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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE AMBASSADOR'S CLUB MEMBERS

THE DALTON WOODS RESIDENCE

8:30 P.M. CDT

It is nice to see you all. (Laughter) I will practice tomorrow some more before I do it.

Dalton and Sugar and Joe Waggonner and all you wonderful people from Shreveport and the other areas round:

It has really been a wonderful day for me to come down to Barksdale and participate in the several interesting, challenging and, I hope, productive incidents, meetings that we had and this is a sort of frosting on the cake. I really enjoyed meeting all of your children this afternoon. You know we have to build for the future. (Laughter)

So, it was nice meeting them, it was a pleasure having an opportunity, and I hope to meet all of you. This is the last place that I think anybody ought to get serious, and I have been much too much of that today. I just want Dalton and Sugar and Joe and everybody else in the Shreveport area to know that it has been a great day. All of you have been very hospitable and warm in your welcome, and I just wish I could stay here four more days.

But, I have had a few schedules over West of here someplace. (Laughter) We are going over there and give it our best, but this has been an awfully nice opportunity to get to know all of you, to make some reacquaintances, along with some new acquaintances. I thank you for your hospitality, and the next time I will bring Betty down here. That is the trouble -- I am getting very self-conscious about her popularity. She takes care of the CB part of -- (Laughter) She told me after she got back from Texas there was no problem. She had all the truck driver vote. (Laughter)

So, I am going to send her down again to try and get my votes up to her polls. Thank you verymuch. It has been great being here and Dalton and Sugar, let me thank you and let me express my appreciation for being made a member of the Ambassador's Club. I have enjoyed it, being here Holiday in Dixie, and as I said sometime in the next five years, if we get invited, Betty and I will come down.

Thank you very, very much.