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TALKING POINTS  
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
ROOSEVELT ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1989

-- I want to welcome you to the White House, although many of you -- Ed (Muskie) and Elliot (Richardson) come to mind -- have spent more time here than I have. And I look forward to your returning again.

-- It's always wonderful to see good friends from both parties. In particular, let me welcome those of you from out of town. I say that, Ted, (Hesburgh) because Washington may not seem too hospitable after the Notre Dame-Georgetown game a couple of weeks ago.

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-- Two years ago, this Commission was created. Its purpose was to suggest ways to lure more of the best and brightest to government and, thus, enhance the caliber of public service.

-- Today, I'm pleased to receive your report, and look forward to its recommendations: Suggestions regarding the problems and priorities of public service; ideas on issues like pay and compensation at all levels of government.

-- My friends, I believe -- as you do -- that government is a noble calling, and can enrich America. No, government is not a panacea, but it can be a catalyst: building, serving, helping people help themselves.

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-- That is what you've tried to do, through this commission and in your careers. The hours you've spent as Commission members show your commitment to public service. And the example of your lives shows that you practice what you preach.

-- And personally, my deep appreciation -- for your time and counsel. And on America's behalf, my profoundest gratitude. Thank you, my friends, thank you so very much.

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