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THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID...

December 20, 1975

TALKING POINTS: PRESIDENT ACCEPTS FIRST NATIONAL
BICENTENNIAL MEDAL, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1975

1. It is a pleasure and a privilege to accept this first official National Bicentennial Medal. It is a medal we can all cherish.

2. Besides being most handsome, the design is very significant. It covers the essence of our national heritage -- "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." It is truly commemorative of our beginnings in 1776 and of our American independence.

3. I am pleased that this medal will be available in a number of castings -- gold, silver, gold-plated and bronze -- so that all Americans will have the opportunity of owning one.

4. It is gratifying to know that the purpose of the medal is not only historic, but also practical: To raise funds for Bicentennial projects and educational scholarship, which will further assure Bicentennial commemoration in all parts of the nation. I applaud these worthwhile aims.

5. I accept this first Bicentennial Medal with great pleasure

Thank you.

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