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(ELLIOTT)

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RECEPTION FOR GOP CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

WELL, I'M DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ALL OF  
YOU HERE. AND I JUST HOPE I'M LOOKING AT  
THE NUCLEUS OF THE NEXT MAJORITY PARTY OF  
THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. AS YOU  
PROBABLY KNOW, I'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING  
SOMETHING OF AN OPTIMIST. SO, I DON'T MIND  
TELLING YOU, WITH GUY VANDER JAGT'S  
EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP, AND WITH YOUR  
DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK, I FULLY INTEND  
TO WELCOME YOU BACK HERE AGAIN -- TO  
CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS THE NIGHT OF  
NOVEMBER 6TH.

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I BELIEVE THERE IS REASON FOR OPTIMISM  
IN NOVEMBER, IF WE GO FORWARD TOGETHER, A  
UNITED PARTY, WITH A CLEAR AND COMPELLING  
VISION. AND WE CAN. TOGETHER, I BELIEVE WE  
CAN OFFER A SOLID RECORD OF PROGRESS AND A  
STRONG PROGRAM OF ACTION, GUIDED BY OUR  
SHARED VISION OF OPPORTUNITY.

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IN LESS THAN 4 YEARS, WE HAVE BEGUN TO PUT POWER BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE, BEGUN TO RESTRAIN THE POWER OF GOVERNMENT, AND IN DOING THESE THINGS, BEGUN A REVOLUTION THAT IS CHANGING THE FACE AND DIRECTION OF AMERICA.

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AMERICA IS MOVING IN A NEW AND FAR BETTER DIRECTION THAN BEFORE. WE ARE MOVING FROM WEAKNESS TO STRENGTH -- BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

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IN OUR ECONOMY, WE HAVE BEGUN A GREAT SHIFT FROM A WELFARE STATE TO AN OPPORTUNITY SOCIETY; WE'RE MOVING FROM RUNAWAY SPENDING TO SPENDING RESTRAINT; FROM HIGH INFLATION TO LOW INFLATION; FROM HIGH TAX RATES AND TOO FEW INCENTIVES, TO LOWER TAX RATES AND GREATER INCENTIVES; FROM WEAK INVESTMENT, PRODUCTIVITY, AND JOB CREATION, TO A SURGE IN INVESTMENT, PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH, 6 MILLION NEW JOBS, AND A STRONG EXPANSION BRINGING HOPE TO ALL THE WORLD.

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AND HERE'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT KEEP IN MIND WHEN YOU'RE CAMPAIGNING. IF OUR TAX CUTS HAD NOT BEEN PASSED, A TYPICAL FAMILY WOULD BE PAYING OVER \$900 MORE A YEAR IN TAXES. WITH THOSE REDUCTIONS IN THE TAX RATES, A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE TAX BURDEN HAS SHIFTED FROM THE LOWER- AND MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS TO THE WEALTHIEST TAXPAYERS. AND WITH OUR DRAMATIC PROGRESS AGAINST INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AMERICANS ARE MORE SECURE TODAY THAN 4 YEARS AGO. ISN'T THAT WHAT FAIRNESS IS ALL ABOUT?

IN OUR RELATIONS ABROAD, WE HAVE GONE FROM IGNORING OUR SECURITY NEEDS, WINKING AT AGGRESSION, AND MAKING LITTLE ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE WEAPONS OF WAR, TO A SOUND STRATEGY THAT DETERS AGGRESSION, SUPPORTS THE RISING TIDE OF FREEDOM, AND THAT WILL REDUCE THE WEAPONS OF WAR ACROSS-THE-BOARD — IF AND WHEN THE SOVIETS CHOOSE TO RETURN TO THE BARGAINING TABLE.

WE HAVE DONE MUCH, BUT, IN TRUTH, OUR  
REVOLUTION HAS ONLY BEGUN. IN THE MONTHS  
AHEAD, I HOPE WE CAN JOIN TOGETHER AND TELL  
THE PEOPLE HOW WE INTEND TO GO FORWARD; HOW,  
TOGETHER, WE WILL TAKE FREEDOM'S NEXT STEP.  
AND IF ENOUGH OF YOU GET YOURSELVES ELECTED,  
THEN WE CAN GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT  
THEY TRULY WANT: GREATER INCENTIVES FOR  
GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY, GREATER SECURITY FOR  
OUR FAMILIES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND OUR  
NATION, AND GREATER SAFEGUARDS FOR OUR  
LIBERTIES. THESE ARE THINGS THAT I KNOW  
UNITE AND INSPIRE US, AND THAT WILL GUIDE US  
IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

THANK YOU, GUY, THANK YOU ALL, AND GOD  
BLESS YOU.

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The President's Council on  
(DOLAN)

1:15 pm  
JUNE 19, 1984

20TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY; THIS IS  
A GREAT DAY FOR EACH OF YOU AND ONE I HOPE  
YOU WILL TREASURE THROUGH ALL THE YEARS  
AHEAD.

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AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE  
20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL  
SCHOLARS PROGRAM, A PROGRAM THAT HAS DONE  
MUCH TO REWARD INITIATIVE AND ENCOURAGE  
EXCELLENCE IN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS. IT IS ALSO  
THE SECOND OPPORTUNITY I HAVE HAD TO HOST A  
GATHERING LIKE THIS; AND I HAVE TO CONFESS  
I'M ALWAYS A BIT UNEASY IN THE MIDST OF ALL  
THIS SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT. I GUESS IT'S  
BECAUSE I START THINKING BACK TO MY OWN DAYS  
AS A STUDENT.

