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President J. Earl Moreland:

What a wonderful morning I have had! To start the day in George Washington's Alexandria, to have been welcomed in tradition rich Fredericksburg, and now to be at Randolph-Macon College whose roots go back to our historic beginnings.

You are fortunate young men. You have come on stage at a time when your country needs you most. In the next decade, the advantages of the intellectual inspiration you have received must be translated into practical realities, into the hard-headed solutions of the world's pressing problems.

As a mother, I know what our hopes are for all of you. And as a President's wife, I know what our needs are. But in these brief moments of our visit, I can only tell you that the world eagerly awaits you and it is your capacity to become involved and remain involved that will count the most. Never let your talents gather dust on the shelves. Never stand on the sidelines.

Looking out at your eager faces gives me a great sense of confidence in our future. At such moments I like to recall Thomas Jefferson's words, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

My thanks to all of you for making this a very special stop.

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