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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

LABOR DAY TAPE MESSAGE

AUGUST 29, 1975

THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA IS A REFLECTION OF THE
STRENGTH, CHARACTER AND THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
WITHOUT THE DEDICATION OF MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN WILLING
TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND GO TO WORK, THE AMERICAN
DREAM WOULD REMAIN ONLY THAT -- A DREAM.

WITH THAT DEDICATION AND HARD WORK, AMERICA HAS
DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST 200 YEARS INTO NOT ONLY THE MOST
PROSPEROUS OF NATIONS, BUT AN ENDURING EXAMPLE OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND SPIRIT.

YET, LABOR DAY IS NO HOLIDAY FOR THOSE WHO
ARE OUT OF WORK THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN. LET US
THIS YEAR GIVE LABOR DAY SPECIAL MEANING BY CONSIDERING
NOT ONLY THE WORKING PEOPLE BUT THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS
WHO ARE LOOKING FOR WORK.

I PLEDGE TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO GENERATE
NEW AND DECENT JOBS. WHEN FIGURES ARE PUBLISHED ON
THE LOSS OF JOBS, SOME OF THE LOSSES ARE NOT ANNOUNCED.
THESE TROUBLE ME DEEPLY.

I REFER TO THE LOSS OF HOPE AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING THEIR FIRST JOB, THE LOSS OF SELF-ESTEEM AMONG FAMILY PEOPLE WHO ARE LAID OFF, THE LOSS OF SECURITY THAT PEOPLE WORKED FOR YEARS TO ACHIEVE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE LOSS OF FAITH IN AMERICA'S FUTURE. THESE ARE TRAGIC LOSSES WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CANNOT ENDURE.

ONE ENCOURAGING FACTOR ON THIS LABOR DAY

IS THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 85 MILLION AMERICANS AT WORK.

THAT IS 1.2 MILLION MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AGO.

WE EXPECT THIS TREND TO CONTINUE.

LET GOVERNMENT, LABOR, AND BUSINESS TODAY

UNITE TO HASTEN THE MOMENT WHEN ENOUGH NEW JOBS ARE CREATED,

ON A SOUND ECONOMIC BASE, TO MAKE EVERY DAY "LABOR DAY"

WITH ALL ITS REWARDS.

AS AMERICA ENTERS ITS THIRD CENTURY, LET US PAY
TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OUR SYSTEM WORK --
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICAN LABOR, ORGANIZED AND
UNORGANIZED. ON THIS LABOR DAY, 1975, LET US RENEW
OUR DEDICATION TO MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE JOBS
AVAILABLE FOR ALL AMERICANS WHO WANT TO WORK.

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