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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
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Well, both the Ambassador and I are a little winded from walking upstairs. (Laughter) The elevator -- we had a little trouble with it, didn't we, John? (Laughter) But it is good for me.-- I don't know about him -- because I ate too much over there of a very delightful lunch.

Let me say, Mr. Ambassador, and Mr. Secretary, and the several members of the U.N. delegation, Senator Symington, Senator Percy, Tom Kuchel, Joe Segall, Mike Carmichael, all of you:

It is wonderful to have an opportunity to be in New York and to make some remarks which I hope and trust will be helpful and beneficial as we work in our efforts to strengthen the United Nations, to make it more effective in solving the problems that we have in this hemisphere and globally.

I think great progress has been made from the inception of the United Nations, almost 30 years ago. I think we have in Ambassador Scali, the 14th Ambassador, a very outstanding representative of our Government. I am proud of him. I hope and trust that you feel as strongly as I do that he does a superb job in our behalf.

I also say in my office -- I did as a Congressman, I did as Minority Leader, I did as Vice President, and I say it now -- the people who work day after day, long hours doing the most difficult chores, are the ones that make an office or an operation go.

Those of us who are in the front office are fortunate to have such high caliber people. And I am sure here in the United Nations, as good as John Scali is, he couldn't do half as well if all of you didn't do as well as you do.

So I compliment you for the superb job you have done and thank you on behalf of the American people.

Let me just say in conclusion, we as a country have some tough problems at home and abroad. In American worldwide diplomacy, we are lucky and fortunate to have Secretary Kissinger as our Secretary of State and as the head of our National Security Council.

We have some problems at home. They are not insoluble. It takes, first, the ability to recognize what the facts are and then decide on a policy that will get the maximum support from our people. We are trying to do that in a wide variety of difficulties.

I believe the American people, once they know the facts, will rise up and be as strong in the defense of what we stand for as a country at home as they do abroad. And with that attitude, we can't help but have a great, great future as we have had a superb past.

Thank you very much.

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