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The President has seen _____

(ROBINSON)

JUNE 25, 1984

DROPBY BRIEFING FOR BLACK APPOINTEES

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THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING. I'M PROUD
TO WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE SO MANY OF MY
PARTNERS IN THIS ADMINISTRATION.
SPECIAL THANKS GO TO MY FRIEND, MEL BRADLEY,
FOR ORGANIZING THIS EVENT. MEL WAS WITH ME
IN THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
AND HE'S DOING A FINE JOB HERE IN THE WHITE
HOUSE.

YOU SERVE IN POSITIONS OF GENUINE
IMPORTANCE IN EVERY BRANCH OF THIS
GOVERNMENT, FROM SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SAM PIERCE, TO AMBASSADOR
ALAN KEYES, A MEMBER OF OUR DELEGATION TO
THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF THE NAVY, DELBERT SPURLOCK, TO MARY BUSH,
ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, TO ALL OF YOU
HERE TODAY.

YOUR JOBS AREN'T EASY. LONG HOURS AND
CONSTANT CRITICISM, SOME OF IT FROM THE VERY
PEOPLE WE'RE TRYING TO HELP, ARE THE RULE,
NOT THE EXCEPTION. BUT I KNOW WE ALL AGREE
THAT THE SACRIFICES AND TRIALS ARE WORTH THE
REWARDS. TOGETHER, WE'RE PUTTING AMERICA
BACK ON THE HIGH ROAD OF PROGRESS; AND IN
DOING THAT, WE'RE ASSEMBLING A RECORD WE CAN
TAKE TO ALL AMERICANS WITH PRIDE. LET ME
MENTION THREE POINTS OF SPECIAL CONCERN.

FIRST, EDUCATION. THIS IS THE CRUCIAL
TOOL BLACK AMERICANS NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS.
IN THE YEARS BEFORE WE TOOK OFFICE,
OUR NATION'S SCHOOLS HAD BEGUN TO SHOW
UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS OF CRISIS. FROM 1963 TO
1981, COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION SCORES
UNDERWENT A VIRTUALLY UNBROKEN DECLINE.
SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT SCORES OF 17-YEAR-OLDS
SHOWED A SIMILAR DROP.

AND MOST SHOCKING, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION REPORTED THAT MORE THAN ONE-TENTH OF OUR 17-YEAR-OLDS CAN BE CONSIDERED FUNCTIONALLY ILLITERATE.

WE TOOK OFFICE DETERMINED TO CHANGE THAT, AND SINCE OUR ADMINISTRATION PUT EDUCATION AT THE TOP OF THE NATIONAL AGENDA, WE'VE SEEN A DRAMATIC TURNAROUND. IN 1980, ONLY A HANDFUL OF STATES HAD STATEWIDE TASK FORCES ON EDUCATION. TODAY, THEY ALL DO.

IN ADDITION, 47 STATES ARE CONSIDERING NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; 47 ARE STUDYING IMPROVEMENTS IN TEACHER CERTIFICATION; AND 17 ARE EXPLORING MERIT PAY FOR TEACHERS.

IT ALL ADDS UP TO THE MOST FAR-REACHING EDUCATION REFORM AND RENEWAL MOVEMENT SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF OUR EFFORTS, BLACK CHILDREN ARE BEGINNING TO GET THE EDUCATIONS THEY NEED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN AMERICAN LIFE.

AND AS WE GO FORWARD, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE OF OUR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. BACK IN SEPTEMBER 1981, I DIRECTED FEDERAL AGENCIES TO INCREASE THE ABILITY OF THESE FINE SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMS. AND WE'VE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.

IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, FUNDING TO THESE 103 SCHOOLS HAS RISEN TO \$606 MILLION. THAT'S AN 11.3 PERCENT INCREASE. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS HAVE INCREASED TO \$282 MILLION. AND LAST FALL, WE AMENDED TITLE III OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, SO WE CAN PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO HELP BUILD COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENTS. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH FISK UNIVERSITY TO HELP IT FIND A WAY THROUGH ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

THE SECOND CONCERN I WANT TO MENTION LIES AT THE VERY HEART OF THE BLACK EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA; THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS. CONTRARY TO A LOT OF DEMAGOGUERY WE HEAR, OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS MOVED WITH VIGOR AND VISION ON THIS FRONT.

IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF CRIMINAL CIVIL RIGHTS STATUTES, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS FILED 149 CASES -- INCLUDING 24 AGAINST PERPETRATORS OF RACIAL VIOLENCE.

WE'RE ENERGETICALLY ENFORCING FAIR HOUSING PROVISIONS AND HAVE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT STILL FURTHER.

UNDER OUR ADMINISTRATION, THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION IS COLLECTING RECORD AMOUNTS OF BACK PAY; AND SINCE WE TOOK OFFICE, THE PERCENTAGE OF MINORITIES AND WOMEN SERVING AS MILITARY OFFICERS OR HOLDING WHITE-COLLAR JOBS HAS RISEN.

I BELIEVE THESE FIGURES DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO CIVIL RIGHTS THAT IS FIRM AND FAR-REACHING. BUT LET ME GO BEYOND STATISTICS TO SPEAK FROM MY HEART. I STILL BELIEVE IN A SIMPLE PRINCIPLE I LEARNED FROM MY MOTHER AND FATHER; BLACK OR WHITE, YOUNG OR OLD, EVERY HUMAN BEING IS A SACRED CHILD OF GOD, A PERSON OF INFINITE DIGNITY AND WORTH. ALL AMERICANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE JUDGED ON THE SOLE BASIS OF INDIVIDUAL MERIT, AND TO GO JUST AS FAR AS THEIR DREAMS AND HARD WORK WILL TAKE THEM. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE NO HIGHER DUTY THAN TO DEFEND THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY.

