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Ladies and Gentlemen.

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First, I want to say that I'm delighted to see so many old friends -- __. __. __. And to be among so many new friends: Not only the Future Farmers of America -- as impressive as that is. Now, also, the Future Leaders of America.

You know, my Congressional liaison is a man named Fred McClure. As we say down in Texas, Fred'll "stand without hitching." A good man. Let me give you the best proof of that. He used to be the national secretary and head of the Texas FFA.

Like all Texans, Fred loves our State's memorable phrases. For instance, you know what we call catfish? "Tourist trout." And we don't refer to animals as animals. No sir. The saying goes that "They're critters, if they're friendly. And varmints, if they're not."

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Well, Fred McClure also knows what to call the FFA. And so do I. We call it America at her best. America at her most generous. An America embodied by the FFA motto: "Learning to do, doing to learn; earning to live, living to serve."

For 61 years ago FFA has done just that -- done, and served, so that America could prosper. And today, you're still doing it -- all 50 States, nearly __ chapters, more than 400,000 members.

You serve through faith in God, and strength of character. And through the belief in family which makes us whole. You know that what we are matters more than what we have. Working with your minds -- your hands -- as farmers, and as Americans.

[Now, I know you like to spread the credit around. After all, that's Rural America's way: ~~Classy~~, modest, and ? understated.] I'm reminded of how a noted comedian once bought a chicken farm. A friend was astonished. "Do you know anything about breeding chickens?" he asked. "No," the comedian replied, "but the chickens do."

But the thing is: The credit does belong to you. And to your parents. Two years ago, I addressed the FFA convention in Kansas City. Its motto was "Agriculture's New Spirit." Well, today, thanks to your labor, and self-reliance, that spirit is alive, and well -- soaring onward, and upward, on America's behalf.

Want evidence? Consider that only four years ago, the Congress passed a pioneering farm bill. Yet today, farm income and agricultural exports are nearing record highs. Our surpluses

of farm commodities have been drastically reduced. Most of our good land has been brought back into production. And the farm credit situation is greatly improved over a decade ago.

This progress has occurred while cutting the cost of Federal farm programs in half. For as less farm income was provided by the government, more was acquired in the market place. We -- you -- have told government to tear down the roadblocks of tariffs and trade barriers. And that the wave of the future lies in competition and free enterprise.

Our task now is to build upon that spirit -- the spirit of "Can-do," not "Washington-must." We don't want government to spend more. We want people to spend more. And we must remember that as during the next year we write a new farm bill. Ensuring the many good features of the '85 Act. And at the same time, making needed improvements.

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For ours is a global economy. And America must compete -- be able to compete. That means expanding our ties with the Soviet Union -- already the third-largest customer for U.S. agricultural commodities. And enlarging our trade with other countries who know, and need, the farming genius of America.

At home, the need to compete means developing new crops and uses for agricultural commodities as raw materials for industry. And for you, today's global economy means there has never been a better place, nor more crucial time, to start a career than the America of 1989.

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Once, he said simply: ~~"The Republic is a dream."~~ "Nothing happens unless first a dream." My friends, your dreams are America's dreams. And I know you will -- already are -- making those dreams a reality.

Future Farmers. Future Leaders. Of America -- and the world. Thank you for coming here. ~~God bless you you, God bless the FFA,~~ ^{God speed to you,} and God bless the United States of America.

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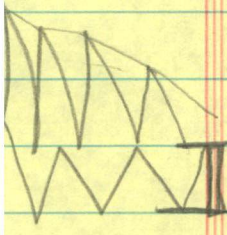
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Last month I announced a "Points of Light Initiative" which asks every American to bring this service into every corner of America. Today, I renew that challenge. And I know that you will meet it. For since 1926 FFA has done much, and served many. You have been a point of light. And today, you're still shining -- all 50 States, nearly 8,000 chapters, more than 400,000 members.

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compatible. Both, for example, need clean, safe, and quality water.

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FROM: Harriet Verzagt/ Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist--Leadership

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MEMO:

Attached are a copy of President Reagan's speech to the FFA given last year during our visit to the White House; "Facts, FFA & High School Agriculture," "The National FFA Organization," a copy of the list (Secret Service list) of persons attending, and a short statement regarding FFA's visits to the White House, State Presidents' Conference program, list of National FFA Officers with some background information, President Bush's address to the National FFA Convention in November, 1987, letter of invitation to President Bush for the 1989 Convention

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EXCERPTS OF REMARKS FOR
VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1987

Riding out here today with me on Air Force II was Congressman Tom Coleman, who represents the northwest part of Missouri. He's one of the bright young stars of the Republican Party, particularly in agriculture and education, and I'm proud to have him advising me on both those subjects -- subjects which are so crucial to America's future.

I have been talking a lot lately about the importance of the arms control treaty that we are negotiating with the Soviets, and one phrase that I have been using is this: "As we look to the future, nothing could be more important than the steps we take to preserve the future itself."

It occurs to me now that the phrase applies equally well to you: What are we going to do to preserve your future -- your future as farmers in America?

There are some in the Democratic Party who would tell you that the game is up, that American farmers can't compete with the rest of the world any more. Their solution is to pull back inside Fortress America, put up the protectionist walls of tariffs and trade barriers, and restrict your future to one of acreage reductions and subsidies and agricultural welfare.

I reject that view categorically. I believe you can compete and should compete with the rest of the world. I believe that we in government should not be putting up trade barriers, but tearing them down. I want your future to be one of free enterprise and competition and success in world markets. And I believe you have the ability to make it happen!

The theme of this convention is "Agriculture's New Spirit." That's not a spirit of gloom and doom and failure! It's the can-do spirit of heartland America!

Here are three things we can do for the future of rural America -- three things that are upbeat and growth-oriented. We

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Office of the Press Secretary

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July 28, 1963

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT TO
THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICARoom 450
Old Executive Office Building

1:54 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you all very much. I'm delighted to have all of you here this afternoon. And I want to assure you all that that this is a non-partisan event. (Laughter.) Though I hope I can tell one little story that has to do both with farming and politics.

It seems that there was a Republican candidate, out campaigning for public office in an old Democratic section of the rural South and he stopped by this one farm and the farmer who met him said, "Now, you just stay right here. I've got to go and -- run and get mom -- she's never seen a Republican before." (Laughter.) So he went in and got mom and they came back and he says, "Well, why don't you do your campaign speech here for us." And he looked around for a podium and the only thing there was a pile of -- well, some stuff that had been taken out of the barn. (Laughter.) So he got up on that and he made his speech and when he finished they said, "Well, we've never heard a Republican speech before." And he said, "Well, that's -- kind of makes us even. I've never spoken from a Democratic platform before." (Laughter and applause.)

Well, as I say, this is a non-partisan event and I hope nobody takes offense. (Laughter.) In fact, if any of you from Democratic families get asked by your folks when you come home what the President talked to you about, okay, you can tell them that story with my permission to switch the party affiliations around. But just once. (Laughter.)

Seriously though, just a few weeks ago, I was out in Illinois and Iowa and I saw some of the devastation that's been caused by the drought there. What I saw wasn't a pretty sight -- stunted corn, sparse bean fields, withered plants starved for water, struggling to push their way up. Secretary Lyng has just returned from an extensive tour of the entire Midwest and he tells me that, despite some rain, the damage to our crops is extensive and, in some cases, irreversible. We're determined to get aid just as quickly as we can to those farmers who need help and I'm calling on Congress to act on comprehensive drought relief so I can sign some legislation to that end very soon.

But, you know, in going back to Iowa and talking to many of the farmers there, and businessmen, and government leaders I heard a great deal said about changes in American agriculture during the last few years. In many ways, these changes are reflected in your own organization's emphasis on broadening the public perception of what FFA is all about. Because you're not only an organization for farmers but an organization for all those looking for opportunities in agricultural marketing, management, production, engineering, research, communications, government, and other areas. And this emphasis on the diversity of the agricultural field and broadening the economic base of our farming regions reflects the power, might, and maturity of American agriculture.

Your 400,000 members in 7,800 chapters are testimony to a number of young lives that FFA influences in all these wide areas. And, believe me, having traveled the world as I have during those past eight years I can tell you how important this work is to the

hopes of as many millions for a better world and a better future.

You know, amazement is the word for how much -- most of the rest of the world views American agriculture. We grow more grain, we plant more soybeans, we raise more cattle, and export more produce than any combination of countries in the world. American agriculture is one of the great success stories of our time. As recently as 1940, a single American farmer could feed 19 people for a year. Today a single American farmer feeds 120 people for a year. American products are shipped around the world. Through all these decades, despite drought and misfortune, American agriculture continues to succeed.

And there's a secret to it -- it's one that's been emphasized to all of you because it's part of FFA philosophy -- it's the secret of letting the consumer or the marketplace -- not government planners -- make the ultimate decision about what is on the shelves of our grocery stores or in the ships that carry American products across the seas.

When I first started traveling abroad as President, especially to our annual economic summits, I suggested that the best foreign aid or development program the United States could give the world was a crash study in free enterprise. And this idea was, to say the least, greeted with skepticism.

But when America's economic miracle took over and as we created during the past 67 months 17 million new jobs, I noticed that the idea of fostering growth through encouraging the entrepreneur began to take hold. Even to the point where the emphasis on agricultural subsidies, once so sacrosanct in other nations, is giving way at these summits to ideas on how to develop more free enterprise. There seems to be an increasing awareness of something we Americans have known for some time -- that the ten most dangerous words in the English language are: "Hi, I'm from the government and I'm here to help." (Laughter.)

Well, of course, sometimes government can help and should help -- natural disasters like the drought, for example -- but we need to look to a future where there's less, not more government in our daily lives. It's that philosophy that brought us the prosperity and growth that we see today.

That's why we've proposed nothing less than a total phase-out by the year 2000 of all policies that distort trade in agriculture, and I'm speaking of worldwide. This proposal reflects one of my abiding beliefs; I think it's a belief that you share: The solution to the world agricultural problem is to get government out of the way and let farmers compete.

And you know I'd like to point out something -- as I did week before last in Iowa -- when people get to flattering me about this economic expansion, the longest in the peacetime history of our nation, I sometimes ask: What is it we really did to make all this happen for Americans? And the truth is: We just got out of your way. You did it, we didn't.

That's why the work you're doing now and will do as adults is essential to what we as Americans can do for the rest of the world. We need to help so many in the underdeveloped world especially in the agricultural area -- and your example and your assistance and your commitment to the concept of economic freedom can be crucial to that endeavor.

Well, as always, it's wonderful to see all of you here. "When tillage begins," Daniel Webster once said, "other arts follow." The farmers therefore are the founders of human civilization." The work of FFA -- its broadening horizons -- are testimony just to that point.

So I want to congratulate each of you on your achievements with FFA. Your family and friends and your President are all very proud of you. Have a wonderful stay here while you're in the nation's capital.

I can't go without just telling another little thing -- maybe it's a little unkind of me about government, but what planted some of these thoughts in my mind a long time ago. I was in the military. And I remember a case arose in World War II for a warehouse that was full of filing cabinets, and the filing cabinets were all full of papers. But research revealed that none of these records were of any value whatsoever or served any purpose in the government -- they were outmoded papers and so forth; they had no historical value. And so up through the channels went a request to destroy those papers and empty the file cabinets so they could be used now for the great need -- or then, at that time -- of the papers that were current, and so forth.

