It is surely a truism that more than ever before the universities of North America are the trustees of human freedom. It is their high privilege to see that no matter what happens elsewhere, truth can here be sought and proclaimed; beauty can be revered, and the renaissance not only of learning but of mankind grow in significance and splendour.

As I stand here today and gaze into the faces of those who leave Princeton for the university of the world, and as I recall the other great free institutions of learning and enlightenment on this continent, I know in my heart that there will be no betrayal of that great trust.

I thank you for the honour which, in my person,
you have shown to my country, and I bring to you and your
fellow citizens greetings of brotherhood and gratitude
from your neighbours. We are grateful for your friendship,

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