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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT

SWEARING-IN OF

DR. EDWARD AGUIRRE

AS

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION,

OCTOBER 18, 1976

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE DR. EDWARD AGUIRRE (uh-GEAR-ee)

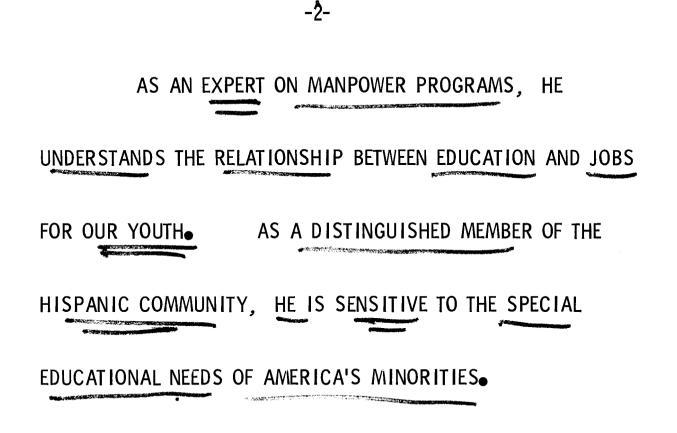
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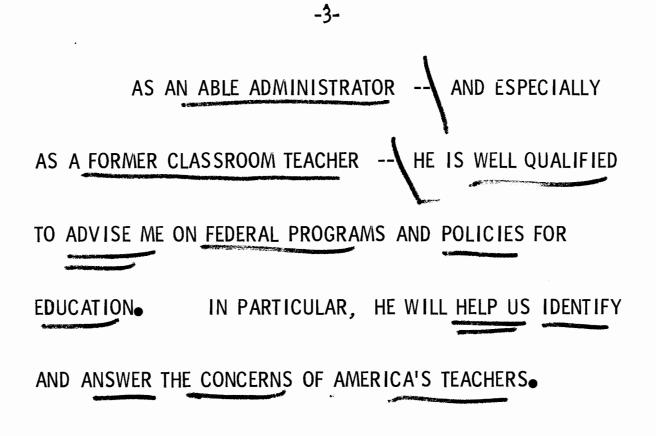
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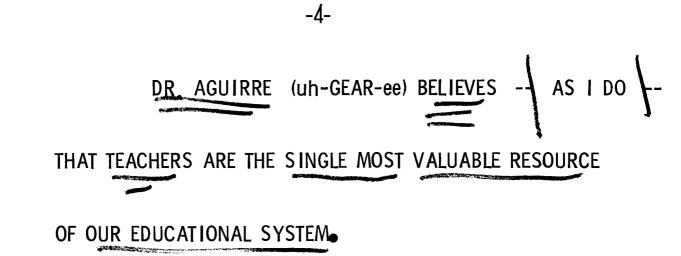
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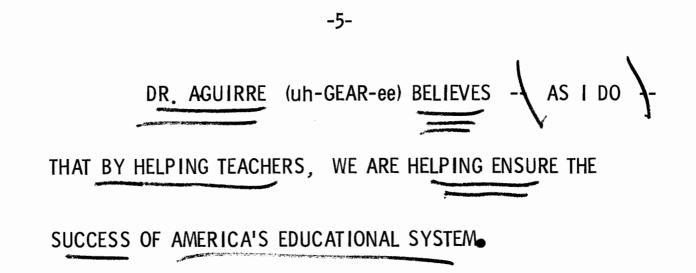
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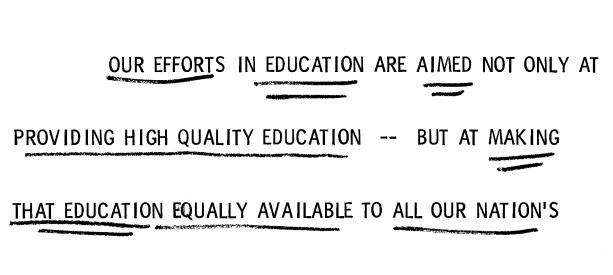
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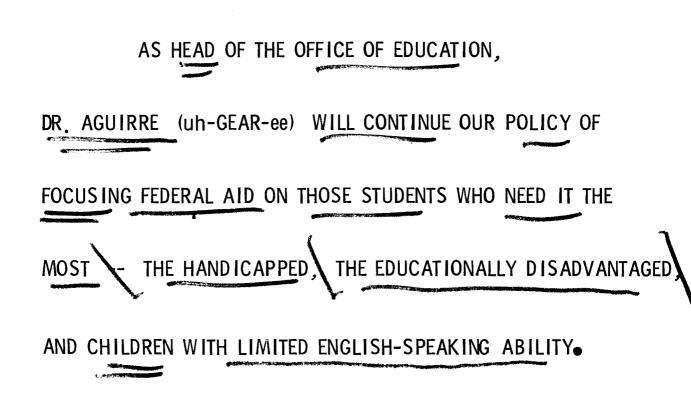




