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REMARKS BY MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
DEDICATION OF HORTICULTURAL DOMES
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Ever since I read about Milwaukee's exciting new
astrodomes for nature I have wanted to come see them.

So I am delighted on this first day of fall to be here in
Milwaukee and participate in the dedication of these domes.

It is one more giant forward step in the city's steady and
farsighted development of a park system. Other cities would do
well to look to Milwaukee's record: 134 park locations, used
nearly 12 million times each year. Those are the statistics.
But I know to the city's children, those 134 parks have meant
Sunday afternoon strolls in the spring and coming upon the first
wild violets and Jack-in-the-pulpit; weiner roasts under giant
old elms and maples on chilly fall days; and the shrieks of delight
when the snows come in winter and cover up the earth and sledding
and skating starts.

The quotation of Alexander Pope comes to mind:

"Nature -- where order in variety we see
Where all things differ, yet all agree."

Now you have in these three domes many climates all
year round. They are an exciting new dimension in dramatizing
nature for the people of Milwaukee and their visitors all year
round.

And I am quite sure that the father of your Park System, that
gentle florist, Charles B. Whitnall, would be most pleased.

Your civic leaders never slow down. I'm delighted to hear
that Mayor Maier has called upon some of the women of Milwaukee
to set out on a treasure hunt -- finding the old fountains of water
troughs time has moved or covered up. This will add an historic
and picturesque ingredient. I know that the people of Milwaukee
County share the pride which your Park Commission surely has.

In the President's message on Natural Beauty he said,
"Above all, we must maintain the chance for contact with beauty."

These domes which we dedicate today provide every citizen
a chance for contact with beauty every day in the year.

We dedicate it to that goal and to the hope that millions of
people -- visitors as well as residents -- come here to see, to
learn, and to leave with the refreshment of spirit that springs from
that contact.

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