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IN FACT, SOME TIME AGO WHEN MY ALMA MATER,  
EUREKA COLLEGE, GAVE ME AN HONORARY DEGREE,  
I THANKED THEM PROFUSELY, BUT ADMITTED THAT  
I THOUGHT THE FIRST ONE HAD BEEN PRETTY  
HONORARY, TOO.

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SO I CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU TODAY ON  
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TREMENDOUS  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES YOU'VE BEEN  
OFFERED; AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP UP THE  
GOOD WORK. I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO  
OPTIMISTIC TO SAY YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO AN  
AGE WHERE A GREAT VALUE WILL BE PLACED ON  
YOUR OBVIOUS CAPACITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND  
EXCELLENCE, AN AGE THAT WILL BE RIFE WITH  
OPPORTUNITY.

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IN MANY WAYS, THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN  
DOING HERE IN WASHINGTON, THE LAST FEW  
YEARS, HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS EFFORT TO OPEN  
UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AMERICANS.

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AS YOU KNOW, THAT'S MEANT CUTTING BACK ON THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF GOVERNMENT, REDUCING ITS DRAG ON THE PRIVATE ECONOMY. YOU KNOW, IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST LESSONS OF HISTORY, BUT ONE MANKIND ALWAYS SEEMS TO FORGET: TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS MEANT THE OPPRESSION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT AND THE STULTIFICATION OF HUMAN PROGRESS. AS JEFFERSON ONCE SAID, "I AM NOT A FRIEND TO A VERY ENERGETIC GOVERNMENT. IT IS ALWAYS OPPRESSIVE."

WELL, I THINK OUR OWN TIME IS INCREASINGLY COMING TO REALIZE THIS TRUTH, REPELLED BY THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY AGGRESSIVE TOTALITARIANISM, OUR CENTURY SEEMS TO BE AWAKENING TO THE GREAT PROSPECTS OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE.



THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED A TRULY AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY MEANS MORE THAN THE PRAGMATIC BUSINESS OF GETTING ALONG WITH OTHER NATIONS, IT ALSO MEANS STANDING UP FOR VALUES LIKE HUMAN FREEDOM AND OUR OWN OBLIGATION TO SEE THAT FREEDOM IS SPREAD SOMEDAY TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH. IN A FEW SHORT YEARS, THIS WILL BE THE TASK BEFORE YOU; AND I THINK YOU ARE PREPARING YOURSELF WELL FOR IT.

I'M ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED BY SOME OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WE SEE IN AMERICAN EDUCATION TODAY. WE ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE, ONCE AGAIN, THAT EDUCATION AT ITS CORE IS MORE THAN JUST TEACHING OUR YOUNG THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR A JOB -- HOWEVER IMPORTANT THAT IS.

IT IS ALSO ABOUT PASSING ON TO EACH NEW GENERATION THE VALUES THAT SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION AND CORNERSTONE OF OUR FREE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY — PATRIOTISM, LOYALTY, FAITHFULNESS, COURAGE — THE ABILITY TO MAKE THE CRUCIAL MORAL DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG, THE MATURITY TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL WE HAVE AND ACHIEVE IN THIS WORLD COMES FIRST FROM A BENEFICENT AND LOVING GOD.

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SO WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON YOUR SUCCESS, ON THE CREDIT YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO YOURSELVES, TO YOUR SCHOOLS, AND TO YOUR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE HERE, TOO, TO CONGRATULATE A SELECT GROUP OF TEACHERS FOR THE ENORMOUS AND UNSELFISH DEDICATION THEY HAVE SHOWN TO YOUR WELFARE AND TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF THEIR OWN PROFESSION.

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BUT I THINK WE ALSO DO WELL TODAY TO REFLECT ON THE FACT THAT EDUCATION AND LEARNING, SUCCESS AND POWER, ARE ONLY RELATIVE VALUES, THAT THEY MUST BE GROUNDED FIRST IN THE HIGHER VALUES OF RIGHT AND MORALITY IF THEY ARE TO HAVE ANY MEANING AT ALL.

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YOU KNOW, BEING PRESIDENT, AND A SEPTUAGENARIAN ONE AT THAT, DOES HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES; I'VE DISCOVERED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT PEOPLE DO TEND TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH GIVING THEM SOME ADVICE. SO WHILE I WANT TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU TODAY, I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO PERMIT ME A FEW WORDS OF COUNSEL AND ADVICE.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHOM I MENTIONED A FEW MINUTES AGO ON THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNING, ALSO HAD SOME WISE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF LIVING.