LAST, I WANT TO MENTION THE ECONOMY. HERE AGAIN, WE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION ARE ACTING WITH ENERGY AND DETERMINATION.

WE'VE HELPED DISADVANTAGED AND
DISLOCATED WORKERS BY ENACTING THE JOB
TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT. INDEED, IN OUR
LAST BUDGET, I REQUESTED \$3.6 BILLION FOR
THE J.T.P.A. -- MONEY THAT DURING 1985 WILL
SERVE SOME 2.2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS.

WE'VE SUPPORTED MINORITY BUSINESSES,
ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM THAT OVER THE NEXT
10 YEARS WILL CALL FOR THE PURCHASE OF
\$22 BILLION IN GOODS AND SERVICES FROM
MINORITY FIRMS. FOR THE TRULY NEEDY,
WE'VE ENLARGED THE SAFETY NET, INCREASING
SPENDING FOR SUCH ITEMS AS MEDICARE AND
MEDICAID, FOOD STAMPS, AND HOUSING.

TO BRING JOBS TO ECONOMICALLY TROUBLED
PLACES LIKE INNER CITIES, WE'VE PROPOSED A
FRESH IDEA -- ENTERPRISE ZONES. BUT SOME
DEMOCRATS ARE BLOCKING THIS PROPOSAL IN THE
CONGRESS, EVEN THOUGH MANY STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN
ENTERPRISE ZONES.

THESE ZONES HAVE CREATED THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS; THEY'VE SHOWN WHAT A BIG SUCCESS OUR OWN ENTERPRISE ZONES CAN AND WILL BE -- IF ONLY THOSE DO-NOTHING DEMOCRATS WILL STEP ASIDE AND LET US GET ON WITH IT. THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED US SO FAR, BUT WE WON'T GIVE UP.

TO REDUCE TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT -- ESPECIALLY BLACK TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT -- WE'VE PROPOSED A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WAGE FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS.

WHEN I THINK BACK TO MY BOYHOOD, I REMEMBER HOW EACH SUMMER I USED TO DO ODD JOBS AND WORK AS A LIFEGUARD. OF COURSE I DIDN'T EARN AS MUCH AS A FULL-TIME WORKING MAN, BUT IT WAS GOOD MONEY TO ME AND I WAS PROVIDING GENUINE SERVICES TO MY EMPLOYERS.

I'M CONVINCED THAT IT'S ONLY COMMON SENSE TO ENACT THIS OPPORTUNITY WAGE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE GET SUMMER JOBS, NEEDED DISCIPLINE AND EXPERIENCE.

AFTER ALL, WHY SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
STAND IN THE WAY OF A YOUNG MAN OR WOMAN
FINDING THEIR FIRST JOB? I MIGHT ADD THAT,
AT THEIR RECENT CONFERENCE, AMERICA'S BLACK
MAYOR'S GAVE OUR OPPORTUNITY WAGE PROPOSAL A
FIRM ENDORSEMENT.

DESPITE THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL THESE
EFFORTS, ONE CHANGE OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS
BROUGHT ABOUT IS DOING MORE TO HELP BLACK
AMERICANS THAN ALL OUR OTHER PROGRAMS PUT
TOGETHER. I'M TALKING ABOUT ECONOMIC
EXPANSION. TODAY, INFLATION IS LESS THAN
HALF WHAT IT WAS WHEN WE TOOK OFFICE.

RETAIL SALES AND FACTORY ORDERS ARE UP.

SINCE THE EXPANSION BEGAN, THE UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE HAS SHOWN THE STEEPEST DROP IN 30 YEARS
AS OVER 6 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE FOUND JOBS.
MORE AMERICANS ARE WORKING NOW THAN EVER
BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY, AND MORE JOBS ARE
BEING CREATED AT A FASTER RATE HERE THAN IN
ANY OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY.

YES, BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT IS STILL TOO HIGH, BUT AS I PLEDGED LAST YEAR TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, I INTEND TO SEE TO IT THAT EVERY AMERICAN, REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION, OR GENDER, BENEFITS FROM THIS RECOVERY. TODAY, BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT IS DROPPING EVEN MORE QUICKLY THAN WHITE UNEMPLOYMENT, AND OUR ECONOMIC PROGRAM WILL GO ON CREATING JOBS IF WE CONTROL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, AND KEEP TAXES WHERE THEY BELONG — DOWN. TOGETHER, WE'VE BEGUN TO CREATE A GENUINE OPPORTUNITY SOCIETY — A NATION WHERE EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE CHANCE TO DO GOOD, HONEST WORK AND PROSPER.

LAST NOVEMBER, WHEN I SIGNED INTO LAW THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., I QUOTED DR. KING'S STIRRING WORDS ABOUT THE FATE OF BLACK AND WHITE AMERICANS.

"THEIR DESTINY IS TIED UP WITH OUR DESTINY
AND THEIR FREEDOM IS INEXTRICABLY BOUND TO
OUR FREEDOM. WE CANNOT WALK ALONE."

NO, WE CANNOT WALK ALONE. THAT'S WHY
YOU AND I ARE WORKING TO IMPROVE THE DESTINY
OF ALL AMERICANS -- TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR
OUR PEOPLE TO WALK TOGETHER INTO A GLORIOUS
FUTURE OF FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY.

