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REMARKS AT

RECEPTION HONORING

CONGRESSMAN JOHN ROONEY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1974

JEFFERSON AND ADAMS ROOMS

STATE DEPARTMENT

I THINK IT'S VERY NICE OF CONGRESSMAN ROONEY TO COME OVER  
TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO VISIT HIS MONEY . . . . AS CHAIRMAN OF THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE AND  
JUDICIARY, IT'S NO SECRET THAT JOHN ROONEY IS A MAN OF SOME

CONSEQUENCE AROUND HERE.

YOU KNOW HOW HENRY KISSINGER FLEW

TO CHINA IN A BOEING 707?

ONE WORD FROM JOHN -- AND HE COMES

*Rooney the hee*  
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BACK IN A GREYHOUND BUS!

JOHN ROONEY HAS ALWAYS HAD A WELL-EARNED REPUTATION AS  
A TIGHT-FISTED PENNY-PINCHING GUARDIAN OF THE PUBLIC'S MONEY. HE  
TRIES TO SCRIMP AND SAVE AND CUT CORNERS WHEREVER HE CAN. IF YOU  
DON'T BELIEVE IT, LOOK AT THOSE PANTS I WORE IN JAPAN! . . . . ANY  
SHORTER AND THEY WOULD HAVE ARRESTED ME FOR STREAKING!

WELL, I'M NOT ABOUT TO TRY TO EXCHANGE BLARNEY WITH  
ANYONE NAMED ROONEY.

I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT JOHN ROONEY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. JOHN HAS SERVED IN THE CONGRESS FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS -- WITH DEDICATION AND WITH DISTINCTION. TODAY, HE STANDS AS THE TWELFTH MOST SENIOR MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AND THE THIRD RANKING DEMOCRAT ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS. IN FACT, IT COULD BE SAID THAT HE HAS PUT HIS PERSONAL STAMP ON THE FUNCTIONING AND ACTIVITIES OF MOST OF THE AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT.

I HAVE KNOWN AND RESPECTED JOHN ROONEY FOR ALL OF THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN GOVERNMENT. IN THAT TIME, I HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A MAN NOT AFRAID OF POLITICAL BATTLES, AND HIS IMPRESSIVE <sup>O</sup>W<sub>A</sub>N AND LOST RECORD WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED WHEN HE LEAVES THE CONGRESS THIS JANUARY.

I UNDERSTAND JOHN WILL BE SEVENTY-ONE ON FRIDAY. I KNOW THAT I JOIN WITH ALL OF HIS FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES WHO HAVE COME HERE TODAY -- AND THE MANY WHO WISH HIM WELL FROM AFAR -- IN THANKING JOHN J. ROONEY FOR DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE.

I ONCE READ A BOOK CALLED A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN.

JOHN ROONEY HAS PROVEN THAT GREAT PUBLIC SERVANTS GROW THERE AS  
WELL!

JOHN, OUR WARM GOOD WISHES WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.

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END OF SPEECH