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WHEN HE WAS ADVISING HIS NEPHEW WHAT PATH HE SHOULD FOLLOW TO FIND SUCCESS, HE REMINDED HIM THAT HE MUST PURSUE HIS OWN AND HIS COUNTRY'S BEST INTERESTS WITH WHAT HE CALLED THE "PUREST INTEGRITY, THE MOST CHASTE HONOR, MAKE THESE THEN YOUR FIRST OBJECT," HE SAID. "GIVE UP MONEY, GIVE UP FAME, GIVE UP SCIENCE, GIVE THE EARTH ITSELF AND ALL IT CONTAINS RATHER THAN DO AN IMMORAL ACT, AND NEVER SUPPOSE THAT IN ANY POSSIBLE SITUATION OR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IT IS BEST FOR YOU TO DO A DISHONORABLE THING HOWEVER SLIGHTLY SO IT MAY APPEAR TO YOU."

GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL OF US, AND ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND OUR DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS HERE TODAY, NOW SECRETARY BELL WILL DO THE HONORS FOR ME AND DISTRIBUTE THESE AWARDS, THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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(ROBINSON) JUNE 19, 1984

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR WILDERNESS LEGISLATION

THANK YOU, AND I'M GLAD TO WELCOME ALL  
OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

I KNOW ALL OF US HERE TODAY WILL AGREE  
THAT GOD HAS BLESSED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
WITH A VAST AND BEAUTIFUL LAND -- A LAND OF  
MOUNTAINS AND PRAIRIES, OF LAKES AND  
FORESTS, THAT REACHES "FROM SEA TO SHINING  
SEA." NO TASK FACING US IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN PRESERVING THE AMERICAN LAND.

OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS UNDERTAKEN THIS HIGH  
TASK WITH ENERGY AND VISION.

THE YEAR WE TOOK OFFICE, WE BEGAN A  
BILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAM TO RESTORE AND  
IMPROVE OUR NATIONAL PARKS. OUR 5-YEAR  
EFFORT IS THE LARGEST COMMITMENT TO THE  
RENOVATION OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS THAT HAS  
EVER BEEN MADE, AND I MIGHT ADD THAT IT'S  
RUNNING A YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

WE'VE ENACTED THE HISTORIC COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES ACT. THIS LEGISLATION HELPS TO PROTECT DUNES, MARSHES, AND OTHER COASTAL FORMATIONS FROM MAINE TO TEXAS -- LANDS THAT PROVIDE IRREPLACEABLE FEEDING AND NESTING GROUNDS FOR HUNDREDS OF SPECIES OF FISH AND WATERFOWL. OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE CERTAIN THAT STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AS NEVER BEFORE. AND WE HAVE GIVEN OUR SUPPORT TO LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE SOME 5 MILLION ACRES OF NEW WILDERNESS AREAS. EACH OF THESE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THE EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN LAND FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

TODAY, WE TAKE ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THAT EFFORT. THE LEGISLATION I'M ABOUT TO SIGN WILL DESIGNATE THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF WILDERNESS AREA IN NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, AND WISCONSIN.

EACH OF THESE AREAS IS INTENDED TO BE COMPLETELY NATURAL: NO HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, NO POWER LINES -- JUST FOREST, ROCK, WIND, AND SKY. BECAUSE OF THIS LEGISLATION, THESE WILDERNESS AREAS WILL REMAIN JUST AS THEY ARE -- PLACES OF BEAUTY AND SERENITY FOR HIKERS, CAMPERS, AND FISHERMEN. GENERATIONS HENCE, PARENTS WILL TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO THESE WOODS TO SHOW THEM HOW THE LAND MUST HAVE LOOKED TO THE FIRST PILGRIMS AND PIONEERS. AND AS AMERICANS WANDER THROUGH THESE FORESTS AND CLIMB THESE MOUNTAINS, THEY WILL SENSE THE LOVE AND MAJESTY OF THEIR CREATOR.

EVERYONE HERE TODAY HAD A HAND IN PASSING THESE BILLS. SPECIAL THANKS GO TO ALL OF YOU WHOSE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION MADE A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE. EACH OF YOU HAS MY HEARTFELT THANKS.

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BUT MORE IMPORTANT, YOU HAVE THE GRATITUDE  
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU, AND NOW LET  
ME SIGN THE LEGISLATION.

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The President

(NOONAN)

JUNE 19, 1984

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DEDICATION OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S  
NEW BUILDING

THANK YOU, MR. CHIEF JUSTICE.

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE I WANT TO SAY HELLO TO HERE TODAY -- DR. PAYNE, REVEREND HARPER, MY FRIEND CAP WEINBERGER...AND, OF COURSE, YOUR DISTINGUISHED BOARD MEMBER, LADY BIRD JOHNSON. LADY BIRD, IT'S ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU, AND TO BE ABLE TO SAY IN PUBLIC WHAT IS OFTEN SAID IN PRIVATE: THAT YOU WERE A GREAT FIRST LADY OF THIS NATION, AND YOUR BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM MADE A LASTING IMPROVEMENT ON THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE. YOU CAN'T BE THANKED ENOUGH FOR YOUR GREAT, GOOD WORK.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE GIL (GROW-VENN-ERR) AGAIN. THE FIRST TIME WE MET I GAVE HIM QUITE A START. IT WAS JUST BEFORE I TOOK OFFICE, AND WE WERE HAVING A RECEPTION AT BLAIR HOUSE.

GIL INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND TOLD ME WHERE HE WORKED AND I INFORMED HIM THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BIGGEST PROBLEM NANCY AND I WERE HAVING IN THE TRANSITION.

