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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

TALKING POINTS FOR USE AT THE GOLDEN AGE DINNER DROP-BY,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1976

1. I am honored that my friend Tom Boardman, the editor of the Cleveland Press, invited me to stop by and say hello to all of you tonight. This, the 41st Annual Golden Age Dinner is, indeed, a special occasion and I feel privileged to take part in it.

2. I congratulate all 500 of you upon reaching a significant and cherished milestone in your lives, your 50th wedding anniversaries. In this age of often transient marriages, your achievement is particularly meaningful. You have lived life to the fullest and serve as an example to all of us.

3. Betty and I will celebrate our 28th anniversary in October and she too sends her best wishes and congratulations. I hope that we will look as proud and as happy as you do tonight, when we reach our Golden Anniversary.

4. Both Tom and the Cleveland Press deserve congratulations,
too, for their thoughtfulness in arranging this happy and festive occasion.

5. We hear a great deal about power these days --
military power, { economic power, } political power. Tonight you have all
demonstrated a power we need a lot more of in this world -- the power
of love.

Thank you for letting me share a little bit of this
memorable evening with you. Good night and God bless you.

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