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time a tax code is written for the general interest instead of the special interests.

As for the amount of taxes paid, the fact is, average Americans will end up with lower tax burdens when our plan is adopted. Taxes for the poor and elderly will be less or eliminated altogether. Some people, generally those who've legally manipulated the current system, will pay more. But in the end, everyone will benefit because our tax program is designed to keep our economy vigorous and growing, the key to a better tomorrow.

The old system has been a drag on the most productive members of our society. America's Tax Plan is future oriented, a blueprint for progress and better times. Today the Government taxes away 1 of every 2 dollars of those in the top bracket. Our plan will take only about 1 in 3 dollars. Today the Government taxes away 1 of every 3 dollars of millions of middle-income families. Our plan will ^{MAKE THAT} ~~take~~ only 1 in 4 dollars. Today those who want to take more money home, spend their time trying to find tax dodges and shelters. Our system will encourage them to be more efficient, to increase their investments, and to work harder, which benefits everyone.

Our plan encourages entrepreneurs to get new businesses off the ground. These small businesses are the source of most new jobs and the mainspring of innovation and creativity in the business world.

Just as for individuals, by bringing down the rates and reducing the number of deductions and complications, we will

ensure that American business remains a shining light of enterprise and productivity that can and will lead the world to better times.

By lowering the tax rates, cutting regulation, and getting control of spending, we broke out of the quagmire of inflation and recession. The growth we've enjoyed has astounded our friends and confounded our adversaries. I'll never forget sitting down with our allies at the last three international economic summits and being asked about how our economy was producing so many new jobs. In just 30 months, nearly 8 million new jobs were created in America. *IN VIRTUALLY ALL OF EUROPE NOT 1 NEW JOB HAS BEEN CREATED IN THE LAST 10 YRS.*

~~And~~ The American people aren't the only ones who've benefitted. ^{HOWEVER.} As our economy picked up, Americans began spending and investing money in other countries. Our own prosperity has been, and continues to be, a mighty engine for economic progress, pulling along even stagnant, over-regulated, and over-taxed economies.

I hope those of you who are here from other countries will carry this message back to your people. Americans want you to succeed and to prosper. We have no desire to live as an island of plenty. We don't want jobs and higher standards of living just for our people. We don't want prosperity just at home. We will be satisfied with nothing less than a world-wide recovery.

We fully recognize that all free people, with their diverse cultures and customs, must choose their own course, their own way. Nevertheless, we hope that our friends will learn from our experience.

Free men, free minds, and free markets can and will make this a better world. It is only when people are free to challenge what exists and offer something new that mankind is able to step forward; only when people are free to dream and discuss untried ideas that a society remains vibrant; only when people are free in the marketplace to meet the needs of others as best they can, that innovation and opportunity can become the order of the day. Such freedom serves as a ladder of social and economic advancement for all people, step by step improving the lot of every individual from top to bottom. Ingenuity, imagination, and creativity, these are the forces unleashed by human freedom. These are the forces that built America. And if given a chance, they can reshape the face of this planet.

Critics of freedom would have us believe that liberty is at odds with the spirit of brotherhood. Well, you are living proof of the good will and humane values generated by freedom. Today there is a new recognition of the principles advocated by Melvin Jones. Individual commitment is alive and well. The latest statistics on private sector initiatives show that 92 million people in the United States volunteer a portion of their time. This is an increase of 8 million between 1981 and 1983. Most volunteers donate 1 to 3 hours a week. The next largest percentage donates more than 5 hours weekly.

And in 1984, there was a record rise in giving to charitable causes, up 11.1 percent over 1983. The amount given voluntarily by Americans is greater than the entire national budgets of two-thirds of the nations of the world, \$74.25 billion last year.

That is just the assets donated. Time and in-kind contributions, if calculated in dollars, would double or triple that amount.

These are the kind of statistics that underscore the true strength of our country. And much of this philanthropy, in keeping with our traditions, is aimed at helping the less fortunate in other countries. When famine raised its ugly head in Ethiopia, Americans rushed to aid those in need. So far this year, the U.S. has donated 425,000 tons of food. This compares to a paltry 2,500 tons donated by Communist Ethiopia's closest ally, the Soviet Union. It seems with all their sloganeering, about the only things Communist countries produce in quantity are misery and weapons. The record of humanitarian assistance provided by the Soviet-bloc governments, even to their own allies, is a disgrace, and the world, especially the developing world, should know about it.

