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DATE: Mon, 9/12
TIME: 1-2 pm
LOCATION: South Lawn

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VPOTUS

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~~Sen. Daniel Inouye~~ *Silly*
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Sen. Chris Bond
Sen. David Boren
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Sen. John Breaux (7)
Sen. Dale Bumpers
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Sen. Dan Coats
Sen. Thomas Daschle
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Sen. Ted Stevens
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Sen. Paul Wellstone
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Rep. Jim Moran
Rep. Connie Morella
Rep. Austin Murphy
Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton
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Rep. Major Owens
Rep. LF Payne
Rep. Donald Payne
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Rep. Owen Pickett
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Enclosed you will find

- 1. ~~For~~ Congressional staff invite list (18 people)*
- 2. Another draft of this list which is more expansive (it was my original which Janet Green asked me to cut down) (33 people)*
- 3. List of invited members (check marks indicate those Rich Allen would like to contact re: press)*

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Suzanne Day
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Washington, DC 20510

Judy Wagner
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Washington, DC 20510

Sherry Ettleson
717 Hart Senate office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Martin Rodgers
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

John Gomperts
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Nick Littlefield
315 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Matt Alexander
632 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Ross LaJeunesse
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Clay

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Dodd

Dodd

Serran

Wellstone

Wofford

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Kennedy

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835 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Pam Devitt
727 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Kevin Kelly
142 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Anita Harewood
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Maggie Whitney
433 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Sue Hildick
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Barbara Pryor
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Tamara Stanton
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Washington, DC 20515

Dennis Glavin
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Robb MacDonald
518 O'Neill House Office Building
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Sherry Kaiman
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Jeffords

Mikulski

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Leahy

Hatchfield

Rockefeller

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Martinez

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Owens

Sunderson

Robyn Bason
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Washington, DC 20515

Stokes

Leslie Atkinson
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Washington, DC 20515

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Laura Brodbeck
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Washington, DC 20515

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Carole Stringer
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Washington, DC 20515

Roemer

Mary Ann Chaffee
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Bumpers

Cathy O'Brien
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Washington, DC 20510

Nunn

Jill Riemer
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Washington, DC 20510

Nighthorse Campbell

Kate Hickey
1034 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Shays

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Education and Labor

William D. Ford

William Clay ✓

George Miller ✓

Austin J. Murphy

Dale E. Kildee

Matthew G. Martinez

Major R. Owens ✓

Thomas C. Sawyer

Donald M. Payne

Jolene Unsoeld

Patsy T. Mink

Robert E. Andrews

Jack Reed

Tim Roemer ✓

Eliot L. Engel

Xavier Becerra ✓

Robert C. Scott

Gene Green ✓

Lynn C. Woolsey ✓

Carlos A. Romero-Barcelo

Ron Klink

Karan English ✓

Ted Strickland ✓

Ron de Lugo

Eni F. H. Faleomavaega

Scotty Baesler

Robert Underwood

William F. Goodling **

Thomas E. Petri

Marge Roukema

Richard K. Armey

Steve Gunderson ✓

Harris W. Fawell

Cass Ballenger

Susan Molinari ✓

Bill Barrett

John A. Boehner

Randy Cunningham

Peter Hoekstra ✓
Howard P. McKean
Dan Miller
Michael Castle ✓

Labor/HHS Appropriations

Neal Smith ✓
David R. Obey ✓
Steny H. Hoyer ✓
Nita Lowey ✓
Nancy Pelosi ✓
Jose E. Serrano
Rosa L. DeLauro ✓
John Edward Porter
C. W. Bill Young
Helen Delich Bentley **
Henry Bonilla **

VA/HUD Appropriations

Louis Stokes ✓
Alan B. Mollohan
Jim Chapman
Marcy Kaptur
Esteban Edward Torres ✓
Ray Thornton
Jerry Lewis ** ✓
Tom DeLay
Dean A. Gallo

Friends of Service/Leadership

Thomas Foley ✓
Richard Gephardt ✓
David Bonior ✓
Vic Fazio ✓
Barbara Kennelly
Robert Matsui ✓
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Lynn Schenk ✓
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 Bill Richardson ✓
 -- Charles Schumer **
 -- Christopher Shays ** ✓
 -- Olympia Snowe ✓
 -- Fred Upton ✓
 -- Arthur Ravanel **
 -- Jim Bacchus *
 -- Maria Cantwell ✓
 -- Alan Wheat ✓
 -- Jay Inslee ✓

