

In conclusion, I would like to offer the following observation. We have organized ourselves to make effective attacks on other gigantic problems—the defense of our country and maintaining our leadership in space exploration, to mention two—and we must organize ourselves to make an effective attack on pollution abatement and waste management. While our best starting point is a realistic, perhaps even grim, appraisal of where we stand, we also have certain assets that, if properly applied, can assure success.

The Nation has an abundance of talent in all the categories required for the solution of technological problems, no matter how complex. There is no question of our ability to develop the equipment, systems, and procedures we will need once we have defined our expectations for their performance. In addition, we have the large-scale organizational and managerial capabilities required. One powerful weapon, the systems approach, is well developed and holds enormous promise for the most expeditious and economical understanding and control of our physical environment.

Gentlemen, thank you again for the opportunity to speak out today on this vital topic.