Of course, Communist countries have trouble producing even enough food for their own people. There is a story ^{BEING TOLD BY THE RUSSIAN} ~~about a~~

PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

VISITS A

A commissar who ~~is visiting a~~ collective farm, ~~he~~ grabs a farmer ^{WALKING BY}

and asks ^{"HOW THINGS ARE GOING - ARE THERE ANY COMPLAINTS?"} ~~what life is like on the collective. "Perfect," the~~

THE farmer ^{SAYS "OH COMRADE COMMISSAR} ~~replies. "I've never heard anyone complain."~~ The commissar ^{SAYS "HOW ARE THE CROPS?"} ~~is a bit skeptical about the answer, but he continues,~~

^{"HOW ABOUT POTATOS?"} ~~"Well, how is the potato harvest?"~~ ^{"OH COMRADE COMMISSAR, IF THE POTATOS WERE PUT IN ONE PILE THEY WOULD TOUCH THE FOOT OF GOD!"}

~~The nervous farmer says, "It is incredible. We've harvested so many potatoes that if they were in one pile, it would reach so high it would touch the foot of God."~~ The commissar ^{SAID} ~~interrupted.~~

^{"JUST} ~~"Wait~~ a minute. This is the Soviet Union. There is no God."

^{THE FARMER SAID: "THAT'S ALRIGHT"} ~~"That's okay," said the farmer, "there are no potatoes, either."~~

Seriously, though, the outpouring of love and support by the free people of the world to the hungry of the world is something we all can be proud of. And, as usual, the Lions are doing their share to get food and supplies into remote areas in Ethiopia. I also am aware of your campaign against blindness in the developed and developing countries. You ~~have my~~ ^{DESERVE OUR} deepest admiration for these projects and your many other humanitarian endeavors.

On the domestic front, last year you reached out to feed America's needy during National Care and Share Day. You're involved in community projects throughout the country.

And I'd like to take this opportunity to thank ~~the Lions~~ ^{you} for all you're doing to fight drug abuse. Nancy told me all about your convention last year. She was gratified to be honored by you, but when she got home she said she felt like she should have been giving you the award and not the other way around.

Your efforts, and those of other concerned Americans outside the structure of Government, are absolutely vital to the success of this all-important campaign. With the help of the Quest National Center and Bill Cosby, you're teaching kids to say no to drugs. We're trying to deter young people from getting involved and to help those using drugs to stop. We will be satisfied with nothing less than a drug-free America. Together, we're going to cut the legs out from under the drug dealers by eliminating the demand for drugs. It's the Lions versus the drug dealers, and I'm betting on the Lions.

The other half of the war is a strong law enforcement and drug interdiction campaign to stop the flow of illegal drugs

before it reaches the customers. This is a complicated and frustrating job, but it lets every youngster in this country know we're serious. It sends the message that drug use is a threat, an ugly, life-destroying vice. And that it is wrong.

I'm pleased to report that the message is getting through. Young people are turning away from drugs. Today fewer young people are smoking marijuana. Cocaine use is levelling off. A new sense of responsibility is emerging in the entertainment industry. The trends are in the right direction, and this is cause for rejoicing. But please don't let up.

Illegal drugs, of course, are only one part of a crime epidemic that spread across our country in the sixties and seventies. Well-intentioned liberals cut the muscle out of our judicial system and then acted surprised when the criminal element took the offensive. Law enforcers have been operating under bizarre rules that serve as roadblocks to the conviction of the guilty, but do little to protect the innocent.

Last year we passed a Comprehensive Crime Act, a first step toward re-establishing a balance to the criminal justice system. Let me assure you, Attorney General Meese is going to keep pushing for further reforms until every American neighborhood is safe. I hope we can count on your support, because we're taking the streets back for the good and decent people of this country.

Like our forefathers, we have the courage to protect our rights and we are proud of our freedom. We are working hard to improve our own lot, to contribute to the less fortunate and to improve our communities and neighborhoods. The truth is, it is

only under freedom that a true fellowship of the spirit can exist. Love is not something that can be mandated by law or enforced by bureaucracy. It is when people voluntarily help one another, giving of themselves freely, that they receive the blessings of the soul which God has promised. This is an important part of freedom, the shining light which is a beacon to all who live in the darkness of tyranny -- the fundamental truth that free people do indeed love and care for one another.