VA/MD/DC Delegation

-- Eleanor Holmes Norton ** ✓
 Herbert H. Bateman
 Owen B. Pickett
 Norman Sisisky
 Lewis F. Payne, Jr.
 Robert W. Goodlatte
 Thomas H. Bliley, Jr.
 James P. Moran
 Rick Boucher
 Frank R. Wolf
 Leslie Byrne

Wayne T. Gilchrest ✓
 Benjamin L. Cardin ✓
 Albert R. Wynn ✓
 Roscoe G. Bartlett ✓
 Constance A. Morella

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SENATE

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Labor and Human Resources

Edward M. Kennedy ✓

Claiborne Pell

Howard M. Metzenbaum

Christopher J. Dodd ✓

Paul Simon ✓

Tom Harkin ✓

Jeff Bingaman

Paul Wellstone

Harris Wofford ✓

Nancy Landon Kassebaum ** ✓

James M. Jeffords ✓

Dan Coats **

Judd Gregg **

Strom Thurmond *

Orrin G. Hatch *

Dave Durenberger

VA/HUD Appropriations

Barbara A. Mikulski ✓

Patrick J. Leahy ✓

J. Bennett Johnston

Frank R. Lautenberg

J. Robert Kerry

Dianne Feinstein ✓

Phil Gramm

Alfonse M. D'Amato

Don Nickles

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Conrad Burns **

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Robert Byrd

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Daniel K. Inouye

Dale Bumpers

Harry Reid

Herb Kohl

Patty Murray

Arlen Specter

Mark O. Hatfield ✓

Ted Stevens

Thad Cochran

Slade Gorton

Connie Mack **

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Byron L. Dorgan ✓

George Mitchell ✓

John D. Rockefeller ✓

David Boren ✓

Sam Nunn ✓

Charles Rohrbach ✓

Barbara Boxer ✓

John Breaux ✓

Tim Wirth ✓

Bob Dole

Wendell Ford ✓

Bob Graham ✓

VA/MD Delegation

John W. Warner *

Paul S. Sarbanes ✓

PRESIDENT CLINTON LAUNCHES THE AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM AND SWEARS-IN AMERICORPS MEMBERS

September 12, 1994

The President today will formally launch the Americorps national service program from the South Lawn of the White House and swear-in the first members of the domestic peace corps. At the ceremony and via satellite, the President will swear-in up to 20,000 Americorps members, who will fan out across the country in urban and rural communities. In exchange for one or two years of result driven service, the members will receive education awards to help finance their college education or vocational training, or pay back their student loans.

In his Inaugural Address, the President challenged America's youth to a season of service. Then, last September, he signed into law the National Community Service Trust Act, creating the Americorps National Service Corporation and issuing a call to service unmatched in a generation. Today, this idea of national domestic service becomes a reality.

The Corporation for National Service works as venture capitalist in partnership with more than 350 programs in more than 700 communities around the country. While these programs have the authority to use their own creativity to meet local needs, they also are obligated to meet national standards for getting things done. As many as 100,000 Americans will participate in Americorps program.

The Americorps National Launch will consist of large and small swearing-in events in both rural and urban communities in every state in the nation. A list of satellite events across the country is attached. Cabinet secretaries will participate in numerous swearing-in ceremonies. Also expected to participate in the satellite events are a bipartisan representation of governors, mayors, and local and state-wide officials; education and service constituencies; local and national sports celebrities; and local and national entertainers, in addition to the Americorps members.

Attached are the September 8th briefing by the Assistant to the President and CEO for the Corporation for National Service Eli Segal, the transcript of the President's September 10th radio address, a transcript of remarks by the President at Church Services with Americorps National Civilian Corps and Base Personnel on September 11, a fact sheet on Americorps National Priorities, fact sheet on a Season of Service, the Americorps pledge, and a list of Americorps events to be held today across the country.

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PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS

Expected to participate in the ceremony on the South Lawn are the President, the Vice President, the First Lady, Mrs. Gore, President and CEO for the Corporation for National Service Eli Segal, Americorps members Keith Green and Laura Sullivan, and service veterans Wavley Groves, Chad Dawson and Tanya Mastrapa.

