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REMARKS OF VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
AT CAMP CATOCTIN JOB CORPS CONSERVATION  
CENTER -- December 17, 1965

I am especially happy to be able to come to Camp Catoctin and personally wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

At this time of year we like to exchange gifts. I would like to do that with you--I have a small present for each of you, but I also want to ask for one in return.

My gifts are three wonderful books that together contain much of the history of our country and our particular brand of democracy which has worked so well.

↳ For this blessing of democratic government we can all give thanks at this time of year.

↳ One book is entitled "We The People"--and it tells the history and traditions of the U. S. Capitol and the great Congress of the United States which it houses. *Repub. Govt + we strengthen it now.*

↳ Another presents the history of the White House and its illustrious occupants--the Presidents of the United States.

↳ The third is written about the Supreme Court of the United States. *our guaranties of Justice, Freedom + Constitutional Govt.*

↳ Each has some of the most beautiful illustrations ever done of these buildings and institutions -- as published by the National Geographic Society.

↳ Finally, I am presenting to Camp Catoctin our country's flag--one which has flown over our nation's Capitol.

↳ These books will be sent to every Job Corps  
enrollee in America. I feel that the wonderful  
story they tell should be known by all of you--  
and indeed by every American.

↳ A flag which has flown over the Capitol  
will also be sent to each Job Corps Center.

Now I want to ask a Christmas present of you.

--A Christmas present for me and for President  
Johnson.

--A Christmas present for your country.

--A Christmas present for your families.

And perhaps most important of all, a Christmas  
present for you.

↳ The nice thing about this gift is that it costs  
you nothing--in fact, you get paid to take it.

↳ I would like you to give me--to give the President and your country--to give your parents and yourselves--the gift of returning to Camp Catoctin Ka Toc. t. after the Christmas holidays are over.

↳ This would be one of the nicest gifts I could receive.

↳ I know it would be the best present you could give your President.

↳ It is a gift your parents should desire above all others.

↳ And it is a gift that will bear rich and long-lasting dividends to you and to your country.

↳ Many persons have labored many years to present you with this opportunity.

∟ I introduced the first Youth Conservation Corps bill in 1957.

∟ This legislation was at the top of my legislative agenda in every session of Congress until it passed last year as part of the Economic Opportunity Act.

Senate action

∟ You have made a decision which may well determine the direction of your lives from now on.

∟ The Job Corps training and experience which is now available to you will provide the background necessary for further education and for good jobs.

Job Placement

∟ Do not let this opportunity pass you by.

Those of us who have worked so long and so hard to provide this opportunity are counting on you--and we have great faith in you.

∟ All you do here may not be fun--hard work and accomplishment rarely are. ∟ But if you will stick it out through these difficult times, I promise you the rewards will be greater than you can now imagine.

∟ Again, let me wish you a very Merry Christmas.

And let me wish you a Happy New Year--a year  
filled with such personal growth and development that  
you will be able to greet each succeeding New Year  
with increasing joy and prosperity.



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