Thank you Lions for holding the torch for all the world to see. God Bless you.

The President has seen _____

(Elliott)
June 21, 1985
2:30 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: BUDGET
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1985

My fellow Americans, later today, Nancy and I will be going to Andrews Air Force Base to be with the families and friends of four American Marines -- four young men whose bodies are being returned after they were murdered by Communist guerrillas in El Salvador last Wednesday night.

We will carry with us all of the grief and sorrow and rising anger of a Nation whose patience has been stretched to its limit. I will speak to the country and to the loved ones of those brave men who defended our freedom. But before we go, I must also speak to you about important deliberations now taking place in Congress.

We have made considerable progress this year in achieving the spending reductions needed to bring down the budget deficit and keep our economy growing and producing new jobs. The Senate has passed a plan for \$56 billion of budget savings, which would also allow us to keep most of our defense rebuilding program on track. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Senate for their courage.

Unfortunately, we cannot say the same about the plan passed by the House. It is not a true budget savings plan. Many of its so-called savings are simply phantom cuts. Further, the House makes no meaningful effort to shrink this gargantuan Federal spending machine that gobbles up your taxes and divvies them out to a multitude of special interests.

Unlike the Senate, which has proposed real, substantial, and permanent reforms, the cuts of the House budgeteers are not enough, and certainly not permanent. The freezes and other one-time measures the House proposes are not solutions that would permit us to get a handle on Federal overspending. They would only postpone the inevitable.

And what's even worse, in these perilous times, the House budget would send a signal of weakness by cutting purchasing power for vital defense needs.² All of us know that there has been waste in defense spending. But after years of others closing their eyes to this problem, it's our Administration that has begun uncovering and rooting out that waste and going after the defense contractors who shamelessly cheat America. And this is why we have taken an additional step -- this week I appointed a special, bipartisan blue ribbon commission to ^{REVIEW} ~~serve as a watchdog on~~ defense management and procurement.

So, yes, we can and must eliminate waste, but it is sheer folly to blindly weaken ourselves when our adversaries are conspiring and working so hard to bleed and cripple America. It is time to stop treating our defense establishment and intelligence agencies like enemies and concentrate our attention and anger on the true enemies of freedom and democracy in the world.

For the past 2 weeks,³ the House and Senate have been meeting in a Conference Committee, trying to come up with a final budget for the next fiscal year. I'm sorry to report that they haven't made much progress. So far, the House has turned away from

realism on defense and refused to accept the many program reforms and permanent savings in domestic spending that are proposed in the Senate version.

And, as is predictable, whenever sufficient will is lacking to make the tough decisions on spending, calls are raised for tax increases. Well, if I must, I'll repeat it 'til I'm blue in the face -- I will veto any tax increase the Congress sends me, and *I'm pleased to say I've been promised* ~~we've got~~ the votes to sustain a veto.

All of us have a great deal at stake in the outcome of these Senate-House negotiations, for the sake of both our national security and our economic well-being. If the Conference Committee reports a budget ^{if} that achieves substantial and permanent changes, it will pave the way for continuing the low inflation and falling interest rates that will keep our economy growing and keep Americans working.

If, on the other hand, the process breaks down and the Congress can't do what's right on defense or on controlling domestic spending, then the consequences will be very bad: America will be seen as too weak to respond to threats, and all the progress we've made on our economy will be placed at risk.

I'm asking for your support to make Congress understand this is a moment in our history when all of us should pull together and put our national interest above partisan politics. The challenges we face are big, but not too big if we Republicans and Democrats unite for a stronger and a safer America. We still have time, so let's get started.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.

The President has seen

JUNE 25, 1985

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LUNCHEON WITH BIPARTISAN
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

-- WHILE WE ARE FINISHING OUR LUNCH,
I WANT TO ASK BUD MCFARLANE TO UPDATE US ON
THE SITUATION THAT HAS PREOCCUPIED US ALL
THESE PAST FEW DAYS -- THE STATUS OF THE
HIJACKING VICTIMS.

