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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

TALKING POINTS:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S WASHINGTON INTERNS

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1975

1. I'VE REALLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS GET-TOGETHER
THIS MORNING. IN A WORLD THAT IS SO OFTEN FILLED WITH CONFLICT,
CONTROVERSY AND CONFUSION -- IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO MEET WITH
50 OR 60 TOTAL STRANGERS WHO FEEL PRECISELY THE SAME WAY I DO
ABOUT OHIO STATE . . .

WELL, I HOPE WE WON'T BE STRANGERS VERY MUCH LONGER.

2. WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THIS BEAUTIFUL
ROSE GARDEN. I KNOW THAT THE COMPETITION FOR INTERN POSITIONS
IN THIS PROGRAM IS VERY KEEN -- AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE
PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH BROUGHT YOU HERE TODAY.

THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOUR GOVERNMENT AT CLOSE RANGE AND

PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK WILL BE AN INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

I HOPE IT WILL ENCOURAGE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE TO BECOME

INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT AFTER YOU GRADUATE.

3. I AM MOST IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT THIS INTERN

PROGRAM WAS INITIATED AND IS RUN BY THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES.

RACHEL DEMING AND HER COLLEAGUES HAVE DONE A FINE JOB IN

COORDINATING THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM. HAVING SERVED IN THE

CONGRESS, I HAVE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXCELLENT WORK OF

MANY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SUMMER INTERNS ON CAPITOL HILL.

4. A GREAT BRITISH STATESMAN, EDMUND BURKE, ONCE SAID,

"THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS FOR GOOD MEN

TO DO NOTHING." I HOPE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH GOVERNMENT WILL

ENCOURAGE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT

AFTER YOU GRADUATE. DON'T LISTEN TO THE DOOMSAYERS WHO WARN

YOU ABOUT BECOMING INVOLVED.

5. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, I HAVE FOUND PUBLIC SERVICE

A CAREER FULL OF CHALLENGE AND FASCINATION AND REWARDS. WE NEED

THE VERY BEST PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT IF AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY IS TO

BE AS GREAT AS THE TWO THAT PRECEDED IT -- AND EACH OF YOU

REPRESENTS THE BEST OF YOUR GENERATION. I WISH YOU A WONDERFUL

SUMMER -- FILLED WITH FUN AND KNOWLEDGE AND FULFILLMENT.

END OF TEXT

I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING THIS LOVELY WASHINGTON

WEATHER. YOU REALLY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLE

BEHIND WASHINGTON WEATHER. WASHINGTON WEATHER IS A DEVICE,

THOUGHT UP BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO CONVINCING PEOPLE

THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, THAT THEY NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD!

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