

THE WHITE HOUSE

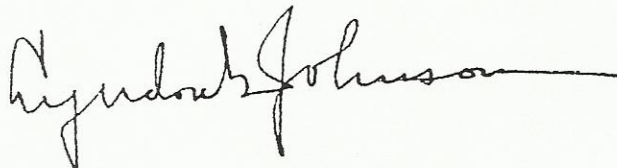
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1963

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Attorney General will shortly communicate with you with respect to the collection of materials for the John F. Kennedy Library. I regard this as a project of historic importance. Nothing like it has been attempted before in the entire record of the Presidency. If carried through successfully, it will give future generations a unique grasp of the history of our times. I fully endorse the project and request that every department or agency cooperate fully, subject to applicable laws and regulations and departmental or agency policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lyndon B. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education,  
and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON

March 21, 1964

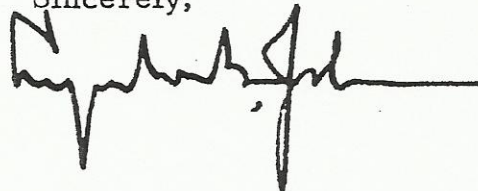
Dear Mr. Secretary:

The report of the campaign conducted last year to prevent school dropouts provides a dramatic example of how the Federal Government can respond to a problem imaginatively, promptly and with feeling. I believe all who played a role ought to be commended. I hope, too, that thought is presently being given to how local and possibly state groups, both public and private, can plan for a similiar program during the late summer and fall of this year.

As the observation by Commissioner Keppel in the Foreword notes, the real task is to provide education that is both attractive and valuable. This goal becomes even more important as there are increasing job opportunities throughout the country for all who are qualified and educated without regard to any artificial barriers of race, religion, creed or national origin.

I hope you will continue to keep me advised of the progress made in our efforts to insure that all Americans receive the maximum education and training of which they are capable.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary  
Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

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May 14, 1964

Dear Mr. Secretary:

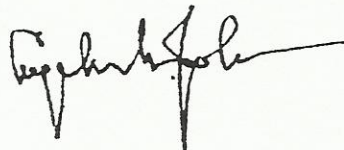
On July 18, 1963, President Kennedy, in a Special Message to Congress on Balance of Payments, outlined a comprehensive program to eliminate the deficit in our balance of payments, and stated that this nation will maintain the dollar as good as gold, freely interchangeable with gold at \$35 an ounce. I have reaffirmed the July 18 Message as the policy of this Administration.

The Cabinet Committee on Balance of Payments has reported to me that substantial progress has been made since last July in our program to eliminate the balance-of-payments deficit and that, with continued effort, the targets set in the July 18 Message can be attained. I am gratified by this report and wish to commend you for the contribution that your Agency has made in this effort.

While we can take justified pleasure in our progress, the deficit is still with us and much remains to be done before the job is finished. It remains imperative that we continue to push all parts of our program to achieve equilibrium in our international accounts. Only in this way can we assure that confidence in the dollar will be maintained and that the United States will continue to meet its national objectives, both at home and abroad.

I count on you to continue your efforts.

Sincerely,



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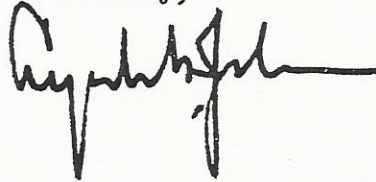
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1964

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I appreciate receiving the report of the Federal Radiation Council. The activities of the Council in the field of radiation health protection are of concern to every person in the nation. I look forward to such future recommendations on radiation protection as the Council may find desirable.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
The Secretary of Health, Education  
and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

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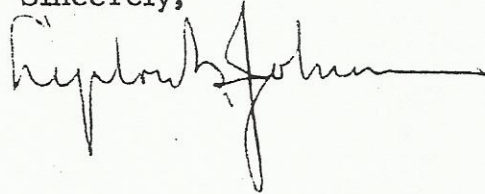
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1965

Dear Tony:

