Mr. President, Regents, President Kerr, Chancellor Aldrich, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

As Governor and President of The Regents, I can say unequivocally that there is no aspect of the life of this state of which I am prouder than I am of the University of California.

In this nation, we are now the largest state in population. We face the greatest demand for higher education that has ever been known in the history of mankind. To some, such challenges might seem insurmountable.

Time and time again, however, Californians have shown their determination to meet seemingly insurmountable challenges. Today they are effectively meeting the challenge of providing educational opportunities for children, young people and adults in every walk of life.

Some might assume that such an effort would necessarily cause a sacrifice in quality and standards for the sake of educational opportunities for all. In California, this is not the case. Our University is a superb educational institution, unrivaled in the breadth of its curriculum, in the quality of its faculty and administration, and in the caliber of its student body.

California's ability to meet the educational needs of our people did not come about by accident. It was made possible by years of patient study by hundreds of dedicated teachers and educators. My administration and the Legislature gave full support to the State's Master Plan for Higher Education, which was adopted by the Legislature in 1960. This (more)
plan---now serving as a model for other states---is truly the touchstone of our academic progress. I am proud indeed of the energy with which the junior colleges, the state colleges, the private institutions and the University of California have all gone about meeting the goal set for them in the Master Plan.

Education has made California great, and will make her greater. Our agriculture---the most modern and productive in the world---depends on expert knowledge and new technology. Our industries---largely based on scientific advances---have come here and have grown here because they could find the highly trained people needed to man them. In the administration of our public affairs we are fortunate indeed in having been able to train men and women of top caliber and to attract them into public life.

President Johnson has spoken eloquently of the Great Society. I suggest, Mr. President, that you have given expression to what we are building here in California through our system of education for all our citizens.

And so we meet here today, during Orange County's Diamond Jubilee, to dedicate the newest part of a great and noble institution. May it grow and prosper over the years. May its work be guided by the same passion for excellence which pervades the entire University.

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