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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET

FEBRUARY 27, 1976

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME
TO SHARE THIS SPECIAL EVENING WITH YOU.
I'M HONORED TO BE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE
FROM OUTSIDE THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY
TO SPEAK ~~TO~~ THIS ANNUAL EVENT.

much

I FEEL VERY [^]AT HOME,

BECAUSE I KNOW WE SHARE A COMMON CONCERN--

THE EDUCATION OF A NEW GENERATION OF AMERICANS.

I MARVEL AT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY,

AND I HAVE GREAT FAITH

IN THEIR ABILITIES.

I BELIEVE AS PARENTS, EDUCATORS, AND CITIZENS,

OUR GENERATION HAS A RESPONSIBILITY

TO PROVIDE AN ~~EDUCATION~~ *the possibility for learning*

THAT WILL SERVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE

LONG AFTER WE ARE GONE.

I'VE SEEN WITH MY OWN CHILDREN

HOW IMPORTANT A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL

INSTITUTIONS ARE.

OUR DUAL SYSTEM
OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
PROVIDES THIS DIVERSITY
AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE BALANCE
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES OFFER.


PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES HELP KEEP ALIVE
SPECIALIZED DISCIPLINES.

ONE OF THESE SPECIAL AREAS, THEOLOGY,

IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

TO OUR OLDEST SON, ~~MIKE~~. Michal ~~FOSTER~~

BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER UNUSUAL AND
IMPORTANT AREAS
WHERE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
HAVE BEEN VERY PROMINENT.

THE SPECIAL PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
IN MARINE AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES
IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE
OF HOW PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES PROMOTE EXPLORATION
INTO UNIQUE SPECIALIZATIONS 
OFTEN THESE EXPLORATIONS
PREPARE THE WAY
FOR WIDER INTEREST AND CONCERN.

ONE OF MY PERSONAL INTERESTS
IS HOW EDUCATION,
BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC,
KEEPS ALIVE ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC TRADITIONS
THAT ENRICH OUR CULTURAL LIVES.
EDUCATION, AS THIS UNIVERSITY SHOWS,
IS MORE THAN SCIENTIFIC AND LEGAL KNOWLEDGE.

IT ALSO INCLUDES

INQUIRIES INTO MANY TOPICS

FROM THE ORIGIN OF OUR UNIVERSE

TO THE REASONS FOR HUMAN BEHAVIOR.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF

The importance of
SHOWS YOUR INTEREST IN THE FUTURE,

BECAUSE ONLY THROUGH EDUCATION OF THE NEXT GENERATION

CAN WE HOPE TO KEEP OUR NATION STRONG

AND MAKE THE WORLD

A MORE LIVEABLE PLACE FOR OTHERS.

YOUR GENEROSITY

MAKES ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND BUILDINGS POSSIBLE.

BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT,

YOU HELP MAKE THE *benefits or values* RICHES OF THIS ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS FROM MANY SOCIAL AND

ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS.

WE CANNOT IMAGINE

WHAT KNOWLEDGE OUR CHILDREN WILL NEED TOMORROW,

BUT TODAY WE CAN GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

AND THE FREEDOM TO EXPLORE NEW IDEAS.

I JOIN YOU IN BELIEVING
WE CAN BEST GIVE THEM THE INTELLECTUAL TOOLS
TO RESPOND TO THEIR WORLD
THROUGH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION.