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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY
ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNVEILING OF
THE TIME COLUMNS MONUMENT OF THE HELIUM CENTENNIAL YEAR
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It gives me a great deal of pleasure to participate
with you today in this ceremony, ~~because~~ it reflects concern
of major segments of our society for the prudent management
of natural resources.

Industry, Science & Government
working in Cooperation.

There is a tendency ^{all} too often to take for granted
the blessings of our natural endowments. ~~For all of our~~ ^{But with all the wonders}

^{of our} technical progress, we have yet to duplicate the works
of nature. We can have no higher dedication than to
conserve and manage our resources in the national interest.

The start of the Helium Centennial Year is significant
for several reasons. First, it highlights an achievement
of science, ~~that~~ ^{and that} helium was discovered by a British
researcher is testimony to the fact that scientific
achievement knows no boundaries made by man.

L This observance is significant on another ground
of equal merit. L It focuses on the partnership of
science government and industry as a successful approach to
conservation ^{along with} and resource use and management.

L As Chairman of the National Space Council, it is
particularly gratifying to me that the helium conservation
program is so successful. L The use of helium in space
exploration and scientific pursuits has doubled
in the last five years. L Helium plays an indispensable
role in fuel system pressurization of our launch rockets.

L The Saturn could not have successfully flown without
helium, and ~~it~~ ^{it} plays an important role
in the Lunar Exploration Module. L We are now using
more than half of the helium produced in our space program.

↳ But the conservation effort does much more.
It is capturing an element that would otherwise be
forever lost. ↳ That means it will be available for our
other important scientific programs such as in
oceanography and in medical research. ↳ These are pursuits
that can and will have a beneficial impact on the quality
of our lives and of our posterity.

↳ Through this kind of prudent resource management
we can leave future generations a magnificent legacy.

↳ We can all take pride in that achievement.

↳ That we are reaching forward through the inter-action
of business with its strengths, and government with its
strengths is another proof of the American system at work
for the maximum public good. *The Working Partnership.*

↳ The model which I am about to unveil is to stand
as a symbol of this generation's concern for the future.

↳ I take pride in helping to dedicate it and the principles it represents to the public interest.

This is the Time Columns.

(Lift curtain revealing model)

↳ I am told this unit which will be permanently erected near Amarillo, Texas, is designed to stand for 1,000 years.

↳ Each of the columns will be filled in a "sealed helium atmosphere" with representations of science, industry and conservation.

↳ We can't be personally certain of its total longevity but we can rededicate our lives today to build the kind of society that with freedom and justice will endure even longer.

↳ Such is the magnificence of nature and the timelessness of science.



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