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REMARKS FOR BRIEFING ON U.S. BICENTENNIAL
EXPOSITION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FEBRUARY 9, 1976

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

WE HAVE INVITED YOU HERE TODAY TO ANNOUNCE
PLANS FOR A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION. THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE HELD AT CAPE CANAVERAL FROM
MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY WILL BE A MAJOR
BICENTENNIAL EXPOSITION EVENT.

AT A TIME WHEN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLAY
AN EVER-INCREASING ROLE IN OUR INDIVIDUAL LIVES,
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE DEVELOP A NEW OUTLOOK
TOWARD THESE POWERFUL FORCES. WE NEED A BETTER APPRECIATION
OF WHAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE PRODUCED -- AND
A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEY MIGHT ACHIEVE IN
THE FUTURE.

THIS EXPOSITION HAS BEEN PLANNED TO GIVE
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE A SENSE OF PRIDE IN OUR TECHNOLOGICAL
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST 200 YEARS. IT CAN PROVIDE A
SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE COMING
CENTURY. THE EXPOSITION HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO GIVE VISITORS,
YOUNG AND OLD, AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW AMERICAN SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY ARE IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

INDEED, "A QUALITY LIFE IN THIRD CENTURY AMERICA,"

IS THE OVERALL THEME OF THE EXPOSITION. THE EMPHASIS

WILL BE ON THE SPIRIT, THE RESOURCES AND THE ENTERPRISE

OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THEIR INDUSTRY AND THEIR GOVERNMENT.

EXHIBITS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP ANSWER SOME VITAL QUESTIONS:

- HOW TO MEET OUR FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS;
- HOW WE CAN DEVELOP OTHER NEW RESOURCES;
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-- WHERE TO FIND NEW FRONTIERS IN FOOD PRODUCTION;
- WHAT WE CAN LEARN ABOUT OUR WEATHER AND

CLIMATE;

-- WHAT INDUSTRY IS DOING TO IMPROVE LIFE
THROUGH BETTER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES;

-- HOW SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONTRIBUTE
TO THE ARTS AND OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE;

-- HOW TO BENEFIT FROM SPACE EXPLORATION;

-- AND HOW TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

I AM PROUD THAT MORE THAN 20 FEDERAL AGENCIES
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY ARE CONTRIBUTING
TO THIS EXPOSITION●

IT WILL ATTRACT MANY VISITORS, FROM
THE U.S. AND ABROAD. WE EXPECT MORE THAN 2 MILLION
THIS SUMMER. I AM SURE THEY WILL GO AWAY WITH A
MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA'S GREATNESS.

WE HAVE WITH US TODAY GUY STEVER, MY SCIENCE
ADVISER AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND
JIM FLETCHER, ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA -- THE AGENCY
MANAGING THE EXPOSITION AND JOHN WARNER, ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION●

GUY, JIM AND JOHN HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO
GET THIS FINE EXPOSITION LAUNCHED. MANY OTHERS INVOLVED
IN MAKING THE EXPOSITION A SUCCESS ARE ALSO HERE.

THE TEAM THAT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE EXPOSITION
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS ROOM TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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