And back down through the channels from the top came the answer to that request. Permission granted to destroy all of those records, provided copies were made of each one. (Laughter.)

I have a hobby anymore. It's throwing paper away. (Laughter.) But just -- I won't take any more of your time. Just thank you all and God bless you. It's good to see you here again. (Applause.)

MS. EVANS: Mr. President, it is an honor for the six of us, as national officers in the national FFA organization, to meet with you again, but today we come to you with kind and sincere regards to share with you over 100 young people from every state in this nation who have come to answer the calling and the challenge that you set before all Americans in your second inaugural address when you said, "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

Our country has an old tradition. The oldest tradition supposedly is that of its youth, and we as young people who represent over 415,000 other FFA members want to thank you and salute you for your unselfish service these past eight years to our country. In fact, on a more personal note, we wanted you to know that those qualities -- those special and unique ones that you possess -- that of communication ability, that of your gentleness, and also of your love mostly for your God, for your country and for your mankind, are those same qualities that we try to instill in our FFA members.

We thank you, Mr. President, and it is with optimism that we hope you and Mrs. Reagan will be able to join us at the world's largest youth convention -- over 24,000 FFA members gather in Kansas City every November, and we would love to hear from you and your remarks.

On a more personal note, though, we want to also remind you that in the good book of Matthew, Book 22 Verse 14 it says, "For many are called, but few are chosen." To be chosen is a rare honor and in this case we feel that the rarity was well done.

There is a riddle that asks about the American dream. What is the difference between the American dream and everyone else's dream? Well, Mr. President, you know what the difference is. Everyone else's dream is to be an American. (Laughter.)

Thank you for your service to our country and to our young people, for your commitment and for your ability to change and to touch our lives.

We would like to present you with this plaque which says, "In tribute to President Ronald Reagan, in sincere appreciation for your outstanding leadership to our world and belief in over 416,000 FFA members as the future leaders of this great nation. July 28, 1988, The White House." Thank you. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. I just want to say one thing. Madam President -- (laughter) -- I hope you're going to be around a little longer than I am. (Laughter.) And thank you for those very kind words.

MS. EVANS: You're welcome.

THE PRESIDENT: And since we're both presidents, we can use first names, Kelly. (Laughter and applause.) Thank you.

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ELECTRONIC CLASSROOM

DEGREES OF MEMBERSHIP

HEADQUARTERS IN VIRGINIA

FFA FOUNDATION IN WISCONSIN

FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FFA MOTTO

The FFA is a national organization of high school agriculture students preparing for careers in agricultural marketing, processing, communications, education, horticulture, production, natural resources, forestry and agribusiness. FFA chapters are established in public schools where it is an integral, intracurricular part of instruction in high school agriculture under provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

FFA was organized nationally in 1928 in Kansas City by vocational agriculture students who had formed local and state organizations, some dating back to 1917. In 1950 Congress granted the FFA a Federal Charter. Today, there are 7,782 chapters in 50 states as well as Puerto Rico, District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. Active membership is 404,900.

The high school agriculture FFA program has three strands interwoven like a rope. The total program is weakened if one of these strands is missing. High school agriculture is the first strand and is the course of study for students preparing for careers in agriculture. The second strand of the program's rope is the Supervised Occupational Experience (SOE) program which each high school agriculture student conducts. Whether it be agricultural enterprises at home or in a placement situation at an agricultural business, the students put into practice what they have learned in high school agriculture classes. FFA, the third strand, provides the incentive and awards to excel in high school agriculture and the FFA is a laboratory for the high school agriculture instructor to teach leadership and human relations skills.

The primary purposes of the FFA are to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. Through participation in FFA activities, young men and women, ages 14-21, interested in all aspects of the agricultural industry, learn how to speak in public, conduct and take part in meetings, handle financial matters, solve their own problems and assume civic responsibility.

FFA members elect their own officers and plan and carry out activities with a minimum of supervision from their high school agriculture instructor who serves as chapter adviser. FFA judging contests, public speaking contests and incentive awards programs for chapters and individual members complement the classroom instruction and challenge students to excel.

The FFA has developed an Ag Ed Network in cooperation with AgriData Resources, Inc. for use in high school agriculture departments. The network, an electronic information database, is accessible by any classroom computer and provides the high school agriculture instructor with up-to-date agriculture education news, lesson enhancement modules and a variety of other up-to-the-minute information to make learning exciting and current for the student. FFA news and information is included on the system.

Degrees of membership are awarded on the basis of individual achievement in the organization. The member begins as a Greenhand and progresses to the Chapter FFA degree in the local chapter. The State FFA degree is presented by the State FFA Association and the American Farmer degree is awarded by the National FFA Organization.

The National FFA Organization has offices near Alexandria, Virginia, where the organization owns and operates the National FFA Supply Service, *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine, the Program Division and an FFA Alumni Association.

The National FFA Foundation, Inc., supports the high school agriculture FFA program through incentive awards to FFA members and chapters. Foundation funds are provided by business, industry, organizations and individuals to recognize FFA achievements at local, state and national levels. The Foundation's address is: Box 5117, 310 North Midway Boulevard, Madison, WI 53705-0117. StarGram FF200A, Telephone: (608) 233-4222.

The FFA Alumni Association was founded in 1971 to give the more than 3 million former FFA members an opportunity to continue their support of the FFA organization. FFA alumni organizations at the local, state and national levels are making substantial contributions to assist in the continued growth and development of an active FFA program for youth preparing for careers in agriculture. The FFA Alumni Association has 1,200 affiliates and 30,000 alumni members nationwide.

Learning to Do; Doing to Learn; Earning to Live; Living to Serve.

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The National FFA Organization

FFA is a national organization of students preparing for more than 200 careers in agriscience, agrimarketing, agribusiness and production agriculture through the development of occupational and interpersonal skills taught in high school agriculture. The U. S. Department of Agriculture projects a 13% shortage of qualified workers in agricultural occupations by 1990, making agriculture a wise career choice.

FFA chapters are established in public schools where they are an integral part of the agricultural education program. The FFA was organized nationally in 1928 by students of vocational agriculture. In 1953, Congress granted the FFA a federal charter making it unique among vocational student organizations. Today, there are 404,900 active members in 7,800 chapters in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. There are 11,200 agriculture instructors.

The official FFA motto briefly defines the agricultural education program:

*Learning to do,
Doing to learn;
Earning to live,
Living to serve.*

In *Learning to do*, FFA members study scientific and practical agricultural methods to prepare themselves for agricultural careers.

In *Doing to learn*, members work on projects to gain practical, hands-on experience.

In *Earning to live*, students manage their own agricultural enterprises and are responsible for the project's financial gains and/or losses.

In *Living to serve*, members develop qualities of competent leadership and responsible citizenship and use those qualities to improve their school and community.

The Agricultural Education/FFA Program

The agricultural education/FFA program has three principal components: 1) high school agriculture is the four-year course of study for students preparing for careers in agriculture; 2) the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program is an enterprise or employment activity conducted over several years by each student that allows for the application of skills and competencies acquired in the classroom; and 3) FFA provides incentives and awards to encourage further career growth, as well as a laboratory for the instructor to teach leadership, personal development and human relations skills.

Agriculture students may study subjects related to agricultural production, processing, supply and service, mechanics, horticulture, forestry and natural resources. In addition, they receive training and exposure in such areas as

marketing, communications, international trade, bio-technology, engineering, computer applications, safety, economics, legislative process, commodity trading and community development.

The SAE incorporates lessons taught in the classroom with the student's occupational objective. Members usually start with small programs as freshmen and then increase the scope of their program as they continue to advance in their agriculture classes. The FFA advisor visits the site of each student's SAE program several times annually to supervise and assist with the program. Ideally, members should develop a program over their four high school years that will serve as their career foundation upon graduation.

SAE programs are as diverse as the agricultural career field. While many members are involved in traditional production agriculture areas, such as beef, corn, crop, or swine production, a large percentage of members are involved in a wide variety of activities, including forestry, mechanics, ag sales and service, aquaculture and horticulture.

The FFA Program

The primary aim of FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. Through participation in a broad range of FFA activities, young men and women, ages 14-21, pursue their career interests in agriculture, learn how to speak in public, conduct and take part in meetings, handle personal and group finances, develop pride and self-confidence, find solutions to their individual problems and assume civic responsibility.

The FFA emblem consists of five symbolic elements. The owl represents wisdom and knowledge. The plow symbolizes labor and tillage of the soil. The rising sun indicates the new day that is continually dawning over American agriculture and the everchanging face of the industry. As corn is grown in all 50 states, the cross-section of the ear of corn symbolizes the members' common agricultural interest. An American bald eagle rides the crest of the emblem and represents the national scope of the organization.

FFA Contests and Award Incentives

Among the most successful instructional tools for high school agriculture are the contest and award programs offered through the FFA. There are twelve national contests operated by FFA in areas ranging from agricultural mechanics to farm business management to extemporaneous public speaking. These contests encourage students to refine their skills beyond what they learn in the classroom. Twenty-nine agricultural proficiency awards provide recognition to students who develop superior agricultural experience programs. Entrepreneurism, sound financial management, strong leadership activities and a proven ability to translate

classroom theory into real life applications mark the thousands of FFA members who compete for proficiency awards.

In addition, FFA provides award and recognition programs that are responding to the impact of modern technology. The Computers in Agriculture award program and seminar gives students incentives to study computer technology and its application to agriculture. The Agriscience award program recognizes teachers and students who incorporate innovative scientific instruction or achievements in their agriculture programs and studies.

Personal Development

FFA is among the premier leadership development organizations for young people in public high schools today. Many students enroll in agriculture and join FFA specifically for the leadership experience. The blending together of classroom instruction, leadership opportunities in FFA, the unique closeness of the relationship between student and advisor, and real-world outlets for testing skills and abilities allow FFA members to grow in ways unavailable to other students.

The agricultural education/FFA program emphasizes such fundamentals as problem-solving, analytical thinking, cooperative effort, self-reliance, goal setting and a strong work ethic. Through activities including public speaking, parliamentary procedure and community development, FFA members incorporate these fundamentals into their personal and civic lives.

FFA members study career opportunities in agriculture. The agricultural education curriculum touches on a large variety of career choices over the broad spectrum of agriscience, agribusiness, and production agriculture. Members study agricultural economics, marketing, soil conservation and improvement, and learn how to keep accurate, complete financial records.

By participating in chapter meetings, FFA members learn to follow parliamentary procedure, speak in public, and cooperate with their fellow students in programs to improve themselves and their communities. The organization recommends chapters meet at least once a month.

Degrees

FFA members are awarded a series of degrees for their achievements in agricultural projects, community service, cooperation, leadership, and scholarship. When students join the FFA as freshman, they work toward the *Greenhand* FFA degree. Once attained, the member is awarded a small bronze pin bearing the FFA emblem.

During the sophomore year, members work toward the *Chapter* FFA degree. One must demonstrate an ability to use parliamentary procedure effectively, progress toward achieving an agricultural proficiency award on the local level, and have

earned and productively reinvested at least \$50 in his/her SAE program before qualifying for the silver pin representing the Chapter FFA degree.

