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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF VISTA / ROOSEVELT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990

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IT WAS A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO TODAY, SHORTLY
AFTER PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNED VISTA INTO LAW, THAT THE
FIRST VOLUNTEERS STARTED THEIR SERVICE. TODAY, 100,000
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"I WAS A VISTA VOLUNTEER."

AND EVEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THERE ARE MORE THAN 3,000 VOLUNTEERS AT WORK IN MORE THAN 650 NEIGHBORHOODS. FROM THE HOLLOWES OF APPALACHIA, TO THE MOUNTAINS OF NEW MEXICO, TO THE CITY STREETS OF NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES -- THESE VISTA VOLUNTEERS WORK LONG HOURS ON SHORT PAY. AND THEY WORK ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BLOCK, ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, PRESIDENT JOHNSON CHARGED VISTA VOLUNTEERS WITH A TOUGH MISSION, COMMITTING YOU "TO GUIDE THE YOUNG, TO COMFORT THE SICK, TO ENCOURAGE THE DOWNTRODDEN, TO TEACH THE SKILLS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A MORE REWARDING LIFE."

THAT WAS YOUR MISSION THEN, AND THAT IS YOUR MISSION TODAY.

EVERY TIME A KID LEARNS TO READ, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVERY TIME A HOMELESS FAMILY FINDS SHELTER, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND EVERY TIME A TROUBLED PERSON STAYS OFF DRUGS, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL AMERICANS. \\\

I KNOW HOW MUCH BARBARA'S LITERACY WORK MEANS TO HER. AND SHE OFTEN TALKS TO ME ABOUT WHAT VOLUNTEERS ARE DOING AROUND THE COUNTRY. SO I KNOW, YOU DO GIVE A LOT -- BUT YOU ARE NOT GIVING DIGNITY, FOR DIGNITY CANNOT BE CONFERRED.

YOU ARE NOT GIVING EDUCATION, BECAUSE EDUCATION MUST BE ACQUIRED. YOU ARE NOT BESTOWING AMBITION, BECAUSE AMBITION CAN ONLY COME FROM WITHIN. WHAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF VISTA DO ACHIEVE IS EVEN MORE MIRACULOUS -- YOU IMPART TO SO MANY DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS THE MEANS TO BUILD PRIDE, TO EARN A DEGREE OR SKILL, TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES.

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, DIGNITY COMES WHEN HE REALIZES THAT HE IS THE TRUE AUTHOR OF HIS DESTINY.

FOR A TROUBLED COMMUNITY, IT COMES BY FINDING LEADERSHIP FROM WITHIN. SO YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS COME AS MUCH FROM THE POWER OF SELF-CONFIDENCE, AS THEY DO FROM MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. SOUNDS LIKE A MIRACLE. AND PERHAPS IT IS -- A MIRACLE THAT COMES FROM CARING.

A FEW WHO CARE ENOUGH TO VOLUNTEER ARE WITH US TODAY: ANDREW JACOB, WHO WORKS WITH AT-RISK STREET YOUTH IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE; DIANA LOPEZ, WHO WENT STRAIGHT FROM YALE TO WORK WITH LAKOTA SIOUX AND OTHER NATIVE AMERICANS IN SOUTH DAKOTA; DAMITA WELLS, WHO RECRUITS TUTORS FOR PRISON INMATES IN NASHVILLE.

AND FINALLY THERE IS NICK FLORES, WHO COUNSELS POOR RURAL RESIDENTS IN NEW MEXICO; WHO IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION; AND WHO HELPS DIRECT A FOOD SERVICE FOR THE HUNGRY.

I REGARD NICK AS A VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEER, BECAUSE NICK SUFFERED A TERRIBLE INJURY IN A CAR ACCIDENT PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT WITH VISTA. I SUPPOSE NO ONE WOULD HAVE BLAMED HIM IF HE HAD FOCUSED ONLY ON HIMSELF, ONLY ON HIS NEEDS. BUT NOT NICK FLORES. HE WOULD RATHER SERVE OTHERS. SO NOW NICK'S OUT ON THE FRONT LINES, HELPING -- AND BUILDING -- AND CARING -- FOR FOLKS FROM LAS CRUCES CLEAR UP TO SANTA FE.