- ? The Vice President will make remarks and introduce a video
- ? Americorps video will be aired
- ? The President will make remarks
- ? The President will administer the Americorps pledge
- ? Eli Segal will make remarks and introduce Americorps members Keith Green and Laura Sullivan
- ? The Vice President will introduce service veterans Wavley Groves, Chad Dawson and Tanya Mastrapa

Bios of some of the participants follow:

Keith Green is a 21 year old South Carolinian and Americorps member. He is a team leader at the National Civilian Community Corps base at Aberdeen and will be leaving from the ceremony to join his teammates on the Idaho fire lines.

Laura Sullivan is an Americorps member from Weston, Massachusetts. Her Americorps program will help low-income women start their own business.

Wavley Groves is a Civilian Conservation Corps veteran who helped build some of the facilities on the Appalachian trail

Chad Dawson is an Army veteran, who was serving in Berlin when the Wall fell and is now attending Georgetown's School of Foreign Service under the Montgomery G.I. bill.

Tanya Mastrapa tutored inner-city children in this country and is now going to Benin, West Africa with the Peace Corps.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
VIA SATELLITE
IN SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
OF AMERICORPS PARTICIPANTS

The Oval Office

2:46 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon. In just a moment, I'll speak to thousands of you young people and those of you who are young in spirit around the country about our national service program, AmeriCorps. But before I do, let me say just a few words about what occurred here this morning.

As you know, a plane came down here early this morning, and the pilot lost life. An investigation is taking place that will determine how and why this happened. We take this incident seriously because the White House is the people's house. And it is the job of every president who lives here to keep it safe and secure.

On his second night in the White House, our second President, John Adams, wrote: "I pray heaven to bestow the best blessings on this house and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it." That prayer has been answered. In times of war and peace, in hard times and good, the White House is an enduring symbol of our democracy. It tells our people and those around the world that the mission of America continues as it does on this happy and important day.

So let me assure all Americans, the people's house will be kept safe, it will be kept open, and the people's business will go on.

We stand at the start of America's new season of service. For 20,000 Americans this year all over our great land, this moment marks the beginning of a journey that will change their lives forever. For our nation, the moments of service that will follow will change our lives for many seasons to come.

Service is never a simple act, it's about sacrifice for others and about accomplishment for ourselves, about reaching out, one person to another, about all our choices gathered together as a country to reach across all our divides.

It's about you and me and all of us together -- who we are as individuals and what we are as a nation. Service is a spark to rekindle the spirit of democracy in an age of uncertainty.

We hear a great deal about values now. I encourage America in that conversation. But all the lofty talk comes down to three simple questions: What is right; what is wrong; and what are we going to do about it.

Today, we're doing what is right. Just look around you. You're what is right with America. Twenty thousand of you this year and 100,000 over the next three years will be getting things done in hundreds of places around the country. You will be saving babies in South Texas, walking the police beat in Brooklyn. You will work on

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boats to reclaim the Chesapeake Bay and work on new housing to rebuild parts of Roxbury. You will take seniors safely to the doctor in St. Louis and teach children in Sacramento to read.

Every generation in our history has learned to take responsibility for our future. And your generation is no exception. We look at you now. And we know you are no generation of slackers. Instead you are a generation of doers. And you want to give something back to the country that has given so much to you. The only limit to our future is what we're willing to demand of ourselves today. Generations of Americans before us have done the groundwork. Now, it falls to all of us to build on their foundations.

In just a minute, I'll lead nearly 20,000 AmeriCorps members gathered across America in a pledge. I ask all Americans to reflect on the words they will say, because with words like "action" and "commitment", "community" and "common ground", this is much more than a pledge of service. It's a creed for America as we move forward to renew our great country. And to all of you who will help to lead us in that journey, I say God bless you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And now, it's my great pleasure to swear in the first members of AmeriCorps around the nation, including these fine young people who are here with me. Would you all raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I will get things done for America to make our people safer, smarter and healthier. I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities. Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere. I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond. I am an AmeriCorps member, and I am going to get things done.

(The pledge is repeated by participants.)