The third degree, *State FFA*, is much harder to attain and is awarded to no more than three percent of the membership annually. State associations award this degree and set up a list of specific qualifications. Among that list must be the following items which are contained within the national constitution: earn and productively reinvest at least \$500 from the SAE program, demonstrate leadership ability through holding chapter offices, participate in public speaking activities and demonstrate proficiency in using parliamentary procedure.

The coveted *American FFA* degree is the organization's highest rank. In order to attain this degree, members must be nominated by their state association and meet the qualifications set forth in the national constitution including earning and productively reinvesting \$5,000. States may nominate one American FFA degree candidate for each 667 members within their state to receive the gold key of the American FFA degree. The degree is awarded annually at the National FFA Convention.

FFA also presents honorary degrees to individuals who perform exceptional services for the organization. These individuals receive *Honorary Chapter FFA degree*, *Honorary State FFA* or *Honorary American FFA* degrees and pins.

Organization

Local FFA Chapters - Local chapters are an integral part of agriculture departments in public schools. Chapters elect their own officers, choose committees and hold regular business meetings. Chapter officers usually serve as delegates to the state convention. The agriculture teacher serves as the FFA advisor.

State Associations - Individual state associations aid local chapters. Since FFA is an integral part of agricultural education, the state agricultural education supervisor serves as the state FFA advisor. State associations elect officers at the annual state convention. The state officers usually serve as delegates to the annual national convention held in Kansas City, Missouri. State officers are generally high school graduates and, depending on the state, may spend a sizable portion of their year in office on the road representing FFA.

National Organization - Delegates to the national convention elect a slate of national officers each year. The slate, made up of a president, a secretary, and four regional vice presidents, is selected by a nominating committee and voted on by the delegate body. The FFA also has an adult board of directors made up of five members from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education from the U. S. Department of Education and four state supervisors of agricultural education. State supervisors hold regional conferences and choose their four board members of which one must be a teacher.

The board of directors and the national officers meet three times annually to conduct business. The board of directors has final authority, but in most cases accepts the national officer team's recommendations. The two groups may refer policy questions to the national convention delegates.

The national FFA advisor is the head of Agricultural, Agribusiness, and Natural Resources Occupations in the U. S. Department of Education. A member of the advisor's staff serves as national FFA executive secretary. The state boards for vocational education and the local agriculture departments help deliver FFA programs. Part of the funding for the National FFA Organization comes from annual dues paid by each member. Members pay \$3.00 annually in national dues. The organization is headquartered at the National FFA Center, P.O. Box 15160, Alexandria, VA 22309-0160.

Foundation - FFA is able to offer a wide variety of awards and programs thanks to the support of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The Foundation, a non-profit organization formed in 1944, raises funds to support FFA projects by soliciting donations from individuals and organizations. The Foundation sponsors 29 proficiency awards in such areas as agricultural mechanics, processing, sales and service, horticulture, home improvement, forestry and production agriculture. The Foundation also provides funding for all degree programs, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and judging contests, as well as the safety, BOAC and chapter award programs. Last year, the Foundation provided more than \$3.3 million for the FFA.

History

In 1917, Congress passed the Smith-Hughes Act, which empowered the government to establish a national program of vocational education. At first, the Federal Board for Vocational Education administered the Smith-Hughes Act. Later, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare took over management of the program. In 1980, it was transferred to the newly created Department of Education.

In the early 1920's, vocational agriculture students formed clubs in many communities throughout the country. In some states the local clubs joined together in state-wide associations. One of these state associations, the Future Farmers of Virginia, formed in 1926, became the model for the Future Farmers of America. In 1928, thirty-three vocational agriculture students, their advisors, state leaders in agricultural education and representatives of the Agricultural Education Service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education met for a historic session at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. During that meeting, the FFA organization was launched. Congress granted FFA a federal charter in 1950, making it an integral part of public education in agriculture.

In 1955, the FFA developed a program to improve international understanding. The FFA has helped set up Future Farmer organizations in Colombia, Costa Rica, Japan, Mexico, Peru and the Philippines. The FFA also operates several international exchange programs, the largest of which is Work Experience Abroad (WEA). Members can gain work experience on farms and in agribusinesses in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Two new programs were formed in 1987 in cooperation with the U.S. Information Agency. World Agri-Science Studies (WASS) provides high school students a chance to study for a year overseas while Congress-Bundestag provides a full year's scholarship to 15 FFA members to travel to West Germany to attend school and work with host farm families.

In 1988, convention delegates passed 18 constitutional amendments. The amendments included changing the name of the organization from "Future Farmers of America" to "The National FFA Organization," and replacing the term "vocational agriculture" with "agricultural education" within the constitution and all corresponding program terminology. The constitutional amendments reflect changes which have been made in the organization's programs in response to member input over the past decade.

FFA maintains a supply service that sells FFA jackets, plaques, jewelry and other items bearing the emblem. The organization publishes a *National FFA Calendar* and *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine. The magazine is sent to members every other month as part of their annual dues.

Current Issues and Trends

I. Public Misperceptions

There are several public misperceptions affecting FFA and agricultural education:

- a. *Agricultural education is only for students who can't or don't go on to college.* In fact, a large number of FFA members continue their agricultural education in colleges, universities and technical schools. Evidence suggests that FFA members are better prepared for university studies because they tend to have more clearly defined goals and they have established good work and study habits. FFA members are likely to be very active in university life because of their leadership experiences and their achievement orientation. (see attachment I)
- b. *Agriculture is synonymous with farming.* Because many people still think of agriculture only as a production activity related to plants and animals, they don't see the career opportunities in the broader industry which depends on production agriculture. One out of five Americans works in some activity related to agriculture in such areas as distribution, marketing, communications, research, food technology, sales and service, management,

and natural resources. Just as the agricultural industry is diverse, the FFA and agricultural education programs are equally broad and representative of the career opportunities that exist today.

- c. *Agriculture (farming) is a declining career field.* As long as the media focus attention on the troubled sectors of the agricultural economy, many students and parents will discount the FFA and agricultural education programs as representing a declining career field. Actually, studies indicate that among the myriad of career fields represented in agriculture, many will be in critical need of trained workers now and in the coming years. Excellent opportunities exist today for young people in agriculture.

2. Enrollment and Membership

Enrollment in high school agriculture and membership in FFA have declined since 1977. The principal factor affecting this is a declining overall high school enrollment. This trend should level off and reverse itself by the early 1990's. Additional factors affecting enrollment include recently increased graduation requirements for high school; a declining rural/farm population; and negative press accounts of the farm economy.

3. Program Orientation

The FFA/agricultural education program has undergone considerable change in the last twenty years. Just as the traditional perceptions of agriculture have been expanded to include the broad range of agribusiness and agriscience components, so, too, has the FFA program evolved to reflect the contemporary industry. FFA is no longer just an organization for farmers. Young people in FFA today are excited about the prospects for all agricultural careers and are looking for opportunities in marketing, management, production, engineering, research, communications, law, government, and a host of other areas. It is a mistake to address the organization as a collection of "farmers."

4. Image

FFA currently faces an image problem. The previous name of the organization, "Future Farmers of America," lends itself to immediate stereotyping by the public. Much of what is visible of the organization may tend to support that view. As a result, FFA faces a continuing battle to redefine itself against narrow perceptions of "agriculture," "vocational," and "farmers." The name "FFA" is now used instead of "Future Farmers of America." We refer to "FFA members," or "members of the National FFA Organization" rather than "future farmers." The national organization is currently examining its role, market, and identity to see what steps may be necessary to accurately position the organization as the premier leadership and career development institution for young people in agriculture.

5. Growth

Even in the midst of narrow public perceptions of agriculture and FFA, much growth has been experienced by those agricultural education programs serving an increasingly urban and suburban student base. Those programs are providing instruction in agribusiness, agriscience, horticulture, landscaping, computer management, and agricultural technologies. Fewer FFA members are coming from the farm. FFA members also tend to have higher personal incomes than most students as a result of their agricultural experience programs, and therefore make substantial investments in their future at an earlier age.

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FACSIMILE MESSAGE

National FFA Center
Alexandria, VA 22309

TO: SCOTT SUTHERLAND

FAX NO.

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FROM: Harriet Verzagt/ Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist - Leadership

This transmission consists of this cover sheet, and ²² additional pages. If there are problems with any portion of this transmission, please call either at 703-360-3600, ext. 242. Our FAX number is 703-360-5524.

Two Transmittals -

MEMO:

Attached are a copy of President Reagan's speech to the FFA given last year during our visit to the White House; "Fascism, FFA & High School Agriculture," "The National FFA Organization," a copy of the list (Secret Service list) of persons attending, and a short statement regarding FFA's visits to the White House, State Presidents' Conference program, list of National FFA Officers with some background information, President Bush's address to the National FFA Convention in November, 1987, letter of invitation to President Bush for the 1989 Convention.

Chevrolet gives us \$65,000 to fund this Conference annually.

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State Presidents' Conference

Washington, DC

1989

"A Time For . . ."

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The State Presidents' Washington Conference, sponsored by Chevrolet, is an activity of the National FFA Organization. The conference is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC. Participants in the conference include the 50 state presidents, other state officers, six national officers and special guests.

Conference Objectives

- Inspire and motivate state association student leadership
- Interpret for national leaders the program of agricultural education
- Update officers on current agriculture issues affecting young people preparing for careers in agriculture/agribusiness
- Exchange views between states and further develop the spirit of national unity and cooperation
- Explore the national heritage of our nation's capital

We salute Chevrolet for their continuous support of the FFA through the National FFA Foundation. Because of Chevrolet's support and involvement in this national conference, it is clear that they believe very strongly in American youth, in agriculture and in our nation.

Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Arlington, VA 22202
(703) 418-4234

National FFA Center
5632 Mt. Vernon Mem. Hwy.
Alex., VA 22304
(703) 360-3400

1988-89 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

(Front row left to right) Dana Soukup, Nebraska, national president; Jeff Johnson, Florida, national secretary; (back row left to right) Jaye Hamby, Tennessee, vice president; Jeff Isom, Idaho, vice president; Warren Boerger, Ohio, vice president; and Brad Chambliss, Kentucky, vice president.

