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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

TO GIRLS' NATION

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1975

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IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH ALL YOU
GOOD FEDERALISTS, NATIONALISTS, CITIZENS OF BETHESDA,
CHEVY CHASE, MCLEAN, ALEXANDRIA, CLEVELAND PARK, SPRING
VALLEY -- AND IN PARTICULAR, SOGGY BOTTOM AND PASSKEY CITY.
WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. PERSONALLY, I COULDN'T BE MORE PLEASED WITH THIS VISIT FROM GIRLS' NATION BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT ALMA WASHBURN, THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR MINORITY PARTY WAS JUST ELECTED PRESIDENT -- AND THAT DIANE KIM, YOUR MINORITY LEADER COMES FROM MICHIGAN. ALL I CAN SAY TO THAT IS -- YOU'RE MY KIND OF NATION!

3. I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT IN YOUR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, YOU PASSED A RECORD TWENTY BILLS IN JUST SIX HOURS. I JUST WISH I COULD TAKE YOU ALL BACK UP TO CAPITOL HILL. IT MIGHT BE CATCHING.

4. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU WHO ARE
SERVING AS "SENATORS" TO THE 29TH ANNUAL GIRLS' NATION.
I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN FROM AMONG 26,000 OUTSTANDING
YOUNG WOMEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INDIVIDUAL STATE
PROGRAMS -- AND THAT IS QUITE AN HONOR.

5. I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE ALSO TO CONGRATULATE
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONE SUCH
A FINE JOB IN MAKING THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE.

THEIR SUPPORT HAS ENABLED YOU TO GET A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH YOUR OWN "MOCK" POLITICAL SYSTEM
AS WELL AS YOUR VISITS TO THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN WASHINGTON.

6. I HOPE THAT THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN A VALUABLE
LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR EACH OF YOU. AS ALL OF YOU KNOW,
THE SUCCESS OF AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT
LIES IN AN INFORMED AND ACTIVE CITIZENRY.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENERGY BILLS WRITTEN BY
MEMBERS OF THE GIRLS' NATION PROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE
PROBLEMS FACING AMERICA TODAY. I HOPE YOUR STRONG
INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE.

7. YOUR GENERATION IS PART OF A NEW ERA FOR
WOMEN. IT IS AN EXCITING TIME, A TIME OF CHALLENGE, A TIME
OF UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY.

AFTER YOU LEAVE WASHINGTON, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DIRECT YOUR ENERGY AND OBJECTIVES TOWARD JOINING THE EVER EXPANDING NUMBER OF WOMEN IN POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL AREAS OF OUR SOCIETY -- IN BUSINESS AND LABOR, IN THE PROFESSIONS AND THE TRADES, IN CIVIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

8. WHILE THERE IS MUCH WE HAVE ALREADY

ACCOMPLISHED AS A NATION, MUCH MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE.

WE NEED FRESH IDEAS AND INITIATIVE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

FACING US IN AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY.

EACH ONE OF YOU BEARS AN OBLIGATION TO ACHIEVE YOUR FULLEST
POTENTIAL AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE TO YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD. YOUR SUCCESS WILL
HELP TO INSURE THAT AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY WILL BE HER
BEST CENTURY.

9. SO, GET PREPARED AND GET INVOLVED. YOU ARE
NOT ONLY AMERICA'S HOPE FOR THE FUTURE -- YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT
PART OF THE PRESENT, AND I AM PROUD OF EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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