PERHAPS NICK BELIEVES LIKE SO MANY VISTA VOLUNTEERS THAT RECOGNIZING SOMETHING GREATER THAN OURSELVES IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS. OR TO PUT IT AS I HAVE BEFORE: " FROM NOW ON IN AMERICA, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVICE TO OTHERS."

THIS IS WHAT ATTRACTS MEN AND WOMEN TO VISTA. THEY ARE THE TRUE ACTIVISTS. YOU DON'T OFTEN SEE THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE OFF, HELPING OTHERS, IN THE MOST UNLIKELIEST PLACES.

YOU DON'T OFTEN HEAR FROM THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO MODEST TO BRAG. AND YOU DON'T OFTEN NOTICE THEM AT WORK, BECAUSE THEIRS IS A QUIET MISSION. BUT TOGETHER, THEY ARE MOVING THIS COUNTRY FORWARD.

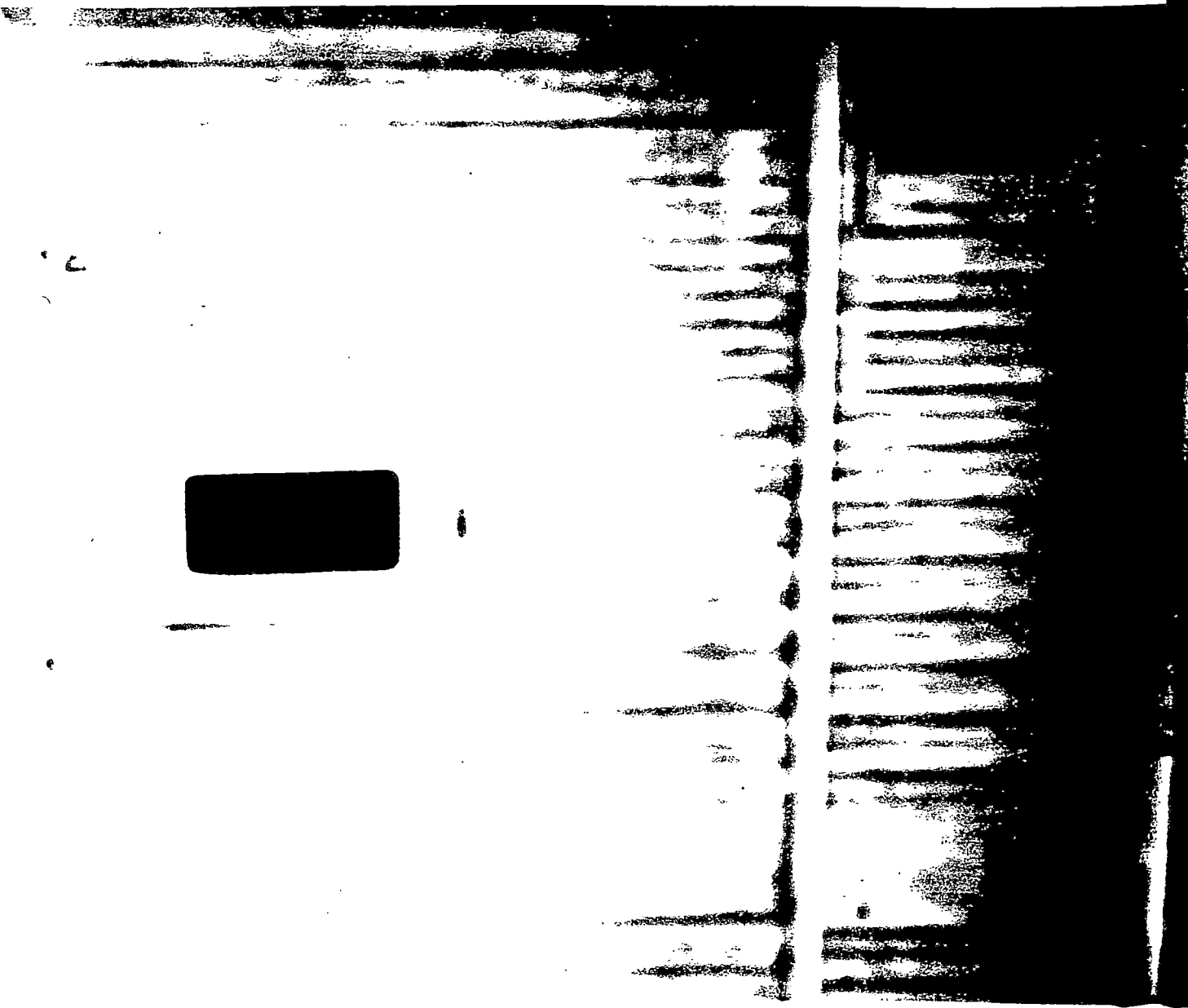
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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO, GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 01/24/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 p.m. 01/25/90