I'M CONVINCED THAT, IF EACH OF US GIVES THIS
GREAT CAUSE HIS BEST EFFORTS, THEN OUR DREAM
WILL COME TRUE -- AND, IN DR. KING'S WORDS,
". . . ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO
SING WITH NEW MEANING' . . . LAND WHERE MY
FATHERS DIED, LAND OF THE PILGRIMS' PRIDE,
FROM EVERY MOUNTAIN SIDE, LET FREEDOM RING."

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'RE GIVING TO OUR
COUNTRY, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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The President has seen _____

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(MYER)

JUNE 25, 1984

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATORS CONGRESS

GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DELIGHTED TO
WELCOME YOU, AMERICA'S AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNICATORS, TO THE WHITE HOUSE -- OR AS
JACK BLOCK CALLS IT, THE SOUTH FORTY.
AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR
HOLDING YOUR FIRST AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNICATORS' CONGRESS. YOUR DESIRE TO
WORK TOGETHER, SHARE IDEAS, AND HELP EACH
OTHER IS IN THE FINE TRADITION OF AMERICA'S
FARM COMMUNITY.

AGRICULTURE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SHARING
SOCIETY. PIONEERS HELPED EACH OTHER CROSS
UNCHARTED LANDS AND ESTABLISH HOMESTEADS.
IN TIME OF NEED, A NEIGHBOR WAS ALWAYS
WILLING TO STEP IN AND GIVE A HELPING HAND.
AMERICA'S FARMERS AND RANCHERS HAVE
NEVER LOST THAT WONDERFUL SPIRIT.
AND YOU'RE CARRYING IT FORWARD.

THROUGH YOU, FARMERS AND RANCHERS SHARE
KNOW-HOW AND BUSINESS CONCEPTS.

YOU CONCENTRATE ON WHAT IS RIGHT WITH
AGRICULTURE AND HOW TO MAKE IT BETTER.

YOU ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS, COMMUNITY BUILDERS,
AND INFORMATION SHARERS. THE ACCENT IS ON
THE POSITIVE, ON SUCCESS. I DON'T MIND
TELLING YOU -- YOU'RE MY KIND OF
COMMUNICATORS.

YOU'RE HELPING TO INCREASE YIELDS,
DEVELOP NEW MARKETING STRATEGIES,
IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, AND MAKE
GENETIC IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANTS AND
LIVESTOCK. IN FACT, YOU DO SO WELL THAT THE
AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY HAS A RECORD
OF PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY UNMATCHED BY
ANY OTHER IN THE WORLD.

AGRICULTURE IS A DRIVING FORCE IN OUR
NATION'S ECONOMY AND YOU CAN BE VERY PROUD
OF WHAT YOUR INDUSTRY HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE DOING ALL WE CAN TO HELP THE FARM COMMUNITY RECOVER FROM PAST POLICY MISTAKES AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

ONE OF MY FIRST ACTIONS AS PRESIDENT WAS TO LIFT THE SOVIET GRAIN EMBARGO.

AND LAST AUGUST, WE SIGNED A NEW 5-YEAR GRAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE 9 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY, AND CAN PURCHASE UP TO 12 MILLION TONS WITHOUT CONSULTATION.

THAT'S A 50 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT.

AND THIS YEAR, WE HAVE OFFERED TO SELL THEM AT LEAST 22 MILLION

TONS. AS LONG AS I'M PRESIDENT, OUR FARMERS WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ASKED TO BEAR ALONE THE BRUNT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

WHAT WE ARE DOING, AND WHAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO, IS TO PURSUE NEW EXPORT MARKETS AND WORK TO REMOVE EXPORT BARRIERS.

TO PROMOTE EXPORTS, OUR ADMINISTRATION,
IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, HAS AUTHORIZED ~~OVER~~
OVER \$9 BILLION IN EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES --
THE LARGEST ^{CREDIT} GUARANTEES IN OUR HISTORY. ✓

EXPORT TRADE LEADS ARE BEING SENT
ELECTRONICALLY TO U.S. EXPORTERS. } OUR TRADE
TEAMS HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY ON THE GO IN
SEARCH OF NEW MARKETS. } JACK BLOCK HAS BEEN
KNOCKING ON DOORS ALL OVER THE WORLD,
AND HE'S GOING TO KEEP ON KNOCKING. } AND I
KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU JOIN ME IN WISHING JACK
A SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.

I BELIEVE THESE EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF.
WE'VE NEGOTIATED NEW IMPORT QUOTAS WITH
JAPAN THAT WILL LEAD TO A NEAR DOUBLING OF
CITRUS AND BEEF EXPORTS OVER THE NEXT
4 YEARS. } AND JUST LAST MONTH, WE REACHED
AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE
YEN — AN ACCORD THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR
EXPORTS MORE COMPETITIVELY PRICED.

LAST YEAR, WE DEMONSTRATED OUR DETERMINATION TO COUNTER EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND RECOVERED A 1-MILLION-TON WHEAT FLOUR MARKET IN EGYPT. AS A RESULT, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS JOINED US IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN AN EFFORT TO SOLVE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THEIR SUBSIDIZED EXPORTS.

AND AS YOU KNOW, I SIGNED CONTRACT SANCTITY LEGISLATION THAT GIVES FARMERS ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES THAT EXISTING EXPORT CONTRACTS WILL NOT BE ABROGATED. LET ME ASSURE YOU, NOW THAT WE'VE REGAINED OUR REPUTATION AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER, WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN THAT REPUTATION.

