ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN:  

- Mr. Rhyne
- Our Distinguished Guests from around the world

TALKING POINTS:

- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

SEVENTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON LAW

OCTOBER 16, 1975
1. It is a pleasure and honor to address this distinguished gathering of world jurists. Never before in the history of mankind has the importance of law in our society received such overwhelming support.
I COMMEND YOUR DEDICATION. YOUR PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE SEVENTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON LAW NOT ONLY REPRESENTS THE LARGEST MEETING EVER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROFESSION — BUT DEMONSTRATES A SIGNIFICANT COOPERATION SO NECESSARY TO WORLD SURVIVAL.
2. While the languages we speak and the political and religious philosophies we hold may differ, I am confident that we share a common conviction that adherence to law is fundamental to a stable world society and to world peace. The world cannot afford to be without just laws, nor can nations exist without adequate enforcement of them.
3. I AM ENCOURAGED BY YOUR PRESENCE IN

WASHINGTON FOR THE WORLD LAW CONFERENCE. LAWS DO NOT

EXIST IN A VACUUM. THEY MUST BE PART OF THE DAILY

EXISTENCE OF COMMUNITIES. YOUR EFFORTS AS JUDGES,

SCHOLARS, AND LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ARE VITAL.
4. LAWS ARE PROPOSED, DISCUSSED, LEGISLATED AND ADJUDICATED BY MEN AND WOMEN. HUMANITY IS NOT PERFECT. BUT OUR POTENTIAL FOR ACHIEVING A Viable AND JUST SYSTEM OF LAWS DETERMINES THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE.
5. THIS WORLD LAW CONFERENCE RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO ELIMINATE THE DISCRIMINATORY LEGAL BARRIERS CONFRONTING WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
YOUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN EQUALITY UNDER LAW -- AND
OTHER ISSUES, RANGING FROM THE ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL
COMPANIES TO THE LAW OF THE SEA -- DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU
ARE ADDRESSING MAJOR ISSUES OF TODAY'S WORLD.
6. I commend your serious work. I hope that your enormous contribution to the international lawmaking process will be significantly advanced by your endeavors in Washington.
I CONGRATULATE THIS INTERNATIONAL BODY Whose VISION AND IMAGINATION HAS NOT ONLY MADE THIS CONFERENCE POSSIBLE BUT HAS DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY OF PEOPLES OF ALL NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY FOR THE COMMON GOOD. I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW.

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