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One other thing I want to mention because it illustrates the great extent to which all of you have gone to make this truly magnificent gift of a mace to me mean so very, very much.

I heard the resolution read adopting the mace as the duplicate original mace of this Convention. I did not know at that time, and I did not know until while the signing was going on that all of you, but not me, were in on the secret that this mace was actually brought into the chamber and used as the official mace of this proceeding.

I can't imagine any attention to detail that would surpass that, and I cannot tell you how very much it adds, it immeasurably adds, to that mace. It truly is the duplicate original mace, and I shall always cherish it as such.

It also proves very conclusively something else that I had long suspected, but I now have absolute proof, beyond the slightest doubt.

The President of this Convention indeed did not know everything that was going on. (Applause)