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HE LOOKED AT ME SORT OF WIDE EYED AND I TOLD HIM I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A BIG MOVE FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST.

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I SAID, "GIL, I HAVE HUNDREDS OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICS AT THE RANCH, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THE HECK I'M GOING TO HAUL THEM TO THE WHITE HOUSE."

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I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY TO HELP YOU DEDICATE YOUR NEW BUILDING, AS PRESIDENT JOHNSON DID JUST 20 YEARS AGO WHEN YOU OPENED YOUR LAST NEW BUILDING. I GUESS YOU HAVE SOME TROUBLE STORING YOUR OLD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICS, TOO.

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IN THE CEILING OUTSIDE THIS ROOM THERE IS A DOME SHOWING THE STARS AS THEY WERE THAT NIGHT IN THE WINTER OF 1888, WHEN A GROUP OF PUBLIC-SPIRITED SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS, AND ADVENTURERS CAME TOGETHER TO START A SOCIETY AIMED AT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE STUDY OF SCIENCE IN THIS NEW EXPERIMENT CALLED AMERICA. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THAT LITTLE FIRMAMENT IS AN APPROPRIATE SYMBOL FOR THIS BUILDING. IT REFLECTS THE OUTWARD REACHING, NO-BOUNDARIES IMPULSE THAT HAS SHAPED YOUR SOCIETY. IT REFLECTS THE GREAT RESPECT YOU HAVE FOR SPECIFICS, FOR EXACTITUDE, FOR RECREATING THINGS AS THEY WERE, DOT FOR DOT, STAR FOR STAR. AND IT REFLECTS THE SPIRIT OF INQUIRY THAT HAS DIRECTED YOUR STUDIES UP TO THE STARS, OUT TO THE CONTINENTS, INTO THE HEART OF MAN'S EXPERIENCE ON EARTH.

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IN A WORLD THAT SOMETIMES SEEMS TO HAVE GROWN SATIATED WITH ALL IT KNOWS, YOU STILL DISCOVER. YOU FUND EXPEDITIONS, YOU HELP RESEARCHERS, YOU ENCOURAGE IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS — AND YOU SHARE THE RESULTS WITH ALL THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERS IN YOUR MAGAZINE.

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I THINK ONE OF THE GREAT REASONS FOR YOUR MAGAZINE'S SUCCESS IS THAT IT IS INFUSED WITH THE ROMANCE OF DISCOVERY — THE ROMANCE OF HISTORY, OF SEEKING OUT THE PAST AND DISCOVERING PLACES MAN HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

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SOMETIMES WE THINK THAT THERE ARE NO JOURNEYS ANYMORE — THAT YES, MAN GOES PLACES, EVEN INTO SPACE, BUT IT'S DONE WITH A KIND OF CLOCKWORK PERFECTION, WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY CLICKING AWAY AND BRINGING US FROM PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, TO THE HIMALAYAS IN LESS THAN A DAY OF A MAN'S LIFE.

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BUT IT SOMETIMES SEEMS THERE ARE NO JOURNEYS ANYMORE, NO MORE GREAT TREKS. REMEMBER HOW, IN THE MOVIES THEY MADE WHEN WE WERE YOUNG — WELL, THE MOVIES THEY MADE WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG — REMEMBER HOW THEY'D SHOW A MAP UNFOLDING AND THEY'D HAVE ARROWS SHOWING THE JOURNEY AS IT PROGRESSES -- OUR HERO STARTED HERE AND VISITED THERE AND NOW HE'S JUST LANDED IN HIS DESTINATION... THERE WAS THE SENSE OF A LONG JOURNEY UNFOLDING. WELL, THAT SENSE STILL EXISTS IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, AND SOMEHOW YOU TAKE YOUR READERS ALONG ON THE RIDE AS YOU CLIMB MOUNTAINS AND CUT YOUR WAY THROUGH JUNGLES.

THERE IS ANOTHER THING: THE SPECIAL SENSITIVITY YOU BRING TO YOUR QUEST. I'M THINKING HERE OF A SMALL ITEM IN YOUR MAY ISSUE, A PICTURE OF THE FROZEN REMAINS OF A WOMAN WHO DIED IN THE ERUPTION OF MOUNT VESUVIUS.

AN ANTHROPOLOGIST WHO STUDIED THE SKELETON WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "SHE WAS VERY HOMELY, BUT SOMEONE CARED ENOUGH TO GIVE HER BEAUTIFUL THINGS" — DELICATE GOLD BRACELETS AND JEWELS. A SMALL OBSERVATION PERHAPS, BUT IT CARRIES A WHOLE WORLD OF INFERENCE. IT EVOKES. YOU BRING HISTORY TO LIFE, AND YOU REMIND US ALL THAT CIVILIZATIONS ARE BORN AND DIE AND ARE REDISCOVERED IN AN ENDLESS CONTINUUM.

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I THINK IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY IS THE KIND OF ORGANIZATION THAT ONLY THE FREE WORLD CAN PRODUCE. ONLY THE DEMOCRACIES, WITH THEIR FREEDOM OF INQUIRY, THOUGHT AND SPEECH, WITH THEIR FREEDOM TO EXERCISE CURIOSITY AND GAIN PASSAGE TO UNDISCOVERED PLACES — ONLY THE DEMOCRACIES SUPPLY THE SOIL IN WHICH SUCH SOCIETIES CAN GROW.

