

CLOSING REMARKS

MRS. COLY: Ladies and gentlemen, I just wanted to thank you all again for coming—for giving us three wonderful days, fantastic days. I know that it has taken some of you away from vacations or very heavy schedules of work, and we appreciate it all the more that you could be with us. The Foundation, I am sure, is inspired to work even harder from the blue print set up by Eileen Garrett. And her good friend, Mrs. Bolton, is still with us to see that it continues that way. Thank you very much for coming.

ANGOFF: Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Coly, Mrs. Bolton, ladies and gentlemen: And so we come to the end of what we may call a great three-day travelogue. We have been through many lands; through all the continents—the East and the West, as our veteran colleague, Emilio Servadio, has already told you. And we have also been through many disciplines. The results have been impressive, I think you will agree. We are all richer, more enlightened for what you have presented here. You have revealed, as I anticipated when I was privileged to open these meetings three days ago—you have revealed, I say, the universality of psychical research. You have brought to us here in the mountains of southern France a wealth of data about the works of our colleagues everywhere in the world. More than that, you have brought this wealth of information to the whole world of learning, for what you said here (I must remind you) has been recorded and will be transcribed and will be made into a book that will find a much greater audience, and indeed I will confirm this as Mr. Coly, my good colleague, distributes to you the bound copies of last year's Conference. May I add my thanks to the thanks already given to you by our president. My thanks again to all of you—to our three sturdy chairmen: Hans Bender, Donald West, and Fred Dommeyer. And, of course, my thanks again to Dr. Servadio for his herculean task in giving us a summary which, I might say, is going to appear in the *Parapsychology Review*. My thanks, of course, to the President of the

Foundation, Mrs. Eileen Coly, who continues in a great and enduring tradition of achievement. And my thanks to Mr. Robert Coly, the Administrative Secretary of the Foundation, whose work at the back of the room has made it possible for all of us here to work at the front of the room. Even though they are not here, I know that Mrs. Coly would agree that we should thank our good colleagues back in our office on Fifty-Seventh Street in New York; and it is largely due to their cooperation that we got here and have done so well. Above all, our thanks to Eileen Garrett. As Mrs. Bolton pointed out when we opened our meetings, Eileen Garrett has been with us throughout these days. Please let me turn now, finally, to Mrs. Frances Bolton, our Vice-President, who has symbolized so much for so many years in psychical research. This year at these meetings, her presence, her participation has continued to excite and inspire us with particular force. It is a force, I dare say, that pervades the greater world of learning. This is a very high tribute to a gracious and devoted leader.

Mrs. Bolton, I know I speak for all of us here in this room when I say that your example enables all of us to return to our homes, our offices, our universities and our laboratories in near and distant lands on a note of high hope for the future.

MRS. BOLTON: Now our Twentieth Meeting has taken place. Parapsychology has meant a great deal to me through these years when I served in the Congress of the United States, and I'm happy to be here now that I am free, and I don't have to take orders from anybody.

Life to me—and when you get to the other side of seventy-five, and get going towards a hundred pretty fast—is a most delightful experience, because life is like a river. It flows continually—sometimes over very, very difficult rapids, through dark canyons, into light and understanding. I think that is perhaps the greatest gift that the years can give: understanding of life. There's nothing more wonderful.

But I, too, want to say something of Eileen Garrett. She did a wonderful thing when she assembled people throughout the world who were interested in psychical research. Let us continue her work. We can certainly take with us from here a new sense of strength, of courage, of endurance, and of understanding of the ways of the infinite.