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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS RECORDED

CHRISTMAS RADIO SHOW

I AM VERY PLEASED AND HONORED TO GREET YOU AT THIS SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH AND SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST.

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CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON OF GIVING AND REJOICING. MRS. FORD AND I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY IT OFFERS TO RECOGNIZE YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH. I SALUTE THE SACRIFICE AND COURAGE, THAT MARKED YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

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CHRISTMAS HERALDS THE INSPIRING MESSAGE OF "PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TO MEN." IN THIS GREETING TO YOU, I AM ESPECIALLY MINDFUL OF THESE WORDS. NONE HAVE BEEN MORE DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE THAN YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. AND NONE HAVE DONE MORE TO EARN THE GOODWILL OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN. MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

THE HOPE AND FULFILLMENT YOU DESERVE SO VERY MUCH.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.

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