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I AM SOMETIMES ASKED ABOUT THE PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS OF MY OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENTS THAT DENY FREEDOM.

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WELL, SOCIETIES LIKE YOURS, AND SEEING HOW THEY FLOURISH IN A LAND OF FREEDOM, ARE PART OF THE REASON. AND YOU, IN TURN, GIVE SPECIAL FREEDOM TO YOUR READERS, THE FREEDOM TO FORM THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS. YOU TELL YOUR STORIES STRAIGHT AND WITH A RIGOROUS OBJECTIVITY. THERE IS A FINE, IMPLICIT RESPECT FOR YOUR READERS IN THAT -- AND IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE.

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THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY HAS BROUGHT HOME THE PROFOUND TRUTH THAT WE ARE, WITH ALL OUR DIFFERENCES, A HUMAN FAMILY LIVING TOGETHER ON A TINY BLUE AND GREEN PLANET. FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS OUR SPACE PROGRAM HAS REINFORCED THIS PERSPECTIVE ON OUR WORLD, HELPING US REALIZE THAT WE ARE ALL "RIDERS ON THE EARTH TOGETHER."

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AS WE DEDICATE THIS NEW HOME FOR THE SOCIETY  
I THINK IT FITTING THAT WE REDEDICATE  
OURSELVES TO THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND  
EXCELLENCE WHICH HAS SO LONG CHARACTERIZED  
OUR SPACE PROGRAM.

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ACCORDINGLY, TODAY I AM PLEASED TO  
REPORT THAT NASA IS BEGINNING A NEW PROGRAM  
AIMED AT ACHIEVING THAT GOAL. FOR MORE THAN  
25 YEARS NASA HAS PIONEERED ON THE CUTTING  
EDGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND HAS  
STIMULATED OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO STRIVE FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN ALL THEY DO. NOW NASA, IN  
COOPERATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WILL  
EXPAND ITS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM TO  
OUR VERY YOUNG PEOPLE IN MORE THAN  
75,000 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE  
COUNTRY. NASA WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE ITS  
ENGINEERING KNOW-HOW AND SCIENTIFIC  
DISCOVERIES AND SOW THE SEEDS OF FUTURE  
PROGRESS BY STIMULATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
STUDY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

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WE CALL THIS NEW PROGRAM "OPERATION LIFTOFF" AND IT WILL INCORPORATE SUCH ADVANCED INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS AS COMPUTER SOFTWARE, LASER DISCS, AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS AND OTHER TECHNIQUES. IT WILL ALSO INVOLVE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. I HAVE ASKED NASA TO REINFORCE ITS TIES WITH THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AND WITH PRIVATE CITIZEN'S GROUPS TO EXPAND THIS EFFORT TO THE FULLEST.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL SPACE INSTITUTE TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT A NEW NATIONAL YOUNG ASTRONAUT'S PROGRAM TO INVOLVE YOUNG AMERICANS MORE DIRECTLY IN OUR SPACE PROGRAM. THIS NEW ORGANIZATION WILL EXPAND THEIR APPRECIATION OF SPACE AS A PLACE IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN LIVE, WORK AND LEARN. I'VE ASKED NASA TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE N.S.I. TO DEVELOP THIS PROJECT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES PROGRAM.

AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK JIM BEGGS OF NASA FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND GREAT SUPPORT IN THE CREATION OF THESE NEW PROGRAMS.

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NOW, I KNOW THAT AS WE NEAR THE END OF THIS AMAZING AND TROUBLING CENTURY, YOU, AS ALL OF US, ARE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. AND I KNOW ONE OF YOUR GREAT INTERESTS AND CONCERNS IS THE ENVIRONMENT -- CONSERVATION AND THE ECOLOGY. YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT MAN HAS DONE AND IS DOING TO THE MAGICAL PLANET GOD GAVE US. AND I SHARE YOUR CONCERN.

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WHAT IS A CONSERVATIVE, AFTER ALL, BUT ONE WHO CONSERVES, WHO IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING AND HOLDING CLOSE THE THINGS BY WHICH WE LIVE. MODERN CONSERVATIVES IN AMERICA WANT TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE VALUES AND TRADITIONS BY WHICH THE NATION HAS FLOURISHED FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES.

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WE WANT TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE IDEA THAT IS AT THE HEART OF OUR NATIONAL EXPERIENCE, AN IDEA THAT CAN BE REDUCED TO ONE WORD: FREEDOM. AND WE WANT TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE LAND ON WHICH WE LIVE -- OUR COUNTRYSIDE, OUR RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS AND MEADOWS AND FORESTS. THIS IS OUR PATRIMONY, THIS IS WHAT WE LEAVE TO OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR GREAT MORAL RESPONSIBILITY IS TO LEAVE IT TO THEM EITHER AS WE FOUND IT OR BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT.

BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE MUST DO THIS WITH A FINE BALANCE. WE WANT, AS MEN ON EARTH, TO USE OUR RESOURCES FOR THE REASON GOD GAVE THEM TO US -- FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MAN. AND OUR CHALLENGE IS HOW TO USE THE ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT ABUSING IT, HOW TO TAKE FROM IT RICHES AND LEAVE IT RICH.

