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THE PRESIDENT HAS SELE.

ONE-MINUTE TAPING ON LAW DAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 1975

LAW DAY. CELEBRATED MAY 1. IS AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR ALL AMERICANS TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE IDEAS OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE UNDER LAW. ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO, ALEXANDER HAMILTON WROTE IN THE FEDERALIST PAPERS THAT AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS THE BEST MEANS "WHICH CAN BE DEVISED IN ANY GOVERNMENT TO SECURE A STEADY, UPRIGHT AND IMPARTIAL

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAWS."

AS WE BEGIN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, LET EVERY

AMERICAN REFLECT ON HOW THE RULE OF LAW SAFEGUARDS OUR

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. WE ARE A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS. OUR

JUDICIAL SYSTEM PROTECTS INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND MAKES POSSIBLE

A FREE SOCIETY.

THE GOAL OF EQUAL JUSTICE IS OFTEN INEXACT AND ELUSIVE.

BUT WE CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO CORRECT INEQUITIES IN THE LAW.

THAT IS WHAT REALLY COUNTS. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS,

OUR CONSTITUTION IS ALIVE AND FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY TWO

CENTURIES AFTER OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED.

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