AT HOME, WE TACKLED THE PRICE-DEPRESSING SURPLUS OF 1981 AND 1982 THAT COULD HAVE HUNG OVER THE MARKET FOR YEARS. BY QUICKLY STEPPING IN WITH A PAYMENT-IN-KIND PROGRAM, THE SURPLUS PROBLEM WAS SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH.

WE'VE MOVED CLOSER TO THE POINT WHERE THE MARKET, NOT THE GOVERNMENT, WILL BE SENDING PRODUCTION SIGNALS TO OUR PRODUCERS.

ON ANOTHER FRONT, WE'VE DOUBLED THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION OPERATING LOANS, AND HAVE HELPED SOME 270,000 FARM BORROWERS WHO COULDN'T GET CREDIT THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES.

OUR FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM DEALT WITH 1983'S SEVERE WEATHER PROBLEMS BY PAYING OUT \$580 MILLION -- AN ALL-TIME HIGH. AND THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION ALSO PROVIDED EMERGENCY DISASTER LOANS AT LOW INTEREST RATES AND EXTENDED FILING APPLICATION DEADLINES. AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO ALL WE CAN FOR THE FARMERS HIT HARD BY RECENT FLOODING IN THE MIDWEST. IN FACT, SECRETARY BLOCK SENT A TEAM OUT THIS MORNING TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE AND THEY'RE ON SITE EVEN AS I SPEAK.

AND TODAY, WE'RE HARD AT WORK ON THE
1985 FARM BILL. THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY
SOLICIT FARMERS' VIEWS ON THIS BILL.

SO FAR, THEY'VE ACCEPTED HUNDREDS OF PAGES
OF WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS AND HELD
LISTENING SESSIONS IN CHICAGO, ATLANTA,
SYRACUSE, AND RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

AND I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NEXT
SESSION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 19TH IN DALLAS.

ALL OF THESE EFFORTS ARE IMPORTANT,
BUT NOT AS IMPORTANT AS OUR ECONOMIC
EXPANSION. THE MONTH WE TOOK OFFICE,
THE PRIME INTEREST RATE WAS AT THE HIGHEST
LEVEL SINCE THE CIVIL WAR. CONSIDERING THAT
ONE-FIFTH OF FARMERS' CASH OUTLAYS ARE FOR
INTEREST EXPENSES, THAT 21-PERCENT RATE WAS
A DEVASTATING BLOW. INFLATION WAS JUST AS
CRUEL.

IN THE 3 YEARS BEFORE WE TOOK OFFICE,
FARM COSTS JUMPED AN OUTRAGEOUS
45 PERCENT -- AT \$39.7 BILLION, THAT'S THE
LARGEST 3-YEAR RISE IN OUR HISTORY.

TODAY, THE PRIME INTEREST RATE HAS
FALLEN BY NEARLY HALF, AND WE'VE KNOCKED
INFLATION DOWN TO AROUND 4 PERCENT; ^{3.6% LST.}
^{3 mos.}
DON'T GET ME WRONG: INTEREST RATES ARE
STILL HIGHER THAN YOU OR I WOULD LIKE.

BUT WE HAVE RESTORED OUR COUNTRY'S BASIC
ECONOMIC HEALTH, AND IF WE CONTINUE TO
PURSUE A SOUND MONETARY POLICY AND WORK TO
PUT THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS IN ORDER,
INTEREST RATES WILL DROP MORE AND INFLATION
WILL STAY DOWN.

WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN MAKING SURE
SPENDING IS BROUGHT DOWN IN LINE WITH
GOVERNMENT REVENUES.] AND THAT'S WHY I
STRONGLY FAVOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS TO
GIVE THE PRESIDENT A LINE-ITEM VETO AND TO
MANDATE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.

NOW, THE CRITICS ARE STILL WITH US.
BUT THEY ARE THE SAME CRITICS WHO WERE WRONG
ON INFLATION, WRONG ON UNEMPLOYMENT,
WRONG ON REAL WAGES, WRONG ON INTEREST
RATES, AND WRONG ON THE RECOVERY. IN FACT,
EVERY TIME I HEAR THEM, I REMEMBER
ROBERT FROST SAYING, "THE BRAIN IS A
WONDERFUL ORGAN; IT STARTS WORKING THE
MOMENT YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING AND DOES
NOT STOP UNTIL YOU GET INTO THE OFFICE."

AM I OPTIMISTIC? YOU BET I AM.
I BELIEVE THAT OUR BEST DAYS ARE STILL TO
COME. WITH FAITH, FREEDOM, AND COURAGE,
THERE'S NO LIMIT TO WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
CAN AND WILL ACCOMPLISH. AND THAT'S ALWAYS
BEEN THE WAY OF THE AMERICAN FARMER.

ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU
ON YOUR CONGRESS AND TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT
YOU'RE DOING.

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BY SHARING IDEAS WITH FARM AUDIENCES,
YOU ARE HELPING TO KEEP OUR GREAT NATION,
AND OUR FARM COMMUNITY, STRONG, PROSPEROUS,
AND FREE.] AND AS I RECENTLY TOLD THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FARMER COOPERATIVES,
AMERICA'S FARMERS HAVE MY PLEDGE TO SEE TO
IT THAT THE DREAM OF A SUCCESSFUL FAMILY
FARM REMAINS A LIVING PART OF THE AMERICAN
DREAM.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(NOONAN)

JUNE 26, 1984

The President has seen
POSTHUMOUS PRESENTATION OF MEDAL OF FREEDOM
TO HENRY JACKSON

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HONORED GUESTS,
MRS. HELEN JACKSON, THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU,
FOR COMING HERE TODAY.