BUT I THINK THE WHOLE IDEA OF CONSERVATION HAS OFTEN BEEN OBSCURED THESE PAST 20 YEARS, BY SOME WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE IT AS AN ISSUE, POLITICIZE IT, AND CLAIM IT AS THEIR OWN. I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN SOME WHO USED THE CONSERVATION MOVEMENT AS AN EXCUSE FOR BLIND AND IGNORANT ATTACKS ON THE ENTREPRENEURS WHO HELP THE ECONOMY GROW, THE FARMERS WHO MAKE OUR FOOD, THE BUSINESSES THAT GIVE US HEAT IN WINTER AND COOLNESS IN THE SUMMER. THIS KIND OF ANTAGONISM TO ALL THINGS THAT SPEAK OF BUSINESS HAS TENDED TO CONFUSE THE ISSUE, BLUR RESPONSIBILITY, AND OVERSHADOW SINCERE CONCERN.

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AS I SAID IN MY LAST STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, "PRESERVATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT IS NOT A LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE CHALLENGE -- IT'S COMMON SENSE."

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OUR NATION HAS TAKEN GREAT STRIDES IN THE DECADES SINCE AN OLD CONSERVATIVE NAMED TEDDY ROOSEVELT LED THE CHARGE TO CREATE THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM. FROM THAT GREAT BEGINNING STEP, WE HAVE STEADILY EXPANDED EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR HERITAGE OF LAND AND WATER. WE HAVE BEEN PROUD TO PICK UP THE MANTLE AND MOVE FORWARD IN A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AREAS.

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WE HAVE SPENT \$737 MILLION SINCE 1981 AS PART OF A BILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO REPAIR AND REPLACE NATIONAL PARK FACILITIES THAT WERE DESIGNED TO CORRECT YEARS OF NEGLECT. EVEN AS WE GRAPPLE WITH GETTING FEDERAL SPENDING UNDER CONTROL, THE 1985 BUDGET REQUEST PROPOSED THAT ALMOST \$160 MILLION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ACQUIRE NEW LANDS FOR OUR NATIONAL PARK AND WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEMS. WE ARE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON ENDANGERED SPECIES.

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WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF SECRETARY CLARK, THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HAS LISTED 23 SPECIES SO FAR THIS FISCAL YEAR -- INCLUDING THE WOOD STORK AND THE WOODLAND CARIBOU.

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TOGETHER, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND DUCKS UNLIMITED HAVE CREATED A NEW PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN WATERFOWL NESTING AREAS. THIS, BY THE WAY, REFLECTS OUR ATTEMPTS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE NON-PROFIT DUCKS UNLIMITED WILL WORK WITH THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND FUND THE PROTECTION OF THE WATERFOWL AREAS.

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JUST THIS PAST APRIL, THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY DONATED MORE THAN 100,000 ACRES OF WETLANDS AND FOREST AREAS TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM. THAT'S A \$50 MILLION GIFT. AND WE RELY ON PRIVATE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

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LAST FISCAL YEAR, WE HAD THE HELP OF MORE THAN 22 THOUSAND VOLUNTEERS, WHO IN ALL DONATED MORE THAN 1 MILLION HOURS OF THEIR OWN TIME -- AT A TAXPAYER SAVINGS OF ABOUT \$7 MILLION.

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CREATING PARKS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES IS ONLY A PART OF PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, OF COURSE. I AM PROUD TO REPORT THAT THE MOST RECENT STUDIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SHOW THAT WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN CLEANING UP THE AIR AND WATER. HUNDREDS OF LAKES AND STREAMS HAVE JOINED THE POTOMAC RIVER IN BEING DECLARED OPEN FOR FISHING AND SWIMMING AFTER BEING CLOSED TO A WHOLE GENERATION. E.P.A. TELLS US THAT AFTER A NATIONAL EXPENDITURE OF \$150 BILLION ON AIR POLLUTION CONTROLS, CONCENTRATIONS OF ALL THE MAJOR POLLUTANTS ARE ON A DOWNWARD TREND.

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WE ARE MOVING FORWARD IN RESPONDING TO  
NEW CHALLENGES AS WELL. IN JUST 3 YEARS, WE  
HAVE TRIPLED FUNDING FOR THE CLEAN-UP OF  
ABANDONED HAZARDOUS WASTE DUMPS FROM  
\$210 MILLION IN 1983 TO \$640 MILLION IN  
1985. WE HAVE DOUBLED FUNDING FOR ACID RAIN  
RESEARCH IN EACH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS.  
WE ARE TRYING TO GET A CLEAR SCIENTIFIC  
UNDERSTANDING OF ITS CAUSES AND EFFECTS.

WHAT WE ARE AIMING AT IS A POLICY OF  
COMMON SENSE.

WE HAVE, ALL OF US, OVER THE PAST  
20 YEARS, REACHED CONSENSUS ON THE NEED TO  
CONSERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT. NOW WE MUST COME  
TO AGREEMENT ON HOW TO DO IT. AND IN COMING  
TOGETHER ON THAT WE MUST KEEP IN MIND THE  
WORD BALANCE. A BALANCE BETWEEN THE DESIRE  
TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT...AND THE DESIRE TO  
GROW AND DEVELOP.



