESIDENT.

THROUGH YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, N-I-H HAS BECOME

A SYMBOL OF HOPE, NOT JUST FOR THE PATIENTS WHO ARE HERE IN THIS
BUILDING, BUT FOR ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

YET DESPITE OUR PRESENT SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY AND

THE BEST EFFORTS OF OUR PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS, MILLIONS OF

PERSONS STILL DIE OR ARE CRIPPLED EACH YEAR FROM DISEASES SUCH

AS CANCER, HEART DISEASE, KIDNEY DISEASE, ARTHRITIS, AND OTHERS.

people around the World

WE LOOK TO YOU HERE AT N-I-H -- TO YOU, DOCTOR

FREDRICKSON -- TO DEVELOP THE NEW KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY TO BRING
THESE DISEASES UNDER CONTROL, AND TO MAKE THAT KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE
TO OUR PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS IN THE FORM OF NEW METHODS OF
PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.

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BUT RESEARCH AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW KNOWLEDGE
IS ONLY PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE,
THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, WHICH DOCTOR COOPER HEADS
AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, WE CAN HELP THE PRIVATE SECTOR
DEVELOP ITS CAPACITY NECESSARY TO MAKE QUALITY HEALTH CARE,
AT A REASONABLE PRICE, A REALITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.

FOR THE PAST YEAR, THE H-E-W AND ITS PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD UNIFYING OUR FEDERAL HEALTH

EFFORT, SO THAT WE MAY MORE EFFECTIVELY ATTACK THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS

BESETTING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM -- PROBLEMS SUCH AS HIGH COSTS WITH

FEW BUILT-IN CONTROLS AND SHORTAGES OF THE RIGHT KIND OF PHYSICIANS

AND OTHER HEALTH WORKERS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.

UNDER DOCTOR COOPER'S LEADERSHIP, WE EXPECT TO INTENSIFY

OUR EFFORTS TO PROPERLY FOCUS THE RESOURCES OF THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ON THESE PROBLEMS. AND WE

WILL WORK WITH, AND NOT AGAINST, THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THIS EFFORT.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ONCE REMARKED THAT "HEALTH IS THE
FIRST REQUISITE AFTER MORALITY." THE OVERALL SURVIVAL OF OUR
NATION DEPENDS IN LARGE MEASURE ON THE HEALTH OF ITS PEOPLE.

WE CAN ONLY BE A STRONG, PROSPEROUS, PRODUCTIVE
PEOPLE TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE ALSO A HEALTHY PEOPLE.

HEALTH IS RELATED TO MANY THINGS -- GOOD JOBS,
ADEQUATE HOUSING, GOOD EDUCATION. BUT NO SOCIETY CAN
ACHIEVE GOOD HEALTH WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
THAT RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE
THEY LIVE OR THEIR ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL STATION IN LIFE.

THE LEADERSHIP WE ARE SWEARING IN TODAY CAN
STRENGTHEN THE SOUND FOUNDATION OF OUR NATION'S HEALTH.
IT CAN WORK WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP DEVELOP NEW
CURES AND DELIVER THE BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT TO ALL
AMERICANS.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, IT IS THAT GOAL I AM HERE TO
REAFFIRM TODAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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IT ALSO DEPENDS UPON AN ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT CAN RESPOND

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OR SOCIAL STATION IN LIFE.

THE LEADERSHIP WE ARE SWEARING-IN TODAY CAN STRENGTHEN

THIS STRONG FOUNDATION OF OUR NATION'S HEALTH.

THANK YOU.

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