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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...  
TALKING POINTS FOR TELEPHONE CALL

"BILL USERY DAY"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1976

4/21/76  
Called

MR. PRESIDENT

SECRETARY USERY WILL BE ON THE PHONE WHEN YOU ARE NOTIFIED AT 8:00 P.M. THAT THE CALL IS READY. THE CALL WILL BE AMPLIFIED.

YOU MAY WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING:

SENATOR KIDD (Master of Ceremonies)

MAYOR RICE

GENERAL SALET (Pronounced: SAL-LAY)  
(President of Georgia Military College)

DR. BAUGH (Pronounced: BAW -- rhymes with PAW)  
(Chairman, Board of Directors of Georgia  
Military College)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

\*\* SPECIAL NOTE: CARL VINSON IS ILL AND UNABLE TO ATTEND THE DINNER.

TERRY

I REGRET THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO BE WITH THE FINE PEOPLE OF MILLEDGEVILLE PERSONALLY AS YOU HONOR A TRULY OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF YOUR COMMUNITY, BILL USERY.

I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE HAD A FULL DAY OF EVENTS FOR BILL, AND I'M SURE HE'S ENJOYING IT THOROUGHLY.

LIKE ALL OF YOU, I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN HAVING BILL ON MY TEAM.

AS AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR,  
AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE,  
AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LABOR-MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND AS SECRETARY OF LABOR, YOUR NATIVE SON HAS SHOWN A TOTAL COMMITMENT TO SERVING OUR NATION.

HE HAS EARNED THE REPUTATION OF BEING ONE  
OF AMERICA'S FINEST MEDIATORS -- AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM  
MY OWN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT HE FULLY DESERVES  
THAT HIGH PRAISE.

BILL'S MANY TALENTS -- AND ESPECIALLY HIS ABILITY  
AS A PEACEMAKER -- HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY VALUABLE  
TO THE NATION AS WE HAVE FOUGHT OUR WAY OUT OF A SEVERE  
RECESSION.

BECAUSE OF HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED PEOPLE LIKE  
BILL, WE ARE WINNING THAT FIGHT. WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY  
TOWARD BUILDING A SOLID ECONOMY -- ONE THAT WILL PROVIDE  
ALL CITIZENS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE.

BEFORE I SAY GOOD-BYE, LET ME ALSO REPORT TO YOU  
THAT WASHINGTON HASN'T SPOILED BILL USERY.

HE IS STILL A COURTLY GENTLEMAN WITH A MILD  
SOUTHERN MANNER -- AND HE STILL EATS GRITS AT BREAKFAST.

CONGRATULATIONS, BILL, AND I WISH YOU ALL  
A WONDERFUL EVENING.

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