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January 2, 1976

Dear Joanne and Benton:

Thank you very much for your warm Christmas greetings. The copy of 200 Years is a wonderful Bicentennial gift, and you may be sure this set of books is a welcome addition to our family library. All of us join in sending every good wish for the New Year.

Sincerely,

JERRY FORD

**Mr. and Mrs. Benton L. Becker
11507 Karen Drive
Potomac, Maryland 20854**

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GIFT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 23

Marge,

The President received from Mr. and Mrs. Benton Becker the U. S. News & World Report books entitled "200 Years A Bicentennial Illustrated History of the United States." This is a two-volume set.

Would you please prepare a thank you note for Mr. and Mrs. Becker for the President's signature. Their address is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Becker
11507 Karen Drive
Potomac, Maryland 20854

I have deposited the books in the President's private office so you can mark that down on your records.

For your information, I have arranged to send them a Christmas print.

Dorothy

"set of books"

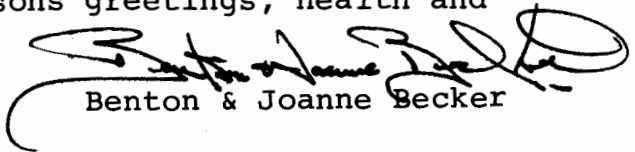
Wonderful
historical
gift the

Dear Mr. President,

This year's Christmas gift is both an exceptional composite of American history and a rare opportunity for a seated President: to observe how history will interpret his presidency.

Have we sent
them any?

Joanne and I wish you and your family seasons greetings, health and long life.


Benton & Joanne Becker

Put in
"private office"