DANA SOKUP
National President
 Spencer, Nebraska

MONDAY, JULY 24
A Time For ... Beginning

1:00—4:00 p ***REGISTRATION**
 Hyatt Regency Crystal City

4:00—5:30 p **NEWS RELEASE PHOTO
 SESSION BY STATE**
 Hyatt Regency Crystal City

5:30 p **DINNER, STATE PRESIDENTS AND
 ALUMNI**
 Hyatt Regency Crystal City
 Emcee: *Dana Soukup*

INVOCATION:
Jim Syporski,
 National President, Alumni

GUEST SPEAKER:
Scott McKain,
 Motivational Speaker,
 1974-75 National FFA Secretary

7:15—7:30 p **BREAK**
 7:30 p **OPENING SESSION—SFC**
 Hyatt Regency Crystal City
 National Officers
**GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF
 CHEVROLET**
CONFERENCE GUIDELINES
 Conference Staff
GET ACQUAINTED ACTIVITY

National Officers
VESPERS

Wait a Second

*Casual Clothes

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JEFF JOHNSON
National Secretary
 Dover, Florida

TUESDAY, JULY 25
A Time For ... Commitment

7:30 a **BREAKFAST WITH STATE
 PRESIDENTS AND ALUMNI**
 Hyatt Regency, Crystal City

9:00 a **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
 WORKSHOP**
 Hyatt Regency
Scott McKain

11:15 a **LUNCHEON WITH STATE
 LEADERS AND ALUMNI**
Fred McClure
 Chief Assistant to the President
 for Legislative Affairs

12:45 p **CONGRESSIONAL VISITS**
 4:00 p **DINNER**
 Orleans House

5:30 p **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**
 Placing Wreath at Tomb of the
 Unknowns
 Kennedy Gravesite

7:00 p **SUNSET PARADE**
 Iwo Jima Memorial

8:30 p **NIGHT TOUR OF
 WASHINGTON, DC**
 Day's Reflections at the Lincoln
 Memorial

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BRAD CHAMBLISS
National Vice President
Hardinsburg, Kentucky

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
A Time For ... Pride

8:00 a **BREAKFAST**
On way to FFA Center
INVOCATION
NATIONAL FFA CENTER
Group photograph
Welcome: *Brad Chambliss*
Chevrolet truck presentation
Dana Howicki
Tour of the National FFA Center
Order FFA Bems
Delegate committee work
11:00 a **MOUNT VERNON**
Wreath laying ceremony
Remarks: *Brad Chambliss*
Tour of Mansion and grounds
1:00 p **LUNCH**
Hot Shoppes

JEFF ISOM
National Vice President
Freeland, Idaho

A Time For ... Change

2:30 p **AFTERNOON SESSION**
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
4:30 p **SESSION ENDS**
5:30 p ***NATIONAL FFA CENTER**
A's and Cookout
Program by Alumni
8:00 p **DEPART FOR HOTEL**
REFLECTIONS
Two Bms Memorial

**Casual Dress*

JAYE HAMBY
National Vice President
 Benton, Tennessee

THURSDAY, JULY 27
A Time For ... Service

7:30 a **BREAKFAST**
 On your own Hyatt Regency

8:30 a **ORANGE JUICE BREAK**
 Sponsored by David Schuh, President
 Diversified Marketing Associates

9:00 a **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
 WORKSHOP**
John Meats
 John Meats and Associates, Kansas

10:30 a **BREAK**

11:30 a **CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON—SFC**
 Rayburn Building Room B-339
The Honorable Bill Sarpalius,
 Congressman, 13th District, Texas
Bill Ames, Manager
 Trucks Merchandising
 Chevrolet Motor Division, GMC

1:45 p **SPECIAL VISIT AT THE WHITE
 HOUSE WITH**
PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH (tentative)

5:00 p **DINNER: SFC and Alumni**
 West End Dinner Theater
Peter Pan

CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 11:30 am
 Rayburn Building, Room B-339

Master of Ceremonies *Dana Soukup*
 National President, Nebraska

Invocation *Warren Baerger*
 National Vice President, Ohio

LUNCHEON

Introduction of Guests *Jeff Johnson*
 National Secretary, Florida

Remarks *Jeff Tsom*
 National Vice President, Idaho

Remarks from Host *Bill Ames, Manager*
 Truck Merchandising
 Chevrolet Motor Division

**Remarks in behalf
 of Congress** *The Honorable Bill Sarpalius*
 Congressman, 13th District,
 Texas

Closing Comments *Brad Chambliss*
 National Vice President
 Kentucky

Pledge to the Flag *Jaye Hamby*
 National Vice President
 Tennessee

WARREN BOERGER
National Vice President
Irwin, Ohio

FRIDAY, JULY 28
A Time for ... Action

8:30 a	BREAKFAST
10:00 a	VISIT WITH SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE <i>The Honorable Clayton Yeutter</i> Remarks by the Secretary Open Discussion
11:00 a	LUNCH—SPC National Gallery of Art
NOON	SMITHSONIAN VISIT
3:00 p	DEPART FOR HYATT REGENCY CRYSTAL CITY
6:30 p	CONFERENCE BANQUET STATE PRESIDENTS and ALUMNI (Note program)
9:30 p	WEEK'S REFLECTIONS, RECOGNITION, SOCIAL ACTIVITY

CONFERENCE BANQUET
FRIDAY, JULY 28
6:30 pm

Opening Ceremony	National FFA Officers
Master of Ceremonies	Warren Boerger National Vice President
Invocation	Jaye Hamby National Vice President
DINNER	
Introduction of Guests	Brad Chambliss National Vice President
Remarks	Dana Soukup National President
Remarks from Chevrolet	
Introduction of Entertainment	Jeff Isom National Vice President
Entertainment	The Phillips Brothers
Closing Remarks	Jeff Johnson National Secretary
Closing Ceremony	National FFA Officers

WEEK OF OPPORTUNITY PACT

The "Week of Opportunity" Pact was developed to assist you in receiving all of the BENEFITS of the State Presidents' Conference. Your positive response to these steps will help you to achieve your personal goals and others will benefit, too!

1. Thank you for keeping the room assignment you have been given. You will be glad you had the opportunity to become acquainted with others outside your home state.
2. Thank you for being in your rooms by 11:00 pm each night so that you can be alert for every day's exciting activities.
3. Thank you for staying in groups whenever you are outside the hotel. Others care about your safety.
4. Thank you for being courteous, polite, and considerate of others. This allows you to earn the respect of many people.
5. Thank you for listening when bus drivers are talking. You will learn a great deal from them.
6. Thank you for remaining at the conference until Saturday morning and participating in all activities. Those who send you will be eager to hear what you learned.
7. Thank you for using no tobacco or alcohol at any time.
8. Thank you for keeping doors completely open when gals are visiting guys' rooms or guys are visiting gals' rooms.
9. Thank you for arriving five minutes early for all sessions, meals, and bus departures. This shows your respect for the conference staff and allows all sessions to run smoothly.
10. Thank you for reporting all illnesses, injuries, or problems to the conference staff so that appropriate action can be taken immediately.
11. Thank you for securely locking your room door at night or when you are away from your room. This will enable your luggage to have a purpose in life on Saturday morning.
12. Thank you for leaving all hotel property in your room when you leave on Saturday so that the hotel can continue to serve us at the lowest rate possible.
13. Thank you for paying all non-conference costs directly to the hotel before you leave Washington in order to avoid controversies with your roommates over a room bill.
14. Thank you for keeping your room neat and keeping valuables hidden. The maids appreciate your help.
15. Thank you for making the decision to be here. You became more successful at that moment. Successful people make time to become more successful.

I COMMIT TO DOING MY VERY BEST TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ON THIS "WEEK OF OPPORTUNITY" PACT. I CHOOSE TO EXHIBIT BEHAVIOR THAT WILL ENABLE ME TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS FROM THIS WEEK OF OPPORTUNITY.

signature

date

BUS SCHEDULE

DEPART		ARRIVE	
Tuesday		Tuesday	
12:15 p	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	12:35 p	Capitol Hill
3:45 p	Capitol Hill	4:00 p	Orleans Restaurant
5:15 p	Orleans Restaurant	5:30 p	Arlington Cemetery
6:45 p	Arlington Nat'l Cemetery	7:00 p	Sunset Parade
8:30 p	Two Jims (Night Four)	11:00 p	Two Jims
Wednesday		Wednesday	
7:45 a	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	9:00 a	National EPA Center
10:45 a	National EPA Center	11:00 a	Mount Vernon
12:10 p	Mount Vernon	1:00 p	Hot Shoppes
1:45 p	Hot Shoppes	2:00 p	Hyatt Regency
4:45 p	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	5:30 p	National EPA Center
8:00 p	National EPA Center	9:00 p	Hyatt Regency
Thursday		Thursday	
11:00 a	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	11:15 a	Rayburn Building
1:00 p	Rayburn Building	1:30 p	The White House
2:30 p	The White House	3:00 p	Hyatt Regency
5:00 p	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	5:45 p	West End
10:45 p	Dinner Theater	11:00 p	Hyatt Regency
Friday		Friday	
9:15 a	Hyatt Regency Crystal City	9:30 a	USDA
10:45 a	Depart USDA	11:00 a	Nat'l Gallery, Art
3:00 p	Depart Metro Rail	3:45 p	Hyatt Regency

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Ames, Bill—Manager, Truck Merchandising, Chevrolet
 Brauo, Jeff—Regional Director, National FFA Foundation
 Boerger, Warren—National FFA Vice President
 Bush, George—The President of the United States of America
 Case, Dr. Larry—National FFA Advisor
 Chambers, Bud—National FFA Vice President
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In a year when nearly all federal farm programs were due to expire, the Reagan administration stepped up its running dispute with Congress over the federal role in agriculture.

The 1985 farm bill debate opened with philosophical questions on whether the government, after 50 years of protecting farmers from the vagaries of production and price, was indeed responsible for their financial well-being. But this wide-scale discourse soon gave way to closely fought arguments among competing special interests. The congressional agenda eventually ground down to a paralyzing, session-long contest of partisan gamesmanship.

At issue was long-term food and nutrition policy as written in enabling legislation of 1933 and 1949, and as revised and reauthorized at least every four years since then — most recently in 1981. Administration officials and members of Congress saw 1985 as their best (and possibly last) opportunity to chart a new course for agriculture through the rest of the century. There was a rather broad consensus that the current policy was not working despite the government's record subsidies to the rural economy since 1982. But agreement on how to correct that policy proved elusive, for political as well as ideological reasons.

At stake were the hearts, minds and pocketbooks of 3 percent of the nation's population who lived and worked on farms, but who were viewed, nonetheless, as a pivotal voting bloc by members of both Democratic and Republican parties. Democrats, in particular, made farm issues an early rallying point for the upcoming 1986 congressional elections, when 22 GOP Senate seats — including seven from bedrock farm states — would be up for re-election. Republicans, who held a tenuous 53-47 majority in the Senate, were torn immediately between the conservative mandate of fiscal responsibility and a more populist appeal to increase farmers' benefits.

Austere Blueprint

President Reagan, ever conscious of his political base in the Midwestern breadbasket, had waited until after the November 1984 elections to offer his own austere blueprint for long-term farm policy. His proposal was openly designed to phase out many New Deal-era programs and begin immediately to apply his "free-market" philosophy to an industry that had relied greatly on friendly government intervention since the Great Depression.

But a continually worsening economic climate in the Farm Belt — and its potentially ominous repercussions for Republicans in 1986 — combined instead to put the White House and the GOP-controlled Senate on the defensive through most of 1985. Farm Belt Republicans began defecting in significant numbers from party ranks on the first major piece of farm legislation to come before the Senate, an emergency credit measure cleared in early March that

was designed to help debt-ridden farmers through another spring planting season.

The administration claimed that the credit bill was nothing more than an unwarranted bailout for bankers who had made unwise loans to farmers during the boom years of agriculture in the late 1970s. David A. Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, railed against that notion at a Feb. 5 hearing of the Senate Budget Committee: "For the life of me, I cannot figure out why the taxpayers of this country have the responsibility to go in and refinance bad debt that was willingly incurred by consenting adults."