[BUD BRIEFS AND TAKES Q&A'S.]

-- I KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE READY FOR
A SHORT BREAK OVER THE FOURTH OF JULY.

-- BUT WE'VE GOT SOME UNFINISHED
FISCAL BUSINESS -- THE BUDGET RESOLUTION AND
THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

-- IT WILL BE UNFORTUNATE IF WE CAN'T
SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVE THESE TWO CONFERENCES
PRIOR TO THE RECESS.

-- DAVE, PLEASE OUTLINE THE STATUS OF
THE TWO CONFERENCES.

[DAVE BRIEFS, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION.]

-- THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY ARE COUNTING ON US TO CUT SPENDING AND TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT. WE HAVE ALL MADE CONCESSIONS DURING THIS BUDGET PROCESS. I HOPE THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE CAN RESOLVE YOUR DIFFERENCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

-- I WANT TO THANK DAN ROSTENKOWSKI AND BOB PACKWOOD FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PASS TAX REFORM LEGISLATION THIS YEAR.

IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF WORK BY ALL OF US -- BUT WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO GET THIS PASSED THIS YEAR.

-- I'D LIKE TO CALL ON JIM BAKER FOR SOME COMMENTS AND THEN ASK HIM TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

[JIM BAKER TO COMMENT,
FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION]

Beware of gov'ts. That soon
into the infinite and drive into the
unfathomable but never pay cash.

Jim
Scott
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(GILDER)

The President has seen
JUNE 26, 1985

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TEACHER FINALISTS FOR SPACE SHUTTLE

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE
WHITE HOUSE.

FIRST, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU ALL.

THE FACT THAT YOU'VE COME THIS FAR IN THE
SELECTION PROCESS IS TESTIMONY TO YOUR
ABILITIES AND THE RESPECT OF YOUR

COLLEAGUES. I'M SURE YOU'VE MADE YOUR
SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES, AND YOUR STUDENTS,

VERY PROUD. BUT I ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU
THAT YOUR SHUTTLE DOESN'T BLAST OFF FOR A
WHILE YET, SO THERE'S STILL TIME TO BACK
OUT.

I SUPPOSE WE ALL HAVE A FEW SPECIAL
TEACHERS THAT WE REMEMBER WITH PARTICULAR
AFFECTION AND GRATITUDE. ONE SUCH TEACHER

FOR ME WAS ESTHER BARTON BACK IN DIXON,
ILLINOIS. I SOMETIMES WONDER WHAT SHE WOULD
HAVE MADE OF OUR TEACHER IN SPACE PROJECT.

I HAVE A HUNCH THAT IF SHE WERE HERE TODAY,
SHE'D TELL YOU THAT THIS WON'T BE THE FIRST
TIME I'VE SENT A TEACHER INTO ORBIT.

I REMEMBER ONE STORY SHE TOLD US ABOUT
HOW, (WHEN THE BRITISH WERE MARCHING TOWARD
WASHINGTON IN THE WAR OF 1812,) DOLLEY MADISON
HAD TIME ONLY TO SAVE A FEW PRECIOUS, PERSONAL
POSSESSIONS AND ONE PORTRAIT OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.
A FEW HOURS AFTER SHE ESCAPED BY WAGON, THE BRITISH
LOOTED AND BURNED THE WHITE HOUSE,
DESTROYING EVERYTHING BUT THAT ONE PORTRAIT
OF THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY THAT DOLLEY
MADISON SAVED FROM THE FLAMES.
THIS PORTRAIT, RIGHT HERE.

IN THE SAME WAY, AMERICA'S TEACHERS ARE
THE PRESERVERS AND PROTECTORS OF OUR
HERITAGE. YOU SAVE OUR PAST FROM BEING
CONSUMED BY FORGETFULNESS AND OUR FUTURE
FROM BEING ENGULFED IN IGNORANCE.

EVERY NEW CLASS IS A NEW GENERATION TO WHOM YOU MUST TRANSMIT THE TREASURES OF OUR CIVILIZATION. EVERY NEW YEAR FOR THE SCHOOL TEACHER IS LIKE A NEW AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT IN WHICH YOUNG MINDS BECOME AWAKENED TO THE TRUTHS THAT WE HOLD TO BE "SELF-EVIDENT."

