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By President Alvin Duke Chandler

Mr. Morrissett, Members of the Panel, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Friends of the College of William and Mary:—

It is indeed appropriate that this Conference on the History and Philosophy of Taxation should be held on April 15, which may be most aptly described as “T” Day for all Federal income tax payers. For the taxpayers of this Commonwealth, over whom Mr. Morrissett has jurisdiction, “T” Day, of course, is May 1.

It is even more appropriate that this conference be held in this locale because of its great contribution to the history and political philosophy of Colonial times—which so greatly influenced the policies under which we live today.

This conference has been called for the purpose of stimulating some rethinking of the direction in which those policies are leading us in the tax field.

I am confident that the discussions of the able panelists who have so kindly consented to participate in this important phase of our Marshall Bicentennial Program will produce a record of lasting benefit to scholars, the entire field of tax education, and to all others interested in the continued improvement of tax policy.

The College of William and Mary is proud to have the opportunity of bringing you together for the purpose of making this added contribution—which I am confident you will make—to the sum total of human knowledge. And we are deeply grateful for your presence.

It is, therefore, my privilege to extend to each of you a cordial welcome to the College.