

REMARKS

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VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

BOY SCOUT DINNERAMA

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Mr. Jim James Savant

Good Scout Award

to Gov. Tom Dewey

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and other resources. What an opportunity!

Ralph Waldo Emerson said that, "our greatest

need is for someone who will make us do what we can."

and it is you who ~~are~~ ^{by your leadership will} ~~helping~~ ^{help us} ~~to do what~~ ^{do what we know we can} ~~and must do.~~

~~By serving the 78,000 Boy Scouts of this city,~~
~~you have proven your interest in the crucial "balance~~
~~sheet" of happy, healthy young people.~~

You who are leaders in industry and finance
^{may say}
represent the conscience and the conscientiousness of
[^]
American free enterprise. (I have stated on many oc-
casions and I am glad to reiterate now: No private
enterprise system in the world has a deeper sense of
social trusteeship than the American business community.

(The Dow-Jones Stock ^{index} Average may fluctuate.
But, thanks to you, Boy Scouts head in only one direction --
up -- up from Tenderfoot, to Second Class, to First
Class to Star, to Life and, hopefully, Eagle Scout.

As financial and corporate leaders, you recognize that it is good business to invest now -- in tomorrow's corporate employees. By enabling boys to grow into responsible manhood, you assure excellence in the **p**ersonnel you will -- years from now -- be hiring.

Watkins

Boys are the best "blue chips" of all -- their yield in "human dividends" is the best of all investments.

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a word about police -
need them
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↳ What more can we do? *well —*
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The attached is the suggested text of your remarks at the filming which follows the dinner.

It will be placed on large cue cards.

The format consists of chairs around a coffee table. You will speak while seated.

Mary

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

This film will be used for a film to be shown, among other places, at the Dawn Patrol Breakfast to be held in February in New York, there is following special introductory clip:

"Good morning and my congratulations for coming to this Dawn Patrol Breakfast at such an early hour. There is no better reason for such an early gathering than one organized to further the program of scouting in the greater New York City counsels. I am particularly pleased to learn that today you honor a great friend of scouting, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman. May I share with you a few thoughts on what Scouting means to me."

Suggested Text for Comments for Boy Scout Film:

"I regard the Scouting program to be a principal bulwark of our free society. The attitudes adopted early by young members will ultimately determine this nation's destiny. I believe in Scouting and what Scouting has done and is continuing to do to build better men and a better America.

"Here with me are five fine young men from New York City, products of today's Scouting. I would like you to meet them.

Bill Landberg of Post 121, Queens
Byron Hero of Troop 575, Manhattan
Robert Auer (hour) of Post 101, Staten Island
Bruce Walters of Troop 306, Bronx
Richard Torrenzano of Post 272, Brooklyn

"These young men who have reached the rank of Eagle Scout know the fun and excitement that is Scouting. They know the obligations that they, as participating citizens, have to their home, their church, their school, and their community. I am proud of my association with the scouting program. As a young man, I had the privilege of serving as the Scout Master of a small troop in Doland, South Dakota. I consider this one of the finest experiences I have had. I commend you who work with Scouting, whether you work with a Cub Pack, a Scouting Troop, or an Explorer Post. Or those of you who raise money for Scouting, or conduct a training course, or pass a lad on a merit badge, or if you just support the program in your local community. You have the desire to be of service, you want to be involved with mankind and the shaping of a nation because, as you work with tomorrows leaders, you build and mold our country's future.

"I commend also the sponsors of Scouting throughout America. Those churches, schools, fraternal and civic groups, labor and industry who have opened their doors to the youth of this great land. Through the leadership of these groups, Scouting becomes real and alive in the life of a boy. The Scouting program is designed to help these sponsors to further their own mission in the community.

"Someone once said that the Boy Scout movement is the most talked about but least understood movement in the world. Most think about Scouting in terms of good turns to old people and a healthy program in the out-of-doors for boys; but Scouting is more. Richard and Robert here are both members of a unique new Scouting group called Special Interest Exploring. Dick, what is the purpose of this new Scouting Program?

(Richard Torrenzano, age 16, will respond briefly. FYI Special Interest Exploring is a program sponsored by corporations and business to expose a young man to his vocational interest at a relatively early age.)

"The ideals of Scouting are not changed and I pray that they never will. The Scout oath and law are standards which we can all use as guides in our daily lives. When a Scout repeats the Scout oath --

on his honor to do his best, to do his duty to God and his country, to obey the Scout law, to help other people at all times, and to keep himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight ...

this is a guide for all Americans -- for people everywhere. Support Scouting in every way with your time, your talents, your money, and your heart and you will build a better America."



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