Thank you and good luck.

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2:49 P.M. EDT

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND THE VICE PRESIDENT
AT THE AMERICORPS SWEARING-IN EVENT

North Grounds

3:55 P.M. EDT

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. I get the feeling that you guys are fired up about AmeriCorps. (Applause.) Our committees also said you needed a place to stand, Eli, and I'm sensitive to that right now, with this cast on. I appreciate so many of you asking me whether or not I injured my Achilles tendon dancing with Tipper. No, it was not that. (Laughter.) I was playing basketball and I had not practiced the 360 dunk in quite a while, and I came down wrong on it. (Laughter.)

Many of you were here almost exactly one year ago when the President signed the National Service legislation. That was one of the great moments for President Clinton and for our nation in 1993. And it could not have happened without a lot of people making it possible. There were people who talked with the President and the First Lady back during the campaign and even before, because President Clinton has been advocating this idea for a long time.

There are a lot of people in the House and Senate who have been key, essential, crucial to making this possible. There is the godmother of National Service, Barbara Mikulski. (Applause.) Senators John Breaux and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, John Chafee, Daniel Inouye, Howard Metzenbaum, Chuck Robb who is here with us today, who has worked so hard on this legislation. (Applause.) Senators Paul Sarbanes and Paul Simon and Harris Wofford, all of whom have been crucial to making this a reality. (Applause.)

Leaders in the House of Representatives from both parties, including Chairman Louis Stokes and Representatives Xavier Becerra, Steve Gunderson, John Lewis, Esteban Torres, who is here today, Chris Shays, who is here. Tim Roemer, who is here today. We had expected to be joined when the event was at an earlier time this afternoon by satellite, by Chairman Ted Kennedy in Boston, Jay Rockefeller in West Virginia and Jim Jeffords in Vermont. The unfortunate plane crash early this morning made it necessary to change the schedule, but we want to acknowledge their contribution.

And I also want to acknowledge some others who are here, who have helped so much. Congressman Jim Bacchus who is here, Congresswoman Leslie Byrne who is here. Congressman Gene Green who is here. Chairman Bruce Vento who is here. Thank you all for your outstanding contributions to making this possible. (Applause.)

In working together across party lines to create this program of national service. These members of Congress have, themselves, provided a great service to our nation. And I know that you join me in thanking them all.

Of course, the great thing about service is that it isn't just about politics. It's about people -- people from every

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walk of life. National service brings together leaders from every part of our culture.

From the private sector, service gains smart management and great financial resources. From the world of education, service gains the experience with which to train young people. From our intellectual leaders, service has gained its framework and the challenge to improve. From the foundation world, service draws the expertise to design and evaluate programs and the resources to make them possible. From the worlds of art, entertainment and sports, service gains the ability to fire the public imagination and bring attention to good work.

I wish we had the time to acknowledge those from all of these worlds who are also here today joining us, without whom none of this would be possible. We can't acknowledge all of you by name, but you know in your hearts what you've done, and we know who you are. And on behalf of the President, and on behalf of our country, let me say how deeply grateful we are for your contribution and your presence here today, all of you.

For AmeriCorps is not just a program, it is a movement -- a movement of young Americans imbued with the American spirit. Government is a partner in this movement. It sets standards and goals. But it allows people at the grassroots to do what they do best -- to get things done. (Applause.)

National service -- you'll have a chance to repeat those words in just a moment -- (laughter) -- when President Clinton gives you the oath of the pledge.

National Service speaks to the heart of the nation from the heart of Bill Clinton. He has talked about service from the earliest days of his campaign. When he does, when he talks about the sense of community that brings people together from different backgrounds for the common good, about the sense of hope that comes from working together, when he talks about all that, he's talking about America at its best.

Eli Segal, who has made this dream and this vision a reality, was kind enough to mention my sister, as I mentioned her a year ago when the bill was signed. Just today, someone showed me a newspaper clipping from The New York Times, written 33 years ago by a young reporter named David Halberstam, about the enthusiastic response to President Kennedy's launching of the Peace Corps three decades ago. It talked about how to apply to the Corps, and it mentions the 23-year-old woman already at work at the Peace Corps, even though she wasn't sure if she would get paid, or how much.

