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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS

SCOUT INDUCTION CEREMONY

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER II, 1975

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IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO GREET YOU THIS EVENING.

LET ME EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR INDUCTION

AS CUB AND BOY SCOUTS. YOU HAVE JOINED AN ORGANIZATION

WHICH HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF ALL AMERICANS.

WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE, I GOT INVOLVED IN SCOUTING AND HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF FUN AND OF LEARNING WHICH I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE. IN FACT, TO ME, REACHING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF MY YOUTH.

I MIGHT MENTION THAT SOME OF THE KEY MEMBERS OF MY STAFF ARE FORMER SCOUTS, INCLUDING DON RUMSFELD, BOB HARTMANN AND JACK MARSH WHO WERE ALL EAGLE SCOUTS.

THE TRAINING WHICH SCOUTING PROVIDES WILL BE
INVALUABLE TO YOU IN LATER LIFE, AS IT HAS BEEN TO ME.
IF EACH OF YOU WILL FOLLOW THE COMMITMENT MADE TONIGHT --
TO DO YOUR DUTY TO GOD, COUNTRY, AND FELLOW MAN -- YOU WILL
GET MORE OUT OF SCOUTING THAN YOU PUT INTO IT.

REMEMBER THAT THE SCOUTS MAKE SCOUTING WHAT IT IS -- A LOT
OF FUN AND A LOT OF LEARNING.

I COMMEND YOUR WHOLEHEARTED PARTICIPATION IN THE
ACTIVITIES OF SCOUTING AND PROMISE IT WILL BE AN EXPERIENCE
YOU WILL LOOK BACK ON WARMLY THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.

YOUR PARENTS CAN BE PROUD OF YOUR CIVIC SPIRIT.

WITH YOUNG MEN LIKE YOURSELVES PRACTICING THE VALUABLE IDEALS

OF SCOUTING, AMERICA HAS MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO FROM ITS

LEADERS IN THE THIRD CENTURY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE.

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