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~~THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN~~

SWEARING-IN OF WILLIAM W. SCRANTON
AS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

MARCH 15, 1976

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SCRANTON SWEARING IN CEREMONY

GOVERNOR SCRANTON

MRS. SCRANTON

MR. JUSTICE STEWART

GOVERNOR RAY

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THE CABINET AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE SWEARING IN OF BILL SCRANTON / AS THE NEW REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE UNITED NATIONS / AND
AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR CABINET•

I KNEW BILL AS A STRONG INTERNATIONALIST

WHEN WE WERE FELLOW STUDENTS AT YALE LAW SCHOOL.

I KNEW HIM AS A FELLOW CONGRESSMAN

WHO STRONGLY SUPPORTED SUCH CONCEPTS AS THE PEACE CORPS

AND FOREIGN AID.

I KNEW HIM AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND

INTERNATIONAL TROUBLE-SHOOTER FOR SECRETARIES OF STATE

JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND CHRISTIAN HERTER.

I KNEW HIM AS A GOVERNOR OF A GREAT STATE

WHO BROKE DEADLOCKS IN DISPUTES BETWEEN DIFFERING INTERESTS.

AND THEREFORE I HAVE THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE

IN HIM AS OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

BILL SCRANTON IS THE MAN WHO PERFORMED SO EFFECTIVELY

ON THE TRANSITION TEAM DURING THE TUMULTUOUS DAYS

WHEN I FIRST ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY.

HE WILL NOW BE OUR UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR

WHEN THE ENTIRE WORLD IS IN TRANSITION.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

ON CAMPUS UNREST, BILL SCRANTON SHOWED GREAT INITIATIVE

AND INDEPENDENCE OF SPIRIT. NOW HE TAKES OVER

A DIFFICULT POST AT A TIME OF WIDESPREAD UNREST IN THE WORLD.

FROM BILL SCRANTON'S RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT,

AND FROM MY MANY YEARS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH HIM,

I KNOW OF HIS DEPTH AND VISION•

HE PERSONIFIES

THE OLD AMERICAN VIRTUE, \ DATING FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON

AND PENNSYLVANIA'S BEN FRANKLIN, \ OF BALANCING CONCILIATION

WITH GREAT PERSONAL STRENGTH•

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS THE WORLD'S BEST HOPE

FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM•

UNIVERSAL ASPIRATIONS

FOR A BETTER LIFE DEPEND SUBSTANTIALLY ON OUR STRENGTH,

OUR PERSEVERANCE, AND OUR PRUDENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

AND AT THE UNITED NATIONS•

THESE QUALITIES WILL BE ABLY

DEMONSTRATED BY OUR NEW AMBASSADOR•

THE UNITED STATES RETAINS THE IDEALISM THAT MADE
US THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE CREATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
OVER THREE DECADES AGO, AS A WORLDWIDE SYSTEM TO PROMOTE
PEACE AND PROGRESS•

AMERICANS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE WORLD

CAN BE A BETTER PLACE.

REASON AND GOOD WILL CAN TRIUMPH

OVER PREJUDICE AND ARROGANCE.

THAT IS WHY WE REMAIN

COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM INTERDEPENDENCE ARE POSITIVE

AND CREATIVE.

WE REMAIN GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED

IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPEECH TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

OF THE UNITED NATIONS LAST AUTUMN. WE WILL CONTINUE

TO STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT FOR THE GOOD NAME OF THE UNITED STATES

AND AGAINST THE PURSUIT OF NARROW INTERESTS.

BILL SCRANTON WILL HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES●

HE HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE DISCHARGE

OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES●

I KNOW THAT HE WILL NOT ONLY ADVOCATE AMERICA'S VIEWS

WITH GREAT STRENGTH AND SKILL BUT THAT HE WILL LISTEN

RESPECTFULLY TO ALL OTHER DELEGATES WHO SPEAK IN GOOD FAITH.

I KNOW THAT HE WILL WORK, AS HE HAS IN SO MANY PAST

ENDEAVORS, TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

AND ITS AGENCIES.

THE CHALLENGE FACING BILL SCRANTON IS IMMENSE.

CONFLICTS ARE INEVITABLE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE WORLD HAS WITNESSED UNFORTUNATE AND

EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATION ON IRRESPONSIBLE RESOLUTIONS

AND THE MANIPULATION OF PROCEDURES.

THIS HAS HAPPENED AT A TIME WHEN THE LEGITIMATE AND
CRUCIAL ISSUES ON THE UNITED NATIONS AGENDA REQUIRE
ALL THE DEDICATION AND STATESMANSHIP THE WORLD CAN MUSTER.

OUR NEW AMBASSADOR, WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES FIRMLY BEHIND HIM, WILL DEMONSTRATE
THE GOOD WILL, DETERMINATION AND SERIOUS PURPOSE THAT HAVE
CHARACTERIZED AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

WE WILL LISTEN WITH RESPECT TO ALL GENUINE GRIEVANCES•

WE WILL DEAL WITH ALL PROBLEMS ON THEIR MERIT•

WE ASK ONLY THAT OTHERS SHOW RECIPROCITY AND COOPERATION•

THE UNITED STATES WILL DEFEND THE UNITED NATIONS

AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO USE IT FOR CYNICAL TESTS OF STRENGTH

THAT SUBVERT THE IDEALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

I AM GRATEFUL THAT OUR NATION WILL HAVE SUCH AN ABLE SPOKESMAN.

I KNOW BILL AS A GOOD FRIEND / AND HAVE CALLED HIM

"GOVERNOR" FOR MANY YEARS. TODAY, I ADDRESS HIM AS

"MR. AMBASSADOR" / AND ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN WISHING

AMBASSADOR SCRANTON EVERY SUCCESS.

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IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO CALL ON JUSTICE

STEWART TO ADMINISTER THE OATH.

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