

merce in developing and sponsoring this program certainly is welcome and merits our recognition and gratitude.

Finally, the opportunities in foreign trade command a special welcome. Expansion of our export business is lucrative for private industry, vital for our State and critical for our nation.

One popular and prevailing theory of history emphasizes the relationship of each civilization's evaluation and each community's development to its particular geography. Certainly, Maryland's progress has been greatly due to its navigable waterways and fine harbors. These are our finest natural economic resources, ones which can serve twentieth century entrepreneurs even more profitably than they did eighteenth and nineteenth century merchants.

Right now the port of Baltimore does a thriving business in international trade. Yet we, in Maryland, are both literally and figuratively missing the boat when we let more goods flow in than out. Increased economic activity resulting from increased foreign export trade will provide more job opportunities for our workers. Our industry, our agriculture, our mining, mills and factories will profit. Our ports, steamship lines and airlines will benefit from handling increased export traffic.

Most important of all, this export emphasis will improve our national balance of payments. If we could increase our nation's exports by ten percent, we would solve our balance of payments problem. This is essential to sustain our defense commitments abroad and to maintain our national security at home.

Thus, as representatives of Maryland's great enterprises, I bid you welcome; and I urge you to welcome this opportunity to expand your businesses through foreign trade. You will gain as individuals through increased profits, you will gain as Marylanders by generating a more viable State economy, and you will gain as Americans by simultaneously assuring national security and economic stability.

MESSAGE AT DEDICATION OF FORT MARTIN POWER
STATION, MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

(Presented by Russell H. McCain of the Governor's Staff)

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I genuinely regret that I am unable to be with you today due to the National Governors' Conference, but I have requested my personal representative, Mr. Russell H. McCain, to convey my congratulations