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Governor, friends:

It is a great treat to be able to participate in your homecoming weekend to hear some of your school songs and to be among students.

Campuses and colleges always bring back memories to me. Our school song at the University of Texas was "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You." It has the same tune as "I've Been Working on the Railroad" -- and I think tonight -- after 1,100 miles on the whistle-stop train, I could sing it with the original words. I have been working on the railroad.

So it is good to have a night off, to see your pretty girls, and to bring Luci along to admire the other students.

I'm so glad that you have such a proud heritage here at this school, and that you take pride in your academic achievements.

Education is the key to freedom, success, goodwill among men, the peace of the world. The local enthusiasm which the citizens of Tallahassee have for Florida State and Florida A&M is testimony to their belief in this.

The first major bill my husband signed as President was one to speed up the educational processes of this country. It was a bill for increased assistance for higher education and most specifically for a much broadened educational vocational program.

I am sure I do not have to tell you -- who sit here watching launchings at Cape Kennedy -- how tremendous our scientific achievements have become.

It is thrilling to be part of an age and part of a state which has witnessed all of the technological developments.

Man first circled the earth in a satellite launched from a Florida shore; man will be sent to the moon from Florida.

Communications and weather satellites launched from Cape Kennedy are still circling the globe. Their mission is to alert citizens against storms and to increase our friendly relations with the world.

Benefits of communication satellites will occur in many areas: scientific, political, cultural, military, and commercial. They will help join together the peoples of many nations of the world in an atmosphere of greater understanding. Confusions can be eliminated through communications.

Before this exciting decade is out, we anticipate that communication satellites will transmit the written word on such a rapid basis that the contents of an entire book the size of the Bible can be transmitted in less than a minute. Satellites will provide 24-hour daily telephone service to all areas and all continents, not just the more highly developed major populated areas. Business and scientific computers will be tied together across the ocean by means of satellite data links providing solutions to many types of problems through the world on a rapid, reliable basis.

Cape Kennedy is not the only launching pad in Florida. This campus -- as well as the other campuses throughout the state-- are our educational launching pads. From it we hope to send bright young men and women home to the towns and cities of this state with a new thrust of ideas. We hope that you will put into the business and political community of Florida and your zest and intelligence.

Surely a nation and a state which masters all the intricacies of Saturn V can also master the engineering of human relationships. You, too, can be -- like the communications satellites -- protection against human storms.

The words of Thomas Jefferson come to mind: "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." Here you are part of the dreams of the future. I know you will make them come true.

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