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TAPING:

U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

JANUARY 8, 1976

IN THIS YEAR OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,

IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO REFLECT ON THE FAITH WHICH THE

PATRIOTS OF TWO CENTURIES AGO PLACED IN THE FUTURE OF THEIR

NEW NATION.

THAT FAITH WAS ELOQUENTLY EXPRESSED IN THE

MAJESTIC DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF RADICALLY NEW INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND IN THE

STRUGGLE THAT WON AMERICA'S FREEDOM.

TODAY, AS AMERICA PREPARES TO ENTER ITS THIRD

CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE, WE PROCLAIM OUR FAITH IN THE FUTURE

IN DIFFERENT WAYS -- LESS DRAMATIC PERHAPS, BUT STILL

VERY IMPORTANT.

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT FAITH IS

TO PURCHASE UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS, ONE OF THE SAFEST,

MOST PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS A CITIZEN CAN MAKE IN HIS OWN

AND HIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

TODAY, MORE THAN 67 BILLION DOLLARS IN UNITED

STATES SAVINGS BONDS ARE HELD BY PRIVATE CITIZENS. THESE

INVESTMENTS ARE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR OUR NATIONAL

ECONOMY AND A SOURCE OF FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR THE MILLIONS

OF AMERICANS PARTICIPATING IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE PROGRAM.

THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW, IN OUR

BICENTENNIAL YEAR, TO RENEW OUR CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA AND

ITS PROMISING FUTURE. AND THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO DO IT

THAN BUYING UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS.

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