When you last read my column started it with a very interesting poem. Many people have passed the poem on to their friends because it seemed to fit most of them. The title was “Slow Me Down Lord” I hope most of you enjoyed it, as I did.

I have just returned from a two week visit to the capitol city, Wash., D.C. which is my second home. This was one of the most interesting visits I have had since leaving D.C. some twenty-seven years ago. I happened to run into one of my old friends who is a businessman, poet, historian, organizer and educator. He is Evelyn O. Chisley, florist and teacher of floral designs. When Mr. Chisley entered kindergarten he was taught by one of my dear friends, Martha Beverly, the poem by Paul Lawrence Dunbar “The Seedling”:

As a quiet little seedling
Lay within its darksome bed,
To itself it felt a talking
And this is what it said:

“If I am so very robust,
I’m sure the most I can;
And as the moment of its being
Its work of life began.

So it pushed a little leaflet
Up into the light of day,
To examine the surroundings
And to steer the way.

The leaflet liked the prospect,
So it called its brother, Stem;
Then two other leaflets heard it,
And quickly followed them.

To be sure, the haste and hurry
Made the seedling sweat and pant;
But almost before it knew it
It found itself a flower.

The sunshine poured upon it,
And the clouds they gave a shower;
And the little plant kept growing
Through the seasons struggling hours;
Till it found itself a flower.

Little folks, be like the seedling,
Always do the best you can;
Every child must share life’s labor
Just as well as every man.

And the sun and showers will help you
Through the years of toil and struggles;
Till you raise to light and beauty
Virtue’s fair, unfading flowers.

This poem mapped the future of Mr. Chisley’s life. He became a successful florist and started a school teaching floral design and all facets of plant life. It was a very interesting afternoon spent in the home of the Chisleys whose palatial home on Decater St. N.W. is a picture of floral design and all facets of plant life. It was a very important contact and demonstration that the technology works.

This achievement will be a formidable instrument of peace. It promises to add a unique dimension to our tactical forces and the deterrent strength of our strategic forces. At the same time it will provide us capabilities that are wholly consistent with our pursuit of verifiable arms control agreements, in particular, with the provisions of SALT II.

For three years, we have successfully maintained the technology works. This is because of the conscientious efforts of the relatively few people in the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch who were briefed on the activity and of the contractors working on it.

However, in the last few months, the circle of people knowledgeable about the program has widened, partly because of the increased size of the effort, and partly because of the debate under way in the Congress on new bomber proposals. Regrettably, the debate has produced several leaks about the stealth program in the last few days in the press and television news coverage.

In the face of these leaks, I believe that it is not appropriate or credible for us to deny the existence of this program. And it is very important to correct some of the leaked information that misrepresented the Administration’s position on a new bomber program. The so-called stealth bomber was not a factor in our decision in 1972 to cancel the B-1; indeed, it

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World War II demonstrated the decisive role that air power can play in military operations. It also demonstrated the potential of radar as a primary means of detecting aircraft and directing fire against them. On balance, though, the advantage clearly was with the aircraft. Subsequent to World War II, defensive missiles - both ground launched and air launched were developed and used in battle with radar and control systems. This substantially increased the effectiveness of air defense systems, shifting the balance against aircraft. For the last few decades we have been working on techniques to defeat such air defense systems. Our military aircraft make substantial use of electronic countermeasures (jamming) and flying low to place themselves in "ground clutter," both of which degrade the effectiveness of air defense radars. By these means we have maintained the effectiveness of our military aircraft in the face of radar-directed defensive missiles.

However, the Soviets continue to place very heavy emphasis on the development and deployment of air defense missiles in an attempt to offset the advantage we have in air power. They have built thousands of surface-to-air missile systems, they employ radars with high power and monopulse tracking circuits which are very difficult to jam, and in the last few years they have developed air-to-air missiles guided by "look-down" radars which are capable of tracking aircraft flying in "ground clutter." Because of these developments and because of the importance we attach to maintaining our air superiority, we have for years been developing what we call "penetration" technology: the technology that degrades the effectiveness of radars and other sensors used by air defense systems. A particular emphasis has been on developing that technology which makes an aircraft "invisible" to radar. In the early 60's, we applied a particular version of this technology to some of our reconnaissance aircraft. In the mid-70's we applied it to the cruise missiles then being developed (Tomahawk and ALCM). By the summer of 1977 it became clear that this technology could be considerably extended in its effectiveness and could be applied to a wide class of vehicles - including manned aircraft. We concluded that it was possible to build aircraft so difficult to detect that they could not be successfully engaged by any existing air defense systems. Recognizing the great significance of such a development, we took three related actions: first, we made roughly a ten-fold increase in our investment to advance this technology; second, we initiated a number of very high priority programs to apply this technology; and third we gave the entire program extra-}

ordinary security protection, even to the point of classifying the very existence of such a program.

