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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

REMARKS TO LOY NORRIX HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1975

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I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND
TO WISH YOU A MOST PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO YOUR CAPITAL.
WASHINGTON IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL CITY, FULL OF HISTORY, AND
I HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING IT.

I AM SURE THAT THE AUDIENCES YOU ARE PLAYING TO HERE
HAVE ENJOYED SEEING AND HEARING YOU.

I THANK MY GOOD FRIEND, GARRY BROWN, FOR HELPING TO
BRING SUCH A TALENTED GROUP OF YOUNG SINGERS AND MUSICIANS TO OUR
NATION'S CAPITAL.

AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, WHEN I ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL IN
GRAND RAPIDS, I WENT OUT FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM -- BUT I ALWAYS
HAD A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR THE GOOD SENSE SHOWN BY STUDENTS WHO
BECAME MUSICIANS. AT LEAST, WHEN THE BAND MARCHED DOWN THE
FIELD -- THERE WASN'T ANOTHER BAND ON THE OTHER SIDE TRYING TO
STOP THEM.

I WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FORMALLY
CITED BY THE MICHIGAN STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE RECORDING YOU MADE
OF SONGS SPANNING AMERICA'S HISTORY. I WAS ALSO PLEASED TO
KNOW THAT THE LEGISLATURE DESIGNATED YOU AS MICHIGAN'S OFFICIAL
BICENTENNIAL REPRESENTATIVE DURING YOUR VISIT HERE.

THAT IS A GREAT HONOR AND, AS A FELLOW MICHIGANDER,
I AM PROUD OF EACH OF YOU. YOUR GROUP REPRESENTS THE REAL
SPIRIT OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE WITH THE BICENTENNIAL:
TO MAKE IT A GENUINE REFLECTION OF AMERICAN LIFE -- AND TO BRING
TOGETHER, VOLUNTARILY, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL WALKS OF
LIFE AND ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE.

IT'S A LONG WAY FROM KALAMAZOO TO WASHINGTON, BUT
I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE SHARE YOUR LOVE
OF MUSIC -- AND LOVE OF COUNTRY. AND MANY OF THEM, LIKE
YOU, ARE VISITORS WHO HAVE COME TO SEE THIS GREAT CITY THAT HOUSES
SO MUCH OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT HERITAGE IS THE MUSIC -- AND
THE TEAMWORK -- THAT YOUR GROUP REPRESENTS.

I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU COULD STOP BY THE WHITE HOUSE.
IT'S REALLY A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, ISN'T IT -- ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF
YEAR.

AND IT BELONGS TO EACH OF YOU, AS AMERICANS. IT'S YOUR HOUSE,

YOU KNOW. BETTY AND I ARE JUST TEMPORARY RESIDENTS --

ALTHOUGH WE HOPE TO RENEW OUR LEASE IN 1976 FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS.

THANKS FOR COMING, AND FOR SHARING YOUR TALENT WITH

SO MANY OF YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS.

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Choir and Orchestra

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