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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....\*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

THANK YOU, KEN.

(McDonald - presents "Outstanding Citizen  
of Michigan Award" to you.

TONY GASTON

(President, Michigan Association of  
Broadcasters)

MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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I AM PARTICULARLY TOUCHED AND HONORED TO RECEIVE  
THIS FINE AWARD FROM A GROUP OF OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF  
MY HOME STATE, MICHIGAN. BEING SELECTED AS THE FIRST  
RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF MICHIGAN AWARD  
MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME AND I THANK ALL OF YOU.

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THIS EVENING, AS ALWAYS, IT'S A PLEASURE  
TO MEET AND TALK WITH THE MICHIGAN BROADCASTERS.  
MY FRIENDSHIPS WITH MANY OF YOU GO BACK NEARLY 20 YEARS  
WHEN BETTY AND I FIRST BEGAN ATTENDING THESE ANNUAL AFFAIRS.

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BETTY CAN'T BE WITH ME TONIGHT; BUT,  
SHE ASKED ME TO SAY HELLO TO ALL OF HER FRIENDS HERE.

WITH OUR STATE'S PRIMARY COMING UP IN A WEEK,  
I KNOW THAT I DON'T HAVE TO REMIND ANYONE HERE OF THE VITAL ROLE  
THAT RADIO AND TELEVISION PLAYS IN HELPING THE VOTERS  
UNDERSTAND THE REAL ISSUES AND THE HIGH STAKES INVOLVED  
IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR.

IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD  
FROM KEN MacDONALD. OUT PATHS HAVE CROSSED MANY TIMES  
OVER THE YEARS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE SHARE  
A BROADCASTING EXPERIENCE.

IN 1946 AND 1947, I WAS PART OF THE BROADCAST  
TEAM FOR MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAMES ON W.K.Z.O., TONY GASTON'S  
STATION, AND W.J.E.F. OF GRAND RAPIDS. KEN DID THE COLOR  
FOR W.P.A.G. IN ANN ARBOR IN '47 AND '48. LITTLE DID WE  
IMAGINE IN THOSE DAYS THAT WE BOTH WOULD SERVE AS PRESIDENTS  
IN 1975.