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Re: Transcript of Ambassador Mondale's Sept. 10 Macalester speech

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Ross:

Here is the transcript of the Macalester speech. Please review it and let me know if there should be changes. It is based on an audio recording. We plan to make the transcript and an audio and video tape available to alumni and others who are interested. We will put a complete package together for the Mondales.

I hope everything is going well for you. Thanks again for all your help. The day was a huge success. Good luck.

*Doug Stone*



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Doug,

Thanks for sending the transcript of the Ambassador's remarks at the September 10 Convocation. Please find attached a copy which includes some very slight revisions. Thanks for all your help in advance of the Big Event.

Ross

We are confident that as ambassador to Japan, you will continue to inspire the people of the United States as well as those of Japan. For these reasons, we present to you today, the Macalester Board of Trustees Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service.

*Jimmy Carter and Barbara Armajani present the citation to Walter and Joan Adams Mondale.*

**Ambassador Walter F. Mondale:**

Thank you very much, Barbara, for that wonderful honor. This is a special, special day for the Mondales. I'm often asked how it is that the relationship between the president and myself remains one of friendship and respect, which is almost unheard of between a president and a vice president. I think you saw today why that's the case. I believe that President Carter is one of the most remarkably decent persons ever to serve in high public office. I think one of the things that glued us together is that we made up two teams and we worked together. The president and Rosalynn are a team--they have been their whole married careers, they were in the White House and they remain such today in the remarkable work that they're doing. The same thing happened in my life. I was blessed to marry Joan, and Joan and I have been a team all these years--it's the best thing that ever happened to me, and we both recognized that when we joined the White House.

I am honored to be here for several reasons.

First of all, because <sup>it</sup> ~~this~~ takes place at this wonderful college, which is surely one of the finest colleges in America. As you know, both Joan and I attended Macalester--she as a student and I in some other, hard-to-define role. I will not recount my academic record here, but I would like to say this: To those of you here today with indifferent academic results, fear not, fear not. Because if I can be honored here today, there is hope even for the least of you.

Second, I am pleased to be here to get this honor because of Joan's special association with this school. As you know, her father was the chaplain here for years, her life has been completely involved in this college, and she now serves as chairman of the board's powerful Committee on Buildings and Grounds. If you like the grounds, if you like the new Old Main, if you like the revised Weyerhaeuser building, if you like all the good things that are happening here, surely most of it must be credited to Joan's tyrannical leadership of that committee.

Third, I'm honored because this award symbolizes Macalester's special commitment to internationalism. When I arrived on this campus in 1946, that U.N. flag was flying and it flies today, and it says a lot about the spirit of this remarkable institution. When I came on the campus, we had President Charles Turck, we had people like Huntley Dupre and Yahya Armajani and Ted Mitau and many others. President Turck said in those days, "There are risks when an educational institution dedicates itself to the achievement of a world

better than the one we're now in, but I would rather see Macalester a living organism, having a vital constructive part to play in the throbbing life of this region with the world view controlling us, than to see it become a safe and sane repository of dead learning."

Macalester is alive, it's a part of this world and it's a part of the intellectual ferment of this community and of this country.

Recently I was in New York on my tour around the country. I had lunch at the United Nations and seated next to me was the undersecretary general for peace keeping, a diplomat from Ghana named Kofi Annan. We were having a nice conversation. He turned to me and said, how's Jack Mason? Well, Jack Mason was my law partner and used to be on the board here. I ~~said~~<sup>asked</sup> how do you know Jack Mason? And he said, I went to Macalester College. This tells a lot about this special school and what it means to this world.

Finally, I am honored above all because President Carter and Rosalynn could be with us today. This means<sup>5</sup> an awful lot to me and an awful lot to Joan and I think an awful lot to everybody in this audience.

One of the truly wonderful things to happen to Joan and me was the chance to work with President Carter and Rosalynn in the White House. Never once was either of us ever treated without thoughtfulness and respect, not once. I was the first vice president to have an office in the White House and the

president brought me in on every aspect of his leadership. Joan, with Rosalynn's support, was encouraged to lead in the arts field. We became friends the first day. I went down to Plains to see him. I don't know if you've been to Plains. He <sup>asked</sup> ~~said~~, what do you think of it? I said, it's pretty big. I grew up in Ceylon, Minnesota. I think we've come to love and admire each other, and I know that this will be true throughout our lifetimes. Their special presence here is something that Joan and I will never forget.

