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**FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1975**

~~MY FELLOW AMERICANS:~~

AS WE BEGIN THE 200TH YEAR OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS  
A NATION, WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES STILL ENJOY THE  
BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD A MORE PERFECT  
UNION FOR OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY.

THE GREAT GOALS OF AMERICA ARE NEVER FULLY GAINED;

THE FUTURE OF AMERICA IS ALWAYS BRIGHTER THAN ITS GLORIOUS

PAST; THE DESTINY OF AMERICA DEMANDS THE BEST OF EACH

SUCCEEDING GENERATION, AS IT DOES OF US TODAY.

OUR NATION'S FIRST CENTURY SAW THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A FREE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON THIS CONTINENT, FROM ATLANTIC  
TO PACIFIC. OUR FIRST CENTURY PRODUCED POLITICAL  
INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE, AND CONFIRMED AT  
TRAGIC COST THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL AMERICANS ARE CREATED  
EQUAL.

OUR NATION'S SECOND CENTURY, NOW ENDING, SAW THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG ECONOMIC SOCIETY IN THE FREE CLIMATE  
WHICH OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS SUSTAINED. OUR SECOND  
CENTURY TRANSFORMED AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY INTO THE  
MIGHTIEST AND MOST PRODUCTIVE NATION IN HUMAN HISTORY, WITH  
EVER MORE WIDESPREAD SHARING OF ECONOMIC GAINS AND OF  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE OF OUR NEIGHBORS.

BUT WHAT WILL BE THE GOAL OF OUR NATION'S THIRD  
CENTURY?

I SEE THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF OUR THIRD CENTURY AS THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE IN THIS "SWEET LAND OF  
LIBERTY."

WE MUST DEVISE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE SACRED IDENTITY OF  
EACH AND EVERY AMERICAN, TO PROTECT PERSONAL FREEDOM AND  
INDIVIDUALITY FROM THE DAILY PRESSURES OF CONFORMITY WHETHER  
THEY COME FROM MASSIVE GOVERNMENT, MASSIVE MANAGEMENT AND  
LABOR, MASSIVE EDUCATION OR MASSIVE COMMUNICATIONS.



EVERY CITIZEN IN OUR THIRD CENTURY OF FREEDOM AS A  
NATION MUST HAVE THE PERSONAL FREEDOM TO FULFILL HIS OR HER  
POTENTIAL IN LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

MANY YEARS AGO, <sup>MY</sup> SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TAUGHT ME

THAT THE BEAUTY OF JOSEPH'S COAT WAS ITS MANY COLORS.

AND THE BEAUTY OF AMERICA IS ITS MANY INDIVIDUALS, EACH OF

US A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER. FREEDOM FOR EVERYONE

WHO RESPECTS THE FREEDOM OF OTHERS IS THE GREAT GOAL WHICH I

SEE AND COMMEND TO MY COUNTRYMEN FOR THE THIRD CENTURY OF

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. FREEDOM IS WHAT THE FOURTH OF JULY

IS ALL ABOUT.

I WISH YOU ALL A GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

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