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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
GREETING THE ONE MILLIONTH VISITOR
TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1974

THE PRESIDENT: Patty is the one millionth visitor to the White House in 1974, and she has her younger sister Kelly Albers, and her older sister Teri Albers here, and they are from the Baltimore area, as I understand it. They decided to come to the White House -- well, you tell them how you happened to come.

TERI ALBERS: My parents happened to be out of town, and they wanted to do something today, and this is what both of them chose to do. They wanted to come to the White House.

Q How did you like it?

PATTY ALBERS: We liked it. (Laughter)

Q Did you think you would meet the President?

PATTY ALBERS: No.

THE PRESIDENT: They are going to get a special tour after we get through here, and will get a little extra dividend as a result of being the one millionth. So, we had them in the Oval Office and, after that, they will have a little extra dividend because Patty was number one millionth.

Q Was this a surprise to you, Patty?

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: What are you going to tell them in school when these pictures come out and you get an extra dividend by going through the White House and all of this?

PATTY ALBERS: I don't know.

THE PRESIDENT: How about you, Kelly?

KELLY ALBERS: I don't know.

Q Why did you want to see the White House?

PATTY ALBERS: We wanted to see where the President lived, didn't you?

TERI ALBERS: This is what they voted on. They could see anything in Washington they wanted to, and this is what they wanted to see.

THE PRESIDENT: Aren't you lucky to have a nice older sister who would bring you over here?

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Do you have any brothers?

PATTY ALBERS: No. (Laughter)

THE PRESIDENT: Boy, don't sound so unhappy about that.

PATTY ALBERS: I have another sister.

THE PRESIDENT: Another sister. How old is she?

PATTY ALBERS: Six.

THE PRESIDENT: I see.

Q Patty, where are your father and mother today?

PATTY ALBERS: Ocean City.

Q Do you think they will be surprised to see you on television tonight?

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

Q You will have to call them up and tell them to watch.

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Maybe we ought to try and call them and forewarn them.

Where do you go to school?

PATTY ALBERS: Ward Elementary. (Laughter)

THE PRESIDENT: What number were you, Kelly, 999, or were you one million?

KELLY ALBERS: One million.

THE PRESIDENT: For once you were bigger than Patty.

Do you have anything more to say?

PATTY ALBERS: No.

Q Do you have a favorite room in the White House that you like?

PATTY ALBERS: I like the East Room the best.

THE PRESIDENT: How did you like the Oval Office?

PATTY ALBERS: That was nice. (Laughter)

Q How do you like the Oval Office? (Laughter)

THE PRESIDENT: Do you want to run the country from there sometime?

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

Q Do you want to be President?

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: That is good.

Q What is the extra dividend they are going to get?

THE PRESIDENT: The fact they were in the Oval Office, and I think we will try to give them a little more opportunity to see the White House itself. And we will probably call their mother and father.

Do you know where they are staying?

TERI ALBERS: Yes, but there is no phone there.

THE PRESIDENT: There is no phone there, all right.

Q You can tell them about it when they come home, okay?

PATTY ALBERS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: What grade are you in, Kelly?

KELLY ALBERS: Second.

THE PRESIDENT: How about you, Patty?

PATTY ALBERS: Fifth.

THE PRESIDENT: And the older sister is in nursing school?

TERI ALBERS: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Do you have any more questions?

Q No, we are just taking pictures.

THE PRESIDENT: Good. It is nice to see you all.

Q Do you feel like answering any questions?

THE PRESIDENT: We will see you later.

Q Today?

THE PRESIDENT: No, not today. (Laughter)

Q Are you concentrating on foreign affairs today, mostly?

THE PRESIDENT: I spent a little over two hours with the National Security Council, and I have a meeting with Ambassador Resor in about ten minutes to talk about some of his responsibilities. Then I am going to catch up on the things that have accumulated.

I will see you all later.

THE PRESS: Thank you.

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