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A PERSONAL CONCERN

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE A PERSONAL CONCERN FOR WHAT IS TAKING PLACE HERE TODAY -- AS ONE OF AMERICA'S 42 MILLION HANDICAPPED.

IN MY FIRST MAJOR SPEECH ON THE SENATE FLOOR, LAST APRIL 14, I PROPOSED PRESIDENT NIXON APPOINT A TASK FORCE FOR THE HANDICAPPED TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE NATION'S MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

LAST OCTOBER, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF SUCH A TASK FORCE ON THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED. THIS WAS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN MEETING ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST UNMET RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNTAPPED RESOURCES. I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT IN DECEMBER MY WIFE PHYLLIS AND MRS. HARVEY FRIED OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE WERE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO A TASK FORCE ON THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. THEY WILL BE SUBMITTING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS SOON IN REGARD TO THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF MENTAL RETARDATION.

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PAOLA - KANSAS - NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

AS WITNESS TO WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED HERE, I AM PROUD OF THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE TAKEN IN MEETING THE PROBLEMS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEN CONSIDERING WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE AREA -- LAKEMARY CENTER AND THE OTHER TWO FACILITIES COMPRISING THE MEDICAL CENTER COMPLEX HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR PAOLA TO ATTRACT A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL AND RELATED SPECIALISTS, MANY OF WHOM WOULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE COME INTO THIS COMMUNITY AND STATE.

WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, YOU HAVE BUILT AND PUT INTO OPERATION AN EXPANDED MEDICAL - EDUCATIONAL - SERVICE COMPLEX, COVERING SIXTY ACRES; PROVIDING ENLARGED HOSPITAL FACILITIES, AN EXTENDED CARE NURSING HOME, AND THIS SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN. IN SHORT, YOUR ACTION HAS EXTENDED A CRITICAL NEED FAR BEYOND YOUR COMMUNITY AND STATE.

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THANKS TO WHAT THE PEOPLE OF PAOLA HAVE DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO IN THE CREATION OF THIS CENTER, A GENERALLY RECOGNIZED NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAS BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED. WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED HERE IS PROOF THAT BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF THIS NATION HAVE AWAKENED TO THE TREMENDOUS LONG-RUN IMPORTANCE OF STARTING EARLY IN AN EFFORT TO INSURE MEANINGFUL LIVES FOR THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF THIS UNTAPPED NATIONAL RESOURCE.

THREE CONCEPTS

MY REMARKS THIS MORNING HAVE BEEN BASED UPON THREE CONCEPTS WHICH HAVE INSPIRED MY PAST ACTIONS AND ARE AT THE HEART OF THE STORY BEHIND LAKEMARY AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY:

FIRST, THAT EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW, DEVELOP, AND CONTRIBUTE TO HIS OR HER FULLEST CAPABILITY;

SECOND, THAT WE WHO REPRESENT AMERICA'S PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS SHARE ONE BASIC GOAL: TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILD AND HIS FAMILY AT THE TIME AND PLACE NEEDED; AND

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THIRD, THAT HELPING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IS NOT SOLELY A GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY; NEITHER IS IT A PURELY PRIVATE OR VOLUNTARY VENTURE. IT SHOULD AND MUST BE A COOPERATIVE, COORDINATED PARTNERSHIP -- AMONG THE HANDICAPPED, THEIR FAMILIES, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, AND GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS.

FINAL^{Walter Chader}LY, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE SISTER PATRICE AND THE URSULINE SISTERS, AND MIKE SCHWARTZ FOR THIS MAGNIFICENT ACCOMPLISHMENT. TO INITIATE THIS PROJECT, THE URSULINE ACADEMY PROVIDED \$50,000 IN CASH AND 34 ACRES OF LAND VALUED AT \$50,000 AS THE INITIAL ASSETS FOR LAKEMARY. IT WAS MIKE SCHWARTZ'S IDEA TO UTILIZE MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL BONDS TO FINANCE A NON-PROFIT FACILITY. UNDER MIKE'S LEADERSHIP, THESE 25-YEAR BONDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY MARKETED.

~~THE CITIZENS STATE BANK AND THE FIVE OTHER MIAMI COUNTY BANKS PURCHASED THESE BONDS, AND TODAY CITIZENS STATE BANK SERVES AS TRUSTEE~~

WITH AN HEW GRANT OF \$545,000 ASSURED, CONSTRUCTION WAS LAUNCHED
IN 1967 TO GIVE US WHAT WE SEE BEFORE US TODAY.

I BELIEVE MIKE SPOKE FOR ALL OF US WHEN HE SAID: "OUR
PHILOSOPHY IS THAT IF WE HELP OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY TO BE
SUCCESSFUL FINANCIALLY, SOME OF IT WILL RUB OFF ON US. WHAT WE
HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IS THE RESULT OF THE INTEREST AND LABOR OF HUN-
DREDS OF PEOPLE OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. PAOLA MAY NOT BE BIG
IN SIZE, BUT ITS HEART IS BIG AND ITS PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DO
WHAT IS NEEDED FOR PROGRESS. WE THINK THAT IS THE REAL STRENGTH
OF THE COUNTRY."

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures are visible in the background and foreground of the page.]

1. With so much suffering + danger -
+ difficulty in the world -- it is
refusing -- + insistent to be here
today -
2. I think the event is more important
than "fly during" etc. you
so often see on T.V. of 10 men to
crime --
- 3 - Great Country -
Great ~~achievements~~
Great People
Disturbance or damage
this way of thought that there
there would be
disturbance over
the ~~land~~ land.
4. What a "real hope" for parents
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Young man - V. Nam -- wife
5. Our Responsibility --
"His ~~the~~ ~~hand~~ ~~is~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~cell~~ -
insistent cell -