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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THANKSGIVING STATEMENT

TO BE TAPED NOVEMBER 25, 1975

AS AMERICANS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING DAY

WE ONCE MORE COUNT OUR BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS.

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WE GIVE THANKS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, TO THE SUPREME CREATOR.

WE ARE THANKFUL THAT OUR NATION IS AT PEACE.

THIS HOLIDAY REMINDS US OF OUR DUTY

TO PROVIDE RESPONSIBLY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES

AND OF OUR NEIGHBORS -- THE SAME VALUES THAT GUIDED THOSE

WHO CELEBRATED OUR FIRST THANKSGIVING.

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WE RECOGNIZE ANEW OUR NATIONAL MOTTO WHICH

PROCLAIMS "IN GOD WE TRUST." WE CONTINUE TO TRUST.

OUR FAITH HAS BEEN VINDICATED AS WE APPROACH A BICENTENNIAL

OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

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OUR BELIEF -- IN AMERICA'S GOODNESS, IN AMERICA'S GREATNESS, AND IN AMERICA'S FUTURE -- CONTINUES TO INSPIRE US. IN THAT SPIRIT, MY FAMILY AND I GRATEFULLY GIVE THANKS

AND WISH FOR ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY.

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