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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON HIS ARRIVAL
FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

THE SOUTH LAWN

10:50 P.M. EDT

It is nice to be home. (Laughter) It is especially really good to see Betty and Steve and Jack and to see all of you.

We had a great trip--just a fraction of a second or two that disturbed things--but everything else was superb, and I am most grateful that you all came out here. I don't know why all the bother. (Laughter)

It was a very successful visit in Washington, Oregon, California and Sacramento, particularly the people were wonderful, and just a single incident I don't think we should feel was a distraction in the overall things that were done in a very affirmative way.

I want to thank the Secret Service and the other law enforcement people. I particularly was impressed with the wonderful reception we got in California and in Sacramento, especially.

I wouldn't, under any circumstances, let one individual's efforts to undercut the warmth that we felt from the people of California.

Let me say with emphasis, we are going to be among the people in all of our States because I think it is highly important that a President has that opportunity to meet people from all parts of our country and to let them have an opportunity to express to me their views, whether they agree or disagree.

This is one of the greatest assets, I think, in a country such as our own.

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