But farm-state Republicans had a hard time defending that view, particularly after the entire South Dakota legislature flew to Washington Feb. 26 to press Congress for more farm benefits. It was an unprecedented and well-televised visit by a predominately Republican group, highlighting intensive lobbying by large contingents from other Midwestern legislatures, including those of North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

Reagan eventually vetoed the emergency credit bill as too costly, but eight Senate Republicans, by voting for the measure, served early notice that the administration would find few friends for many of its more drastic policy reforms.

Democrats, for their part, took no time in laying claim to farm issues in an effort to show they were more concerned than Republicans about the fate of American farmers. House Agriculture Committee members staged hearings in the spring with movie stars Jane Fonda, Jessica Lange and Sissy Spacek, on the pretext that the latter two had special insights on the issue after appearing in "Country" and "The River," films that evoked a gritty image of family farmers struggling to survive against the twin nemeses of big business and bad weather.

Many Republicans criticized the hearings as blatant, political hype, foisted on Congress by electioneering Democrats. Yet by the end of the summer the political climate surrounding the farm bill debate had gotten so hot that many GOP senators joined their Democratic colleagues in another "media event" with country music recording artists Willie Nelson, Neil Young and John Conlee, organizers of a benefit concert called "Farm Aid." The musicians came to Capitol Hill to ask senators for "advice" on how to spend the millions of dollars the Sept. 22 concert eventually would raise for destitute farm families.

"No one's talking about how the Farm Aid concert is being politicized," noted a Republican staff member at the time, reflecting a concern among Republican leaders that the farm policy debate had gotten further and further away from their original agenda of fiscal restraint. Members of both parties were being drawn into a political cyclone of having to prove the extent of their commitment to farmers.

"Sooner or later," complained Senate Majority Leader

Jeff B.

REMARKS: FFA
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11:05 A.M.

MEMBERS OF THE FFA, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT IS AN HONOR TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
THIRTY YEARS AGO THIS VERY WEEK, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
TOLD THE FFA: "I ALWAYS GET A KICK OUT OF MEETING WITH
A BUNCH OF YOUNG PEOPLE."

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WELL, TODAY WITH APOLOGIES TO THAT NOTED COMPOSER COLE
PORTER, LET ME SAY, AS HE DID: "I GET A KICK OUT OF
YOU."

FIRST, I WANT TO NOTE THAT I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE
TONY HOYT AND LARRY CASE ONCE AGAIN. AND TO BE AMONG
SO MANY NEW FRIENDS: NO LONGER JUST THE FUTURE FARMERS
OF AMERICA -- AS IMPRESSIVE AS THAT IS. NOW, ALSO,
THE FUTURE LEADERS OF AMERICA.

TWO DAYS AGO, YOU HEARD FROM FRED McCLURE, WHO'S MY CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON. BUT MORE TO THE POINT: HE ONCE WAS NATIONAL SECRETARY AND HEAD OF THE TEXAS FFA.

AND LIKE ALL TEXANS, FRED LOVES OUR STATE'S MEMORABLE PHRASES. FOR INSTANCE, YOU KNOW WHAT WE CALL CATFISH? "TOURIST TROUT." AND WE DON'T REFER TO ANIMALS AS ANIMALS. NO SIR. THE SAYING GOES THAT "THEY'RE CRITTERS, IF THEY'RE FRIENDLY. AND VARMINTS, IF THEY'RE NOT."

WELL, WHETHER YOU'RE FROM TEXAS OR NOT, WE KNOW WHAT TO CALL THE FFA. WE CALL IT AMERICA AT HER BEST. AMERICA AT HER MOST GENEROUS. AN AMERICA EMBODIED BY THE FFA MOTTO: "LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN; EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE."

LAST MONTH I ANNOUNCED A "POINTS OF LIGHT INITIATIVE" WHICH ASKS EVERY AMERICAN TO BRING THIS SERVICE INTO EVERY CORNER OF AMERICA. TODAY, I RENEW THAT CHALLENGE. AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL MEET IT.

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FOR SINCE 1926 FFA HAS DONE MUCH, AND SERVED MANY. YOU HAVE BEEN A POINT OF LIGHT. AND TODAY, YOU'RE STILL SHINING -- ALL 50 STATES, NEARLY 8,000 CHAPTERS, MORE THAN 400,000 MEMBERS.

YOU SERVE THROUGH FAITH IN GOD, AND STRENGTH OF CHARACTER. AND THROUGH THE BELIEF IN FAMILY WHICH MAKES US WHOLE. YOU KNOW THAT WHAT WE ARE MATTERS MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE. WORKING WITH YOUR MINDS -- YOUR HANDS -- AS FARMERS, AND AS AMERICANS.

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NOW, I KNOW YOU LIKE TO SPREAD THE CREDIT AROUND. AFTER ALL, THAT'S RURAL AMERICA'S WAY: MODEST AND UNDERSTATED. I'M REMINDED OF HOW A NOTED COMEDIAN ONCE BOUGHT A CHICKEN FARM. A FRIEND WAS ASTONISHED. "DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BREEDING CHICKENS?" HE ASKED. "NO," THE COMEDIAN REPLIED, "BUT THE CHICKENS DO."

BUT THE THING IS: THE CREDIT DOES BELONG TO YOU. AND TO YOUR PARENTS. TWO YEARS AGO, I ADDRESSED THE FFA CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY.

ITS THEME WAS "AGRICULTURE'S NEW SPIRIT." WELL, TODAY, THANKS TO YOUR HARD WORK, AND SELF-RELIANCE, THAT SPIRIT IS ALIVE, AND WELL.

WANT EVIDENCE? CONSIDER THAT ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO, THE CONGRESS PASSED A PIONEERING FARM BILL TO HELP A WHOLE COMMUNITY IN CRISIS. YET THIS YEAR, FARM INCOME AND AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS ARE NEARING RECORD HIGHS. OUR SURPLUSES OF FARM COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED.

MOST OF OUR GOOD LAND HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK INTO PRODUCTION. AND THE FARM CREDIT SITUATION HAS GREATLY IMPROVED OVER THE LAST DECADE.

THIS PROGRESS HAS OCCURRED WHILE CUTTING THE COST OF FEDERAL FARM PROGRAMS IN HALF. FOR WHEN THE FARM ECONOMY IS STRONG, AND GOVERNMENT HAS TO PAY LESS, ALL AMERICA BENEFITS.

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WE -- YOU -- HAVE TOLD GOVERNMENT TO TEAR DOWN THE ROADBLOCKS OF TARIFFS AND TRADE BARRIERS. AND THAT THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE LIES IN COMPETITION AND FREE ENTERPRISE.

OUR TASK NOW IS TO BUILD UPON THAT SPIRIT -- THE SPIRIT OF "AMERICA-CAN," NOT "WASHINGTON-MUST." WE DON'T WANT GOVERNMENT TO SPEND MORE. WE WANT PEOPLE TO EARN MORE.

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AND WE MUST REMEMBER THAT NEXT YEAR WHEN WE WRITE A NEW FARM BILL. ENSURING THE MANY GOOD FEATURES OF THE 1985 ACT. AND AT THE SAME TIME, MAKING NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

YOU KNOW, THE GREAT HUMORIST WILL ROGERS ONCE SAID, "A MAN IN THE COUNTRY DOES HIS OWN THINKING -- BUT YOU GET HIM INTO TOWN AND HE SOON WILL BE THINKING SECOND-HANDED." [PAUSE]

OUR NEW FARM BILL MUST BE EVEN-HANDED. AND LEVEL-HEADED.

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IN RESPONSE TO MARKET FORCES, PRODUCERS MUST HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY TO DECIDE WHAT CROPS TO GROW. AND REGARDING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, WE MUST SEE THEIR CONCERNS AS COMPATIBLE. BOTH, FOR EXAMPLE, NEED CLEAN, SAFE, AND QUALITY WATER.

BUT WE CAN'T STOP THERE. FOR WE MUST WORK TO EXPAND EXPORTS. AND THE KEY TO THAT ACHIEVEMENT IS THE CURRENT ROUND OF GATT TALKS. YES, WE WANT FREE TRADE. BUT WE ALSO WANT FAIR TRADE.

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AND THAT IS WHY, LIKE THE WALLS OF JERICHO, BARRIERS WHICH DISTORT WORLD TRADE MUST COME TUMBLING DOWN.

FOR OURS IS A GLOBAL ECONOMY. AND AMERICA MUST COMPETE -- BE ABLE TO COMPETE. THAT MEANS, AS OUR RELATIONS IMPROVE, EXPANDING OUR TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION -- ALREADY THE THIRD-LARGEST CUSTOMER FOR U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. AND ENLARGING OUR TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHO KNOW, AND NEED, THE FARMING GENIUS OF AMERICA.

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AT HOME, THE NEED TO COMPETE MEANS DEVELOPING NEW CROPS AND USES FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AS RAW MATERIALS FOR INDUSTRY. AND FOR YOU, OUR GLOBAL ECONOMY MEANS THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER PLACE -- NOR MORE CRUCIAL TIME -- TO START A CAREER THAN IN AMERICA, TODAY.

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I'M SURE ALL OF YOU HAVE READ CARL SANDBURG. HE WAS AMERICA'S POET LAUREATE -- A GRACEFUL, LYRIC WRITER. HE SPOKE --BEAUTIFULLY, MOVINGLY -- ABOUT AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. AND ABOUT THE VAST HORIZONS AND BEAUTY THAT FORM THE HEARTLAND OF AMERICA.

ONCE, HE SAID SIMPLY: "THE REPUBLIC IS A DREAM. NOTHING HAPPENS UNLESS FIRST A DREAM."

YOUR DREAMS ARE BIG DREAMS. FUTURE FARMERS WHO WILL FEED THE WORLD OF TOMORROW.

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FUTURE LEADERS WHOSE CHARACTER AND COMMITMENT WILL
ENRICH AMERICA'S DESTINY -- NOT MERELY FOR YOUR
GENERATION, BUT FOR ALL THE GENERATIONS TO COME.

THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE -- AND MAY YOUR DREAMS
BECOME REALITY. GOD BLESS YOU, GODSPEED TO THE FFA,
AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Appendix table A-2--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity, value, and unit value by commodity and country, January-December 1987 and 1988, and December 1988

Commodity and country	January-December						December 1988		
	Quantity		Value (1,000 dol)		Unit value (\$)		Quantity	Value (1,000 dol)	Unit value (\$)
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988			
Total ag exports (NA):									
World	--	--	26,709,118	37,083,081	(1)	(1)	--	3,624,295	(1)
Canada	--	--	1,807,802	2,019,211	(1)	(1)	--	185,898	(1)
Latin America	--	--	3,678,187	4,933,973	(1)	(1)	--	480,849	(1)
Mexico	--	--	1,201,831	2,233,673	(1)	(1)	--	228,221	(1)
Central America	--	--	377,628	419,298	(1)	(1)	--	31,604	(1)
Caribbean	--	--	822,822	917,480	(1)	(1)	--	98,865	(1)
S America	--	--	1,275,907	1,363,852	(1)	(1)	--	122,058	(1)
Venezuela	--	--	494,125	683,170	(1)	(1)	--	74,488	(1)
Brazil	--	--	297,138	74,028	(1)	(1)	--	6,384	(1)
W Europe	--	--	7,308,881	7,853,655	(1)	(1)	--	835,066	(1)
EC-12	--	--	6,878,876	7,315,137	(1)	(1)	--	774,416	(1)
United Kingdom	--	--	661,428	835,269	(1)	(1)	--	77,977	(1)
Netherlands	--	--	1,985,488	2,050,792	(1)	(1)	--	215,890	(1)
Belgium and Luxembourg	--	--	446,877	408,773	(1)	(1)	--	41,702	(1)
France	--	--	524,177	535,899	(1)	(1)	--	51,805	(1)
Fed Rep Germany	--	--	1,284,592	1,205,152	(1)	(1)	--	124,074	(1)
Spain, incl Canary Is	--	--	865,854	882,780	(1)	(1)	--	136,585	(1)
Portugal	--	--	288,710	300,895	(1)	(1)	--	32,218	(1)
Italy	--	--	686,688	692,394	(1)	(1)	--	64,855	(1)
Other W Europe	--	--	429,105	538,518	(1)	(1)	--	60,648	(1)
Finland	--	--	43,125	66,984	(1)	(1)	--	12,220	(1)
E Europe	--	--	436,707	539,718	(1)	(1)	--	33,409	(1)
German Dem Rep	--	--	35,074	75,787	(1)	(1)	--	8,793	(1)
Poland	--	--	103,326	135,780	(1)	(1)	--	3,766	(1)
Yugoslavia	--	--	116,301	107,943	(1)	(1)	--	2,144	(1)
USSR	--	--	936,109	3,246,380	(1)	(1)	--	219,079	(1)
Asia	--	--	12,534,838	18,854,894	(1)	(1)	--	1,826,237	(1)
W Asia (Mideast)	--	--	1,863,451	2,011,674	(1)	(1)	--	217,027	(1)
Iraq	--	--	538,486	808,229	(1)	(1)	--	68,184	(1)
Israel, incl Gaza Strip	--	--	271,441	328,747	(1)	(1)	--	44,484	(1)
Jordan	--	--	43,589	83,256	(1)	(1)	--	2,180	(1)
Saudi Arabia	--	--	483,479	452,877	(1)	(1)	--	64,656	(1)
S Asia	--	--	431,870	1,031,004	(1)	(1)	--	115,452	(1)
India	--	--	109,808	449,907	(1)	(1)	--	33,896	(1)
Pakistan	--	--	137,866	392,561	(1)	(1)	--	64,618	(1)
Japan	--	--	5,722,856	7,640,820	(1)	(1)	--	685,042	(1)
China (mainland)	--	--	352,072	758,988	(1)	(1)	--	148,287	(1)
Southeast Asia	--	--	765,489	988,865	(1)	(1)	--	79,694	(1)
Other East Asia	--	--	3,688,171	4,425,545	(1)	(1)	--	380,734	(1)
S Korea	--	--	1,832,412	2,273,984	(1)	(1)	--	191,017	(1)
Hong Kong	--	--	466,006	488,626	(1)	(1)	--	46,581	(1)
China (Taiwan)	--	--	1,285,058	1,661,100	(1)	(1)	--	144,120	(1)
Dominia	--	--	239,773	255,206	(1)	(1)	--	22,750	(1)
Africa	--	--	1,766,097	2,389,971	(1)	(1)	--	221,008	(1)
N Africa	--	--	1,362,525	1,789,434	(1)	(1)	--	185,383	(1)
Morocco	--	--	217,523	220,932	(1)	(1)	--	27,566	(1)
Algeria	--	--	310,498	595,843	(1)	(1)	--	79,375	(1)
Tunisia	--	--	55,271	131,835	(1)	(1)	--	3,403	(1)
Egypt	--	--	679,233	840,823	(1)	(1)	--	75,009	(1)
Sub-Sahara	--	--	803,572	600,537	(1)	(1)	--	35,657	(1)
Ghana	--	--	21,985	32,066	(1)	(1)	--	4,203	(1)
Niger	--	--	1,849	3,824	(1)	(1)	--	274	(1)
Unidentified country	--	--	--	0	(1)	(1)	--	0	(1)
Developed countries	--	--	15,362,985	18,118,034	(1)	(1)	--	1,770,815	(1)
Less devel countries	--	--	11,610,246	15,428,992	(1)	(1)	--	1,452,706	(1)
Cent plan countries	--	--	1,735,887	3,545,056	(1)	(1)	--	400,774	(1)
Meats & animal products (NA):									
World	--	--	5,155,850	6,421,940	(1)	(1)	--	565,947	(1)
Canada	--	--	382,395	388,644	(1)	(1)	--	34,727	(1)
Latin America	--	--	879,287	1,263,224	(1)	(1)	--	145,202	(1)
Mexico	--	--	355,953	826,598	(1)	(1)	--	95,651	(1)
Central America	--	--	84,005	73,490	(1)	(1)	--	9,647	(1)
Caribbean	--	--	185,137	191,835	(1)	(1)	--	22,850	(1)
S America	--	--	254,182	171,201	(1)	(1)	--	17,055	(1)
Brazil	--	--	123,294	33,910	(1)	(1)	--	5,311	(1)
W Europe	--	--	840,417	902,055	(1)	(1)	--	92,925	(1)
EC-12	--	--	788,882	828,422	(1)	(1)	--	81,405	(1)
United Kingdom	--	--	163,214	180,669	(1)	(1)	--	17,521	(1)
Netherlands	--	--	75,481	90,681	(1)	(1)	--	11,321	(1)
Belgium and Luxembourg	--	--	54,933	56,738	(1)	(1)	--	4,241	(1)
France	--	--	169,800	168,789	(1)	(1)	--	15,175	(1)
Fed Rep Germany	--	--	84,540	92,184	(1)	(1)	--	11,027	(1)
Spain, incl Canary Is	--	--	59,726	51,573	(1)	(1)	--	8,314	(1)
Italy	--	--	74,025	84,449	(1)	(1)	--	7,368	(1)
Other W Europe	--	--	71,534	73,833	(1)	(1)	--	11,520	(1)
E Europe	--	--	47,903	74,667	(1)	(1)	--	5,172	(1)
Asia	--	--	2,713,872	3,471,829	(1)	(1)	--	287,885	(1)
W Asia (Mideast)	--	--	168,445	168,628	(1)	(1)	--	13,132	(1)
Iraq	--	--	98,000	99,127	(1)	(1)	--	5,678	(1)
S Asia	--	--	69,164	80,192	(1)	(1)	--	7,487	(1)
Japan	--	--	1,391,843	2,001,616	(1)	(1)	--	164,904	(1)
Southeast Asia	--	--	87,134	120,185	(1)	(1)	--	7,902	(1)
Other East Asia	--	--	979,792	1,067,255	(1)	(1)	--	72,306	(1)
S Korea	--	--	653,845	781,933	(1)	(1)	--	48,832	(1)
Hong Kong	--	--	110,842	103,125	(1)	(1)	--	10,371	(1)

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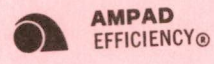
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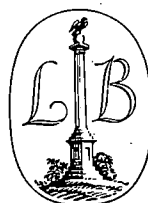
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Cole Albert Porter

1891-1964

- ¹ You do something to me,
Something that simply mystifies me.
*Fifty Million Frenchmen [1929].
You Do Something to Me*

- ² Night and day you are the one,
Only you beneath the moon and under the sun.

Gay Divorce [1932]. Night and Day

- ³ I get no kick from champagne.
Mere alcohol doesn't thrill me at all,
So tell me why should it be true
That I get a kick out of you.

Anything Goes [1934]. I Get a Kick Out of You

- ⁴ You're the Nile,
You're the Tower of Pisa,
You're the smile
On the Mona Lisa. . . .
But if, Baby, I'm the bottom you're the top!
Ib. You're the Top!

- ⁵ It was great fun,
But it was just one of those things.
Jubilee [1935]. Just One of Those Things

- ⁶ It's delightful, it's delicious, it's de-lovely.
Red, Hot and Blue [1936]. It's De-Lovely

- ⁷ My Heart Belongs to Daddy.
Leave It to Me [1938], title of song

- ⁸ But I'm always true to you, darlin', in my fashion,¹
Yes, I'm always true to you, darlin', in my way.

Kiss Me, Kate [1948]. Always True to You in My Fashion

Nicola Sacco

1891-1927

- ⁹ Help the weak ones that cry for help, help the prosecuted and the victim . . . they are the comrades that fight and fall . . . for the conquest of the joy of freedom for all the poor workers. In this struggle for life you will find more love and you will be loved.

Letter to his son Dante

Haile Selassie

1891-1975

- ¹⁰ Outside the kingdom of the Lord there is no nation which is greater than any other.

¹ See Dowson, 721:4.

Porter — Warren

God and history will remember your judgment.

Speech, the League of Nations [1936]²

Arthur Hays Sulzberger

1891-1968

- ¹¹ Obviously, a man's judgment cannot be better than the information on which he has based it.

Address to the New York State Publishers Association [August 30, 1948]

- ¹² Freedom cannot be trifled with. You cannot surrender it for security unless in a state of war, and then you must guard carefully the methods of so doing.

Upon receiving the Columbia College award for distinguished service [1952]

- ¹³ The vital measure of a newspaper is not its size but its spirit—that is its responsibility to report the news fully, accurately and fairly.
On accepting an award to the New York Times by Temple Israel, Boston [May 9, 1956]

Earl Warren

1891-1974

- ¹⁴ To separate [Negro children] from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone. . . . We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of "separate but equal"³ has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, 347 U.S. 483 [1954]⁴

- ¹⁵ When an individual is taken into custody or otherwise deprived of his freedom by the authorities and is subjected to questioning . . . he must be warned prior to any ques-

² He sought sanctions against Italy, which had invaded Ethiopia.³ All railway companies carrying passengers in their coaches in the state shall provide equal but separate accommodations for the white and colored races.—*Louisiana Acts of 1890, no. III, p. 152*; quoted by Mr. Justice HENRY B. BROWN in *Plessy v. Ferguson, 163 U.S. 537 [1896]*⁴ In a later implementation of the same case (349 U.S. 294 [1955]), the Supreme Court asked that desegregation proceed "with all deliberate speed."

Masefield — Sandburg

Which work they know not why, which never
halt,
Myself unwitting where their Master dwells?
Sonnets, 14

But he¹ has gone,
A nation's memory and veneration,
Among the radiant, ever venturing on,
Somewhere, with morning, as such spirits
will.

*On the Finish of the Sailing Ship
Race Lisbon to Manhattan [July
1964]*

Paul Reynaud
1878–1966

We shall win because we are the stronger.²
Radio Speech [September 10, 1939]

Carl Sandburg
1878–1967

I am the people—the mob—the crowd—the
mass.

Do you know that all the great work of the
world is done through me?

I Am the People, the Mob [1916]

Hog butcher for the world,
Tool maker, stacker of wheat,
Player with railroads and the nation's freight
handler;
Stormy, husky, brawling,
City of the big shoulders.

Chicago [1916]

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over the harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

Fog [1916]

Pile the bodies high at Austerlitz and Water-
loo.

Shovel them under and let me work—
I am the grass; I cover all.

And pile them high at Gettysburg
And pile them high at Ypres and Verdun.

Two years, ten years, and passengers ask the
conductor:

What place is this?

Where are we now?

Grass [1918]

¹John F. Kennedy.

See J. R. Lowell, 568:19.

