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MRS. FORD'S REMARKS

WHITE HOUSE VISITORS WAITING AREA

April 14, 1976

ISN'T THIS A LOVELY DAY.  
AND WHAT A DELIGHTFUL DAY  
TO HAVE THIS CEREMONY.

1.

IN MY YEARS IN WASHINGTON,  
I'VE STOOD IN MANY, MANY LINES,  
INCLUDING THOSE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.  
AND IT'S REALLY GREAT  
TO SEE THESE STANDS  
WHICH MAKE THE WAITING MUCH EASIER.

THE CROWDS SEEM TO GET  
LARGER EVERY YEAR,  
AND, OF COURSE, IN THIS  
OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR,  
WE EXPECT A RECORD TURNOUT.

WASHINGTON SUMMERS CAN REALLY BE HOT---

4.

NOT ONLY HOT, BUT HOT AND HUMID.

BUT THESE COVERED STANDS

SHOULD MAKE YOUR WAITING

A LOT MORE COMFORTABLE.

5.

I CAN REALLY APPRECIATE THE PROBLEMS

OF STANDING IN LINE WITH CHILDREN.

THAT'S WHY I'M SO DELIGHTED

TO KNOW YOU NOW HAVE A PLACE TO SIT DOWN AND REST

WHILE LISTENING TO

SOME WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

I WANT TO SAY THANKS

TO CHAIRMAN TOM STEED,

REPRESENTATIVES ~~EDWARD BOEHR~~, Clarence Miller

AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

WHO SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT---

ALSO TO THE HARDWORKING MEN AND WOMEN

OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

AND, OF COURSE, TO ALL WHO DONATE

THEIR TIME TO ENTERTAIN.

THE LARKIN HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

8.

FROM ELGIN, ILLINOIS

WILL BE SINGING FOR YOU TODAY.

I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THEM

THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION---

AND TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU---

ENJOY YOUR VISIT TO THIS LOVELY HOUSE.

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IT BELONGS TO YOU.

9.

ITS HISTORY

IS THE HISTORY OF AMERICA,

AND YOUR VISIT

IS PART OF THE WHITE HOUSE TRADITION

OF HOSPITALITY.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'VE COME

AND WE HOPE YOU'LL COME AGAIN!

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