I believe the dictionaries are being rewritten right now about President Carter. He has redefined what it means to be a senior statesman. One commentator recently said, "He conducts himself as if his presidency was a priceless heirloom, sacred to him because it is sacred to the people." His presidency is remembered with respect and admiration. Just think of today--how lucky that we could have this all together, typical Minnesota weather and then this historic day in the world.

And look what President Carter did himself to show that it was possible to find a common humanity among people who had gone to war four times in 30 years. The history of the Mideast was about as bleak, intractable and hopeless as anything can be, ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> the president would not relent. He just kept at it. One of the truly impressive days of my whole life was that day in Washington, D.C., when the Muslim president of Egypt and the Jewish prime minister of Israel and the Christian president of the United States sat down and quoted from their separate scriptures almost the same thing about

changing swords into plowshares and finding the spirit to find peace.

Someone said that the problem with Christianity is that it's never been tried.

Well, the Carters are trying, and I believe that we all see that it works ~~and~~ <sup>we</sup> are honored to have them with us here today.

I want to make three points.

First, as individuals, we all depend on one another. No man or woman is an island, ~~and~~ <sup>no</sup> matter what our differences are, in the final analysis there is more that joins us than ~~that which~~ divides us.

Second, the world's challenges are becoming more international in nature. No single nation, not even one as powerful as ours, can hope to meet these challenges alone.

And third, if we're to have any hope of understanding one another and working together, education is crucial.

Unfortunately, there is an opposing ideology that has gained way too much ground in recent years. It seeks to separate people, rather than bring them together. It argues that people of the same race, the same ethnicity, the same religion--pick almost any characteristic you want--stand alone, and that everyone else is to be excluded.

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that's easy to say, but to stand up as the prime minister of Israel has done and announce his recognition of the PLO, that's real guts. And for the PLO that has tried to destroy Israel for almost 40 years to stand up and say, that is over now, we accept a permanent, secure Israel, we forego the use of force and terrorism and we want to sit down and talk and resolve our differences-- that is true statesmanship, that is a true pursuit of humanity and that is the hope of our future.

~~I believe~~ <sup>g</sup>our hope is to move beyond nationality and extend our embrace to our common shared humanity. This new world that the students are going to live in is shrinking all the time with modern ~~tele~~ <sup>g</sup>communications. In every respect we are becoming one people around this globe. That's why education to learn about this world is so important, and that's why Macalester's work is so sacred. We must assume our global responsibilities, beginning in college. We must learn ~~the~~ <sup>g</sup>language, <sup>S</sup>study ~~the~~ <sup>g</sup>history, learn of other cultures and traditions. We need to travel and study abroad. We need to make friends on this campus and around the world <sup>with people who come</sup> ~~coming from~~ different cultures. And we need to do it while we're young.

I remember, when I was a student here, Dr. Huntley Dupre <sup>would say</sup> ~~standing up and~~ <sup>g</sup>~~saying~~ that if there's hope for peace in this world, it will come by getting young people together <sup>g</sup>because they have the energy, the honesty, the willingness to accept and honor differences and to try to get along that older people have trouble dealing with. And now, more than was true when he

made that statement, young people can do that. I hope, as students at Macalester, you'll take every chance to reach out and do just that.

It's not just for yourself, it's for humankind. Senator Fulbright, who was the ~~founder~~ <sup>author</sup> of the famous Fulbright Scholarships ~~to send~~ <sup>which</sup> students around the world, said, "Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations. I do not think that educational exchange is certain to produce affection between peoples, nor, indeed, do I think that is one of the necessary purposes. But it is quite enough if it contributes the feeling of common humanity to an emotional awareness that other countries are populated not by doctrines that we fear but by people with the same capacity for pleasure and pain, for cruelty and kindness as the people we were brought up within our own country."

I believe that to be the case ~~and~~ <sup>T</sup> I hope that Macalester, which has established this ~~basic~~ <sup>basic</sup> commitment to international understanding, will continue to build and grow on that process.

