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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

TALKING POINTS: MEETING WITH JAYCEES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1975

- 1 -

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. ALTHOUGH IT'S THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY I HAVE HAD AS PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH YOUR GROUP, I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF MY ASSOCIATION WITH JAYCEES.

- 2 -

BEING A RECIPIENT OF YOUR NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
IN 1949, I AM WELL AWARE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS JAYCEES HAVE MADE  
TO A BETTER AMERICA.

- 3 -

IF I MAY SHOW A LITTLE STATE PRIDE HERE, LET ME  
PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE YOUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT, DICK ROBINSON  
-- A FINE SON OF MICHIGAN WE ALL ARE PROUD OF. I KNOW  
DICK WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT PRESIDENT -- OF THE JAYCEES.

- 4 -

THROUGHOUT MY PUBLIC LIFE, I HAVE URGED CITIZENS TO  
TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.  
THE JAYCEES 55 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO HUMANITY SERVE  
AS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE ALL AMERICANS COULD FOLLOW.

- 5 -

IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AS WE APPROACH OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF INDEPENDENCE, THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND  
LEADERSHIP ON THE WAY CITIZENS CAN BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THEIR  
GOVERNMENT. THIS IS A MOST WORTHWHILE UNDERTAKING AND  
I CONGRATULATE YOU.

THROUGH JAYCEE PROGRAMS, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF  
YOUNG MEN HAVE AIDED THEIR FELLOWMEN IN NEED -- AND HAVE BECOME  
BETTER PERSONS FOR IT. YOU HAVE CERTAINLY LIVED UP TO YOUR  
MOTTO: "SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS THE BEST WORK OF LIFE."

YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MANY AREAS OF HUMAN NEED PROVIDE AMPLE  
PROOF THAT YOUR MOTTO IS MUCH MORE THAN RHETORIC. YOU ARE AN  
AGGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION. THE CONTRIBUTION OF JAYCEES IN MORE  
THAN 7,000 COMMUNITIES HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED OR UNAPPRECIATED.

- 8 -

THE 325,000 YOUNG MEN YOU REPRESENT ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COUNTRY AND MANKIND.

- 9 -

I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE A MOST ENJOYABLE STAY IN  
WASHINGTON. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET  
WITH YOU TODAY. ENJOY YOUR TOUR OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

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