A BALANCE BETWEEN CONCERN FOR THE GOOD EARTH  
AND CONCERN FOR THE HONEST IMPULSE TO WREST  
FROM THE EARTH THE RESOURCES THAT BENEFIT  
MANKIND. A BALANCE BETWEEN THE OVERALL  
DEMANDS OF SOCIETY...AND THE INDIVIDUAL  
DEMANDS OF THE FREE CITIZEN.

IF WE RID OUR MINDS OF CANT, OF EMPTY  
RHETORIC, OF MERE POLITICS, WE WILL STRIKE  
THAT BALANCE NATURALLY AND TOGETHER.

THAT IS MY GREAT HOPE; AND IN THIS YOU  
HAVE MY COMPLETE COMMITMENT.

THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU, FOR INVITING ME  
HERE TODAY. AND MAY YOU DO GREAT NEW WORK  
IN YOUR FINE NEW BUILDING.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Noonan/BE)  
June 18, 1984  
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEDICATION OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
SOCIETY'S NEW BUILDING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1984

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.

There are so many people I want to say hello to here today -- Dr. Payne, Reverend Harper, my friends Bill Clark and Cap Weinberger . . . and, of course, your distinguished Board Member, Lady Bird Johnson. Lady Bird, it's always wonderful to see you, and to be able to say in public what is often said in private: that you were a great First Lady of this Nation, and your Beautification Program made a lasting improvement on the American landscape. You can't be thanked enough for your great, good work.

It's good to see Gil Grosvenor [Grow-venn-err] again. The first time we met I gave him quite a start. It was just before I took office, and we were having a reception at Blair House. Gil introduced himself and told me where he worked and I informed him that he was responsible for the biggest problem Nancy and I were having in the transition. He looked at me sort of wide eyed and I told him I was in the middle of a big move from the West to the East. I said, "Gil, I have hundreds of National Geographics at the ranch, and I don't know how the heck I'm going to haul them to the White House."

I am very happy to be here today to help you dedicate your new building, as President Johnson did just 20 years ago when you opened your last new building. I guess you have some trouble storing your old National Geographics, too.

In the ceiling outside this room there is a dome showing the stars as they were that night in the winter of 1888, when a group of public-spirited scholars, scientists, and adventurers came together to start a society aimed at institutionalizing the study of science in this new experiment called America. It occurs to me that that little firmament is an appropriate symbol for this building. It reflects the outward reaching, no-boundaries impulse that has shaped your Society. It reflects the great respect you have for specifics, for exactitude, for recreating things as they were, dot for dot, star for star. And it reflects the spirit of inquiry that has directed your studies up to the stars, out to the continents, into the heart of man's experience on Earth.

In a world that sometimes seems to have grown sated with all it knows, you still discover. You fund expeditions, you help researchers, you encourage impossible dreams -- and you share the results with all the Society's members in your magazine. I think one of the great reasons for your magazine's success is that it is infused with the romance of discovery -- the romance of history, of seeking out the past and discovering places man has never seen before.

Sometimes we think that there are no journeys anymore -- that yes, man goes places, even into space, but it's done with a kind of clockwork perfection, with our technology clicking away and bringing us from Plainfield, New Jersey, to the Himalayas in less than a day of a man's life. But it sometimes seems there are no journeys anymore, no more great treks. Remember how, in

the movies they made when we were young -- well, the movies they made when you were young -- remember how they'd show a map unfolding and they'd have arrows showing the journey as it progresses -- our hero started here and visited there and now he's just landed in his destination . . . There was the sense of a long journey unfolding. Well, that sense still exists in National Geographic, and somehow you take your readers along on the ride as you climb mountains and cut your way through jungles.

There is another thing: The special sensitivity you bring to your quest. I'm thinking here of a small item in your May issue, a picture of the frozen remains of a woman who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. An archaeologist who studied the skeleton was quoted as saying, "She was [very] homely, but someone cared enough to give her beautiful things" -- delicate gold bracelets and jewels. A small observation perhaps, but it carries a whole world of inference. It evokes. You bring history to life, and you remind us all that civilizations are born and die and are rediscovered in an endless continuum.

I think it should be noted that the National Geographic Society is the kind of organization that only the free world can produce. Only the democracies, with their freedom of inquiry, thought and speech, with their freedom to exercise curiosity and gain passage to undiscovered places -- only the democracies supply the soil in which such Societies can grow.

I am sometimes asked about the philosophical basis of my opposition to governments that deny freedom. Well, Societies like yours, and seeing how they flourish in a land of freedom,

are part of the reason. And you, in turn, give special freedom to your readers, the freedom to form their own conclusions. You tell your stories straight and with a rigorous objectivity. There is a fine, implicit respect for your readers in that -- and it's a public service.

Throughout its history, the National Geographic Society has brought home the profound truth that we are, with all our differences, a human family living together on a tiny blue and green planet. For the past 25 years our space program has reinforced this perspective on our world, helping us realize that we are all "riders on the Earth together." As we dedicate this new home for the Society I think it fitting that we rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence which has so long characterized our space program.

Accordingly, today I am pleased to report that NASA is beginning a new program aimed at achieving that goal. For more than 25 years NASA has pioneered on the cutting edge of science and technology and has stimulated our young people to strive for excellence in all they do. Now NASA, in cooperation with the private sector, will expand its educational outreach program to our very young people in more than 75,000 elementary schools throughout the country. NASA will be able to share its engineering know-how and scientific discoveries and sow the seeds of future progress by stimulating our young people to study science and engineering.