Here's what she said: "It's one of the few original things that has happened in a long time, and it's one that I can participate in, something that I can contribute to." She was the age of many of you gathered here today. My sister, Nancy, witnessed firsthand the transforming power of service, and those in my family watched it through her service. How I wish that she could be here today, on this historic occasion. Something to participate in, something to personally contribute to. That spirit characterized her too-brief life.

And while her experience was unique, it was part of a tradition as old as America, and rich in service to others -- a tradition from which is springing today, thanks to President Bill Clinton, AmeriCorps.

And now, to continue in that great tradition. It is my privilege and pleasure to present President Bill Clinton, who will speak and administer the oath.

President Bill Clinton. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Vice President. Thank you, Eli Segal, for your wonderful work. This is a very, very happy day for Hillary and for me, especially to see all of you here with all of your enthusiasm, your energy, your dreams.

There are so many things I would like to say, but before we go on, I feel that I ought to give you some explanation about what occurred here this morning and why we had to delay this event and move it to the front of the White House. As you know, a plane came down here on the South Lawn, and a pilot lost his life. The investigation is now in place that will determine how and why this happened. We take this incident seriously because this house is the people's house. It's the job of every President to keep it safe and secure.

On a second night here, our second president and the first person to live in the White House, John Adams, wrote: "I pray heaven to bestow the best blessings on this house and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it." That prayer has been answered. In times of war and peace, in hard times, in good times, the White House has remained an enduring symbol of our democracy.

It tells our people and all those around the world that the mission of America continues. And that is the message that you send out here today as well. So I pledge to you that we will continue that, and I'm sorry we had to move to the front, but maybe we ought to be in the front of the White House today for something this important. (Applause.)

This year 20,000 Americans, most of whom are young, some of whom are young in spirit and determined to serve, and also go on to further their education, mark the beginning of a journey that will change their lives forever. It will also change the life of this nation for many seasons to come.

This day is part of a long journey for me, personally, and for many others who have long harbored the dream that national service embodies.

I want to say a special word of thanks to someone who worked with me through this whole process, and who dreamed of national service even before I did, and that is Senator Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania. I thank you, especially, sir, today. (Applause.)

Like the Vice President's fine sister, Senator Wofford started out with the Peace Corps 30 years ago.

One of the main reasons I ran for President is that I felt that we as Americans needed to make our life's journeys together rather than apart. I felt that we not only needed to change our direction and make more progress, but that we had to do it by coming together instead of drifting apart. Today, we began to fulfill that mission.

For many of us, this journey of service reaches back to life growing up in places we called home. Back to our classrooms, our church basements, our back yards, with the American traditions of community and service. So for many of us, today is just one step on what has been a lifetime journey.

But what we do today and what we will do in the days and years ahead will give new life to the values that bind us as Americans. For service is about sacrifice for others and about accomplishment and fulfillment for ourselves, about reaching out, one

person to another, about all of our choices gathered together as a country, to reach across all those things that divide us, about you and me individually, and about all of us together, who we are as individuals and who we are as a nation.

Service is a spark to rekindle the spirit of democracy in an age of uncertainty: We hear a great deal today about values, and so we must. I encourage America in that conversation. But when it is all said and done, it comes down to three simple questions: What is right? What is wrong? And what are we going to do about it?

Today, you are doing what is right -- turning your words into deeds. In my Inaugural Address, I called upon America to a new season of renewal, a new season of service. And I said then what I firmly believe -- there is nothing wrong with America that cannot be fixed by what is right with America. (Applause.)

Well, all of you that are about to embark on this journey, as far as I'm concerned, you're what's right with America. (Applause.) Let's just look at a couple of our AmeriCorps volunteers. Laura Sullivan who's here at the White House today -- (applause) -- is helping people put their lives back on track and start their own businesses in Baltimore.

Leo Negrón out in Chicago is teaching construction skills to teenagers and offering them a role model for taking pride in their work. Sara Wittenberg in Seattle is showing us how to be stewards of our nation's natural beauty.

Twenty thousand more this year and 100,000 over the next three years. All of you will do things like this in hundreds of places all around our country. Saving babies in South Texas, walking police beats in Brooklyn. Working on boats to reclaim the Chesapeake Bay and working on new housing projects in Roxbury. Taking seniors safely to the doctor in St. Louis, and helping children to learn to read in Sacramento.

