

REMARKS FOR SECRETARY ADAMS AT NHTSA AWARDS CEREMONY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1978

I WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE BEING HONORED FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF GREATER HIGHWAY SAFETY.

THERE ARE TWO REASONS WHY I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THIS AWARDS PROGRAM, AND WHY I WAS DELIGHTED WHEN JOAN INVITED ME.

ONE IS THAT SAFETY IS THE DEPARTMENT'S MOST IMPORTANT MISSION. AND IN NHTSA YOU ATTACK THE ACCIDENT PROBLEM WHERE IT IS MOST SEVERE -- ON THE HIGHWAY AND IN THE DESIGN OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

THE OTHER REASON IS THAT THOSE BEING RECOGNIZED TODAY ARE THE STAFF PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR HIGHWAY AND MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS. YOU HAVE RICHLY EARNED THE AWARDS ACCORDED YOU HERE TODAY, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU HAVE MY THANKS AND MY GOOD WISHES.

I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AND ITS MANY HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED PEOPLE. AND I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE 56 MEN AND WOMEN SELECTED FOR RECOGNITION IN THIS AWARDS PROGRAM. AGAIN, MY CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU.

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