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**MEETING TO RECEIVE
ANNUAL BSA REPORT TO THE NATION**

Tuesday, February 24, 1976

4:15 P. M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

GREETING: THE MEMBERS OF THE 1976
BSA REPORT TO THE NATION TEAM
Tuesday, February 24, 1976
4:15 p.m. (10 minutes)
The Cabinet Room

From: Pamela A. Powell *PP*

I. PURPOSE

To accept the 1976 Report to the Nation and to demonstrate your continued support for the Scouting movement and its goals and objectives.

To congratulate these young people and the millions they represent on their leadership and citizenship achievements during the past year.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: This has been an annual event since the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910. The first Report to the Nation was accepted by President Taft in 1911 and has been accepted by the President each year since. Not only do you serve in the traditional role as the Honorary President of the BSA, but you are the first Eagle Scout President of the United States.

The Report to the Nation is held at this time each year in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America anniversary celebration, the Congressional Breakfast and the National Board Meeting.

Following your remarks, the national youth representatives of the BSA will make several presentations to you. They are,

-A large replica of your 1976 BSA membership card and the billfold size card (Cub Scout Jeff Hunsaker)

-A large folder containing the 1976 Report to the Nation (Scout David Honigs)

-Number One of a limited edition Gorham plate depicting the Norman Rockwell painting used

on the BSA calendar (National Explorer President Larry Carpenter) Mr. Carpenter met briefly with you in the Oval Office last April and was then introduced by you as the new Explorer President to the 2,000 Explorers assembled on the South Lawn.

The Report to the Nation will be presented by similar teams to the 50 governors and to more than 100,000 civic, religious, business, labor and community organizations that have adopted the Scouting program.

- B. Participants: Sixteen young people representing Cubbing, Exploring and Scouting, the national conservation award winner and the twelve national public speaking winners; Mr. Arch Monson, President of the BSA; Mr. Alden Barber, Chief Scout Executive; and, six adult advisors. (24 total).
- C. Press Plan: Press Photo Opportunity

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I'm delighted to welcome each of you to the White House and I remember well this occasion last year when you brought my Scoutmaster Mr. Fred Kimmel with you.
2. I also recall, Larry, *Charles Kimmel* the opportunity I had last year to announce your presidency to the young people attending the National Explorer President's Congress. I understand the Congress will be meeting in Washington again this year in March to elect your successor.
3. I also understand that more than 700 Eagle Scouts will be coming to Washington this summer to be a part of the Scouting U.S.A. Center which will support the Bicentennial activities here in the nation's capital.
4. Since we last met, I have been very impressed to hear of the thousands of Bicentennial projects that have been carried out by the BSA throughout the country.
5. As Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorers you represent the spirit of this nation's future. The great programs in character building, citizenship and personal fitness conducted by the BSA will be to all of our benefit in the years ahead.

6. Especially important, is the tremendous increase in the number of career education activities conducted by Exploring for both young men and women, and the Scouter sponsored Get Out The Vote drive that will take place in October.
7. I compliment all of you young people and your adult volunteer advisors on your many fine contributions to the well being of our future leaders, and the continuance of all the activities that make Scouting such an important part of American life.