I don't know your secret on finding time to cover so many fronts. I saw a copy of your Mental Health speech Friday and think you did a fine job for us -- I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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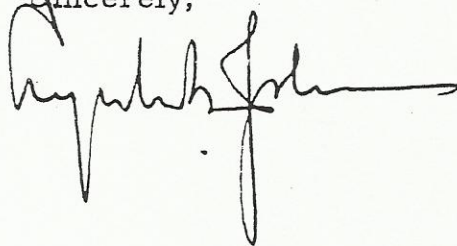
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1965

Dear Tony:

My visit to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was one of the nicest mornings I have spent in a long time. I don't think I have to tell you how cheerful it is for a President to have an able and dedicated Secretary of HEW and to meet some of the employees of the Department. They are bright and vibrant and full of purpose, and when I left the Department building, I had a good feeling inside me.

Sincerely,

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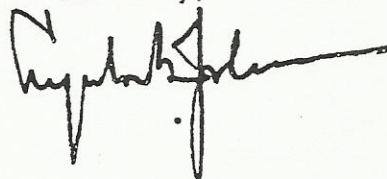
March 27, 1965

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your Report on Program and Management  
Progress is well done.

Because it is lucid, extracts the facts about  
this program and presents them effectively,  
should this not be released?

Sincerely,

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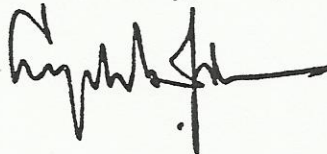
April 12, 1965

Dear Tony:

Thanks so much for seeing that I received the fish from Luther, following your recent fishing trip. I am most appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

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Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education,  
and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.



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June 21, 1965

Dear Mr. Secretary:

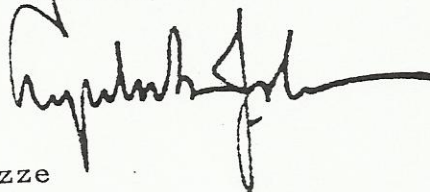
I am delighted to receive your report on the organizational improvements you are carrying out within the Office of Education. These changes will accomplish much in preparing this office to administer its important new responsibilities. It is gratifying to me to know that the task force which I appointed at your recommendation has worked so successfully to assist you and the Commissioner.

In reviewing the growth of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare since its creation in 1953, I have recognized the increasing administrative burden you are bearing. In expenditures, the Department will have expanded almost seven-fold by fiscal 1966. In 1962, HEW administered one hundred programs. Today this has grown to one hundred and fifty; many major new programs will be added by pending legislation.

As you know, I am deeply concerned that each department prepare to handle the new programs with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. Therefore, I propose to designate a continuing task force to serve in a fact finding and advisory capacity in the areas of health and welfare. I would hope that this might provide guidance as we consider whether further improvements may be necessary.

Let me assure you that these steps result from the unparalleled success of your department in promoting passage of landmark social legislation. For this accomplishment, you deserve a great share of the credit.

Sincerely yours,



Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education,  
and Welfare  
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April 23, 1965

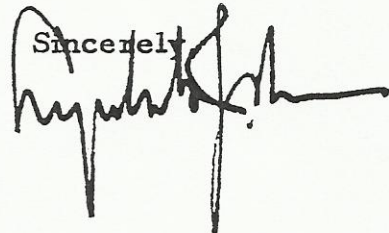
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received your Annual Report on the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. I congratulate you -- and all your associates and employees -- on the accomplishments of the Department in the administration of the many programs which mean so much to the welfare of our people in every age and circumstance.

This is a challenging period in our Nation's life. Our opportunities are many to accomplish great breakthroughs for a better and happier life for all of our people.

The resources we have to sustain and support such achievements have never been so great. I believe the trust your administration of these programs is inspiring in the Congress and among the public is a major asset and I want you to know that I appreciate your unselfish labors.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.



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WASHINGTON

July 16, 1965

My dear Mr. Secretary:

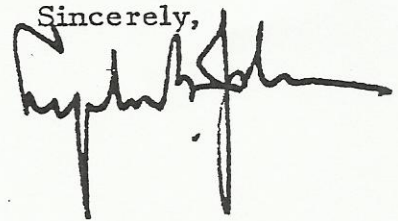
I want to congratulate you -- and through you, all the members of your fine staff at HEW -- on the outstanding success of your efforts during Senior Citizens Month.