YOU TEACH YOUR STUDENTS MATH, SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND HISTORY / A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. YOU GIVE THEM MANY FACTS AND MUCH KNOWLEDGE, / BUT YOUR TASK IS GREATER THAN THAT. / BECAUSE WITH THE FACTS YOU MUST IMPART THE VALUES THAT GIVE THEM MEANING AND CONTEXT / OUR MOST SACRED VALUES OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

YOU TEACH AN UNDERSTANDING OF LIBERTY WITH RESPECT FOR THE LAW AND HELP SHOW THE WAY OF FREEDOM, UNDER GOD, WHILE GUIDING OUR YOUTH INTO THE CONSTRUCTIVE PATHS OF SELF-FULFILLMENT.

IN THE HANDS OF AMERICA'S TEACHERS
RESTS THE FORMIDABLE RESPONSIBILITY OF
MOLDING AND INSPIRING TOMORROW'S HEROES,
THE MEDICAL SCIENTISTS WHO WILL INVENT CURES
FOR DISEASE, THE BUSINESSMEN WHO WILL FOUND
WHOLE NEW INDUSTRIES, THE WRITERS, ARTISTS,
DOCTORS - WHO KNOWS, MAYBE EVEN A
POLITICIAN OR TWO - ALL AMERICANS WHO
STRIVE TO EXCEL, NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE IN
COMPETITION WITH ANYONE ELSE BUT BECAUSE
THEY ARE IN COMPETITION WITH THEIR OWN
IMAGINATION TO BE THE VERY BEST POSSIBLE IN
WHATEVER JOB THEY HAVE. (B.J. FRAZER)

A JOURNALIST NAMED CLARK MOLLENHOFF HAS
WRITTEN A POEM ABOUT TEACHERS THAT SAYS IT
ALL BETTER THAN I CAN.

YOU ARE THE MOULDERS OF THEIR DREAMS --
THE GODS WHO BUILD OR CRUSH THEIR YOUNG
BELIEFS IN RIGHT OR WRONG.

YOU ARE THE SPARK THAT SETS AFLAME A
POET'S HAND,
OR LIGHTS THE FLAME IN SOME GREAT
SINGER'S SONG.

YOU ARE THE GODS OF ^{THE} YOUNG --
THE VERY YOUNG.

YOU ARE THEIR IDOLS, BY PROFESSION
SET APART.

YOU ARE THE GUARDIANS OF A MILLION
DREAMS.

YOUR EVERY SMILE OR FROWN CAN HEAL OR
PIERCE A HEART.

YOURS ARE ONE HUNDRED LIVES /-
ONE THOUSAND LIVES.

YOURS IS THE PRIDE OF LOVING THEM,
THE SORROW TOO.

YOUR PATIENT WORK, YOUR TOUCH, MAKE YOU
THE GOD OF HOPE
THAT FILLS THEIR SOULS WITH DREAMS,
AND MAKE THOSE DREAMS COME TRUE.

EMERSON SAID THAT, "MEN LOVE TO WONDER,
AND THAT IS THE SEED OF OUR SCIENCE." IT IS
ALSO WONDER THAT OPENS THE DOORS OF
POSSIBILITY TO YOUNG MINDS / THAT LEADS TO
THE AVENUES OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY.

WHEN ONE OF YOU BLASTS OFF FROM CAPE KENNEDY
NEXT JANUARY / YOU WILL BE REPRESENTING THAT
HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY AND POSSIBILITY /
YOU WILL BE THE EMISSARY TO THE NEXT
GENERATION OF AMERICAN HEROES. AND YOUR

MESSAGE WILL BE THAT OUR PROGRESS,
(IMPRESSIVE AS IT IS,) IS ONLY JUST A
BEGINNING / THAT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS, (AS GREAT
AS THEY ARE,) ARE ONLY A LAUNCHING PAD INTO
THE FUTURE.

FLYING UP ABOVE THE ATMOSPHERE / YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO TRULY SAY THAT OUR HORIZONS ARE NOT
OUR LIMITS / ONLY NEW FRONTIERS TO BE
EXPLORED.

