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I'm really flattered to see so many early risers.

My daughter, Lynda, warned me I should visit college towns only during class hours, but it looks like we just got started too early to oblige today.

One of the pleasures I take in political campaigns is that they give me an unparalleled opportunity to learn more about America. Everywhere I go, people tell me all about their cities and states.

On this particular trip, I've had the good fortune to be escorted by Secretary and Mrs. Hodges who not only know all about North Carolina, but have played a great part in making it the prosperous and progressive state it is today.

Anyone coming into this part of North Carolina cannot help but be impressed by the Research Triangle which rests its corners on three great educational institutions, North Carolina State in Raleigh, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and your own Duke University here in Durham.

I know how Secretary Hodges poured his heart into establishing the Triangle when he was Governor. And he has told me how leaders of government, industry, finance and education worked together to make possible this pool of technological skill so important in the space age.

One of the most impressive land of opportunity stories of the last century happened right here where Washington Duke turned two blind mules and 50 cents (or so the story goes) into one of America's great fortunes and eventually became one of America's great philanthropists.

While fortunes can still be made, something more important is happening. All North Carolinians are sharing in the present-day prosperity. Since 1960, the average per capita income of North Carolinians has gone up \$245, and that is \$13 more than the national average.

The President has brought with him to the White House many lessons of the past, learned in depression and war and handed down from his Southern forebears who pioneered in the Southwest. It is this more than anything else that lies behind the programs he has fought for, what he calls the requirements of the Great Society.

The experience my husband offers is 24 years in Congress, divided evenly between the House and Senate, three years as Vice President and ten arduous, demanding months as President.

I believe he has brought continuing stability and progress to the country and lifted our eyes to the expanding horizons of the free world.

I am proud of that record, I believe you approve of it and I hope you want it to continue.

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