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REMARKS OF MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UPON ARRIVAL
AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Office of the Press Secretary
to Mrs. Johnson

THE WHITE HOUSE

Governor Campbell, Senator Anderson, Congressmen, Mr. Mayor,
Friends:

It's a great pleasure to be here in Santa Fe -- a town for which I
have the warmest affection and admiration.

I feel very close to Santa Fe -- and all New Mexico -- not only
because I have visited here many times with my brother -- Tony Taylor --
but because both he and your Senators keep me informed of the exciting
development and growth of the state.

Let me say right now that what I have seen in the past few hours
has left me in a condition hardly calculated to bring on a very long speech,
for I am truly breathless. We have just come from two days of looking at
a big piece of the West and what we have seen both in natural and man-made
beauty is staggering. If my traveling companions look a little weary and
groggy, it is because of an exciting itinerary over the past 48 hours.
Tuesday we stood on the sandy shores of a great National Seashore and
scanned the waves of the Pacific.

The next day we drove the 72 miles strip of the Big Sur highway --
a highway so beautiful that one cannot look at it without wishing that all
highways in the United States could make as much of their own particular
natural surroundings.

And today we have flown across the Grand Canyon country, settled
down a few moments at Glen Canyon Dam, winged by Rainbow Bridge, and
along Monument Valley and alighted here.

What a nice welcome -- and what a delightful place to end our trip
that showed us so many faces of the West.

The more I travel over this land of ours -- the more I see how much man can do with his own surroundings. We read a great deal about the onslaught of the city ... and what the great population invasions are doing to trample out so much of the vintage of good living.

But what I have seen these last few days -- what I know exists in Santa Fe -- convinces me that we are going to achieve a more beautiful America.

Santa Fe is a town with a personality all its own -- but cosmopolitan in its outlook. Indeed the whole world knows your arts and crafts.

I love what you have done to preserve old Santa Fe, where the lovely adobe buildings seem to grow right out of the earth.

Three lively traditions -- Spanish, Indian and the American Frontier -- blend here. While the past is close to you, you are setting the pace of tomorrow's culture.

And every visitor leaves here better informed about his country, because you have retained something of its crossing culture for all of them.

Santa Fe has a message for many cities and towns which are lapsing into a gray sameness.

We are looking forward to seeing Santa Fe. Thank you for coming out to greet us.

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