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MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S REMARKS  
JACKSON, WYOMING

Friends:

It is a little difficult for me to gather together my impressions of your beautiful area all in a simple speech of such short duration. I want you to know that I have longed for a visit to Jackson and the Grand Tetons ever since I first heard of them in my girlhood Texas years. And upon viewing the magnificent peaks as we landed this evening, I still find it difficult to believe that all of this is real.

The President and I have covered most of the world, but I can say to you that there is no haven of beauty that exceeds what you have here. I have been well indoctrinated on what to expect, I might add, since Loraine and Gale McGee have been extolling the wonders of Wyoming for the many years of our acquaintance. From both of these tireless exponents of Wyoming's greatness I have heard many tales describing the lore of Jackson's Hole. On the plane I also learned that, not only will the tourists have access to the summer beauty of the area, but you are even now well along the road to making this beautiful spot a winter sports' mecca as well.

There is much more to this area than physical beauty, for you have taken this magnificent setting -- God's handiwork -- and used it as a backdrop for a great many activities of human enjoyment and recreation, of uplift and inspiration. Your artists, like Archie Teeter and Conrad Schweiring, are nationally known; the varied musical and artistic program of the Jackson Hole Fine Arts Foundation is known far and wide; and your small theater, I am told, is very much in the Western tradition.

Throughout the Nation the name Jackson Hole or the words Grand Tetons mean the cool majesty of rugged mountains fronted by deep, blue water.

By the calendar of man's existence, Jackson Hole has had a very short history. From the nomadic Indian to the wandering trapper to the pioneer rancher to the setting now before me is but a moment of time on the clock of mankind. But you who have the wonderful fortune to live here, and those of us who have the equally wonderful fortune to visit you here, can be justly proud and deeply appreciative of what has been found here and what you have created here for the enjoyment of mankind.

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