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Buenos noches. A todos mis hermanos de habla Espanol.

Brothers and sisters:

We bring greetings from California, greetings from the men, women and children who toil the fields to bring our daily food to our tables.

There's a great task to be done in this nation. First we have to set a goal. We have to give people a sense of purpose.

There's a great deal to do. We need to construct instead of destroy. We need to inspire hope in the people for the future.

Right now we have millions of people unable to find work. That inability to find work destroys the spirit. We have men, women and youth who are skilled, who have energy and ideals, looking for work, and all they get are hand-outs.

Hand-outs! Imagine how stiffling that can be to the spirit.

Or they get make-work, busy-work. This is just as bad. It makes people feel of no purpose. It makes people feel useless.

Others suggest that only technology can solve our problems. But too often technology means drudgery. It means turning human beings into robots. Imagine how many people in America today find no purpose in their daily work. Imagine how crippling that can be.

Human beings are unique because they are creative. When we stifle that creativity, we destroy the individual's spirit. We need to give workers a voice. Let them be creative at their place of work. Not only will that enrich their lives,