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THE PRESIDENT: Good morning. I have two brief statements to make and then I will be glad to answer questions.

I have sent to Congress this morning a youth employment package which will consist of about \$1-1/2 billion, part of the economic stimulus package.

I have been particularly concerned in my own campaign trips around the country the last two years with the extraordinarily high unemployment rate among young people. More than half of the total unemployed are less than 24 years old. Among those, say, from 16 to 19 years old, we have over 18 percent unemployment, and some of the minority groups in urban areas more than 40 percent.

So we are going to try a heavy concentration of effort in several of the major departments of government to cut down unemployment among our young people. We have, for instance, a youth conservation corps similar to what we had during the depression years known as a Civilian Conservation Corps, the CCC. This will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Interior in the open spaces of our country.

We will have a Youth Community Conservation Corps in the urban areas with a heavy emphasis on training for young people leading to employment. Including existing programs, this will be about a million jobs on a permanent basis, plus another million jobs during the summer.

I hope the Congress will act quickly on this proposal. I might say many Members of the Congress have been equally concerned and have done a great deal of work on this subject.