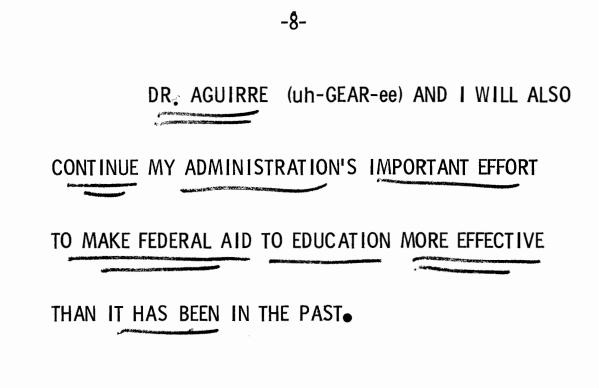


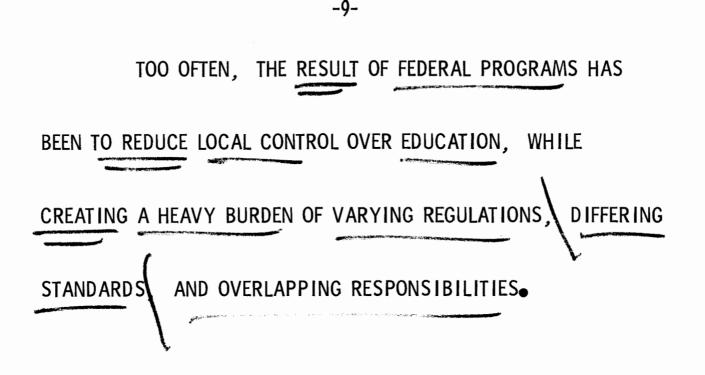
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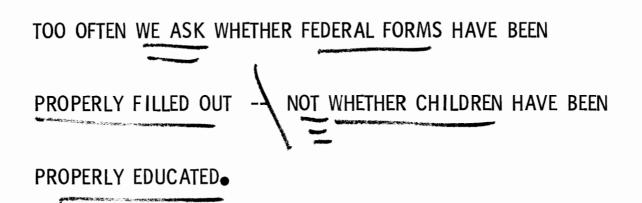
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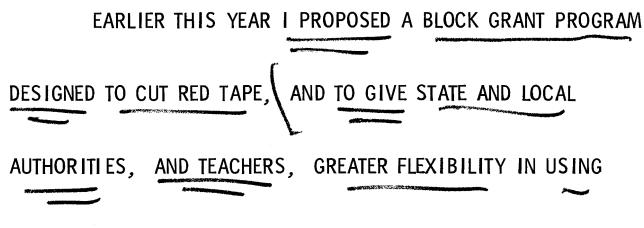
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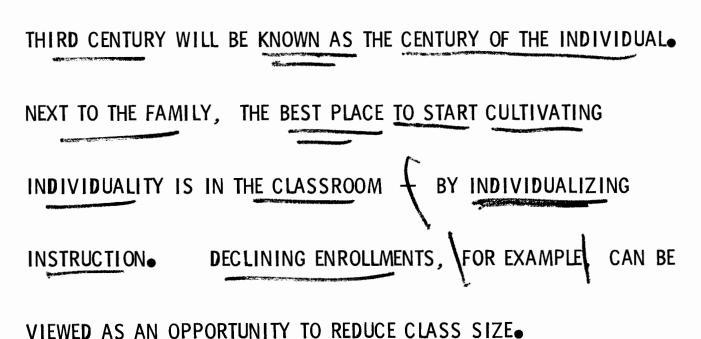