I am going to Japan on Monday. Today, 43,000 Japanese students are in the United States and only 1,300 American students are studying in Japan.

That's terrible. We are delighted to have the Japanese here--as a matter of fact Ambassador Kuriyama [Japan's ambassador to the U.S.] is the product of an American college. He'll be here tonight for the dinner. But we should

have at least thirty, or forty, or fifty thousand American students studying in Japan, learning the language, because the relationship between <sup>our</sup> ~~these~~ two countries is so crucial, so important that it must have an underpinning of a population that understands and appreciates.

So, I hope many of the students here will take this <sup>opportunity</sup> ~~advantage~~. You've got a strong language program here, a good Japan studies program; take this ~~chance~~ chance to get into that program. I'll give you a special greeting when you come to Japan. We'll give you an inside deal. Thank you very much.

**President Gavin:**

To conclude the ceremony, I would like to call on six Macalester students to recite a prayer for peace in their native languages. They are Seth Halvorson from the United States, Kimoko Ogoshi from Japan, Joanna Kepka from Poland, Gabriela Valdivia from Peru, Lunga Bengu from South Africa and Ansu John from India.

**Seth Halvorson:**

As we begin our journey together at Macalester, may we be nourished along the way by our years of friendship and learning, and may we draw upon them to create a more just and peaceful world, a world filled with brotherhood and sisterhood, with respect and kindness for one another and with the hope of a better tomorrow.

MACALESTER BANQUET SPEECH  
SEPTEMBER 10, 1993

PRESIDENT CARTER AND ROSALYNN; AMBASSADOR AND  
MRS. KURIYAMA; PRESIDENT GAVIN; CHAIRPERSON ARMAJANI,  
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FRIENDS. *Muriel*

*Friends & thanks for coming*  
WE HAVE HAD A VERY SPECIAL DAY TODAY IN *life at*  
MACALESTER'S *College* LIFE. WE HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY HONORED TO  
HAVE PRESIDENT CARTER AND ROSALYNN WITH US FOR THE FULL  
DAY. MAY I SAY — NOT ONLY FOR JOAN AND MYSELF, BUT ALSO ON  
BEHALF OF MACALESTER COLLEGE AND EVERYONE HERE THIS  
EVENING — HOW DEEPLY WE ALL APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROUS  
PRESENCE THIS EVENING..

WE ARE ALSO HONORED BY THE PRESENCE OF  
AMBASSADOR KURIYAMA AND MIMI KURIYAMA. I KNOW HOW BUSY  
*40* *star* YOU ARE. THIS IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL COURTESIES YOU HAVE  
ALREADY SHOWN TO THE MONDALES. WE LEAVE FOR JAPAN DEEPLY

IMPRESSED BY YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND WARMTH. OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE HAD A TRADITION OF SENDING GIFTED AMBASSADORS TO OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONS. NONE HIGHLIGHTS THIS TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE MORE THAN AMBASSADOR KURIYAMA. WE HAVE STRUCK A TRUE FRIENDSHIP, WHICH I AM SURE WILL BE HELPFUL TO OUR TWO NATIONS.

PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS SAID THAT AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP IS WITH JAPAN. THAT IS SURELY TRUE. IF WE ARE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN OUR PARTNERSHIP — AS I KNOW WE CAN — PRACTICALLY EVERY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN THE WORLD BECOMES MORE MANAGEABLE. I HOPE TO EMULATE IN JAPAN THE FINE RECORD OF AMBASSADOR KURIYAMA IN DIRECTING OUR TWO NATIONS IN THAT POSITIVE DIRECTION.

*Clinton / Clinton*

*an Sept 13 1994  
Bill Clinton*

ON MONDAY, JOAN AND I ARE OFF TO JAPAN. THE MEMORY OF THIS SPECIAL DAY GUARANTEES THAT WE WILL NOT JUST FLY— BUT IN FACT WILL FLOAT HAPPILY — ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO UNDERTAKE OUR NEW DUTIES IN TOKYO.

