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MICHIGAN SPEECH

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I come from the turmoil of your capitol to the tranquility of your campus to speak about the future of your country.

The Presidency is a restless place. It is beset by the clamor of current crisis, the insistence of immediate issues, the demands of developing danger. To steer the nation through momentary pressure toward fixed purpose is one of the highest duties of my office.

But the Presidency has also a profounder charge. He must sense ~~confusion and confusion~~ amidst the ~~welter~~ of events and prophecies, the shape of things to come. He must look beyond impending hazard to widening horizons, beyond today to tomorrow. And he must set his course so that, in decades to come, Americans will be the masters and not the victims of their times.

For from the clarity of our vision, and the courage with which we pursue that vision, will emerge the civilization in which you and your children will live and labor.

I do not now talk of the great issues of foreign affairs. They will consume our energies and concern our leaders for as long as we can foresee. On their wise resolution will depend the future of our country, and the flourishing of the civilization, ~~from which we spring~~.

But we must also remember that we protect the life of our nation and preserve the liberty of our citizens, that we may pursue the happiness of our people.

Our success in that pursuit ^{the of} tests our success as a nation. It underlies all our policies, our programs and our prospects for the future.

We stand at a momentous turning point in the pursuit of American happiness.

to build and
is a place where the city of man serves not only the
the demands of commerce, but the desire for beauty and the hunger for
community. It is a place where man can renew contact with nature, where

burdens.

Aristotle said: "Men come together in cities in order
they remain together in order to live the good life." It is harder
and harder