WE ARE HERE TO HONOR HENRY "SCOOP"
JACKSON, WHO WAS ONE OF THE GREAT SENATORS
IN OUR HISTORY, AND A GREAT PATRIOT WHO
LOVED FREEDOM FIRST, LAST, AND ALWAYS.

IT IS LESS THAN A YEAR SINCE HIS DEATH,
BUT ALREADY WE CAN DEFINE WITH CONFIDENCE
THE LASTING NATURE OF HIS CONTRIBUTION.

HENRY JACKSON WAS A PROTECTOR OF THE NATION,
A PROTECTOR OF ITS FREEDOMS AND VALUES.

THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW SUCH PEOPLE IN EACH
GENERATION. LET OTHERS PUSH EACH CHIC NEW
BELIEF, OR BECOME DISTRACTED BY THE LATEST
FASHIONABLE READING OF HISTORY.

THE PROTECTORS LISTEN AND NOD AND GO ABOUT
SEEING TO IT THAT THE IDEALS THAT SHAPED
THIS NATION ARE ALLOWED TO SURVIVE AND
FLOURISH. THEY DEFEND THE PERMANENT AGAINST
THE MERELY PREVALENT. THEY HAVE FEW
ILLUSIONS.

HENRY JACKSON UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS
GREAT GOOD IN THE WORLD, AND GREAT EVIL TOO,
THAT THERE ARE SAINTS AND SINNERS AMONG US.
HE HAD NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT TOTALITARIANS.
BUT HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXISTENCE OF
EVIL DID NOT SOUR OR DISHEARTEN HIM. HE HAD
GREAT HOPE, GREAT FAITH IN AMERICA. HE FELT
WE COULD DO ANYTHING. HE LIKED TO QUOTE
TEDDY ROOSEVELT: WE SEE ACROSS THE DANGERS
THE GREAT FUTURE. AND WE REJOICE AS A GIANT
REFRESHED... THE GREAT VICTORIES ARE YET TO
BE WON, THE GREATEST DEEDS YET TO BE DONE."

SCOOP CAME TO THE CONGRESS IN 1941, A
YEAR WHEN THE LOCOMOTIVE OF HISTORY SEEMED
WRENCHED FROM ITS TRACKS.

IN EUROPE THE IDEALS OF THE WEST WERE UNDER SIEGE; IN AMERICA, ISOLATIONISTS WARNED AGAINST INVOLVEMENT. SCOOP WATCHED HISTORY

UNFOLD. HE WATCHED NORWAY, THE COUNTRY OF HIS IMMIGRANT PARENTS, FALL TO HITLER.

HE CAME TO SOME CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE WORLD.

FROM THEN UNTIL THE DAY HE DIED HE REJECTED ISOLATIONISM AS AN ACCEPTABLE WAY FOR A GREAT DEMOCRACY TO COMPORT ITSELF IN THE WORLD. THIS VIEW SPRANG STRAIGHT FROM THE

HEART OF THE F.D.R. TRADITION OF FOREIGN POLICY: WE ACCEPT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD, WE DO NOT FLEE THEM.

HENRY JACKSON ABSORBED WITHIN HIMSELF THE THREE GREAT STRAINS OF THOUGHT THAT GO TO THE MAKING OF A NOBLE FOREIGN POLICY: A LOVE OF FREEDOM, A WILL TO DEFEND IT, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT AMERICA COULD NOT AND MUST NOT ATTEMPT TO FLOAT ALONG ALONE, A BLISSFUL ISLAND OF DEMOCRACY IN A SEA OF TOTALITARIANISM.

SCOOP JACKSON WAS CONVINCED THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR PARTISANSHIP IN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY. HE USED TO SAY, "IN MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY, THE BEST POLITICS IS NO POLITICS." HIS SENSE OF BIPARTISANSHIP WAS NOT ONLY NATURAL AND COMPLETE -- IT WAS COURAGEOUS. HE WANTED TO BE PRESIDENT, BUT I THINK HE MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT HIS OUTSPOKEN IDEAS ON THE SECURITY OF THE NATION WOULD DEPRIVE HIM OF THE CHANCE TO BE HIS PARTY'S NOMINEE IN 1972 AND 1976. STILL, HE WOULD NOT CUT HIS CONVICTIONS TO FIT THE PREVAILING STYLE.

I AM DEEPLY PROUD -- (AS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN) -- TO HAVE JACKSON DEMOCRATS SERVE IN MY ADMINISTRATION. I AM PROUD THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE FOUND A HOME HERE.

SCOOP JACKSON BELIEVED IN A STRONG DEFENSE FOR ONLY ONE REASON: BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP PRESERVE THE PEACE BY DETERRING MILITARY VIOLENCE.

HE BELIEVED IN ARMS CONTROL BECAUSE HE
WANTED A MORE SECURE WORLD. BUT HE REFUSED
TO SUPPORT ANY ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVE THAT
WOULD NOT, IN HIS JUDGEMENT, SERVE THE
SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE NATION AND ENSURE
THE SURVIVAL OF THE WEST. HIS COMMAND OF
THE FACTS AND HIS ABILITY TO GRASP DETAIL
WERE LEGENDARY. AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS,
PEOPLE OFTEN LEARNED MORE FROM HIS QUESTIONS
THAN FROM ANYONE ELSE'S ANSWERS.

IT WAS VERY MUCH LIKE SCOOP TO SEE THAT
THERE WAS A GROWING PROBLEM IN CENTRAL
AMERICA — AND TO SEE THAT THE CHALLENGE OF
PROTECTING FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE THERE
WOULD REQUIRE THE COMMITMENT OF DEMOCRATS
AND REPUBLICANS ALIKE. HE CONCEIVED THE
BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON CENTRAL AMERICA,
AND BECAME ONE OF ITS MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS.