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: 25th ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA
(01/24 draft one)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 01/25, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
 Assistant to the President
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
 Ext. 2702

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Davis/Martin
January 24, 1990
Title: Vista
Draft: One

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**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 25th ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA, ROOSEVELT ROOM
1 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 1990**

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((Acknowledgements -- Assistant Secretary Aronson, Director Jane Kenny, Director Patricia Rodgers. *Sargent Shriver* [[Tule River]] Tribal Chairman Nicole Larsen. *Congressman Rep. Bartlett* ~~Senator Dodd.~~ *and the 25 Vista Volunteers who* Senator Rockefeller -- I know this must be a special day for you.)) *are guests of honor*

((We are here today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of VISTA -- though some will tell you that remembering dates is not my strong suit.\\\ But I wouldn't miss this anniversary for the world.))

It was a quarter of a century ago *today* ~~this month~~, shortly after President Johnson signed VISTA into law, that the first *V*olunteers started their service. Today, 100,000 Americans of all ages and backgrounds can proudly say: "I was a VISTA *V*olunteer."

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neighborhoods safe, give at-risk youth a chance to succeed, and provide disabled elderly with special services.
As VISTA ~~Volunteers~~, it is up to you to ~~find sponsors to repair the school buses, to build the roads and create the counseling centers.~~ ^{help people in communities make} These are not marginal matters. These are matters of real success or failure for people in need, even of life-and-death.\\

I know how much Barbara's literacy work means to her. And she often talks to me about what volunteers are doing around the country. So I know, you do give a lot -- but you are not giving dignity, for dignity cannot be conferred. You are not giving education, because education must be ^{acquired} earned. You are not bestowing ambition, because ambition can only come from within. What the men and women of VISTA do achieve is even more miraculous -- you impart to so many disadvantaged Americans the means to build pride, to earn a degree or skill, to believe in themselves.

For an individual, dignity comes when he realizes that he is the true author of his destiny. For a troubled community, it

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Andrew Jacob, who works with at-risk street youth in Brunswick, Maine; Diana Lopez, who went straight from Yale to work with Lakota Sioux and other Native Americans in South Dakota; Damita Wells, who ^{recruits for} tutors ^{for} prison inmates in Nashville; ~~Sandra Jellison-Knock, who uses puppets and theater to educate children.~~

~~Then there is Margaret Paye, who retired from a 33-year career as an educator and school instructor, but who didn't retire from the service of others. Now she's as busy as ever, helping low-income women and children at a shelter in Syracuse.~~

And finally there is Nick Flores, who counsels poor rural residents in New Mexico; who is deeply involved in drug and alcohol abuse prevention; and who helps direct a food service for the hungry. I regard Nick as a very special volunteer, because Nick suffered a terrible injury in a car accident **before** he joined VISTA. I suppose no one would have blamed him if he had focused only on himself, only on **his** needs. But not Nick Flores. He would rather serve others. So now ^N Rick's out on the front lines, helping -- and building -- and caring -- for folks from Las Cruces clear up to Santa Fe.

~~Some ^{you} recent college graduates. ^{you may} Many of these volunteers are students. And though students can get a partial break on ^{your} their student loans, no one does it~~

~~Whatever their age,~~

for the money. ~~No,~~ they do it for love of country and fellow
 man. And, I suspect, ~~they serve for yet another reason -- simply~~
 for the challenge of it all. Perhaps ~~they believe~~ that what
 really matters ~~is that we simply recognize~~ something greater than
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This is what attracts ~~young~~ men and women to VISTA. ~~There~~
 is this mistaken notion that every student in America is an up-
 and-coming Gordon Gecko -- the character who personified greed in
 the movie Wall Street. But we know the truth -- the young men
 and women of America ~~are~~ involved. They are the true activists.
 You don't often see them, because they are off, helping others,
 in the most unlikely places. You don't often hear from them,
 because they are too modest to brag. And you don't often notice
 them at work, because theirs is a quiet mission. But together,
 they are moving this country forward.

