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THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON AT THE
DUNAWAY GENERAL STORE, STRAWBERRY BANKE,
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Coming to a General Store is no new experience for me.

Some of my fondest childhood memories resulted from the general store of Karnack, Texas which my father owned. The sign "T. J. Taylor, Dealer in Everything" was almost literally true.

It was the gathering place for everyone from those wanting to buy coal oil and ploughshares to those who wanted yardgoods and thread or just to talk politics. Personally, I always headed for the glass case holding the crunchy peanut bars, striped peppermint sticks, and lemon drops.

So, I feel quite at home here in the Dunaway General Store and I am delighted that a general store is included in this restoration of Strawberry Banke.

What a wonderful vignette of life you are recreating here for visitors throughout the world!

This week-end I am having the pleasure of seeing the beauty of your springtime. Your white church steeples always look so rainwashed. Your covered bridges entice the explorer.

And now, down the charming streets of Strawberry Banke which you have brought back to life, one can almost sense the fragrance of the strawberries which lured those English pilgrims here 337 years ago.

It is stimulating to see what a group of determined citizens with a sense of history can do to preserve our links with the past.

I'm very glad I'm getting to see it at this stage. When you get it completed, I want you to invite me again -- and I'll bring my husband and, hopefully, our grandchildren.

I know it must give a great personal satisfaction to participate in such a marvelous program shown in the pictures of the area before the renovating was started.

It's not hard now to visualize how captivating the area will be when it is completed.

In addition to cutting the ribbon opening the store, it is my privilege to make the first purchase inside and also to be the first person to use the Strawberry Banke post office substation. All will be nostalgic experiences, and I hope you realize how much I appreciate the honor.

Mr. Dunaway, are you ready for business?

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