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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF

THE HEALTH SCIENCES

JULY 10, 1975

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THANK YOU, DAVE PACKARD. I AM HONORED

TO BE HERE ON THIS HISTORIC DAY WHEN THE HOPES OF SO MANY

PEOPLE OVER SO MANY YEARS HAVE FINALLY REACHED FRUITION.

I KNOW HOW LONG EDDIE HEBERT AND MANY OF MY

OTHER COLLEAGUES IN THE CONGRESS HAVE WORKED TO MAKE A
JOINT UNIFORMED UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES A REALITY.

AND I AM AWARE THAT MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE IN THE MILITARY
SERVICES AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO
THIS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT AS WELL.

AND, WITH THIS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY TODAY, IT
HAS BECOME A REALITY. HERE IN THE SHADOW OF SOME OF OUR
NATION'S GREATEST HEALTH FACILITIES -- THE NATIONAL NAVAL
MEDICAL CENTER IN BETHESDA, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH,
AND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE --

WE ARE GATHERED TO LAUNCH A NEW VENTURE THAT WILL CONTINUE
OUR LONG TRADITION OF PROVIDING OUTSTANDING HEALTH CARE
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WEAR OUR COUNTRY'S UNIFORM.

BY BRINGING TOGETHER MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE
ARMY, THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE, THIS NEW FACILITY WILL
SERVE ANOTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTION AS WELL.

IT WILL GIVE MEMBERS OF THREE PROUD AND INDEPENDENT
SERVICE BRANCHES THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER FOR A
COMMON GOAL WITHOUT FORSAKING THE SEPARATE TRADITIONS
AND THE DISTINCTIVE PERSONAL IDENTITIES OF THEIR
INDIVIDUAL BRANCHES.

THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH
SCIENCES WILL ENCOURAGE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SERVICES
WITHOUT REDUCING THEIR INTEGRITY OR INDEPENDENCE. IT IS
BOTH A BOLD INNOVATION AND TRUE TO THE BEST ARMED FORCES
TRADITIONS.

SO I AM HERE TO EXPRESS MY FAITH IN WHAT I
BELIEVE WILL PROVE TO BE A GREAT AMERICAN UNDERTAKING --
ONE THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF, AND ONE THAT WILL PAY
GREAT HUMAN DIVIDENDS IN THE FORM OF OUTSTANDING HEALTH
CARE FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES FOR YEARS
TO COME.

THIS IS A PROUD DAY FOR THE ARMY, THE NAVY
AND THE AIR FORCE -- AND FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEY SERVE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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