Every generation in our history has learned to take responsibility for this country, and yours is no exception. We look to you and know that you are no generation of slackers, but instead a generation of doers who want -- (applause) -- we are grateful for those of you who wish to give back something to the country that has done so much for you, and to the parents and loved ones who are with you today and who taught you that these values are important.

Our greatness, after all, has never come from those who went in search of distant riches or personal glory. The people who really made this country great for over 200 years are ordinary people who make extraordinary sacrifices for the common good. The farm boys on the beaches of Normandy, the police officers walking the dark beats. The schoolteachers staying up late to help students from troubled homes to lead better lives. (Applause.)

And you, the people of AmeriCorps, will be America's next generation of heroes. We need you now more than ever. So many of our people are alone and cut off from one another. So many others are deeply divided from each other -- resentful, skeptical, even cynical about the possibilities of their own lives and the life of their country. You will devote your own potential to helping other people live up to their God-given potential.

You remind us how America has always worked best: by offering opportunity and demanding responsibility. We've seen over the last 20 years that you can't have one without the other and expect the American community to grow and flourish.

AmeriCorps says: Come together. Citizens and businesses, schools and churches, come together as partners in

progress to solve our problems and reach our promise. We know we will succeed not by government edict, not by large bureaucracies, but by the spirit of service and devotion that burns within the heart of every American.

With AmeriCorps you are building your country's future and helping to build your own. For your hard work, those of you who serve will earn money for your education and the chance to do even more with your God-given abilities, earning something that money can never buy as well. For you know now that you are helping to breathe new life into the spirit of the American republic.

Benjamin Franklin once said that if we don't hang together, we will surely hang separately. At the time he said it, he was worried about a foreign invader. But as the old comic strip character says, today we have met the enemy, and it is us. We better hang together, folks, or we're going to hang separately. You are the glue that will enable us to hang together. (Applause.)

We cannot go on as a nation of strangers, mistrusting one another because we've never had the chance to work side by side or had the chance to walk in one another's shoes. If we just stand only on our own ground, we will never find common ground. When I mention three of you -- Leo, Laura and Sara -- before, I didn't tell you about their backgrounds. Laura is from a suburb of Boston. Leo is from the inner city of Chicago. Sara is from the farmlands of Wisconsin. Each will bring something special and different and unique from those places to their service for America.

But each will surely learn, along with all the rest of you, that with all of our differences, we can belong to something larger than ourselves. I hope the nation that you serve will learn this as well from your shining example. We are all part of the American family joined by a common purpose, bound by a common sense of responsibility, challenged by common possibilities that know no limits.

The only limit to the future of this country and to the future that all of you hope to have is what we are willing to demand of ourselves today and in the future. Generations before us have done the groundwork, and now we must build on those foundations.

In just a moment, I will lead the 20,000 volunteers who are here, and some who have already done this a couple of hours ago across America in a pledge. But I want to ask you and all Americans who will learn of this event to reflect on the words of that pledge -- words like "action" and "commitment," "community" and "common ground." It's more than a pledge of personal service. It's a creed for America -- a creed we desperately need as we move forward to renew our great country in the 21st century.

To all of you who have taken the pledge to join, who have entered this Season of Service, who have redeemed the most important commitment your President ever tried to make to the American people -- to give us a chance to come together, to move forward together -- I say thank you and God bless you. (Applause.)

Now, let me ask all the AmeriCorps volunteers here to raise your hand and repeat after me:

I will get things done for America.

AUDIENCE: I will get things done for America.

THE PRESIDENT: To make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

healthier. AUDIENCE: To make our people safer, smarter, and

THE PRESIDENT: I will bring America together.

AUDIENCE: I will bring America together.

THE PRESIDENT: To strengthen our communities.

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THE PRESIDENT: Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

AUDIENCE: Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

THE PRESIDENT: I will carry this commitment with me
this year and beyond.

AUDIENCE: I will carry this commitment with me this
year and beyond.

THE PRESIDENT: I am an AmeriCorps member.

AUDIENCE: I am an AmeriCorps member.

THE PRESIDENT: And I am going to get things done.

AUDIENCE: And I am going to get things done.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes. Thank you. (Applause.)

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