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THANK YOU, CAP MR. CHIEF JUSTICE
SECRETARY DESIGNATE MATHEWS
MRS. MATHEWS
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS INCLUDING FORMER HEW
SECRETARIES WILBUR COHEN, JOHN GARDNER,
AND ARTHUR FLEMMING
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

THANK YOU, CAP WEINBERGER, FOR THAT VERY KIND AND
THOUGHTFUL INTRODUCTION.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

NOW THAT YOU'RE LEAVING, I'D LIKE TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT
TO TELL YOU AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE HERE WHAT I REALLY THINK OF YOU.
I WAS HOPING THE DAY WOULD NEVER COME WHEN I HAD TO TELL YOU THIS,
BUT SINCE YOU INSISTED ON LEAVING, YOU ASKED FOR IT:
CAP, YOU'RE TERRIFIC!

IN EACH OF THE IMPORTANT POSITIONS YOU HAVE HELD IN

GOVERNMENT -- FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

TO DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,

TO SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE --

YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE COMMITMENT, THE TALENT, THE TIRELESS

HARD WORK AND THE DEEP SENSE OF PATRIOTISM THAT REPRESENT

THE HIGHEST ORDER OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

WITH YOUR RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC LIFE, WE ARE LOSING
A LEADER OF UNCOMMON ABILITY. YOU HAVE EARNED THE RESPECT
AND ADMIRATION OF YOUR COLLEAGUES AND YOUR COUNTRY.
WE IN GOVERNMENT WILL MISS YOU, CAP, AND THIS CITY WILL SURELY
MISS YOUR LOVELY WIFE, JANE.

BETTY AND I, ALL THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY,
AND SO MANY MORE THROUGHOUT THE NATION JOIN IN WISHING YOU BOTH
A VERY HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE IN YOUR
BEAUTIFUL HOME STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

I HAVE COME HERE TODAY TO SWEAR IN DAVID MATHEWS

AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

IN SUNDAY'S WASHINGTON POST, I READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT

DAVID MATHEWS AND IN THIS ONE PIECE ALONE HE WAS DESCRIBED AS

INNOVATIVE, CAPTIVATING, EXCEPTIONAL, PERSUASIVE, GIFTED,

BRILLIANT -- AND -- A MAN OF PRESIDENTIAL STATURE

NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE STILL COME HERE TODAY TO SWEAR IN
DAVID MATHEWS AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
WELFARE.

IN THE PAST, MANY CABINET MEMBERS HAVE COME TO
THE WHITE HOUSE FOR CEREMONIES SIMILAR TO THIS.

BUT I FEEL VERY STRONGLY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR A
PRESIDENT TO SEE AS MUCH AS HE CAN OF THE PEOPLE HE SERVES --
AND OF THE WORKERS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO SERVE THE
PEOPLE. THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM HERE TODAY.
ACTUALLY, IT'S MY SECOND VISIT AS PRESIDENT.

I WAS HERE NEARLY A YEAR AGO -- LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER I
WAS SWORN IN -- TO SIGN THE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1974 IN
KEEPING WITH MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY FAVORING APPROPRIATE
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATION.

AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE,
DAVID MATHEWS WILL BE FILLING AN IMPORTANT JOB -- AND A BIG
PAIR OF SHOES. HIS SWEARING-IN WILL ADD ANOTHER
FIRST-CLASS OFFICER TO A CABINET OF FIRST-CLASS MEN AND WOMEN.

HE MOVES INTO A BIG JOB -- ONE OF THE MOST

IMPORTANT IN GOVERNMENT. H.E.W. WILL SPEND AN ESTIMATED

^{dollars}
2 \$150 BILLION IN THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THROUGH THE TRANSITIONAL

QUARTER. IT HAS A STAFF OF MORE THAN 128,000 MEN AND WOMEN.

THE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF THIS VITAL DEPARTMENT AFFECT THE

LIVES OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THE UNITED STATES.

H.E.W. HAS A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THE EDUCATION AMERICANS

RECEIVE, ON THEIR HEALTH CARE, AND ON THE ENTIRE RANGE OF

SOCIAL SERVICES.

I CONSIDER DAVID MATHEWS THE RIGHT PERSON FOR
THIS VERY IMPORTANT JOB.

HE IS YOUNG, BUT HE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED THINKER
AND LEADER -- A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS BOTH CONCEPTS AND
ACTION, IDEAS AND IMPLEMENTATION.

SINCE 1969, HE HAS SERVED AS AN OUTSTANDING PRESIDENT OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, ONE OF OUR NATION'S GREAT STATE
UNIVERSITIES. AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HE HAS BEEN AN
EFFECTIVE WRITER AND A LEADER IN A WIDE RANGE OF CIVIC
ACTIVITIES.

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DR. MATHEWS BRINGS TO HIS NEW MISSION THE STRENGTH OF YOUTH, A SENSE OF PURPOSE, THE SKILLS OF A SCHOLAR, AND THE TESTED RECORD OF A SUCCESSFUL LEADER AND ADMINISTRATOR. THAT IS AN IMPRESSIVE INVENTORY BY ANY STANDARD.

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I'M CONFIDENT HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH DR. MATHEWS, AS I HAVE WITH MY GOOD FRIEND, CAP WEINBERGER, TO WHOM WE ALL WISH THE VERY BEST.

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I'M SURE YOU ALL JOIN WITH ME IN WISHING
DAVID MATHEWS THE VERY BEST AS HE ASSUMES HIS HEAVY NEW
RESPONSIBILITIES AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
WELFARE.

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