TODAY'S EVENTS ARE ALL BUILT AROUND ONE OF THE NATION'S SUPERB CENTERS OF HIGHER EDUCATION — MACALESTER COLLEGE. UNDER PRESIDENT GAVIN'S LEADERSHIP, SUPPORTED BY AN EXCELLENT BOARD WITH BARBARA ARMAJANI'S CHAIRMANSHIP, THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP AND GROW. MACALESTER MEANS SO MUCH TO BOTH JOAN AND ME. JOAN IS THRILLED ABOUT CONTINUING HER MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD, ASSURING THAT SHE CAN CONTINUE HER LIFETIME ASSOCIATION WITH THIS WONDERFUL COLLEGE.

MR. PRESIDENT, GATHERED HERE TONIGHT ARE MANY OF THIS COMMUNITY'S MOST IMPORTANT LEADERS FROM BUSINESS AND FINANCE, FROM ACADEMIA, FROM COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND FROM OUR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW FROM OUR YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, WHAT I THINK OF MINNESOTA. IN FACT, YOU ONCE ASKED ME IF I WOULD EVER FIND ANYONE TO RECOMMEND FOR HIGH OFFICE WHO WASN'T FROM MINNESOTA. I POINTED OUT THAT I DIDN'T THINK OUR NATION SHOULD RISK TAKING A CHANCE ON LESS IMPRESSIVE ALTERNATIVES

I ONCE ASKED JOHN GARDNER WHERE I COULD MEET THE MOST IMPRESSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS LEADERS IN AMERICA. HE SAID THAT I WAS IN LUCK BECAUSE, IN HIS WORDS, 'THEY ALL LIVED ~~IN~~ IN MINNESOTA.'

HE WAS, OF COURSE, ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. AND MANY OF THE BEST ARE WITH US THIS EVENING. WE THANK YOU FOR COMING.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO MAKE A SPECIAL POINT ABOUT THE RELIGIOUS AND MORAL LEADERSHIP OF OUR COMMUNITY. MANY HAD A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ADMINISTRATION: *they are much as tonight*

ARCHBISHOP JOHN ROACH, WHO MEANS SO MUCH TO ALL OF US, WAS ONE OF THOSE TO DELIVER THE INVOCATION AT OUR INAUGURAL.

DAVID PREUS, THE IMMEDIATE PAST BISHOP OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH, SERVED AS ONE OF YOUR DELEGATES ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION TO THE MADRID CONFERENCE AND WAS <sup>about attend</sup> LATER INVITED TO ~~CAMP DAVID~~ DURING YOUR DELIBERATIONS ON <sup>at Camp David</sup> THE ~~COURSE YOUR ADMINISTRATION SHOULD TAKE~~ — AND HE WAS A MEMBER OF MY DELEGATION VISITING THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND ON A LATER OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL.

RABBI RASKAS — WHO TELLS ME THAT THIS IS HIS AND LEAH'S FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT ON THE TOWN IN THIRTY YEARS — WAS ONE OF YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMISSION, AND HE DELIVERED THE PRAYER IN THE CAPITAL ROTUNDA AT ITS FIRST MEETING. HE NOW SERVES AS A PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AT MACALESTER COLLEGE. <sup>Yanukh</sup>

THERE ARE TWO OTHERS I WISH TO MENTION: REVEREND DONALD MEISEL AND FATHER DENNIS DIESE.

MY RELATION WITH REVEREND MEISEL IS UNIQUE. WHEN WE JOINED HIS WESTMINISTER CHURCH, WHERE HE WAS PASTOR,



HE IMMEDIATELY QUIT AND BECAME MACALESTER'S CHAPLAIN  
INSTEAD.

FATHER DIESE, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF ST. THOMAS IS PLACING CREATIVE AND CRUCIAL EMPHASIS ON  
THE URBAN ROLE OF HIS UNIVERSITY. HE IS A FRESH AND DYNAMIC  
NEW LEADER IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE VALUE HIS NEW VOICE.

I MAKE THIS POINT ABOUT OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP  
BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN BLESSED BY THE THOUGHTFUL,  
PRINCIPLED AND ECUMENICAL PRODUCT OF THEIR EFFORTS. MOST  
OF THEM HAVE BEEN FRIENDS AND ADVISORS OF MINE FOR YEARS.  
I CHERISH THE MEMORY OF THESE YEARS TOGETHER, AND I WANT  
TO THANK THEM PERSONALLY FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE MEANT TO  
US AND OUR COMMUNITY.