SPEAKING OF LIMITS / YOU MIGHT BE
INTERESTED THAT WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO DO WAS
NOT SO LONG AGO CONSIDERED COMPLETELY
IMPOSSIBLE BY THE BEST AUTHORITIES ON THE
SUBJECT. IN 1956, ABOUT 2 YEARS BEFORE
SPUTNIK, / DR. WOOLEY, (BRITAIN'S ROYAL
ASTRONOMER) SAID CONCLUSIVELY / "SPACE TRAVEL
IS UTTER BILGE." / "WHICHEVER ONE OF YOU IS
CHOSEN MIGHT ALSO WANT TO TAKE UNDER
CONSIDERATION THE OPINION OF ANOTHER EXPERT.
"THE ACCELERATION WHICH MUST RESULT FROM THE
USE OF ROCKETS," (HE SAID,) "INEVITABLY WOULD
DAMAGE THE BRAIN..."

SO CONSIDER YOURSELF FOREWARNED.
SERIOUSLY, I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK,
AND I HOPE YOUR MISSION IS AS SUCCESSFUL AS
THE ONE WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED.

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I'M GLAD IT'S NOT ME WHO WILL HAVE TO MAKE
THE FINAL SELECTION OF THE FIRST
TEACHER-ASTRONAUT, / BECAUSE EACH ONE OF YOU
IS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED. / FOR THE LUCKY ONE
WHO DOES GO UP IN THE SHUTTLE, / I HAVE ONLY
ONE ASSIGNMENT: / TAKE NOTES ~~—~~ THERE WILL BE
A QUIZ AFTER YOU LAND.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Gilder/BE)

June 24, 1985

4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TEACHER FINALISTS FOR SPACE SHUTTLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1985

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House.

First, let me congratulate you all. The fact that you've come this far in the selection process is testimony to your abilities and the respect of your colleagues. I'm sure you've made your schools and communities, and your students, very proud. But I also want to tell you that your shuttle doesn't blast off for a while yet, so there's still time to back out.

I suppose we all have a few special teachers that we remember with particular affection and gratitude. One such teacher for me was ~~Mrs. _____~~ ^{ESTHER BARTON BACK IN DIXON ILL.} at South Central in Dixon, Illinois. ~~Back then, it was our considered opinion that Mrs. _____ had been present for the invention of the wheel, and~~ I sometimes wonder what she would have made of our Teacher In Space Project. ~~But I do know~~ ^{HAVE A HUNCH} that if she were here today ~~she'd be able to tell you one thing.~~ She'd tell you that ~~I may hold a very dignified office now, but back then I was just a boy like any other, in need of a little discipline now and then, and that~~ this won't be the first time I've sent a teacher into orbit.

I remember one story ~~Mrs. _____~~ ^{SHE} told ~~our class~~ ^{US} about how, when the British were marching toward Washington in the War of 1812, Dolley Madison had time only to save a few precious, personal possessions -- and one portrait of George Washington. A few hours after she escaped by wagon, the British looted and burned the White House, destroying everything but that one

portrait of the father of our country that Dolley Madison saved from the flames -- this portrait, right here.

In the same way, America's teachers are the preservers and protectors of our heritage. You save our past from being consumed by forgetfulness -- and our future from being engulfed in ignorance. Every new class is a new generation to whom you must transmit the treasures of our civilization. Every new year for the school teacher is like a new Age of Enlightenment in which young minds become awakened to the truths that we hold to be "self-evident."

You teach your students math, science, literature, and history -- a variety of subjects. You give them many facts and much knowledge, but your task is greater than that. Because with the facts you must impart the values that give them meaning and context -- our most sacred values of human dignity and the worth of the individual. You teach an understanding of liberty with respect for the law and help show the way of freedom, under God, while guiding our youth into the constructive paths of self-fulfillment.

In the hands of America's teachers rests the formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring tomorrow's heroes, the medical scientists who will invent cures for disease, the businessmen who will found whole new industries, the writers, artists, doctors -- who knows, maybe even a politician or two -- all Americans who strive to excel, not because they are in competition with anyone else, but because they are in competition

with their own imagination to be the very best possible in whatever job they have.

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Emerson said that, "Men love to wonder, and that is the seed of our science." It is also wonder that opens the doors of possibility to young minds, that leads to the avenues of hope and opportunity. When one of you blasts off from Cape Kennedy next January, you will be representing that hope and opportunity and possibility, you will be the emissary to the next generation of American heroes. And your message will be that our progress, impressive as it is, is only just a beginning, that our achievements, as great as they are, are only a launching pad into the future. Flying up above the atmosphere, you'll be able to truly say that our horizons are not our limits, only new frontiers to be explored.