So when I talk of the thousand points of light, please know
 that no light is brighter or more dazzling than the VISTA
 Volunteers.

Thank you for all you do, God bless you and God bless
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 31, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING CEREMONY TO CELEBRATE
THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA

The Roosevelt Room

1:05 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Let me welcome all of you and pay my respects to Bernie Aronson, our Assistant Secretary of State, who is with us today; ACTION Director Jane Kenny; Pat Rodgers, the VISTA Director; Sarge Shriver was supposed to be here. Now, whether the man is here or not, I don't know; I don't see him. But I do see Senator Chris Dodd and Senator Jay Rockefeller -- and we are delighted that you came for this. And is Tribal Chairman Nicole Larsen here? I think. Right here. Welcome, Nicole. I know this must be a special day for everybody -- particularly for the 25 VISTA volunteers who are our special guests of honor.

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I dropped by with Barbara to say thank you for all you do, and God bless you. Of course, God bless the United States. Thank you very much.

(Mrs. Bush administers the oath of service to the new Vista volunteers.) (Applause.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *ow*
FROM: MARK W. DAVIS *MD*
SUBJECT: VISTA 25th anniversary

I. Summary:

January 31st marks the 25th anniversary of a ceremony President Johnson held in honor of the first group of volunteers for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). You will address a small audience in the Roosevelt Room; later, the First Lady will swear-in a new group of volunteers. Your remarks are about seven minutes long, and are on cards.

Davis/Martin
January 26, 1990
Title: Vista
Draft: Two

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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Ext. 2702

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WASHINGTON

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January 25, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *ow*
FROM: MARK W. DAVIS *MD*
SUBJECT: VISTA 25th anniversary

I. Summary:

January 31st marks the 25th anniversary of a ceremony President Johnson held in honor of the first group of volunteers for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). You will address a small audience in the Roosevelt Room; later, the First Lady will swear-in a new group of volunteers. Your remarks are about seven minutes long, and are on cards.

Davis/Martin
January 26, 1990
Title: Vista
Draft: Two

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: 25th ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA, ROOSEVELT ROOM
1 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 1990**

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MEMORANDUM FOR JANE KENNY

FROM:

MARNIE HAINES *MH*

SUBJECT:

SPEECH CLEARANCE - VISTA ANNIVERSARY

Please review and call and/or fax your comments to me NO LATER THAN 4:00PM, TODAY, JANUARY 25. Phone: 456-2164 Fax: 456-2397.
Thanks.

4 pages to follow.

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1st floor - west
wing
David Boles'
officer*

*My edits are
attached. If you
have any questions,
please call me
directly at 634-9380.*

*Jane Kenny
1/25/90
1:00 pm*

Davis/Martin
January 24, 1990
Title: Vista
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*Protocol question?
Shouldn't Secretary & Congressman be mentioned first?*

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VISTA Volunteers can't do no on-our assignments

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: 25th Anniversary of Vista

The draft remarks are inspiring and moving. I do not have any recommendations from a policy standpoint and approve of the remarks in their current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: FREDERICK D. NELSON *F.D.N.*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: 25th Anniversary of Vista

Counsel's Office makes no legal objection to the above-referenced presidential remarks.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

JIM PINKERTON ~~JP~~

SUBJECT:

25th Anniversary of Vista Draft Speech

A moving, upbeat draft. We like the phrases reminiscent of the '88 Convention speech passages, e.g., "That was your mission then, and that is your mission today;" and "You don't often hear from them...because theirs is a quiet mission." These combine in a sense the Acceptance speech's "That is my mission..." passage with the "I'm a quiet man..." passage (both of course used later in campaign commercials).

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That was your mission then, and that is your mission today. Every time you teach a kid to read, **you make a difference.** Every time you find shelter for a family, **you make a difference.** And every time you keep a kid off drugs, **you make a difference for all Americans.**\\\

As VISTA volunteers, it is up to you to find sponsors to repair the school buses, to build the roads and create the counseling centers. **These are not marginal matters. These are matters of real success or failure for people in need, even of life-and-death.**\\

I know how much Barbara's literacy work means to her. And she often talks to me about what volunteers are doing around the country. So I know, you do give a lot -- but you are **not** giving dignity, for dignity cannot be conferred. You are **not** giving education, because education must be earned. You are **not** bestowing ambition, because ambition can only come from within. What the men and women of VISTA **do** achieve is even more miraculous -- you impart to so many disadvantaged Americans the means to build pride, to earn a degree or skill, to believe in **themselves.**

For an individual, dignity comes when he realizes that he is the true author of his destiny. For a troubled community, it

comes by finding leadership from within. So your achievements come as much from the power of self-confidence, as they do from material assistance. Sounds like a miracle. And perhaps it is - a miracle that comes from caring.

