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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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As a former Eagle Scout and now as Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, I am proud to congratulate Scouting's fifty-seven million past and present members who are this year observing the movement's sixty-five years of distinguished service to our nation.

Your theme for 1975, "Be Prepared for Life: Be Safe, Be Fit," is particularly appropriate and reflects the main thrust of all your programs to build better citizens for the future. It is most fitting that your Bicentennial program places such a major emphasis on neighborhood and community activity.

I warmly commend your plans to redouble your efforts in the area of conservation through the continuation of your successful Project SOAR, and I salute your initiatives to conserve the energy we need to become self-sufficient.

Your endeavors continue to reflect a sensitivity and awareness of today's needs. They are well tailored to the times in which we live. And it can truly be said that, through them, you fulfill Scouting's obligation of duty to country.

*Gerald R. Ford*



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Feb. 4, 1975

MEMO FOR BOB LINDER

May I please have 300 copies  
of the attached message as  
soon as possible.

Many thanks,

Eliska Hasek

Att.