The exposure of your message 250 million times during the month is an awesome record. Such an achievement fully reflects the skill of your associates at HEW in imaginative and orderly planning -- and I think it is an example for all the Offices and Agencies of the Federal Government.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare carries one of the most vital responsibilities ever borne by any domestic Agency of this Government. On the strength of HEW's talent, imagination and initiative -- as well as upon the Department's efficiency, effectiveness and modern management -- rest many of our hopes for improving the quality of life in America and fulfilling the goals of our society. It is a comfort to me that under your leadership the able and creative talents of the Department are working so successfully to keep the American public informed about these programs which mean so much to all our families.

I am proud of you and those who work with you. Please convey my appreciation and admiration to all responsible for this remarkable success.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.

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July 16, 1965

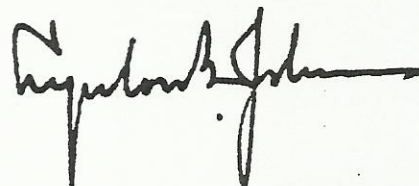
My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have reviewed carefully your recent memorandum outlining the actions planned and proposed for meeting within the Department the challenges presented by this year's legislative advances, especially in regard to Social Security.

You know, of course, my appreciation and admiration of the job you and your associates have done this year before the Congress. Obviously, you have very wisely gone ahead of the legislative process to make prudent and impressively original plans for responding to the new workloads that will be imposed upon you. I congratulate you upon this foresight.

I am happy to concur in the actions you have suggested, recommended or already taken. Please carry forward. I know the Department and the Social Security Administration will make a fine administrative record in the challenging period which lies ahead.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare  
Washington, D. C.



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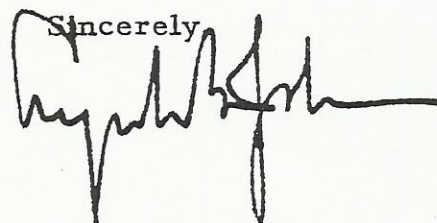
July 17, 1965

Dear Tony:

Our meetings at the White House with the Cabinet Officers and their task forces on cost-reduction were very successful. I just want to express my appreciation to you personally for the fine job you did in your presentation -- and to reiterate to you, privately, what I told the group about you and what you have meant to me through your effective labors this year.

I shall always be grateful.

Sincerely

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Honorable Anthony Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education  
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August 9, 1965

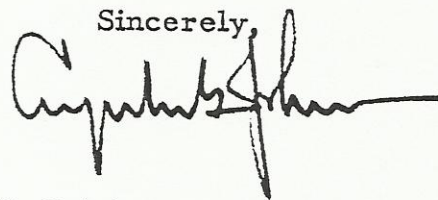
Dear Tony:

I am writing personally to send you this copy of the fine brochure that we have had published to summarize the White House Conference on Natural Beauty. You will notice that the brochure contains the reports to the conference of the 15 outstanding panel chairmen. The brochure concludes with my remarks to the conference delegates in the East Room.

As I promised the delegates, I am asking you to review these recommendations for Federal action. Those not requiring legislation should receive immediate consideration for executive action. Our next State of the Union message to the Congress will include as many of these excellent recommendations as can appropriately be embodied in legislation.

I want to thank you for the important contribution that you made to the success of the White House Conference on Natural Beauty. The early results of the conference are very gratifying. I look forward with great anticipation to a better and more beautiful America for all of our citizens.

Sincerely,



Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education,  
and Welfare  
Washington, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1965

Dear Tony:

I was happy to hear from my good friend Louis Seltzer that you recently received the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award.

I know I speak for all our citizens when I say that this honor was richly deserved.

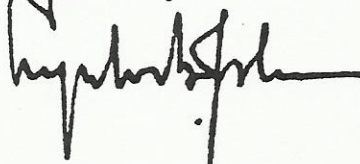
I know that you have the special gratitude and good wishes of the countless Americans who, thanks to your perseverance and hard work, now share the benefits of our prosperous society.

