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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

TALKING POINTS: FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

JULY 22, 1975

1. AS ONE PRESIDENT TO ANOTHER -- AND  
ANOTHER -- AND ANOTHER -- AND ANOTHER -- LET ME WELCOME  
YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. AND

WELCOME TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL FOR THE EIGHTH ANNUAL

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA CONFERENCE.

YOUR NATIONAL AND STATE STAFFS ARE TO BE COMMENDED  
FOR BRINGING SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP TO WASHINGTON  
FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT HOW OUR  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATES.

AND, A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
FROM WALES, SCOTLAND, ITALY, AND COLUMBIA.

3. IT IS VERY REWARDING TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE  
SO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS E. F. A.

I HOPE YOU NEVER LOSE THE ZEAL FOR INVOLVEMENT. YOU,  
THE YOUNG LEADERS OF TODAY, ARE OUR BRIGHT HOPE FOR  
THIS NATION'S TOMORROW. STAY INVOLVED, I URGE YOU.

4. AS EACH OF YOU ARE AWARE, AGRICULTURE  
PLAYS AN IMPORTANT AND VITAL ROLE FOR ALL OF US -- BOTH  
AT HOME AND ABROAD. FOR ONE THING, OUR ANNUAL EXPORTS  
ARE NOT ONLY ESSENTIAL TO A CONSTANTLY GROWING WORLD WITH  
EVER-EXPANDING NEEDS,



BUT SALES ABROAD HELP US AS A NATION TO OFFSET OUR EVER-  
INCREASING FOREIGN ENERGY COSTS. WE MUST LEARN HOW TO  
PRODUCE MORE FROM OUR LAND AND MUST TEACH OTHERS AROUND  
THE WORLD HOW TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR LAND.

E. F. A. HAS DONE MUCH WITH INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH  
ALREADY REACH INTO 25 COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

I HOPE YOU WILL SEE TO IT THAT THIS PROGRAM KEEPS GROWING  
AND EXPANDING.

5. THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS YOU GAIN THROUGH

E. E. A. PARTICIPATION -- AND AS REPRESENTATIVES OF NEARLY  
HALF A MILLION OTHER E. E. A. MEMBERS -- WILL SERVE YOU WELL  
IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

AS AMERICA MOVES INTO ITS THIRD CENTURY, I AM CERTAIN  
YOUR GROWTH AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL  
BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATION'S GROWTH. AND I  
ENCOURAGE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

WITH THE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES YOU HAVE SHOWN ALREADY,  
IT IS NOT UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT ONE DAY ONE OF YOU  
MIGHT WELL BE STANDING HERE ADDRESSING A GROUP SUCH AS  
THIS.

6. AGAIN, LET ME SAY HOW DELIGHTED I AM  
TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS.  
NOT ONLY YOUR FUTURE, BUT AMERICA'S FUTURE IS IN YOUR  
HANDS. WHATEVER YOU BELIEVE IN AND STRIVE FOR CAN  
BE YOURS.

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