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CLARENCE WESLEY, PRESIDENT NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN
INDIANS= COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL DVR=

I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO GREET YOU AND THROUGH YOU, THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR FIRST AMERICANS, ASSEMBLED IN
THIS CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN
INDIANS, I KNOW THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME WE SHALL WORK
COOPERATIVELY TOWARD THE GOAL WHICH THE NATIONAL
CONGRESS HAS SET ITSELF AND TO WHICH I HEARTILY

SUBSCRIBE: THE BETTERMENT OF THE LIFE OF AMERICAN
CITIZENS OF INDIAN DESCENT. DURING THE RECENT CAMPAIGN
I HAVE EXPRESSED MY CONCERN OVER THE CONDITIONS OF
POVERTY AND DISEASE WHICH AFFLICT SO MANY AMERICAN
INDIANS AND HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT I AM INTENT ON DOING
SOMETHING ABOUT THE MATTER. I WANT TO REPEAT, THEREFORE,
THAT I AM PLEDGED TO A PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS.
SUCH A PROGRAM WILL INDEED BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
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TOTAL PROGRAM OF MY ADMINISTRATION. WE MUST RAISE THE SIGHTS OF OUR COUNTRY. WE MUST EXERCISE WORLD LEADERSHIP AND BACK UP OUR POSITION THROUGH A STRONGER, MORE PRODUCTIVE AMERICA. IN SUCH AN AMERICA THERE IS NO ROOM FOR AREAS OF DEPRESSION, POVERTY AND DISEASE. WE WANT EVERY GROUP WHICH IS NOW UNABLE TO MAKE ITS FULL CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN STRENGTH TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE SHALL APPROACH OUR WORK ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND IT IS IN
— END THREE=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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THIS SPIRIT, I AM SURE, THAT INDIANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THUS A STRONGER AMERICA. MY BEST WISHES TO YOU=

JOHN F KENNEDY.

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