Initially we were able to limit knowledge of the program to a very few Government officials in both the Executive and Legislative Branches and succeeded in maintaining complete secrecy about the program. However, as the program increased in size - currently the annual funding is 100 times greater than when we decided to accelerate the program in 1977 - it became necessary to brief more people. The existence of a stealth program has now become public knowledge. But even as we acknowledge the existence of a stealth program, we will draw a new security line to protect that information about the program which could facilitate a Soviet counterpart technology program. We will continue to protect at the highest security level information about:

a. the specific techniques, which we employ to reduce detectability; 
b. the degree of success of each of these techniques; 
c. characteristics of specific vehicles being developed; 
d. funds being applied to specific programs; and 
e. schedules of specific programs.

With these ground rules, I think you can see that I am extremely limited in what I can say. Continued on Page 5

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A surprise birthday party was held for Patricia Wells last Saturday in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, at the home of her sister, Dr. Gladys Headley of Kindle Terrace. Over fifty of her friends attended and brought beautiful gifts. Among the guests were Pat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wells of East River Rd., Rochester and yours truly Mildred J., who enjoyed not only the party but a trip back to Rochester with the Wells. We here in Rochester are proud of the two Wells girls and their accomplishments in their chosen fields.

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Continued from Page 3 can tell you about the program, I will say this. First, stealth technology does not involve a single technical approach, but rather a complex synthesis of many. Even if I were willing to describe it to you, I could not do it in a sentence or even a paragraph. Second, while we have made remarkable advances in the technology in the last three years, we have been building on excellent work done in our defense technology program over the last two decades. Third, this technology — theoretically at least — could be applied to any military vehicle which can be attacked by radar-directed fire. We are considering all such applications which are the most practical and which have the greatest military significance. Fourth, we have achieved excellent success on the program, including flight tests of a number of different vehicles.
MILDRED JOHNSON SPEAKS

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Our hats are off to Bill Crimm for the fine performance of the great play "Porgy & Bess" given at the Eastman Theater last month. The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the William Crimm Institute of Music, Inc. are deserving of great praise. The artist, Benjamin Matthews, Gail Nelson, Francis Clemmons, Louise Parker, Leavata Johnson and Edward Pierson were excellent performers. The crowded hall applauded with great enthusiasm and enjoyed every minute of it.

The book "Millie the Hell Raiser" is now off the press and ready for sale. The author of the book is poetess, Joyce Balky Johnson. Books will be on sale at the Virginia Wilson Helping Hand Office at 239 Power Bldg. and at the YWCA by Mrs. Pat Walker. Do get a copy of this interesting person, Mildred J.

The Rochester NAACP is holding a voters registration drive. If you have not registered please get a mail-in form from one of our people by calling us at the Phyllis Wheatley Library. We will be happy to furnish blanks for showiae ee elias be able to vote for our attorney for City Court Judge the pride in this drive. If you have not registered please get a mail-in form.

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Continued from Page 1 was not yet in design. I am gratified that, as yet, none of the most sensitive and significant classified information about the characteristics of this program has been disclosed. An important objective of the announcement today is to make clear the kinds of information that we intend scrupulously to protect at the highest security level. Dr. Perry, my Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and a chief architect of this program will elaborate on this point further.

In sum, we have developed a new technology of extraordinary military significance. We are vigorously applying this technology to develop a number of military aircraft and these programs are showing very great promise. We can take tremendous pride in this latest achievement of American technology. It can play a major role in strengthening our strategic and tactical forces without in any way endangering any of our arms control initiatives. And it can contribute to the maintenance of peace by posing a new and significant offset to the Soviet Union's attempt to gain military ascendancy by weight of numbers.

Sickle Cell Anemia

Over 50,000 Americans currently have sickle cell anemia—a disease which affects the body's supply of oxygen-carrying red blood cells. Additionally, 2.5 million Americans have the sickle cell trait.

While sickle cell anemia is most common in Blacks (1 in 10 are estimated to have the trait), individuals of Spanish, Greek, Italian, Turkish and Indian descent and people whose heredity is from the Mediterranean area may sometimes have sickle cell.

Symptoms, which usually appear after six months of age, though sickle cell is present from birth, include: leg ulcers—usually found around the ankles—that won't heal; swollen and painful hands and feet; slow growth, jaundice and painful joints.

While researchers are still looking for the ultimate cure, sickle cell anemia can be determined through a routine blood test. Once found, the disease can usually be controlled through medication and sometimes surgery.

Since sickle cell anemia is an inherited trait, family history can be very important. If someone in your family has sickle cell anemia or if you suspect that you, a relative or a friend might have this life-threatening disease, contact your physician, neighborhood health center or hospital and ask to be tested.

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