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EXCHANGE OF REMARKS
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT
AND
WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
AT A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
IN THE CABINET ROOM

MR. CLEMENTS: Mr. President, we have a combined Federal campaign here, and this year our goal is \$904 million. The total goal for this entire region is approximately \$20 million, so our Federal portion of this is approximately half, and this is extremely important to this area and to the agencies which are supported by the combined Federal campaign, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, some of the hospitals, the orphanages, this sort of thing.

So, this is a most worthwhile and important endeavor for us.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me congratulate you, Mr. Secretary, on undertaking this responsibility to help and to guide the Federal Government's effort to raise almost \$10 million, approximately half of the total combined community fund effort.

I think you have two great helpers here in the Speaker and in Senator Brooke and having participated myself over a period of time in our United Fund out in Michigan, I know what a program of this kind can do for a community. It helps those who are least able to help themselves, and the success of it is predicated on the generosity of people who can afford it, and I congratulate the Federal employees in all three branches for undertaking this goal, which I hope and trust will be successful.

I used to be a Boy Scout. I was active in the counseling area, and I still think it is a great organization. Therefore, I am delighted to see it will share, along with a good many other agencies and be the beneficiaries of the good will and generosity of the many, many Federal employees in this area.

MR. CLEMENTS: Mr. President, of all the support that we could have, your enthusiastic endorsement behind the program is the single most important thing, we are grateful to you.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I am going to work with the Speaker and Senator Brooke to make sure that we help as much as we can.

MR. CLEMENTS: Thank you, very much.

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