Except for greetings at Christmas parties, this was my first formal presentation for a specific celebration. This presentation was given to one of the many groups within the Public Health Service, groups that were separated by means of interest, ethnic background, specialty of service, etc.

President Reagan’s proclamation for National Afro-American (Black) History Month, and his executive order 12320 of September 15, 1981 concerning historically black colleges and universities, is included for historic interest.