HE KNEW THAT STABLE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THAT REGION WITHOUT
THE SECURITY THAT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE CAN
PROVIDE. } HE SAW THE COMMISSION'S WORK
COMPLETED, AND IF HE WERE ALIVE TODAY HE
WOULD BE WORKING TIRELESSLY TO GET ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED BY THE CONGRESS.

SCOOP HELPED SHAPE NATIONAL POLICY ON
DOZENS OF COMPLEX ISSUES } ON STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND ARMS CONTROL, / ON THE SOVIET
UNION AND CENTRAL AMERICA, / ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND ISRAEL, / AND THE CAUSE OF SOVIET JEWRY.

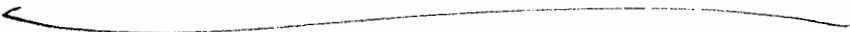
HIS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL GREW OUT OF HIS
KNOWLEDGE THAT POLITICAL DECISIONS MUST
SPRING FROM MORAL CONVICTIONS. } IT WASN'T
SOME GRAND GEOPOLITICAL ABSTRACTION THAT
MADE HIM BACK THE CREATION OF ISRAEL }
IT WAS SEEING THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS FIRST
HAND AT THE END OF THE WAR. } AT BUCHENWALD
HE SAW THE EVIL "WRITTEN ON THE SKY" --
AND HE NEVER FORGOT.

HE SAID THE JEWS OF EUROPE MUST HAVE A
HOMELAND. HE DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO
STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND ISRAEL, RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE
TWO GREAT DEMOCRACIES, TWO GREAT CULTURES
STANDING TOGETHER. TODAY BOTH NATIONS ARE
SAFER BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS. HE NEVER
STOPPED SPEAKING OUT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM
IN THE SOVIET UNION. AND HE WAS NEVER
AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM AT
HOME. SCOOP JACKSON WOULD NOT BE BULLIED.

HE CONCEIVED AND FOUGHT FOR THE JACKSON
AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE ACT OF 1974.

THERE IS HARDLY A SOUL AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS OF SOVIET JEWS WHO LATER FOUND
FREEDOM IN THE WEST WHO WAS NOT SUSTAINED IN
THE STRUGGLE TO EMIGRATE BY THE CERTAIN
KNOWLEDGE THAT SCOOP WAS AT HIS SIDE.

SCOOP WAS ALWAYS AT THE SIDE OF THE
WEAK AND FORGOTTEN.



WITH SOME PEOPLE ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO WIN
THEIR FRIENDSHIP IS BE STRONG AND POWERFUL.
WITH SCOOP ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS BE
VULNERABLE AND ALONE.

AND SO WHEN (SEEM-US KOO-DEER-KA) WAS
IN JAIL IN MOSCOW IT WAS SCOOP WHO HELPED
MOBILIZE THE CONGRESS TO DEMAND HIS RELEASE.

AND WHEN BAPTISTS IN THE SOVIET UNION
WERE PERSECUTED IT WAS SCOOP WHO WENT AGAIN
AND AGAIN TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE TO
PLEAD THEIR CAUSE.

WHEN FREE TRADE UNIONISTS WERE UNDER
ATTACK IN POLAND, SCOOP WORKED WITH THE
AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT TO HELP THEM.

A FEW YEARS AGO SCOOP WAS INVITED TO
VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. THE INVITATION WAS
WITHDRAWN WHEN HE SAID HE COULD NOT GO
WITHOUT CALLING ON ANDREI SAKHAROV.

IF SCOOP WERE HERE TODAY, I KNOW HE WOULD
SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF SAKHAROV — JUST AS
SAKHAROV, A MAN OF IMMENSE COURAGE AND
HUMANITY, STOOD UP IN MOSCOW AND HAILED THE
JACKSON AMENDMENT AS A TRIUMPH OF THE
FREEDOM-LOVING TRADITION OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE.

SCOOP JACKSON WAS A SERIOUS MAN.

NOT SOMBER OR SELF-IMPORTANT, BUT STEADY AND
SOLID. HE DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF THE

COSMETICS OF POLITICS, HE WASN'T INTERESTED
IN IMAGE. HE WAS A PRACTITIONER OF THE ART

OF POLITICS, AND HE WAS A PERSONAGE IN THE
AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD. BUT THERE WAS NO

CAUSE TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL FOR HIS
ATTENTION.

WHEN HE WASN'T ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE OR TALKING TO THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD HE WAS USUALLY IN HIS OFFICE ON THE PHONE ~ CONSOLING A CONSTITUENT IN A MOMENT OF GRIEF / TRACKING DOWN A LOST SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK, / CONGRATULATING AN HONOR STUDENT / OR HELPING A SMALL BUSINESSMAN CAUGHT IN RED TAPE.

THE PRINCIPLES WHICH GUIDED HIS PUBLIC LIFE GUIDED HIS PRIVATE LIFE. } BY THE TIME HE DIED, DOZENS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAD BEEN HELPED THROUGH SCHOOL BY A SCHOLARSHIP FUND HE ESTABLISHED AND SUSTAINED. } NO ONE KNEW THE MONEY CAME FROM SCOOP UNTIL A CHANGE IN THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LAWS MANY YEARS LATER FORCED HIM TO 'FESS UP. HE HAD NEVER TOLD THE VOTERS; HE'D NEVER EVEN TOLD HIS STAFF. } OTHER PEOPLE WERE EMBARRASSED WHEN THE DISCLOSURE LAWS REVEALED THEIR VANITIES; SCOOP WAS EMBARRASSED WHEN IT REVEALED HIS VIRTUES.

