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Closing Remarks -- Dedication, 10 May 1967

W. O. Roberts

Thank you, our many friends here today. It tugs at my heart *strings* to see how many people have come here today to be with us in celebration. You have all shared in the dreams and ambitions; it is good of you to come this day to take note of the many things this occasion symbolizes. I will stumble if I try to name *specifically* even a few of those who have helped, there are so many who have given us the hand of support and encouragement. But let me speak of just a few: *Jack + Betty Evans who for so long* ~~my longtime friend~~ *have meant so much to Janet and me. Jack* and ~~associate~~ *brilliant* Jack Evans is one. It is he who built the first filter *at Climax* for solar prominence photography -- for my thesis work ~~at Climax~~ when *up there* I was working ~~there~~ *Harlow Shapley* for my doctorate. Don Menzel and many others of the Harvard College Observatory, John Adkins, Jean Streeter and others in the Office of Naval Research; Jack Abrams, Frank Coolbaugh, Ed Eisenach and ~~others of the~~ *the whole* Climax Molybdenum Company, Ed Condon, Allen Astin, Alan Shapley among so many *many* others of the NBS and now ESSA, Judge Jackson and the devoted Trustees of HAO, Lloyd Berkner, Joe Kaplan, Ralph S. Damon (in whose honor we dedicated the Damon Room last evening), Bob Carlson, our first business manager, who flew from California with his son, Harvey, to be with us, *and Bob Low who filled his shoes in crucial growth years.* These and countless others gave their time and their loyalties over the long history of the HAO. *To Dick Thomas. friend, and co-dreamer, and ~~now~~ mediator who helps keep us housed*

If we were to draw up a list of honorary founders of NCAR, the list would be long and impressive. It would include, certainly, Henry Houghton, Tom Malone, Roscoe Braham, Bill von Arx, our Councilors and Trustees; *and it would feature Earl Dressler - when enthusiasm -- atm sci.* the wonderful committee of Architectural Deans that helped

us select Mr. Pei; Waldo Brockway and Stu Colson who came to us in retirement from the University of Colorado; I. M. Pei (it has been an inspiration to work with him) and his colleagues; Martin Eby and his skilled staff, Bob Low, Mary Andrews Wolff, Fred Roecker and Gary Johnson and their wonderful crew of magicians who care for our building and our grounds, our Boulder Citizens Advisory Committee, Bob Turner and others from the City now and in past, our friends in the State Capitol and in Washington, ^{Ken Lippinger and the AMS} -- these and many others have made today possible. We also are grateful for all the things that the University of Colorado has done for us over the years; under Bob Stearns, Ward Darley, Quigg Newton and Joe Smiley; including the music today and the special fanfare composed for us by Cecil Effinger.

~~East Boulder~~
Alan Wetman
Joe Harwell

I know I speak for our entire wonderful gang, the ^{my assoc. directors,} NCAR staff, who ^{whole} are your hosts today, in saying Thank You. Thank you for all the things we've mentioned and the multitude more we haven't. We pledge to do our utmost to deserve the trust you have placed upon us today and the days and days before.

We welcome you to NCAR. With your help we can create, around this building as a focus, a research program of highest quality, dedicated to the common goal of progress of the atmospheric sciences for the promotion of the welfare of all of the people of our earth.

In this scientific age, the challenges and opportunities are many -- to push back scientific frontiers, to develop new tools for man to use, and above all to learn to use new found powers peaceably and for the good of all. In no realm are there more difficult nor more stimulating challenges than in the atmosphere -- that stretches from our feet to the realm of the stars. This atmosphere is a finite and perishable resource and encloses our planet in a sometimes benevolent, sometimes despotic embrace. The challenge is to understand, to predict

and to conserve this precious resource. More than ever before, we are in a position to meet these challenges, and we are eager to do so.

Thank you all, again, from the bottom of my heart.

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