Speaking of limits, you might be interested that what you are about to do was not so long ago considered completely impossible by the best authorities on the subject. In 1956, about 2 years before Sputnik, Dr. Wooley, Britain's royal astronomer, said conclusively, "Space travel is utter bilge." Whichever one of you is chosen might also want to take under consideration the opinion of another expert. "The acceleration which must result from the use of rockets," he said, "inevitably would damage the brain . . ."

So consider yourself forewarned. Seriously, I wish you all the best of luck, and I hope your mission is as successful as the one we have just completed. I'm glad it's not me who will have to make the final selection of the first teacher-astronaut,

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A journalist named Clark Mollenhoff has written a poem about teachers that says it all better than

I can:

"You are the moulders of their dreams - The Gods who build or crush their young beliefs of right or wrong.

You are the spark that sets aflame the forest land or lights the flame of some great singers song,

You are the God of the young - the very young -

You are the guardians of a million dreams. Your every smile or frown can heal or pierce a heart. Yours are a ~~thousand~~ hundred lives - a thousand lives. Yours the pride of loving them, the sorrow too. Your patient work, your touch make you the God of hope - that fills their souls with dreams - to make those dreams ~~come~~ true.

because each one of you is eminently qualified. For the lucky one who does go up in the shuttle, I have only one assignment: take notes -- there will be a quiz after you land.

Thank you and God bless you all.

The President has seen

JUNE 26, 1985

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DROPBY BREAKFAST WITH HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE REPUBLICANS

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GOOD MORNING. LET ME FIRST WELCOME YOU
TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

I'VE ASKED YOU HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS
THE ISSUE OF TAX REFORM, / AND I CAN SEE THAT
YOU HAVE ALREADY HAD A LIVELY DISCUSSION
WITH JIM AND DON PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL.

WHEN WE LAST MET IN LATE JANUARY, /
WE HAD A FRANK DISCUSSION WHICH WAS
EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN OUR EFFORTS TO FASHION
A PROPOSAL WHICH ACHIEVES NEEDED REFORM AND
IS LEGISLATIVELY REALISTIC.

SINCE UNVEILING OUR PROPOSAL ON
MAY 28TH, I HAVE TRAVELED TO MANY PARTS OF
OUR COUNTRY TO DISCUSS TAX REFORM.

THESE TRIPS HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT WE HAVE
AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO REVISE OUR TAX
CODE / - TO SIMPLIFY IT / MAKE IT MORE FAIR /
AND BRING THE RATES DOWN. / THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE ARE READY TO SUPPORT SUCH A SYSTEM.

AS REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, / I AM COUNTING ON YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENACTMENT OF SUCH LEGISLATION.] THOUGH THIS IS A BIPARTISAN EFFORT, / IT IS VITAL THAT WE ACHIEVE SOLID REPUBLICAN SUPPORT.

I REALIZE THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SPECIFIC PROVISIONS IN THE PACKAGE.] THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED IN A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF OUR TAX CODE.

BUT I URGE YOU TO KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN AND FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON THE ENTIRE PACKAGE.

DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE PUT IN THE POSITION NOW OF OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH ONE PORTION.

THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY DURING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS / AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITHIN THE PROCESS /- TO ADDRESS PROBLEM AREAS.

THERE IS, { AND THERE WILL CONTINUE TO
BE, } INTENSE PRESSURE FROM SPECIAL INTERESTS
TO EMASCULATE THIS PACKAGE. } MEANINGFUL
REFORM WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF WE CAN
WITHSTAND THIS PRESSURE AND WORK FOR THE
ONLY SPECIAL INTEREST THAT COUNTS /-
THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER.

THIS WILL BE A DIFFICULT TASK, / BUT I
KNOW THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING WITH
DIFFICULT TASKS. } WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS
MOMENT TO SLIP AWAY.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE TAX REFORM A
REALITY. } I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS
CRUCIAL UNDERTAKING.

LET ME NOW TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS AND
COMMENTS.

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