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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS FOR DANCE HONORING PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1976

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I AM SORRY TO HAVE ARRIVED A LITTLE LATE THIS EVENING●

SINCE THIS IS A NON-PARTISAN GROUP -- I CAN'T DISCUSS

WHERE I WAS, OR WHAT I WAS DOING -- LET ME JUST SAY

I WAS ON THE WAY TO KANSAS CITY●

BETTY AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU ALL HERE

THIS EVENING. THIS DANCE IS OUR WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU
FOR THE MANY HOURS OF HARD WORK YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING IN,
AND FOR THE TREMENDOUS JOB YOU HAVE BEEN DOING.

YOU IN THIS ROOM REPRESENT SOME OF THE FINEST TALENT

THIS NATION HAS TO OFFER. EACH ONE OF YOU WAS CAREFULLY
SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF YOUR INTEGRITY AND ABILITY.

YOUR BACKGROUNDS AND CREDENTIALS WERE CAREFULLY MATCHED
TO THE JOBS I CALLED UPON YOU TO FILL.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR., ONCE REMARKED THAT
THE BEST SERVICE WE CAN DO FOR OUR COUNTRY, AND FOR OURSELVES,
IS 'TO SEE SO FAR AS ONE MAY, AND TO FEEL THE GREAT FORCES
THAT ARE BEHIND EVERY DETAIL . . . TO HAMMER OUT AS COMPACT
AND SOLID A PIECE OF WORK AS ONE CAN, TO TRY TO MAKE IT FIRST
RATE, AND TO LEAVE IT UNADVERTISED."

TOGETHER, WE HAVE INDEED STRIVED TO HAMMER OUT
A COMPACT AND SOLID PIECE OF WORK. BUT YOUR EFFORTS
DO NOT GO UNNOTICED. THEY ARE KNOWN TO ME, AND THEY
WILL AFFECT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS.

I TAKE PRIDE AND COMFORT IN HAVING SUCH A TALENTED
AND DIVERSE GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN ASSISTING THIS
ADMINISTRATION IN OUR MANY IMPORTANT TASKS. YOU DESERVE
AND HAVE, NOT ONLY MY THANKS, BUT THE THANKS OF ALL
AMERICANS.

BETTY AND I ARE DELIGHTED YOU COULD ALL COME
TONIGHT -- AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING WITH YOU IN
DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF THE MARINE DANCE COMBO, SOME GOOD
REFRESHMENTS AND SOME GOOD CONVERSATION.

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