Members of the Graduating Class:

My wish for each one of you is that you may find employment in tasks that will be socially valuable to your community and to our country.

It will be to your advantage, in my judgment, to make your work primary, and your leisure secondary. The working life has been, and, I trust will continue to be, the norm for American citizens.

The voice of people who believe in work of body and mind as the most important contribution which the individual can make to society should, it seems to me, have great influence on future policies of our government. If the control of the determined profiteer is not desirable, neither will the control of those who spurn honest work be salutary. This has been a nation of workers, and under a wise and less selfish leadership there should be plenty of work for all of you to do; work that will demand the best that you can do, that will be of value to the country, and through which you can earn a just and fair livelihood.

Along with work, I trust you may enjoy that freedom which has been our established way of life in this country. We may safeguard best our freedom of speech and thought by insuring freedom of work. If the dictator tells you what to do, he may also soon tell you what he may say. Whatever difficulties you may face in the future, I hope you may be spared the intellectual and spiritual degradation of living under any form of dictatorship. Free
discussion and criticism of authorities in legislative, executive
and judicial capacities is our way of getting along in this country--
and it is the way of civilization and of progress. Those of any
group anywhere in this country who would suppress this freedom, or
who for any reason can't take it, to use the slang expression,
constitute public enemy No. 1. This freedom, my young friends, is
yours, and our country's way of salvation.

If you are permitted to enjoy work and freedom, I know of only
one more wish for you, and that is a progressive realization within
of the larger cultural and spiritual values of life. Love is more
important than wealth, and intellectual and moral growth more sig-
nificant than prices and profits. I am most deeply concerned that
in your future years you shall not fail to seek after, and find,
those higher levels of human experience which are the eternal heri-
tage of the human mind and heart.

For this kind of life, including honest and faithful work, free-
dom of thought, enjoyment of life's higher values, and the struggle
to preserve these precious treasures for all men and women every-
where, I hope your study and work in the University of New Mexico
has helped to prepare you.

To each of you I extend sincere congratulations and best wishes
always.