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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS

WHITE HOUSE INTERNS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1975

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I. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU TODAY. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES. I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS MEETING FOR SOME TIME AND HOPE WE MAY BOTH BENEFIT FROM AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS.

IN THE PAST YEAR, I HAVE SPOKEN TO MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR
AGE BRACKET THAN ANY OTHER AGE CATEGORY -- AND HAVE
ENJOYED IT THOROUGHLY AND LEARNED FROM IT.

2. SOMETIMES AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, I OFFER
ADVICE TO YOUR GENERATION. BUT I'VE FOUND THAT WITH MY OWN
CHILDREN, IT ISN'T ALWAYS HEEDED. TAKE MY SON, JACK, WHO I
UNDERSTAND HAS PLAYED SOFTBALL WITH SOME OF YOU AND ATTENDED
SOME OF YOUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER, I MENTIONED THAT IF I WERE IN HIS SHOES, I CERTAINLY WOULD TAKE OUT SOME OF THE PRETTY INTERNS I HAD SEEN AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE. GIRLS, I'M SORRY, BUT I UNDERSTAND HE DIDN'T DO IT. THAT'S ONE TRAIT JACK DIDN'T GET FROM HIS FATHER!

3. YOU HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE MEMBERS OF A UNIQUE GROUP. PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, YOU HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN A VITAL BRANCH OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND INTELLECT WHICH GOT YOU HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE HAVE BEEN PUT TO GOOD USE IN YOUR WORK THIS SUMMER. WE HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND WILL MISS YOU WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL THIS FALL.

4. IT'S QUITE A COINCIDENCE THAT WE ARE MEETING ON AUGUST EIGHTH. ONE YEAR AGO TODAY, I MET AS VICE PRESIDENT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE INTERNS. IT WAS ONE OF MY LAST OFFICIAL ACTS BEFORE BECOMING PRESIDENT.

I VIVIDLY RECALL WHAT I SAID THAT DAY -- THAT WE WERE IN A
CRUCIAL PERIOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND THAT WE MUST BE
STRONG IN THE DAYS AHEAD. MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST
YEAR. WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO RESTORE A FALTERING ECONOMY,
AND WE HAVE SEEN INDICATIONS OF STRONG IMPROVEMENT IN OUR
OVERALL ECONOMIC SITUATION.

5. IN ADDITION, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IS BEING
REVIVED IN AN EFFORT TO CONTROL EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING; A
PROGRAM HAS BEEN INITIATED TO MEET OUR ENERGY NEEDS BY REDUCING
DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL; INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE SEEING
CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

6. THERE IS STILL MUCH MORE TO DO. BUT WE WILL MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE US AS WE ALWAYS HAVE. NOW, LET'S GET TO SOME OF THOSE TOUGH QUESTIONS WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN SAVING UP FOR THIS OCCASION.

7. (AFTER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) THANK YOU.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO REMIND YOU TO KEEP UP YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION WHERE POSSIBLE. SOMETIMES IT'S HARD WORK -- AS YOU'VE DISCOVERED THIS SUMMER -- BUT IT'S ALWAYS WORTHWHILE.

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YOU WILL BE AMERICA'S LEADERS IN THE FUTURE. I AM CONFIDENT
THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND
PROSPER AS IT HAS FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS.

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