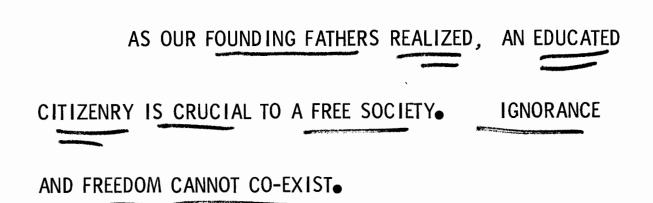
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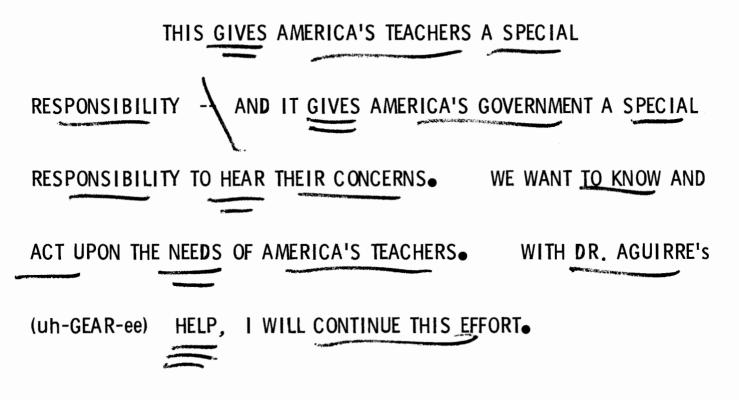
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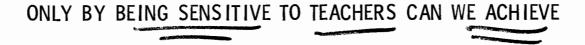




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THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE THAT IS CRUCIAL TO OUR

NATION'S FUTURE.

C. C.L.S.

NOW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE POTTER STEWART WILL

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ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE.

END OF TEXT

OUR GREAT NATION IS WEAKENED BY TOLERATING SUCH CONDITIONS, WE MUST THEREFORE BUILD AN ALLIANCE TO WAGE WAR AGAINST THE IGNORANCE THAT DENIES OUR PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTFUL OPPORTUNITIES AT WORK, AT PLAY AND IN MEETING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO SELF, TO FAMILY, AND TO COUNTRY. WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A WILLING PARTNER, SUCH AN ALLIANCE WILL BE BASED ON THE PEOPLE-ON THE TEACHERS, THE STUDENTS, THE PARENTS, AND THE OTHER CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY WHOSE TAX DOLLARS ARE THE MAIN SUPPORT OF THE STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN EDUCATION. AND IT WILL INCLUDE THE TRADITIONAL ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH DEPENDS ON THE PEOPLE FOR THAT SUPPORT: STATE AND LOCAL SCHOOL AGENCIES, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, PRIVATE AND CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOLS, AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

I JOIN WITH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, IN YOUR EFFORT TO CUT RED TAPE AND TO GIVE STATE AND LOCAL PEOPLE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF FEDERAL AID.

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THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICE OF EDUCATION CAN BE USED TO CONVENE <u>ALL</u> THOSE WHO MIGHT HELP MAKE <u>EVERY</u> SCHOOL A <u>QUALITY</u> SCHOOL -- ACCESSIBLE TO EVERY YOUNG AMERICAN, NO <u>MATTER</u> HIS OR HER LANGUAGE, HUMAN CONDITION, OR SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL, AND NO <u>MATTER</u> HIS OR HER LEVEL OF ASPIRATION.

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IN SUCH AN ALLIANCE, I VIEW <u>SERVICE</u> AS A PRIORITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND I VIEW <u>MY</u> ROLE AS THAT OF ONE ENTRUSTED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP <u>PROVIDE</u> SUCH SERVICE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS, INTERESTED CITIZENS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PUBLIC SERVANTS AT <u>ALL</u> LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

THOMAS JEFFERSON WAGED A WAR OF ETERNAL HOSTILITY AGAINST ANY FORM OF TYRANNY OVER THE MIND OF MAN. I CONSIDER EDUCATIONAL DEPRIVATION THE <u>CRUELEST</u> FORM OF TYRANNY. AND I CALL FOR ALL OF US TO UNITE IN A PRACTICAL, ACHIEVABLE EFFORT TO <u>OVERCOME</u> SUCH TYRANNY.