*for their presence  
here today*

MOST TRULY FUNDAMENTAL PROGRESS OCCURS ONLY  
WHEN WE SET ASIDE OUR POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES  
AND PULL TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY. THIS THEY HAVE DONE —

AND CONTINUE TO DO. WE ARE THE RICHER FOR IT. I THANK THEM  
FOR BEING WITH US TONIGHT.

*Count to stay with us*

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY MORE. BUT JOAN HAS ASSURED ME  
THAT SHE WILL LEAVE IF I DO. SO , IN MY QUEST FOR A NATION  
WITH EVER-STRONGER FAMILY TIES, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR  
THIS ABSOLUTELY UNFORGETTABLE DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE  
MONDALE FAMILY. WE WLL NEVER FORGET IT. THANKS FOR  
EVERYTHING.

MACALESTER COLLEGE CONVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 10, 1993

PRESIDENT CARTER, ROSALYNN CARTER;

PRESIDENT GAVIN; CHAIRPERSON ARMAJANI; MACALESTER  
COLLEGE TRUSTEES, FACULTY AND STUDENTS; FRIENDS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE THIS AFTERNOON. I AM  
DEEPLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

I AM ESPECIALLY HONORED FOR SEVERAL  
REASONS:

FIRST, I AM HONORED BECAUSE THIS WONDERFUL  
EVENT TAKES PLACE AT MACALESTER COLLEGE — WIDELY  
REGARDED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST COLLEGES, WITH

ITS COMMITMENT TO A TOP-QUALITY UNDERGRADUATE  
EDUCATION IN THE LIBERAL ARTS.

AS YOU KNOW, BOTH JOAN AND I ATTENDED  
MACALESTER — SHE AS A STUDENT, AND I IN SOME OTHER  
HARD-TO-DEFINE ROLE.

*I will not recount my*  
I STARTED OUT HERE IN 1946, FRESH FROM  
ELMORE, MINNESOTA — ~~AND I AM SURE THAT SOME OF MY~~  
*account also Academic Record here*  
PROFESSORS WISH I HAD STAYED THERE. FOR THOSE  
*I expect to say this &*  
STUDENTS HERE TODAY WITH INDIFFERENT ACADEMIC  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ~~I HAVE WORDS OF CONSOLATION:~~  
FEAR NOT. FOR IF I CAN BE HONORED HERE TODAY, SURELY  
THERE IS GREAT HOPE EVEN FOR THE LEAST OF YOU.

*Pleased*  
SECOND, I AM HONORED TO BE HERE BECAUSE OF  
JOAN'S SPECIAL ASSOCIATION WITH THIS SCHOOL.

AS YOU KNOW, HER FATHER — DR. JOHN MAXWELL ADAMS — WAS THE CHAPLAIN HERE FOR MANY WONDERFUL YEARS. WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT MRS. ELEANOR JANE ADAMS, HER MOTHER, IS WITH US HERE TODAY.

JOAN'S LIFE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF MACALESTER. SHE HAS SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON MACALESTER'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IN RECENT YEARS, SHE HAS SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S POWERFUL COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. IF YOU LIKE THE CAMPUS AND ITS PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, SURELY MUCH OF IT IS TO BE CREDITED TO JOAN'S TYRANNICAL LEADERSHIP.

SINCE JOAN WILL REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WE CAN BE SURE THAT GREAT THINGS LIE AHEAD.

THIRD, I AM HONORED BECAUSE THIS AWARD  
SYMBOLIZES MACALESTER'S SPECIAL COMMITMENT TO  
SERVICE AND INTERNATIONALISM.

FROM THE FIRST DAY I ARRIVED AT MACALESTER,  
I WAS TAUGHT TO THINK ABOUT THE WORLD. IT WAS AS  
SIMPLE AS SEEING THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG FLYING  
RIGHT UP THERE WITH THE AMERICAN FLAG; IT WAS AS  
PROFOUND AS HAVING PROFESSORS WHO BROUGHT  
LITERALLY A WORLD OF EXPERIENCE TO THEIR CLASSES.