²Nous vaincrons parceque nous sommes les plus forts.
The phrase became a war slogan.

⁷ I tell you the past is a bucket of ashes.

Prairie [1918]

⁸ When Abraham Lincoln was shoveled into
the tombs, he forgot the copperheads and
the assassin . . . in the dust, in the cool
tombs.

Cool Tombs [1918]

⁹ Tell me if the lovers are losers . . . tell me if
any get more than the lovers.

Ib.

¹⁰ Lay me on an anvil, O God.
Beat me and hammer me into a crowbar.
Let me pry loose old walls.
Let me lift and loosen old foundations.

Prayers of Steel [1920]

¹¹ Drum on your drums, batter on your banjos,
sob on the long cool winding saxophones.
Go to it, O jazzmen.

Jazz Fantasia [1920]

¹² The republic is a dream.
Nothing happens unless first a dream.

*Washington Monument by Night
[1922]*

¹³ Look out how you use proud words.
When you let proud words go, it is not easy to
call them back.

They wear long boots, hard boots.

Primer Lesson [1922]

¹⁴ Sometime they'll give a war and nobody will
come.³

The People, Yes [1936]

¹⁵ The people will live on.
The learning and blundering people will live
on.

They will be tricked and sold and again sold
And go back to the nourishing earth for
rootholds.

Ib.

¹⁶ The people know the salt of the sea
and the strength of the winds
lashing the corners of the earth.
The people take the earth
as a tomb of rest and a cradle of hope.
Who else speaks for the Family of Man?

Ib.

¹⁷ Man is a long time coming.
Man will yet win.
Brother may yet line up with brother:

This old anvil laughs at many broken ham-
mers.

There are men who can't be bought.

The People Will Live On [1936]

³Suppose They Gave a War, and No One Came?—
CHARLOTTE KEYES [1914–], article in *McCall's* [October
1966]

When talking Texan, this dog'll hunt



KENT BIFFLE'S TEXANA

Writer Wallace Chariton of Plano is soooooo Texan. He sent a low-bidding Indiana printer a book manuscript to go on the press and a bag of Texas dirt to go under it.

When the dust settled, Wally's book was, yes, printed on Texas soil.

This *Dog'll Hunt* is Wally's Texas dictionary, a tow sack full of memorable sayings he treed in Texas.

To write the introduction, Wally summoned Texas Treasurer Ann Richards, known for her viciously vivid vocabulary. She says Wally's is the "latest and perhaps most complete effort" to catalog Texas metaphors, similes and word pictures. And she contributes to the cause the phrase "mad enough to eat bees."

In a crowded kennel, *Dog'll* is surely the best of breed. The 280-page volume from Wordware Publishing is slickly alphabetized, indexed and cross-indexed. New wrinkles in an old shirt, you might say.

Listening and learning

A fifth-generation Texan, Wally, 41, says he spent 30 years standing around scratching and listening before he assembled his manuscript and dirt.

Texamples:

- **Acceptable** — This dog'll hunt.
- **Achievement** — He's earned his spot at the bar.
- **Acquainted** — I'd know his ashes in a whirlwind.
- **Act now** — Quick stitches save britches.
- **Active** — A used key is the one that shines.
- **Active** — As a stump-tailed bull at fly time.
- **Advantage** — He's got the cavalry on his side.
- **Advice** — The squeaking wheel gets replaced.
- **Afternoon, late** — Dark thirty.
- **Agree** — I'd vote for that and lend a hand stuffing the ballot box.
- **Alike** — Drained from the same crankcase.
- **Amarillo** — Pronounced Am-a-rill-a.
- **Angry female** — She's throwing a hissy fit.
- **Animals** — Critters, if they're friendly. Varmints if they ain't.
- **Appearance** — Just because he's in the fast lane don't mean he ain't hitchhiking.
- **Armadillo** — Hoover Hog, a slur against Herbert Hoover.
- **Athlete, inept** — He ought to be in a league where the mothers make the uniforms.
- **Awesome, not** — Darrell Royal once said his Texas 11 wasn't a rolling ball of butcher knives after a loss to Texas Tech. (Wally's alma mater.)
- **Bartender** — He stays on the sober side of the bar.
- **Be careful** — You were too hard to raise to take chances.
- **Be on time** — If you're late to church, you have to sit on the front row.
- **Be patient** — Don't count the crop till it's in the barn. (Sam Rayburn.)

More listening, learning

- **Be quiet** — You ain't learning when you're talking. (Lyndon Johnson.)
- **Beaten** — Feel like I was whipped

Please see IF YOU on Page 39A.

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with a windmill wrench.

- **Big** — As Dallas, or maybe a number three grain scoop.
- **Blue** — As pinkeye medicine.
- **Boring** — As a fishing trip with a game warden.

- **Brave** — As a bigamist.
- **Broke, more** — Than the Ten Commandments.

- **Bumpy** — As a 25-pipe cattle guard.

- **Business advice** — Never sign nothing by neon light.

- **Calm down** — Don't get your shorts in a knot.

- **Careful** — He don't get his wing feathers wet.

- **Cattish** — Tourist trout.

- **Clean shaven** — Bald faced.

- **Cloudy** — Muddy skies.

- **Cold** — As a cast-iron commode.

- **Common law marriage** — A cotton patch license.

- **Cook** — Which is worse, a wife who can cook but won't, or a wife who can't cook but does?

- **Dangerous** — As lightning striking your zipper.

- **Disturbance** — Somebody hauled hell out of its shuck.

- **Drink** — Like a jilted cowboy.

- **Drought** — So dry the Baptists are sprinkling and the Methodists are using washcloths.

- **Drunk** — His idea of a seven-course meal is a six-pack and a toothpick.

- **Dry** — As dust in a mummy's pocket. (Ramses?)

- **Dude** — Rexall Ranger.

- **Dumb** — Don't have the sense to spit downwind.

- **Ego** — He could strut sitting down.

- **Elderly** — He was around when the Dead Sea was just sick.

- **Engaged** — She's been ringed.

- **Experienced** — Golfer Lee Trevino claims he was 9 years old when born.

- **Fast person** — He even sleeps fast.

- **Female, desirable** — She'd make a man plow through a stump.

- **Female superiority** — Liz Carpenter said, "Roosters crow; hens deliver."

- **Fence, good** — Bob war tight enough to pick a tune on.

- **Flood** — Hub deep to a Ferris wheel.

- **Gambler's advice** — Faint heart never filled a flush.

- **Get ready** — Comb your fur and tune your purr.

- **Good person** — He'll stand without hitching.

- **Handle** — The blister end.

- **Happy** — As a dog with two tails.

- **Hard to do** — As wearing out a crowbar.

- **Horse, mean** — He'll stick a hoof in your hip pocket.



The Dallas Morning News: Kent Biffle

Jennifer Chariton, 11, of Plano, helps her father, Wallace, advertise his new book. Wallace is holding the family dog, Panda Bexar.

- **Hot** — As a Palacios parking lot.
- **Hungry** — As a woodpecker with a headache.
- **Hurry** — Early don't last long.
- **Husband** — My bigger half.
- **Illegitimate** — The parents ate supper before they said grace.
- **Illiterate** — If he knew two languages, he'd be bi-illiterate.
- **In love** — Cupid's cramps.
- **Inclined** — Got a mind to...
- **Inclined, somewhat** — Got half a mind to...
- **Injured** — Can't lift anything heavier than a nightgown.
- **Intelligence** — She's got more facts than a mail-order catalog.
- **Jump** — Quit the earth like a dynamited stump.
- **Knees** — Prayer bones.
- **Knife, with illegal blade** — Dallas special.
- **Lawyer** — A town that can't support one lawyer can always support two. (LBJ)
- **Mad** — As a rained-on rooster.
- **Married** — They committed matrimony.
- **Mexia** — Ma-hay-ya, where a traveler once asked a girl, "Can you tell me how to pronounce the name of this place?" She said, "Sure. Daree Queen."
- **Naked** — Nothing on but the TV.
- **No hurry** — Get it done by the second Wednesday of next week.
- **Obvious** — If the windmill is running, the wind is blowing.
- **Perfectionist** — Don Meredith said of Tom Landry: "If he was married to Racquel Welch, he'd expect her to cook."
- **Plan** — No amount of planning will replace blind luck.
- **Politician** — Former Gov. Pappy O'Daniel, who couldn't vote for himself because his poll tax was unpaid, said, "No Texas politician is worth \$1.75."
- **Popularity** — Coach Bum Phillips said, "No matter how popular you are, the size of your funeral depends on the weather."
- **Quiet** — As a field mouse wetting on a cotton boll.
- **React quickly** — It doesn't take long to examine a hot horseshoe.
- **Rural** — We live so far out in the country that we don't get Monday Night Football until Wednesday morning.

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a Texan, this dog'll hunt

- **Retired** — Pasturized.
- **Rolex watch** — In the good old days, a Texas Timex.
- **Rough** — As a stucco bathtub.
- **Salesman, good** — Could sell a double bed to the pope.
- **Salesman, poor** — Couldn't sell Popsicles in hell.
- **Sank** — Like a rock with a hole in it.
- **Skinned up** — Lost enough hide to half-sole an elephant.
- **Steer** — LBJ said steers are bulls that lost their social standing.
- **Straight** — As a movie star's teeth.
- **Strip** — Shuck yourself.
- **Stubborn** — You can explain it to him but you can't understand it for him.

- **Talk** — A hurricane mouth talks 75 words per minute with gusts up to 100.
- **Talks fancy** — Words that weigh about eight to the pound.
- **Thief, expert** — He could steal the hubcaps off a moving car.
- **Thirsty** — Enough to drink water.
- **Threaten** — Gonna put something on you Ajax won't take off.
- **Ugly woman** — The tide wouldn't take her out.
- **Ugly man** — His mother always borrowed a baby to take to church.
- **Unexpected** — As a fifth ace.
- **Victory** — Old Ugly is better than Old Nothing, a Darrell Royalism meaning that even if you play sloppy football, winning is better

- **My definition of utter waste** is a busload of lawyers going over a cliff with three empty seats.
- **Wedding ring** — One-man band.
- **Whisky** — Coffin varnish.
- **Wife** — Bitter half.
- **Xit** — Pronounced as separate letters, never as "exit." For construction of the Texas Capitol, the state of Texas traded off the 3 million Panhandle acres that became the XIT Ranch.
- **Yes** — Does a cat have a climbing gear? Is a duck's butt waterproof?
- **Zipper, open** — The barn door is open.
- **That Dog'll in the window** is \$12.95 paperback and \$19.95 hardcover.

THE LITTLE, BROWN
BOOK OF
❧ ANECDOTES ❧

CLIFTON FADIMAN
GENERAL EDITOR



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been lost. Boone replied, "No, I can't say I was ever lost, but I was bewildered once for three days."



BOOTH, John Wilkes (1838–65), *US actor. A supporter of the South in the Civil War, he assassinated President Lincoln and was cornered and shot while on the run twelve days later.*

- 1 After firing the fatal shot at Lincoln, Booth jumped from the president's box onto the stage at Ford's Theatre and shouted, "*Sic semper tyrannis!* The South is avenged!" (*Sic semper tyrannis* [Thus always to tyrants] is the motto of the Commonwealth of Virginia.)



