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MEMO FROM A COMMENCEMENT CHAIRMAN

A great hall. TV lights and cameras. A Navy brass band. Eminent authorities. A famed speaker. Earned degrees, baccalaureate and honorary. Scores of faculty members, delegates, relatives, friends. Some 180 new alumnae of Salve Regina College. And a smooth and successful re-location of the twentieth annual Commencement. Even threatening skies could not rain on a parade like that! And so, our earnest thanks go to the U.S. Naval Base, Newport, for making it possible; to Dr. Margaret Mead, for making it memorable; and to all of you--from His Excellency The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence, who presided, to the underclassmen who served as ushers--for making it favorable.

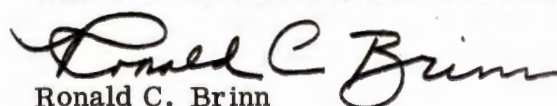
No eleventh hour change of plans is easy for anyone--especially the participants. Your readiness, willingness, and ability to adapt to the modified plan of Commencement Day is deserving of praise and recognition. Praise we offer herewith. Recognition, we are pleased to report, was accorded the day's events in living color by two Rhode Island and three Massachusetts television stations; in living sound by several radio stations; and in black and white by photos and news stories, published locally and carried far and wide via the wire services of United Press International and Associated Press.

One UPI telephoto pictured Glamour-ous graduate Pam Sweeney, one of the nation's Top Ten College Girls this year, be-gowned but barefoot running briskly through the surf of First Beach, holding high her cap in one hand, her degree in the other, in celebration of her graduation. This photo, which now has appeared in countless newspapers throughout the country, perhaps caught the attention of photo editors because it records for all concerned a joyful response to and hopeful reflection of the traditional rites of passage, the years of endeavor that earned them, and the confidence and capacity they symbolize for the building of a better world.

The needs of the world for betterment were a recurring theme in our Commencement Week addresses, three of which we enclose here along with our happy congratulations and hopes for many happy returns to Salve Regina for the class of 1970.

Sincerely,

THE 1970 COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE


Ronald C. Brinn
Chairman

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