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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

(TO BE TAPED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1975)

DEDICATION OF ST. JUDE HOSPITAL ADDITION

THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW ADDITION TO THE
ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL IS A GREAT DAY FOR
MEMPHIS . . . FOR OUR NATION . . . AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE
CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTRY -- STRICKEN WITH WHAT ARE CALLED
"CATASTROPHIC" DISEASES.

THESE ARE ACUTE FORMS OF LEUKEMIA AND OTHER CHILDHOOD
CANCERS, MALNUTRITION, INFLUENZA AND SEVERE, INFECTIOUS
DISEASES.

MRS. FORD AND I SINCERELY REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO
BE WITH DANNY THOMAS AND DR. MAUER, AS WELL AS WITH THE
OTHER FRIENDS OF ST. JUDE, ON THIS HISTORIC AND HAPPY
OCCASION.

SINCE ITS DEDICATION THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, ST. JUDE'S
HAS BECOME RECOGNIZED AS THE WORLD LEADER IN THE CARE OF THE
MOST ACUTE FORMS OF LEUKEMIA AMONG CHILDREN. YOUR
CONCEPT OF "TOTAL THERAPY" HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED
SURVIVAL AND LONG-TERM CURES.

YOU ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY ABOUT THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF YOUR

PATIENTS; YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE. THE STRICKEN

CHILDREN OF THIS COUNTRY WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO YOU.

YOUR RESEARCH HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TOWARD THE GOAL OF

CONQUERING THIS FORM OF CANCER FOR PERSONS OF ALL AGES.

YOUR NEW ADDITION MORE THAN DOUBLES THE HOSPITAL'S
ORIGINAL SPACE. YOUR DEDICATION TO A HEALTHIER CHILDHOOD
AND A HEALTHIER NATION IS A SOURCE OF BOTH HUMILITY AND
INSPIRATION TO ME, AS PRESIDENT, AND TO MILLIONS OF YOUR
FELLOW AMERICANS.

AS YOU OPEN THE DOORS TO THIS NEW SEVEN-STORY BUILDING
ADDITION, ALL AMERICANS JOIN IN THE HOPE THAT BEHIND THOSE
DOORS WILL BE FOUND MANY OF THE MEDICAL ANSWERS YOU SO
DILIGENTLY SEEK.

I ASSURE YOU OF THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF A GRATEFUL
PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE TRUST AND DEEPEST BEST WISHES OF
A GRATEFUL NATION. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND YOUR
FUTURE WORK.

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