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TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMER INTERNS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1975

(ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS)

1. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE
WHITE HOUSE TODAY. I HOPE THE TEMPERATURE OUT HERE
ON THE SOUTH LAWN ISN'T TOO UNCOMFORTABLE.

THE REASON I MENTION THE WEATHER IS -- I WAS JUST ASKED

WHERE THE NEW SWIMMING POOL IS . . . IT'S OVER THERE.

I WAS ALSO ASKED IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SAUNA BATH TO GO

WITH IT. THE ANSWER IS: YES. YOU'RE STANDING IN IT.

2. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE MANY
PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE
TODAY. I KNOW THAT COMPETITION FOR CONGRESSIONAL
INTERNSHIPS IS VERY KEEN.

YOU CAN BE PROUD TO HAVE EARNED THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
TO SEE YOUR GOVERNMENT AT CLOSE RANGE AND TO PARTICIPATE
IN ITS WORK.

3. SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL THAT, WHEN
I FIRST ADDRESSED THE CONGRESS AS PRESIDENT LAST AUGUST,
I SAID THAT PART OF MY HEART WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN ON
CAPITOL HILL -- AND IT DOES. I JUST WISH SO MUCH OF
MY LEGISLATION DIDN'T HAVE TO STAY THERE WITH IT.

4. YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE

BRANCH IS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREATER LEARNING

EXPERIENCE THAT BEGAN IN AMERICA TWO CENTURIES AGO.

AS YOU ARE FINDING OUT FOR YOURSELVES, THE POLITICAL
PROCESS IN OUR DEMOCRACY IS REALLY AN EDUCATIONAL
PROCESS AS WELL -- FOR IN OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT
NO ONE CAN EVER CLAIM TO HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS.

AS AMERICA APPROACHES ITS BICENTENNIAL, I BELIEVE WE CAN BE
PROUD THAT, IN SPITE OF SOME MISTAKES, THE COLLECTIVE WISDOM
OF ALL HAS USUALLY PREVAILED.

OUR UNIQUE EXPERIMENT IN SELF-GOVERNMENT HAS ENDURED

SO LONG BECAUSE WE HAVE RETAINED THE SPIRIT OF

COMPROMISE AND COOPERATION. IN FACT, THE WORD

"CONGRESS" ITSELF MEANS "TO COME TOGETHER."

LATELY, HOWEVER, THE CONGRESS DOES SEEM TO BE COMING APART MORE THAN TOGETHER.

6. WHEN YOU RETURN HOME, I HOPE IT WILL BE WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE AND DIRECTION:

TO PLEDGE YOURSELVES TO HELP BUILD GREATER NATIONAL
UNITY AND TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH YOUR PRACTICAL
EXPERIENCE NEW THOUGHT AND NEW INSIGHTS TO OUR
NATIONAL WISDOM.

7. I WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT MANY OF
YOU WILL GO ON TO CONTINUE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE
AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT. DON'T LISTEN TO THE
DOOMSAYERS WHO WARN YOU TO "STAY AWAY" FROM POLITICS
OR FROM PUBLIC SERVICE.

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 AM PROUD OF YOU ALL. I WISH YOU A WONDERFUL
SUMMER -- FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE AND
FULFILLMENT.

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