We call this new program "Operation Liftoff" and it will incorporate such advanced instructional tools as computer

software, laser discs, audiovisual materials and other techniques. It will also involve private enterprise. I have asked NASA to reinforce its ties with the aerospace industry and with private citizen's groups to expand this effort to the fullest.

In this connection I was particularly pleased to learn of the efforts of the National Space Institute to develop and support a new national Young Astronaut's program to involve young Americans more directly in our space program. This new organization will expand their appreciation of space as a place in which people can live, work and learn. I've asked NASA to work directly with the N.S.I. to develop this project in the context of our Private Sector Initiatives Program.

And I want to personally thank Jim Beggs of NASA for his leadership and great support in the creation of these new programs.

Now, I know that as we near the end of this amazing and troubling century, you, as all of us, are looking to the future. And I know one of your great interests and concerns is the environment -- conservation and the ecology. You are worried about what man has done and is doing to the magical planet God gave us. And I share your concern.

What is a conservative, after all, but one who conserves, who is committed to protecting and holding close the things by which we live. Modern conservatives in America want to protect and preserve the values and traditions by which the Nation has flourished for more than two centuries. We want to protect and

conserve the idea that is at the heart of our national experience, an idea that can be reduced to one word: freedom. And we want to protect and conserve the land on which we live -- our countryside, our rivers and mountains and plains and meadows and forests. This is our patrimony, this is what we leave to our children, and our great moral responsibility is to leave it to them either as we found it or better than we found it.

But we also know that we must do this with a fine balance. We want, as men on Earth, to use our resources for the reason God gave them to us -- for the betterment of man. And our challenge is how to use the environment without abusing it, how to take from it riches and leave it rich.

But I think the whole idea of conservation has often been obscured these past 20 years, by some who have attempted to seize it as an issue, politicize it, and claim it as their own. I think there have been some who used the conservation movement as an excuse for blind and ignorant attacks on the entrepreneurs who help the economy grow, the farmers who make our food, the businesses that give us heat in winter and coolness in the summer. This kind of antagonism to all things that speak of business has tended to confuse the issue, blur responsibility, and overshadow sincere concern.

As I said in my last state of the Union message, "Preservation of our environment is not a liberal or conservative challenge -- it's common sense."

Our Nation has taken great strides in the decades since an old conservative named Teddy Roosevelt led the charge to create

the national park system. From that great beginning step, we have steadily expanded efforts to protect our heritage of land and water. ~~By~~ <sup>WE HAVE</sup> ~~Administration~~ has been proud to pick up the mantle and move forward in a number of important areas.

We have spent \$737 million since 1981 as part of a billion dollar plan to repair and replace national park facilities that were designed to correct years of neglect. Even as we grapple with getting Federal spending under control, ~~the~~ <sup>THE</sup> 1985 budget request proposed that almost \$160 million be made available to acquire new lands for our national park and wildlife refuge systems. We are keeping a close watch on endangered species. With the leadership of Secretary Clark, the Interior Department has listed 23 species so far this fiscal year -- including the Wood Stork and the Woodland Caribou.

Together, the Federal Government and Ducks Unlimited have created a new program to ensure the protection of American waterfowl nesting areas. This, by the way, reflects our attempts to work closely with the private sector. The non-profit Ducks Unlimited will work with the Fish and Wildlife Service and fund the protection of the waterfowl areas.

Just this past April, the Prudential Insurance Company donated 50 thousand hectares of wetlands to the National Wildlife Refuge system. That's a \$50 million gift. And we rely on private volunteers in our national parks. Last fiscal year, we had the help of more than 22 thousand volunteers, who in all donated more than 1 million hours of their own time -- at a taxpayer savings of about \$7 million.



Creating parks and wildlife refuges is only a part of protecting our environment, of course. I am proud to report that the most recent studies of the Environmental Protection Agency show that we have made great progress in cleaning up the air and water. Hundreds of lakes and streams have joined the Potomac River in being declared open for fishing and swimming after being closed to a whole generation. E.P.A. tells us that after a national expenditure of \$150 billion on air pollution controls, concentrations of all the major pollutants are on a downward trend.

We are moving forward in responding to new challenges as well. In just 3 years, we have tripled funding for the clean-up of abandoned hazardous waste dumps from \$210 million in 1983 to \$640 million in 1985. We have doubled funding for acid rain research in each of the past two years. We are trying to get a clear scientific understanding of its causes and effects.

What we are aiming at is a policy of common sense.

We have, all of us, over the past 20 years, reached consensus on the need to conserve our environment. Now we must come to agreement on how to do it. And in coming together on that we must keep in mind the word balance. A balance between the desire to conserve and protect . . . and the desire to grow and develop. A balance between concern for the good Earth and concern for the honest impulse to wrest from the Earth the resources that benefit mankind. A balance between the overall demands of society . . . and the individual demands of the free citizen.

If we rid our minds of cant, of empty rhetoric, of mere politics, we will strike that balance naturally and together.

That is my great hope; and in this you have my complete commitment.

Thank you, all of you, for inviting me here today. And may you do great new work in your fine new building.

God bless you all.