I know, too, that Washington misses the unique flavor which you brought to its official life.

We all hope that you will come often to visit.

Lady Bird joins me in warm regards to you and to your family.

Sincerely,



Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
U. S. Court of Appeals  
Sixth Circuit  
Cleveland, Ohio

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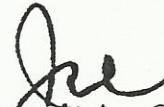
July 3, 1968

Dear Tony:

The President wanted you to have one of the pens he used in signing H.R. 15951, the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which declared Columbus Day a federal holiday for the first time in our Nation's history.

The President deeply appreciates the support you gave to this Bill and has asked me to enclose a copy of the statement he issued at the time he signed it.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Califano, Jr.  
Special Assistant to the President

Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Judge  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Sixth Circuit  
312 Federal Building  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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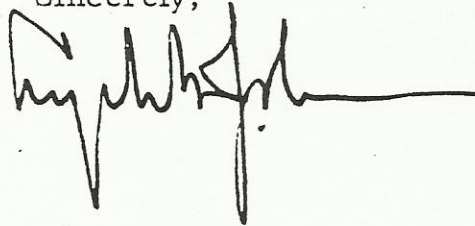
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1969

Dear Tony:

I was very proud to see your name engraved on the silver tray that the Cabinet gave me this Christmas. It brought back many warm memories of our good partnership. They will last through all the years, as will my deep gratitude for your goodness and friendship.

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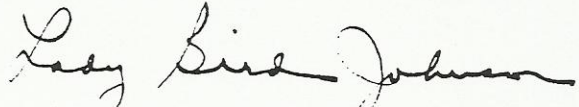
April 6, 1965

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you so much for sending me the information of the Health, Education and Welfare programs for children. When the President was in Congress, one of our main "mail order books" was to new mothers and I'm glad to know of all that has transpired in the ensuing years in your department.

With appreciation and all good wishes,  
I am

Sincerely,



Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

The Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare  
Washington, D.C.



LBJ Ranch

*Stonewall, Texas*

August 15, 1973

Dear Anne:

Although your dear note of June 20th arrived prior to my departure for a few weeks in Europe, I've just now returned to my office and am delving into the mountain of mail that has been awaiting my return.

I was so delighted ... so pleased to learn you and Tony have become lifetime members of the Friends of the LBJ Library. Thank you, thank you -- for such a generous and heartwarming contribution to our new organization. Lyndon valued your friendship -- as I do -- and your loyalty and devotion through the years. It is therefore especially gratifying that you honor his memory by helping to make possible so many of his dreams and hopes for his Library. You are so much a part of it and of us.

Alas, I did miss the dedication of the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building. What a happy and proud day it must have been. Belated congratulations, words of appreciation, and fondest regards,

*Lady Bird*



Remarks of the President  
Secretary Celebrezze's Going-Away Party  
Tuesday, August 3, 1965

Five years ago -- just after the Los Angeles Convention --  
I was flying to Hyannisport to confer with Senator Kennedy.

Along the way the pilots decided to make a refueling stop  
at Cleveland, Ohio. There was not notice -- no announcement.  
We landed in a heavy thunderstorm. There, at the foot of the  
ramp waiting to welcome me to Cleveland, was the city's  
outstanding and distinguished mayor, Tony Celebrezze.

Needless to say, I was very much impressed with the  
mayor's alertness and efficiency -- at least for the moment. As  
soon as we were on the ground, however, he asked me to come  
with him to a press conference he had somehow managed to  
set up in the airport terminal. I followed him into an elevator.  
The doors closed. We pushed the button -- the elevator rose  
about five feet and stopped.

There we stayed -- while the news conference, Senator  
Kennedy and the rest of the world waited.

I decided there and then two things about Tony Celebrezze  
and me:



1. That both of us needed to lose a little weight.

2. And, that if it had to happen, there is nobody

I would rather get stuck in an elevator with than Tony Celebrezze.

Since there are no newsmen here for this evening in the family of the Administration, I would like to say one or two things very frankly, very candidly and very openly.