BOOTH, Junius Brutus (1796–1852), *US actor, born in Britain, father of John Wilkes Booth. He was regarded as one of the greatest tragedians of his day, particularly in Shakespearean roles.*

- 1 A young actor playing a minor role with Booth in *Richard III* inadvertently made his entry from the wrong side of the stage. After the scene he apologized abjectly to the great actor, expecting to be given a royal dressing-down. "Young man, it makes no difference to me," said Booth kindly. "Only come on; I'll find you."

- 2 (Booth's profile was marred by a broken nose.)

"You're such a wonderful actor, Mr. Booth," gushed a female admirer one day, "but to be perfectly frank with you, I can't get over your nose."

"There's no wonder, madam," replied Booth. "The bridge is gone."

- 3 Booth was famous for his eccentricities, many of them doubtless a consequence of his wholehearted addiction to the bottle. Once, it is said, when playing Othello, he prolonged his death scene for quite some time. Finally terminating it, he got up and asked the audience, "How did you like *that*?"

- 4 In later life Booth's addiction to rum made him a problem to theater managers, though his vast experience often enabled him to perform when a lesser man would have been incapacitated.

One story tells how the aged actor, putting the last touches to his makeup, staggered from his dressing room at curtain time, inquiring, "Where's the stage, and what's the play?"



BORGE, Victor (1909–), *US comedian and pianist, born in Denmark.*

- 1 Explaining why the keys of his piano were so yellow, Borge insisted that it was not that the piano was old, but because "the elephant smoked too much."
- 2 When Victor Borge was just starting his career as a comedian in America, he was pleased to be given a booking at the Everglades Club, Palm Beach, for which he was to be paid a dollar a head for each member of the audience. About three hundred guests saw his show, which was a tremendous success. When the management came to pay Borge the agreed fee, the comedian pointed out that the club's forty waiters had also greatly enjoyed the performance. He got \$340.

- 3 Borge always made a point of observing his audience closely. If any members of it responded poorly, he would try different lines of approach. One evening he found himself confronted by a table of six, all totally unsmiling. After fifteen minutes during which he failed, despite his best efforts, to elicit any response, Borge appealed to them in desperation to tell him why they were not enjoying the show. One man replied in English so heavily accented as to be almost unintelligible, "We come to hear you play piano. Please play piano." They were Latin Americans and had not understood a word of what Borge had been saying. He played the piano, and the faces of the six lit up with smiles.

- 4 Borge had just completed the purchase of a chicken farm. "Do you know anything about breeding chickens?" asked a friend, astonished to learn of this new acquisition. "No," replied Borge, "but the chickens do."



BORGES, Jorge Luis (1899–), *Argentinian poet, short-story writer, and scholar. Educated in Europe, he returned to Argentina in 1921 and published a book of poems (1923). His other works include the short-story collections Fic-*

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Q. William M. Blair, New York Times: Tomorrow, wheat growers vote in a national referendum on their control and price-support program for the next crop year. Do you have any advice, sir, for them on the eve of their voting, or for Congress?

THE PRESIDENT. Well, I think they have a hard choice, because there was not any satisfactory legislation passed. So they have now the choice between taking the program as it is now, which last year piled up again these tremendous surpluses and which is, to my mind, detrimental to the country as a whole; or, the other alternative they have is no program at all.

So I think, because of the failure to have something that they could vote on that was a little bit more meaningful, it's a sorry choice they have to make.

Marvin L. Arrowsmith, Associated Press: Thank you, Mr. President.

NOTE: President Eisenhower's one hundred and sixty-fifth news conference was held in the Executive Office Building from 10:31 to 11:01 o'clock on Wednesday morning, July 22, 1959. In attendance: 224.

168 ¶ Statement by the President on the Death of Douglas McKay. *July 22, 1959*

I WAS saddened to hear of the news of the passing of Douglas McKay. As former Governor of his State and former Secretary of the Interior, Mr. McKay devoted much of his life to public service. In his passing the nation has lost a distinguished citizen and an American of outstanding character. He was a loyal and valued friend.

Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in extending our deep sympathies to Mrs. McKay and her family on the great personal loss they have sustained.

169 ¶ Remarks to Members of Future Farmers of America. *July 22, 1959*

THANK YOU—thank you very much. First of all, let me thank you for the gifts. They are most attractive and certainly will be useful back in Gettysburg when the winters come around.

I always get a kick out of meeting with a bunch of young people. This

is especially true when I find that you are interested in agriculture, are taking the vocational courses in your high schools, and are here for a program to improve your leadership abilities in your own communities.

I can't think of anything more important. First of all, if you are a farmer and know the relationship of the farm and its products to our economy and to our place in the world, you have to have a broad understanding of the United States, its citizenship, its economy, and its relationship with the other countries. Because of your capacity, as future leaders as well as future farmers, you have the potentiality of influencing many, many thousands out and beyond the confines of just your own organization.

Then, being young, you have got many years to do it. Every once in a while I look at one of my grandchildren—about the age of that little girl over there—and I say to myself: when she is my age it will be the year 2011, or something like that. That sounds an awfully long way ahead. But if you can look at your own school histories and look back, say 50 years, as to the situation that then existed, in farming, in transportation, in communications, in our thinking, and in our relations with the world, you will see that a veritable revolution has already taken place.

You have got to be prepared for even a more rapidly developing revolution in all of these things, for the simple reason that the speed of acceleration has gone up so fast. In 50 years since man first flew—the Russians sometimes say something else, we say that the Wrights flew 50 years ago—but from that airplane to the jet, the jet fighter, that goes two or three times the speed of sound is no greater progress than you are going to see between what you know today and in that year 2009, 50 years ahead.

You people are going to be the ones to influence it. You are going to shape it, and you are going to make it the kind of world in which you want to live—and indeed in which in many respects you must live, if you are going to live at all.

This is the kind of thing that is in front of you. I don't like the word "challenge" particularly, I like to think of the prospects, the opportunities that lie out ahead of an individual, no matter what his age. How rich those opportunities are, how vast they are, when they are put in front of the imagination of youngsters. That is the kind of thing I hope for you. It is the kind of thing that I believe you will be doing, and I certainly assure you of my confidence that you will do it well.

Now, as to farming itself, I just talked to Mr. Hester, your president, and he is a dairy farmer. I am interested in beef. They are both good industries, and as far as I can work at it, I am going to be trying to improve the beef industry. No one will notice it, of course, but it will still be fun to try. I can imagine the fun each of you gets out of the thing you are trying to do in agriculture that is your specialty for the moment, and maybe for your life. But I say this: agriculture is a part of this great complex we know as America, and a part of America's relationships to the whole world. As America is the leader, so you must be.

I can't say in words sufficiently emphatic to convey my full meaning when I say God bless you all. I hope for you all the luck, and the happiness, the enjoyment and the satisfaction that life can possibly bring to you.

Goodbye—good luck.

NOTE: The President spoke in the Rose Garden. The gifts to which he referred were a blanket and a gold paperweight

bearing the FFA insignia. Later, he referred to Adin Hester, President of Future Farmers of America.

170 ¶ Letter to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Report "Economic Assistance: Programs and Administration." July 23, 1959

Dear _____:

I transmit for the consideration of the Congress a report on "Economic Assistance: Programs and Administration," submitted to me on July 13, 1959, by the President's Committee to Study the United States Military Assistance Program. This report analyzes the objectives of economic assistance, reports on the operations of present programs, and makes recommendations for future programs and organizational arrangements.

I have transmitted copies of the report to the Executive Agencies concerned, so that the Committee's recommendations may be carefully considered and, where appropriate, taken into account during the formulation of next year's mutual security program.

Sincerely,

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tions which have the Support of the Administration." Under the heading "A. Priority Items" the memorandum listed the current status of the items enumerated in the President's letter. Under the heading "B. Additional Items" the memorandum outlined the status of the following items:

1. H. R. 86, to provide Presidential, in lieu of statutory, exemptions from GSA authority over surplus

property management activities.

2. H. R. 32, to provide for a Commission on Naval Vessels.

3. H. R. 83, to direct the Comptroller General to make a study of TVA fertilizer production costs.

4. H. R. 81, to abolish the National Industrial Reserve Committee.

The Budget Director's memorandum was published in House Document 197 (85th Cong., 1st sess.).

¶ 113 Remarks to the National 4-H Conference. June 18, 1957

FOR A LONG TIME I have been meeting with members of 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers and I don't know of any meeting that brings to me a sense of greater satisfaction and hope.

I think people my age feel that they are at least trying to work for the future, and when I get with people of your age then I suddenly realize you are the future, and you are going to do the things that we now wish we could do. We must have faith that each generation gets better, more efficient, and I am quite positive that all of those things that you are dreaming now, and we are hoping for, you will do.

So when I see such a healthy, good-looking group of people as this, it sends my spirits up. I don't know where you could travel in the world and call together a bunch of people of any age and get a greater sense of satisfaction than I do in looking at you now.

I hope you are having a good time. I hope that not only you are finding your trip here to the Capital instructive, I hope you are finding it thoroughly interesting and enjoyable.

And by the way, just a few years from now I will be really

farming in earnest
I'll need it.

Goodbye.

NOTE: The President

¶ 114 Remarks Television and June 18, 1957

WELL, THANK YOU
of this, I assure you.

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to do a lot of talking

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farming in earnest, and maybe I'll call on some of you for advice. I'll need it.

Goodbye.

NOTE: The President spoke in the Rose Garden at 10:00 a. m.

114 ¶ Remarks to the National Association of Television and Radio Farm Directors.

June 18, 1957

WELL, THANK YOU indeed, Mr. Timmons. I am very proud of this, I assure you.

Of course, I am related to the farmers, having a little one of my own, and I guess I am related to telecasters, because I seem to do a lot of talking.

I am very pleased to meet this group of Farm Directors of our television and radio stations in our agricultural belt. I think all of us realize there is no easy solution to all of the problems that beset our agriculture. In fact, I am always amazed when people speak of the agricultural "problem", when we well know there are thousands of them. I think there is nothing that all of us need to know—including farmers—so much as the facts. I believe that the information, the statistical, political, commercial, industrial information that a farmer needs today in order to conduct his business properly, in order to associate himself with his fellows properly, can be gained only by day-by-day access to the best possible information on these subjects that there is obtainable.

That, as I conceive it, is the mission of you people: to bring these facts—not to be an exhorter for any particular plan or idea of anybody's, of any political parties, or of any individual, but to take the ideas and the facts and analyze them—and bring all the necessary information to the people that have to do the work and ultimately form the decisions.

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MEMO:

Here is our White House list.

I'm missing a couple of birthplaces. Do I need to get them?

I have put a question mark beside the ones who have not yet registered; we're not sure whether they're coming. They may arrive later.

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Series: Speech File, Backup
Subseries:
WHORM Cat.:
File Location: Future Farmers of America (FFA) 7/27/89

Date Closed: 10/1/2004 FOIA/SYS Case #: Re-review Case #: 2004-2265-S P-2/P-5 Review Case #:	OA/ID Number: 06267
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RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

P-1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
 P-2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
 P-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
 P-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
 P-5 Release would disclose confidential advise between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
 P-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

(b)(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
 (b)(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
 (b)(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
 (b)(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
 (b)(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
 (b)(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
 (b)(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
 (b)(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information