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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CANNON  
FROM: JIM CONNOR *JEK*  
SUBJECT: Response to Kelly Forehand

The attached newspaper was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"This young man asked me a question and I responded but I think we should write a more detailed answer."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

Attachment:

Copy of SPOTLIGHT ON AMARILLO  
Saturday, April 10, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Jim Cannon

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# To Face Injury Study Question

By RICHARD HAMM  
Globe-News Staff Writer

While President Gerald R. Ford is trying to get his message across to voters gathered in the West Texas State University Field House tonight, Kelly Forehand, 18, paralyzed during a 1974 Canyon High School football game, will be on hand attempting to get a message through to the President.

Kelly wants to walk again. He hopes his presence on the front row at the field house will make Ford aware there are thousands of other Americans just



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## eford Garment Plant Holds Open House



# Forehand Planning To Question Ford

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like him. Most of all, Kelly wants the President to know he can help.

Perhaps Kelly will be among those attending the rally, who will be privileged to direct a question to the President during a question and answer session scheduled to follow Ford's address.

If so, Kelly will want to know why the federal government allocated only \$4 million to research directly related to regeneration of the central nervous system. He will buttress the question with indications from leading neuroscientists that an actual cure for paralysis from bruised and or severed spinal cords is now considered possible through research toward clinical treatment.

Kelly and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forehand, would like to hear the President's position. Their interest, aside from Kelly's current affliction, stems from involvement with an organization called "Help Them Walk Again," recently formed by the National Paraplegia Foundation.

HTWA was formed with its sole purpose being fund raising on a national scale. Its only goal is research for a cure.

Curiously, HTWA last Saturday mailed a copy of a letter written by the Forehands to Presidential Assistant Richard Channey. A HTWA spokesman said the letter was forwarded to the White House along with a request that Ford consider increasing the amount allocated to research on paraplegia.

"It (the Forehand's letter) was so typical of those who have suffered this : of tragedy," the spokesman said.

The Forehand's association with the newly formed organization was also directly responsible for Kelly's front row seat.

Leonard Frank, an ex-FBI agent living in Portland, Ore., and himself the father of a 20-year-old paralyzed in 1974, contacted Ford's Canyon Rally Chairman Dusty Sullivan in Austin and arranged for the seating. Frank serves as figurehead of HTWA.

"Bright, motivated young scientists who are eager to take up this challenge are not doing so because the government. . . will not put up the money," Frank said when contacted at

his Portland home last night.

He said HTWA is currently aiming its efforts at "getting the President interested."

That's what Kelly hopes to accomplish tonight.

## Swedish Leader Touring Russia

MOSCOW (UPI) — Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme flew to Novosibirsk in Siberia Thursday after two days of talks in Moscow during which he signed a new five-year trade agreement with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin.

Kosygin saw off Palme at Vnukovo airport.

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# WILLOW GARDENS

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