Twenty-one months ago, when I came into this Office, many busybodies in Washington whispered and wrote that I was stuck again with Tony Celebrezze. Considering the quality and caliber of the Cabinet I inherited from Jack Kennedy, I wasn't willing to accept that. I thank my lucky stars that I didn't. Each of you know -- as well as I -- that in the efforts of this Administration to set this nation on a course toward greatness in our society, no one member of the Cabinet has played a more vital, more important or more underestimated role than this wise, warm and wonderful son of Italy.

His success legislatively is almost legendary -- and I know, if he doesn't, that his record is the envy of all his colleagues.

When Tony first came to Washington, his first act as Secretary was to approve a multi-million dollar application on file at HEW from the mayor of Cleveland -- whose name was

Celebrezze. I understand that Tony is anxious to take up his new duties on the Federal Bench not only so that he can be near his family and loved ones in Ohio. He also says he wants to be in a position to approve the constitutionality of some of these bills he has been passing.

Any way we look at it, the story of this man is a story that inspires all of us who believe America is -- and must always be -- the land of opportunity. Born in Italy, brought to this country by his parents, raised in humble surroundings, he has risen to the top -- to be elected five times to be the mayor of his adopted hometown, chosen to serve in the Cabinet of two Presidents and now elevated for the rest of his life to a position of trust in our Federal Judiciary.

All of us are happy that Tony and Mrs. Celebrezze are getting the chance to go home. I am sure many among us envy them that opportunity. But this is one of those occasions where happiness mixes sadness for us all.

All of us -- including I am sure the Celebrezze's themselves -- are a little sad that this fine couple will be leaving Washington and the work here. We shall miss you both. But we shall remember both of you always with the very warmest of affection and appreciation.

You have been an inspiration to us and we are honored and proud to have worked with you as colleagues and friends. It is a

special privilege to say again -- in the presence of these wives --  
what I said the other day to their husbands in the Cabinet.

Secretary Anthony J. Celebrezze has been one of the great  
successes of the Cabinet -- not just in this Administration, but  
in the whole history of the Government of the United States.

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JUDGE ANTHONY J CELEBREEZE

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I JOIN WITH YOUR COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND THOSE MILLIONS WHO HAVE BENEFITED SO RICHLY FROM YOUR ENDEAVORS IN CONGRATULATING YOU AS YOU BRING NEW HONOR TO A DISTINGUISHED BENCH. WE MISS YOU AND WE ARE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE. ON SATURDAY AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR THIRTY-NINTH BIRTHDAY, WE WILL REJOICE IN THE YEARS YOU GAVE US HERE AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR DECADES OF SERVICE TO COME

LYNDON B JOHNSON

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CHAIRMAN OF CLEVELAND MEN'S CLUB EVENT THE NATIONAL PRESS  
CLUB EAST LOUNGE-- 13TH FLOOR NATIONAL PRESS BLDG 14TH AND  
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IT IS WITH DEEP PRIDE THAT I JOIN THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF  
THE CLEVELAND MEN'S CLUB IN HIGH TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND AND  
DISTINGUISHED CABINET MEMBER, TONY CELEBREZZE.

I COULD NOT LET THE OPPORTUNITY PASS TO EXPRESS ONCE  
AGAIN MY GRATITUDE TO YOUR FINE CITY, WHICH, THROUGH SECRETARY  
CELEBREZZE, HAS RENDERED A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
STRENGTH AND CHARACTER OF MY ADMINISTRATION.

UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
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A WIDE RANGE OF VITAL NATIONAL ISSUES. HIS GOOD COUNSEL AND

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HELPFUL ADVICE HAVE ENABLED US TO PRESENT TO THE CONGRESS WITH  
COMPETENCE. JUDGMENT AND CONFIDENCE A BOLD AND FORWARD-LOOKING  
PROGRAM OF EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS.

I KNOW OF NO MAN MORE DEDICATED TO OUR COMMON DESIRE  
FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS.  
IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I EXTEND MY WARMEST GOOD WISHES  
TO ALL OF YOU AND MY VERY SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY CELEBREZZE--  
YOUR FRIEND AND MINE.

LYNDON B JOHNSON

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