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## REMARKS TO LOY NORRIX HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1975

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I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND

TO WISH YOU A MOST PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO YOUR CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL CITY, FULL OF HISTORY, AND

I HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING IT.

I AM SURE THAT THE AUDIENCES YOU ARE PLAYING TO HERE

HAVE ENJOYED SEEING AND HEARING YOU.

I THANK MY GOOD FRIEND, GARRY BROWN, FOR HELPING TO BRING SUCH A TALENTED GROUP OF YOUNG SINGERS AND MUSICIANS TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL.

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AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, WHEN I ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN GRAND RAPIDS, I WENT OUT FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM -- BUT I ALWAYS HAD A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR THE GOOD SENSE SHOWN BY STUDENTS WHO BECAME MUSICIANS. AT LEAST, WHEN THE BAND MARCHED DOWN THE FIELD -- THERE WASN'T ANOTHER BAND ON THE OTHER SIDE TRYING TO STOP THEM. I WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FORMALLY CITED BY THE MICHIGAN STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE RECORDING YOU MADE OF SONGS SPANNING AMERICA'S HISTORY. I WAS ALSO PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE LEGISLATURE DESIGNATED YOU AS MICHIGAN'S OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL REPRESENTATIVE DURING YOUR VISIT HERE.

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THAT IS A GREAT HONOR AND, AS A FELLOW MICHIGANDER, I AM PROUD OF EACH OF YOU. YOUR GROUP REPRESENTS THE REAL SPIRIT OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE WITH THE BICENTENNIAL: TO MAKE IT A GENUINE REFLECTION OF AMERICAN LIFE -- AND TO BRING TOGETHER, VOLUNTARILY, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE. IT'S A LONG WAY FROM KALAMAZOO TO WASHINGTON, BUT I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE SHARE YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC -- AND LOVE OF COUNTRY. AND MANY OF THEM, LIKE YOU, ARE VISITORS WHO HAVE COME TO SEE THIS GREAT CITY THAT HOUSES SO MUCH OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE.

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AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT HERITAGE IS THE MUSIC -- AND

THE TEAMWORK -- THAT YOUR GROUP REPRESENTS.

I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU COULD STOP BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

IT'S REALLY A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, ISN'T IT -- ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF

YEAR.

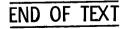
AND IT BELONGS TO EACH OF YOU, AS AMERICANS. IT'S YOUR HOUSE,

YOU KNOW. BETTY AND I ARE JUST TEMPORARY RESIDENTS --

# ALTHOUGH WE HOPE TO RENEW OUR LEASE IN 1976 FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS.

THANKS FOR COMING, AND FOR SHARING YOUR TALENT WITH

SO MANY OF YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS.



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