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PRESIDENT'S VIDEOTAPED MESSAGE TO WGPR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1975

CONGRATULATIONS TO WGPR-TV -- AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HELPED TO MAKE IT A REALITY.

I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT THIS FIRST

BLACK-OWNED TELEVISION STATION IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S.

WILL BE IN MY HOME STATE OF MICHIGAN.

I AM ALSO PROUD TO JOIN IN THIS SALUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH WGPR IN SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

I COMMEND WGPR FOR THE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING
IT HAS PLANNED AND FOR ITS EFFORTS TO BECOME ACTIVELY
INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, WGPR WILL SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF SUCCESSFUL BLACK ENTERPRISE. THIS IS TRULY A LANDMARK, NOT ONLY FOR THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY BUT FOR AMERICAN SOCIETY. I WANT TO SEE MORE OF THIS KIND OF PROGRESS.

I WISH THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF WGPR

SUCCESS IN THIS EXCITING NEW VENTURE. I ONLY WISH

I COULD BE WITH YOU IN PERSON AS WGPR GOES ON THE AIR.

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