A few who care enough to volunteer are with us today: Andrew Jacob, who works with at-risk street youth in Brunswick, Maine; Diana Lopez, who went straight from Yale to work with Lakota Sioux and other Native Americans in South Dakota; Damita Wells, who tutors prison inmates in Nashville; Sandra Jellison-Knock, who uses puppets and theater to educate children.

Then there is Margaret Paye, who retired from a 33-year career as an educator and school instructor, but who didn't retire from the service of others. Now she's as busy as ever, helping low-income women and children at a shelter in Syracuse.

And finally there is Nick Flores, who counsels poor rural residents in New Mexico; who is deeply involved in drug and alcohol abuse prevention; and who helps direct a food service for the hungry. I regard Nick as a very special volunteer, because Nick suffered a terrible injury in a car accident before he joined VISTA. I suppose no one would have blamed him if he had focused only on himself, only on his needs. But not Nick Flores. He would rather serve others. So now Nick's out on the front lines, helping -- and building -- and caring -- for folks from Las Cruces clear up to Santa Fe.

Many of these volunteers are students. And though students can get a partial break on their student loans, no one does it

for the money. No, they do it for love of country and fellow man. And, I suspect, they serve for yet another reason -- simply for the challenge of it all. Perhaps they believe that what really matters is that we simply recognize something greater than ourselves. Or to put it as I have before: From now on in America, any definition of a successful life **must** include service to others.

This is what attracts young men and women to VISTA. There is this mistaken notion that every student in America is an up-and-coming Gordon Gecko -- the character who personified greed in the movie Wall Street. But we know the truth -- the young men and women of America **are** involved. **They** are the true activists. You don't often see them, because they are off, helping others, in the most unlikeliest places. You don't often hear from them, because they are too modest to brag. And you don't often notice them at work, because theirs is a quiet mission. But together, they are moving this country forward.

So when I talk of the thousand points of light, please know that no light is brighter or more dazzling than the VISTA volunteers.

Thank you for all you do, God bless you and God bless America.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA / ROOSEVELT ROOM
1 P.M. / WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990

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((ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY [OF
STATE BERNARD]] ARONSON, ACTION DIRECTOR JANE KENNY,
VISTA DIRECTOR PATRICIA RODGERS. SARGENT SHRIVER,
[[TULE RIVER]] TRIBAL CHAIRMAN NICOLE LARSEN. AND ALL
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HERE -- I KNOW THIS MUST BE A
SPECIAL DAY FOR YOU, AND FOR THE 25 VISTA VOLUNTEERS WHO
ARE GUESTS OF HONOR.))

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((WE ARE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF VISTA -- THOUGH SOME WILL TELL YOU THAT
REMEMBERING DATES IS NOT MY STRONG SUIT.\\\ BUT I
WOULDN'T MISS THIS ANNIVERSARY FOR THE WORLD.))

IT WAS A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO TODAY, SHORTLY
AFTER PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNED VISTA INTO LAW, THAT THE
FIRST VOLUNTEERS STARTED THEIR SERVICE. TODAY, 100,000
AMERICANS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS CAN PROUDLY SAY:
"I WAS A VISTA VOLUNTEER."

AND EVEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THERE ARE MORE THAN 3,000 VOLUNTEERS AT WORK IN MORE THAN 650 NEIGHBORHOODS. FROM THE HOLLOWES OF APPALACHIA, TO THE MOUNTAINS OF NEW MEXICO, TO THE CITY STREETS OF NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES -- THESE VISTA VOLUNTEERS WORK LONG HOURS ON SHORT PAY. AND THEY WORK ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BLOCK, ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, PRESIDENT JOHNSON CHARGED VISTA VOLUNTEERS WITH A TOUGH MISSION, COMMITTING YOU "TO GUIDE THE YOUNG, TO COMFORT THE SICK, TO ENCOURAGE THE DOWNTRODDEN, TO TEACH THE SKILLS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A MORE REWARDING LIFE."

