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**THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...**

**TALKING POINTS:**

**BOYS' NATION DELEGATES GREETINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1975**

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I. BEFORE I BEGIN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU HAVE  
REALLY MADE MY DAY TODAY. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW RARE IT IS  
FOR ME TO BE TALKING TO ONE HUNDRED SENATORS -- AND ALL OF  
THEM SMILING..... I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS ONCE IN A  
LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.

2. WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND TO THE ROSE GARDEN.

I CONGRATULATE THE ONE HUNDRED OF YOU WHO MADE IT TO THIS 30TH  
ANNUAL BOYS' NATION. YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FROM AMONG  
30,000 APPLICANTS -- AND THAT IS A REAL HONOR.

3. AS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE LEGION'S SPONSORSHIP OF THIS  
FINE PROGRAM. I HOPE THAT YOUR WEEK IN WASHINGTON WILL  
GIVE YOU AN APPRECIATION OF HOW OUR GOVERNMENT WORKS --  
OR FAILS TO WORK AT TIMES.

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THE SUCCESS OF AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVE

DEMOCRACY LIES IN AN INFORMED AND ACTIVE CITIZENRY. SO

YOUR DEBATES IN THE BOYS' NATION "SENATE" WILL MAKE YOU BETTER

INFORMED ON THE ISSUES FACING THE UNITED STATES TODAY.

4. AT SOME POINT IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS, THE TOPIC OF ENERGY WILL MOST LIKELY BE DISCUSSED. YOU, LIKE OTHERS OF US HERE IN WASHINGTON, WILL SEEK ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEM OF OUR INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN ENERGY RESOURCES. WE IMPORT 38 TO 40 PERCENT OF THE OIL THIS COUNTRY NEEDS.

THE DANGER OF THIS INCREASING DEPENDENCE WAS POINTED UP BY  
THE LINES AT GASOLINE STATIONS DURING THE 1973 OIL EMBARGO.

WE MUST NOT EVER AGAIN PERMIT OUR ECONOMY TO BE HELD  
HOSTAGE BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.



5. MY ADMINISTRATION IS DIRECTING ITS EFFORTS

TOWARD ATTAINING ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY. BUT IT'S UP TO

THE CONGRESS TO ACT -- FOR AMERICA IS TODAY AT THE

CROSSROADS.

WE EITHER CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND FACE GASOLINE  
LINES EVERY FEW YEARS -- OR WORSE. OR WE CAN MEET IT  
WITH FAR-SIGHTED SOLUTIONS.

YOUR GENERATION WILL BE EITHER THE BENEFICIARY OR THE  
DISADVANTAGED, DEPENDING ON THE PATH WE CHOOSE.

IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT, NEITHER YOUR GENERATION  
NOR THE NEXT WILL SUFFER FROM THIS NATION'S FAILURE TO MEET  
ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AT THIS TIME.

6. AS YOU CONCLUDE BOYS' NATION LATER THIS WEEK,  
LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT: THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION  
YOU CAN MAKE IS TO INJECT FRESH IDEAS AND NEW THINKING AND  
DIFFERENT APPROACHES INTO SOLUTIONS OF THE PROBLEMS  
CONFRONTING THE NATION.

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WE NEED YOUR INPUT -- WE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, IN THE CONGRESS,  
AND IN THE COURTS. WHEN YOU RETURN HOME, I URGE YOU TO  
STAY INVOLVED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES OF  
GOVERNMENT -- IN YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR COMMUNITY,  
YOUR COUNTRY.

YOUR TRAINING IN THE BOYS' STATE AND NATION SERVES AS A  
VALUABLE FIRST STEP. DON'T HESITATE TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP --  
AND THE NEXT ONE -- FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP TO INSURE  
THAT AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY WILL BE HER BEST CENTURY.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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