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I'm delighted to be able to call here during the 50th anniversary year of the famous Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Who would have dreamed that day in 1914 when the USS Mississippi steamed into Pensacola Bay with seven aviators and seven aircraft that one day this would be a training ground for more than 4,000 fliers at one time? And who would have dreamed that a missile testing center like Elgin Air Force Base would come? Along with these military installations came payrolls that are now pumping \$140 million into the economy of the Florida panhandle. The whole country is sending young men here to train for the nation's defense.

One of the pleasures I take in a political campaign is that they give me an unparalleled opportunity to learn more about America. This morning I have had an excellent guide in Congressman Robert Sikes. Nobody knows more about this part of Florida and nobody has done more for it.

Ten months ago on a most awful day my husband became your President. Behind him lay the experience of 12 years in the House of Representatives, 12 years in the Senate, and 3 years in the Vice Presidency. Into these last 10 months he has poured all the energy, intellect, and heart he has to try to keep our country prosperous, preserve peace and plan for a greater America. You can tell what sort of President he will make because you have lived through these 10 months along with us. I am proud of his record and I hope you will want to continue it.

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