THAT WAS YOUR MISSION THEN, AND THAT IS YOUR MISSION TODAY.

EVERY TIME A KID LEARNS TO READ, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVERY TIME A HOMELESS FAMILY FINDS SHELTER, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND EVERY TIME A TROUBLED PERSON STAYS OFF DRUGS, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

I KNOW HOW MUCH BARBARA'S LITERACY WORK MEANS TO HER. AND SHE OFTEN TALKS TO ME ABOUT WHAT VOLUNTEERS ARE DOING AROUND THE COUNTRY. SO I KNOW, YOU DO GIVE A LOT -- BUT YOU ARE NOT GIVING DIGNITY, FOR DIGNITY CANNOT BE CONFERRED.

YOU ARE NOT GIVING EDUCATION, BECAUSE EDUCATION MUST BE ACQUIRED. YOU ARE NOT BESTOWING AMBITION, BECAUSE AMBITION CAN ONLY COME FROM WITHIN. WHAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF VISTA DO ACHIEVE IS EVEN MORE MIRACULOUS -- YOU IMPART TO SO MANY DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS THE MEANS TO BUILD PRIDE, TO EARN A DEGREE OR SKILL, TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES.

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, DIGNITY COMES WHEN HE REALIZES THAT HE IS THE TRUE AUTHOR OF HIS DESTINY.

FOR A TROUBLED COMMUNITY, IT COMES BY FINDING LEADERSHIP FROM WITHIN. SO YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS COME AS MUCH FROM THE POWER OF SELF-CONFIDENCE, AS THEY DO FROM MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. SOUNDS LIKE A MIRACLE. AND PERHAPS IT IS -- A MIRACLE THAT COMES FROM CARING.

A FEW WHO CARE ENOUGH TO VOLUNTEER ARE WITH US TODAY: ANDREW JACOB, WHO WORKS WITH AT-RISK STREET YOUTH IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE; DIANA LOPEZ, WHO WENT STRAIGHT FROM YALE TO WORK WITH LAKOTA SIOUX AND OTHER NATIVE AMERICANS IN SOUTH DAKOTA; DAMITA WELLS, WHO RECRUITS TUTORS FOR PRISON INMATES IN NASHVILLE.

AND FINALLY THERE IS NICK FLORES, WHO COUNSELS POOR RURAL RESIDENTS IN NEW MEXICO; WHO IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION; AND WHO HELPS DIRECT A FOOD SERVICE FOR THE HUNGRY.

I REGARD NICK AS A VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEER, BECAUSE NICK SUFFERED A TERRIBLE INJURY IN A CAR ACCIDENT PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT WITH VISTA. I SUPPOSE NO ONE WOULD HAVE BLAMED HIM IF HE HAD FOCUSED ONLY ON HIMSELF, ONLY ON HIS NEEDS. BUT NOT NICK FLORES. HE WOULD RATHER SERVE OTHERS. SO NOW NICK'S OUT ON THE FRONT LINES, HELPING -- AND BUILDING -- AND CARING -- FOR FOLKS FROM LAS CRUCES CLEAR UP TO SANTA FE.

PERHAPS NICK BELIEVES LIKE SO MANY VISTA VOLUNTEERS THAT RECOGNIZING SOMETHING GREATER THAN OURSELVES IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS. OR TO PUT IT AS I HAVE BEFORE: " FROM NOW ON IN AMERICA, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE ~~SERVICE TO~~ OTHERS. "

THIS IS WHAT ATTRACTS MEN AND WOMEN ^{seeing} TO VISTA. THEY ARE THE TRUE ACTIVISTS. YOU DON'T OFTEN SEE THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE OFF, HELPING OTHERS, IN THE MOST UNLIKELIEST PLACES.

YOU DON'T OFTEN HEAR FROM THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO MODEST TO BRAG. AND YOU DON'T OFTEN NOTICE THEM AT WORK, BECAUSE THEIRS IS A QUIET MISSION. BUT TOGETHER, THEY ARE MOVING THIS COUNTRY FORWARD.

SO WHEN I TALK OF THE THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT, PLEASE KNOW THAT NO LIGHT IS BRIGHTER OR MORE DAZZLING THAN THE VISTA VOLUNTEERS.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO, GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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