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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *J.F.*

TALKING POINTS

GREETINGS TO

NATIONAL EXPLORER PRESIDENT'S CONGRESS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

APRIL 9, 1975

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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT WRIGHT

EXPLORERS

I. WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT IS GOOD

TO HAVE THE EXPLORERS HERE -- BECAUSE THE COUNTRY NEEDS

YOUR YOUTHFUL VISION, YOUR ENTHUSIASM, AND YOUR

IDEALISM.

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A NATION WITH THE
PROMISE OF A BETTER TOMORROW. AND YOU REPRESENT
THE HOPE OF THAT TOMORROW.

2. A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF YOUR ANNUAL CONGRESS HERE IN WASHINGTON -- WHICH HAD MUCH OF THE SAME FLAVOR AS A NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTION, AS I RECALL.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BY THE TIME YOU COMPLETE THIS CONGRESS, YOU WILL HAVE HEARD FROM PEOPLE REPRESENTING ALL SECTORS OF LIFE -- BUSINESSMEN, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, JOURNALISTS, ATHLETES, EDUCATORS, LAWYERS, LABOR REPRESENTATIVES AND MANY OTHERS.

I CANNOT THINK OF A BETTER CROSS-SECTION OF EXPERIENCE FOR YOU
TO BE EXPOSED TO IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR OWN FUTURE CAREERS.

4. AS YOU MOVE INTO THAT CAREER -- ONE THAT NOT ONLY MAKES SENSE TO YOU BUT MONEY FOR YOU -- YOU WILL FIND NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW CHALLENGES CONFRONTING YOU. WITH THE WAR OVER AND THE DRAFT ENDED, YOUR DUTY NOW IS TO ENLIST IN THE CAMPAIGNS CURRENTLY BEING WAGED AGAINST OUR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

5. ONE THING WE NEED IN GOVERNMENT IS NEW IDEAS,
NEW CONCEPTS, NEW APPROACHES. YOU HAVE IDEAS OF YOUR
OWN. THAT IS WHY YOU ARE HERE. IDEAS ARE THE ENGINES
OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. LET US HEAR THESE IDEAS.

*A govt big enough to give you everything you
want. Is a govt big enough to take
from you everything you have.*

6. AS EXPLORERS, YOU ARE ALSO LEADERS.

YOU ARE THE GREATEST RESOURCE THAT THE NATION HAS.

YOU REPRESENT THE SPIRIT AND THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN

FUTURE.

ALTHOUGH I AM SURE YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID BEFORE,

I REPEAT IT NOW: YOU CAN MAKE THIS COUNTRY

INTO WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO BE.

7. AT THIS TIME, I WANT TO PERSONALLY WELCOME
TO THE WHITE HOUSE TWO OTHER PRESIDENTS -- MARY WRIGHT --
WHO HAS DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB AS EXPLORER PRESIDENT
FOR THE PAST YEAR, AND YOUR NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE COMING
YEAR -- LARRY CARPENTER

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.