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It is a privilege for me to represent the President and the people of the United States in accepting this Bicentennial gift from the Yugoslav Nation.

This magnificent statue of Nikola Tesla represents more than a monument to a man and his scientific genius and technical vision.

It is also a tribute to the other scientists and craftsmen, the laborers and artists, the men and women of skill and hope and vision who have come to these shores from every part of the world to share in what we call the "American Dream."

And it is a symbol of the ties and the friendship which the United States and the people who made this nation their homeland have with the countries of their origin.

It is important that we keep alive and active those ties and that friendship. Yet, as we celebrate the great contribution of a Yugoslav-American to our relations, we are not unmindful of the problem some American citizens of



Yugoslav origin experience when they return to Yugoslavia for a visit. We must achieve a clear understanding of what is acceptable treatment to avoid the enormous burden which such cases place on our relations. I am sure both our countries wish for the exchanges of people in all walks of life to enrich and not to embarrass our larger purposes.

Nikola Tesla was one of the great who immigrated to this country. The litany of his achievements is astounding: developer of the rotating magnetic field concept, the Tesla coil, the world's first a.c. power station here at Niagara Falls, and the foundations for many of the scientific advances in global communications and space flight that we know today.

It is both fitting and proper that we celebrate Nikola Tesla's genius and the contributions that were made to our society and to the world by all the Teslas -- great and small -- who came to this land and helped make it the great nation that we salute on its Bicentennial.

I am honored to take part in these ceremonies on the President's behalf.

On behalf of the American people, I want to thank you for your Bicentennial gift.