THESE PROFESSORS INCLUDED SUCH GIANTS AS  
TED MITAU, YAHYA ARMAJANI AND HUNTLEY DUPRE. AND  
THE SCHOOL WAS LED AT THAT TIME BY CHARLES TURCK,  
MACALESTER'S PRESIDENT DURING MOST OF THE 1940S

AND 50S. HE STATED HIS EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY IN  
BOLD TERMS:

“THERE ARE RISKS WHEN AN EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTION DEDICATES ITSELF TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A  
WORLD BETTER THAN THE ONE THAT NOW IS . . . . BUT I  
WOULD RATHER SEE MACALESTER A LIVING ORGANISM,  
HAVE A VITAL, CONSTRUCTIVE PART TO PLAY IN THE  
THROBBING LIFE OF THIS REGION WITH THE WORLD VIEW  
CONTROLLING US, THAN TO SEE IT BECOME A SAFE AND  
SANE REPOSITORY OF DEAD LEARNING.”

WHEN I WAS A STUDENT HERE, EVERYDAY,  
EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE TAUGHT US THAT WE LIVE  
IN A LARGER WORLD, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO LEARN  
ABOUT IT, AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO

PARTICIPATE FULLY IN IT. I KNOW THAT FINE TRADITION  
CONTINUES TODAY.

*Recently*  
I CAME ACROSS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT  
RESULTS FROM MACALESTER'S UNIQUE COMBINATION OF  
SERVICE AND INTERNATIONALISM WHEN I WAS AT THE  
UNITED NATIONS IN JULY FOR SOME MEETINGS. OUR  
AMBASSADOR, MADELINE ALBRIGHT, HOSTED A LUNCHEON.  
SITTING NEXT TO ME WAS THE UN UNDER SECRETARY-  
GENERAL FOR PEACE-KEEPING — A GIFTED DIPLOMAT FROM  
GHANA NAMED KOFI ANNAN. IN THE MIDST OF OUR  
CONVERSATION, HE ASKED WHETHER I HAPPENED TO KNOW  
JACK MASON. WELL, IT JUST HAPPENS THAT JACK MASON  
WAS A PARTNER AT MY LAW FIRM, AS WELL AS A FORMER  
TRUSTEE OF THIS COLLEGE. AND AS IT TURNS OUT, KOFI  
*is a graduate of*  
ANNAN HAD BEEN A STUDENT RIGHT HERE AT MACALESTER.

*College*



TODAY, TWELVE PERCENT OF MACALESTER'S STUDENTS COME FROM ABROAD. MORE THAN HALF OF MACALESTER STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD BEFORE THEY GRADUATE — AND THE GOAL IS FOR THAT TO BECOME ONE HUNDRED PERCENT. THIS IS JUST AS IT SHOULD BE.

*Especially*  
FINALLY, I AM HONORED BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER AND ROSALYNN CARTER WERE ABLE TO JOIN US TODAY.

ONE OF THE TRULY WONDERFUL THINGS TO HAPPEN TO JOAN AND ME WAS THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND ROSALYNN IN THE WHITE HOUSE DURING THOSE SPECIAL YEARS. NEVER ONCE WERE EITHER OF US EVER TREATED WITHOUT THOUGHTFULNESS AND RESPECT. I WAS THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO HAVE AN OFFICE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THE PRESIDENT BROUGHT

ME INTO EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LEADERSHIP. JOAN, WITH ROSALYNN'S SUPPORT, WAS ENCOURAGED TO LEAD IN THE ARTS FIELD.

WE BECAME MORE THAN FRIENDS; WE CAME TO LOVE AND ADMIRE EACH OTHER, AND I KNOW THIS WILL BE SO THROUGHOUT OUR LIFETIMES. THEIR SPECIAL PRESENCE HERE TODAY IS SOMETHING NEITHER JOAN NOR I WILL EVER FORGET.

I THINK THE DICTIONARIES ARE BEING REWRITTEN RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT CARTER. HE HAS REDEFINED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SENIOR STATESMAN — SETTING A NEW STANDARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC OFFICE. AS ONE COMMENTATOR OBSERVED: "HE CONDUCTS HIMSELF AS IF



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