ONE NIGHT LAST SEPTEMBER SCOOP WORKED A LONG DAY AND WENT HOME WITH A COLD.

THERE HE FELL INTO THE SLEEP FROM WHICH HE NEVER EMERGED. THE NEXT DAY IT WAS AS IF WASHINGTON HAD CHANGED. SOMETHING WAS MISSING, SOME BIG PRESENCE.

A FEW DAYS LATER, IN A EULOGY FOR SCOOP, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A ROOM IN THE SENATE WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE GREETED, AND ON THE WALLS OF THAT ROOM ARE THE PORTRAITS OF FIVE OF THE GREATEST U.S. SENATORS, MEN CHOSEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO REFLECT THE BEST THAT CHAMBER EVER KNEW. THERE IS ROBERT TAFT, WHO, LIKE SCOOP, WAS MR. INTEGRITY. AND LAFOLLETTE WHO, LIKE SCOOP, OFTEN SWAM AGAINST THE TIDE. THERE'S CALHOUN, WHO LOVED THE SOUTH AS SCOOP LOVED THE WEST. AND WEBSTER, WHO TRIED, LIKE SCOOP, TO BE A FORCE TO HOLD THE NATION TOGETHER IN SPITE OF ITS DIFFERENCES.

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THERE IS HENRY CLAY, A GIFTED MAN WHO, LIKE
SCOOP, WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT PRESIDENT.

IT HAPPENS THAT THERE IS NO APPROPRIATE
SPACE ON THE WALLS OF THAT ROOM FOR ANOTHER
PORTRAIT.

AND SO I AM JOINING THOSE WHO WOULD
SUGGEST TO THE MAJORITY LEADER THAT THE
SENATE MAKE ROOM, AND COMMISSION A PORTRAIT
SO THAT SCOOP JACKSON CAN BE WITH HIS PEERS.

AND WHEN IT IS ALL DONE AND IN PLACE I WOULD
BE PROUD TO BE AMONG THOSE WHO WOULD GO TO
THE SENATE AND UNVEIL IT --(REPUBLICANS AND
DEMOCRATS TOGETHER)-- A BIPARTISAN EFFORT IN
MEMORY OF THE GREAT BIPARTISAN PATRIOT OF
OUR TIME.

AND NOW I AM DEEPLY HONORED TO PRESENT
TO YOU, MRS. HELEN JACKSON, THE MEDAL OF
FREEDOM IN HONOR OF YOUR HUSBAND, SENATOR
HENRY JACKSON OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

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LET ME READ THE CITATION:

REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR FOR MORE THAN
FOUR DECADES, HENRY MARTIN JACKSON WAS ONE
OF THE GREATEST LAWMAKERS OF OUR CENTURY.

HE HELPED TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY OF
DEMOCRACIES AND WORKED TIRELESSLY TO KEEP IT
VIGOROUS AND SECURE.

HE PIONEERED IN THE
PRESERVATION OF THE NATION'S NATURAL
HERITAGE, AND HE EMBODIED INTEGRITY AND
DECENCY IN THE PROFESSION OF POLITICS.

FOR
THOSE WHO MAKE FREEDOM THEIR CAUSE, HENRY
JACKSON WILL ALWAYS INSPIRE HONOR, COURAGE,
AND HOPE.

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~~The President has been~~

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5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POSTHUMOUS PRESENTATION OF MEDAL OF
FREEDOM TO HENRY JACKSON
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984

Ladies and gentlemen, honored guests, Mrs. Helen Jackson, thank you, all of you, for coming here today.

We are here to honor Henry "Scoop" Jackson, who was one of the greatest Senators in our history, ~~who was~~ a great patriot, ~~and~~ who loved freedom first, last, and always.

It is less than a year since his death, but already we can define with confidence the lasting nature of his contribution. Henry Jackson was a protector of the Nation, a protector of its freedoms and values. There are always a few such people in each generation. Let others push each chic new belief, or become distracted by the latest fashionable reading of history. The protectors listen and nod and go about seeing to it that the ideals that shaped this Nation are allowed to survive and flourish. They defend the permanent against the merely prevalent. They have few illusions.

Henry Jackson understood that there is great good in the world, and great evil too, that there are saints and sinners among us. He had no illusions about totalitarians. But his understanding of the existence of evil did not sour or dishearten him. He had great hope, great faith in America. He felt we could do anything. He liked to quote Teddy Roosevelt: "We see across the dangers the great future. And we rejoice as a giant refreshed . . . The great victories are yet to be won, the greatest deeds yet to be done."

Scoop came to the Congress in 1941, a year when the locomotive of history seemed wrenched from its tracks. In Europe the ideals of the West were under siege; in America, isolationists warned against involvement. Scoop watched history unfold. He watched Norway, the country of his immigrant parents, fall to Hitler. He came to some conclusions about the world. From then until the day he died he rejected isolationism as an acceptable way for a great democracy to comport itself in the world. This view sprang straight from the heart of the F.D.R. tradition of foreign policy: We accept our responsibilities in the world, we do not flee them.

Henry Jackson absorbed within himself the three great strains of thought that go to the making of a noble foreign policy: a love of freedom, a will to defend it, and the knowledge that America could not and must not attempt to float along alone, a blissful island of democracy in a sea of totalitarianism.

