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PRESIDENTIAL V.A. MESSAGE

I AM MOST PLEASED AND HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GREET YOU IN THIS MANNER DURING THIS BLESSED TIME OF THE YEAR.

WE AMERICANS ARE A FAMILY, AND

AS WE ALL COME TOGETHER TO SHARE THE SPIRIT

OF CHRISTMAS, WE REMEMBER YOUR UNSELFISH

ACTS OF SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE ON EARTH.

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT YOU WILL SOON
LEAVE THE HOSPITAL AND JOIN YOUR LOVED ONES
AT HOME.

I HOPE THE KNOWLEDGE YOUR FELLOW

AMERICANS ARE PULLING FOR YOU TO GET WELL

WILL EASE THE TIME YOU SPEND IN THE HOSPITAL.

MRS. FORD AND I SEND YOU OUR
PRAYERS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND OUR
WISHES FOR HAPPINESS TO ENRICH YOUR LIVES
AND LIFT YOUR SPIRITS.