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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

(TO BE TAPED MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1975)

GOOD MORNING AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY TO YOU ALL.

AT THIS MOMENT -- IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA -- ALL IS IN

READINESS FOR THE FIRST OFFICIAL EVENT OF OUR 1976 BICENTENNIAL

YEAR: THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.

EVERY YEAR SINCE 1890, THE PEOPLE OF PASADENA  
HAVE PRESENTED THEIR OWN NEW YEAR'S PRESENT TO THE WORLD --  
A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF FLORAL BEAUTY, IMAGINATION AND MUSIC.  
THIS YEAR, IT IS A VERY APPROPRIATE WAY TO BEGIN THE CELEBRATION  
OF OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY.

WE CAN APPRECIATE THE ROSE PARADE ON SO MANY LEVELS.

THE CREATIVE, THE ESTHETIC, THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND THE HAPPY

MIX OF HARD WORK, PRIDE AND THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

THAT HAS BROUGHT IT ABOUT.

WE SEE ALL OF THIS REFLECTED IN OUR BICENTENNIAL  
AS WELL. IT IS PEOPLE PARTICIPATING -- AMERICANS  
REMEMBERING OUR PROUD PAST AND CELEBRATING OUR UNIQUE  
HERITAGE, WHILE LOOKING TO AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE.

SO, AS WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION, TO THE MEMBERS  
OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION AND THE PEOPLE OF  
PASADENA, LET US BEGIN THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR --  
AND THE ROSE PARADE -- WITH THE WORDS OF THIS YEAR'S  
TOURNAMENT THEME: "AMERICA LET'S CELEBRATE."

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