Scoop Jackson was convinced that there is no place for partisanship in foreign and defense policy. He used to say, "In matters of national security, the best politics is no politics." His sense of bipartisanship was not only natural and complete -- it was courageous. He wanted to be President, but I think he must have known that his outspoken ideas on the security of the Nation would deprive him of the chance to be his party's nominee in 1972 and 1976. Still, he would not cut his convictions to fit the prevailing style.

I am deeply proud -- as he would have been -- to have Jackson Democrats serve in my Administration. I am proud that some of them have found a home here.

Scoop Jackson believed in a strong defense for only one reason: because it would help preserve the peace by deterring military violence. He believed in arms control because he wanted a more secure world. But he refused to support any arms control initiative that would not, in his judgement, serve the security interests of the Nation and ensure the survival of the West. His command of the facts and his ability to grasp detail were legendary. At congressional hearings, people often learned more from his questions than from anyone else's answers.

It was very much like Scoop to see that there was a growing problem in Central America -- and to see that the challenge of protecting freedom and independence there would require the commitment of Democrats and Republicans alike. He conceived the Bipartisan Commission on Central America, and became one of its most active members. He knew that stable democratic institutions cannot be achieved in that region without the security that American assistance can provide. He saw the Commission's work completed, and if he were alive today he would be working tirelessly to get its recommendations accepted by the Congress.

Scoop helped shape national policy on dozens of complex issues -- on strategic planning and arms control, on the Soviet Union and Central America, on human rights, and Israel, and the cause of Soviet Jewry.

His support for Israel grew out of his knowledge that political decisions must spring from moral convictions. It wasn't some grand geopolitical abstraction that made him back the creation of Israel -- it was seeing the concentration camps first hand at the end of the war. At Buchenwald he saw "the evil writ upon the sky" -- and he never forgot. He said the Jews of Europe must have a homeland. He did everything he could to strengthen the alliance between the United States and Israel, recognizing that we are two great democracies, two great cultures standing together. Today both nations are safer because of his efforts. He never stopped speaking out against anti-semitism in the Soviet Union. And he was never afraid to speak out against anti-semitism at home. Scoop Jackson would not be bullied.

He conceived and fought for the Jackson Amendment to the Trade Reform Act of 1974. There is hardly a soul among the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews who later found freedom in the West who was not sustained in the struggle to emigrate by the certain knowledge that Scoop was at his side.

Scoop was always at the side of the weak and forgotten. With some people all you have to do to win their friendship is be strong and powerful. With Scoop all you had to do was be vulnerable and alone.

And so when Simas Kudirka [SEEM-us koo-DEER-ka] was in jail in Moscow it was Scoop who mobilized the Congress to demand his release.

? or was this supposed to be sarcastic?

And when Baptists in the Soviet Union were prosecuted it was Scoop who went again and again to the floor of the Senate to plead their cause.

When free trade unionists were under attack in Poland, Scoop worked with the American labor movement to help them.

A few years ago Scoop was invited to visit the Soviet Union. The invitation was withdrawn when he said he could not go without calling on Andrei Sakharov. If Scoop were here today, I know he would speak out on behalf of Sakharov -- just as Sakharov, a man of immense courage and humanity, stood up in Moscow and made a plea to the Congress of the United States to pass the Jackson Amendment.

Scoop Jackson was a serious man. Not somber or self-important, but steady and solid. He didn't think much of the cosmetics of politics, he wasn't interested in image, he was a practitioner of the art of politics, and he was a personage in the affairs of the world. But there was no cause too great or too small for his attention.

When he wasn't on the floor of the Senate or talking to the leaders of the world he was usually in his office on the phone -- consoling a constituent in a moment of grief, tracking down a lost social security check, congratulating an honor student or helping a small businessman caught in red tape.

The principles which guided his public life guided his private life. By the time he died, dozens of young men and women had been helped through school by a scholarship fund he established and sustained. No one knew the money came from Scoop

until a change in the financial disclosure laws 20 years later forced him to 'fess up. He had never told the voters; he'd never even told his staff. Other people were embarrassed when the disclosure laws revealed their vanities; Scoop was embarrassed when it revealed his virtues.

One night last September Scoop worked a long day and went home with a cold. There he fell into the sleep from which he never emerged. The next day it was as if Washington had changed. Something was missing, some big presence.

A few days later, in a eulogy for Scoop, it was pointed out that there is a room in the Senate where members of the public are greeted; and on the walls of that room are the portraits of five of the greatest U.S. Senators, men chosen by the members of the Senate to reflect the best that chamber ever knew. There is Robert Taft, who, like Scoop, was Mr. Integrity. And LaFollette who, like Scoop, often swam against the tide. There's Calhoun, who loved the south as Scoop loved the West. And Webster, who tried, like Scoop, to be a force to hold the Nation together in spite of its differences. There is Henry Clay, a gifted man who, like Scoop, would have been a great President.

It happens that there is no more space on the walls of that room for another portrait.

And so I am joining those who would suggest to the Majority Leader that the Senate make room, and commission a portrait so that Scoop Jackson can be with his peers. And when it is all done and in place I would be proud to be among those who would go to the Senate and unveil it -- Republicans and Democrats

together -- a bipartisan effort in memory of the great bipartisan patriot of our time.

And now I am deeply honored to present to you, Mrs. Helen Jackson, the Medal of Freedom in honor of your husband, Senator Henry Jackson of the State of Washington.

Let me read the citation: Representative and Senator for more than four decades, Henry Martin Jackson was one of the greatest lawmakers of our century. He helped to build the community of democracies and worked tirelessly to keep it vigorous and secure. He pioneered in the preservation of the Nation's natural heritage, and he embodied integrity and decency in the profession of politics. For those who make freedom their cause, Henry Jackson will always inspire honor, courage, and hope.