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REMARKS TO: FOUNDATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES  
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IT GIVES ME PERSONAL PLEASURE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF JOINING YOU TODAY IN NEW YORK CITY.

THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THE INVITATION.

THIS MARKS THE FIFTH YEAR OUR FOUNDATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER ITS TRUSTEES, DONORS, AND FRIENDS FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SAYING PUBLICLY HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENTS BEING MADE IN OUR INDEPENDENT COLLEGES BY THE CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS YOU REPRESENT. THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AS WELL AS THE ELEVEN FINE COLLEGES IN THE FOUNDATION, ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS AND FAITHFUL COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED HERE IN THE NEW YORK AREA.

FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 YEARS THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES HAVE SERVED THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE NATION. THE HISTORIC ROOTS ARE DEEP AND STRONG. THEIR COMMON EDUCATIONAL HISTORY IS ONE OF DEDICATION TO THE LIFE AND GROWTH OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP FOR THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT, THE CHURCH AND THE ARTS. THESE PRIVATE COLLEGES IN SOUTH CAROLINA WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER AN EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF BETTER PREPARING INDIVIDUALS FOR BOTH CITIZENSHIP AND WORK.

I BELIEVE YOU WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THE FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTED \$588,581 LAST YEAR . . . AND OVER THE 22 YEARS OF SERVICE HAS DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$6½ MILLION.

LAST YEAR:

. . . . GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION WERE MADE FROM 18 STATES  
. . . . THE "AVERAGE" AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED PER COLLEGE WAS \$65,398  
. . . . THE "AVERAGE" GIFT TO THE FOUNDATION WAS \$2,642

OUR GOOD FRIENDS FROM THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGE FUNDS OF AMERICA INDICATE OUR FOUNDATION WAS RANKED FOURTH IN THE NATION ON "AVERAGE" GIFT, AND IN THE TOP 10 ON "AVERAGE" AMOUNT PER COLLEGE.

THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR US, AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PART IN THESE ACHIEVEMENTS.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE BEING WITH YOU TODAY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

THEN INTRODUCE PAT SMITH WHO WILL CONCLUDE THE PROGRAM.