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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. ....

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## MESSAGE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

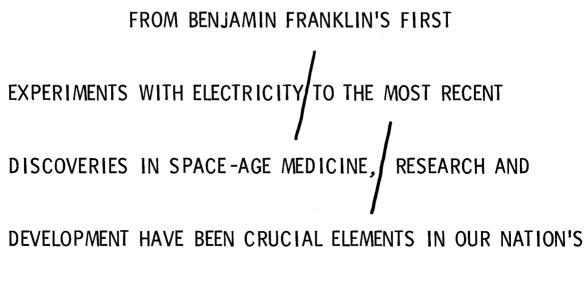
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1976

# SINCE ITS BEGINNING, AMERICA HAS

## DERIVED GREAT BENEFIT FROM THE INVENTIVENESS AND

CREATIVITY OF ITS PEOPLE.

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REMARKABLE GROWTH.

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## THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN

THEY ARE NOW.

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#### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE DAILY BECOMING

#### MORE AND MORE VITAL FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF

OUR COUNTRY -- AND FOR THE WORLD.

## IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THE

## FUTURE WELL-BEING OF OUR NATION DEPENDS ON PUTTING OUR

BEST MINDS TO WORK  $\underline{\text{NOW}}$  TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF

**TOMORROW** 

IN RECENT YEARS, WE HAVE MADE MAJOR

INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. AND THIS INVESTMENT HAS PAID DIVIDENDS IN ECONOMIC GROWTH, IN THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES, AND IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEFENSE. BUT WE MUST DO MORE. THE BUDGET WHICH I SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS IN JANUARY IS ONE MEASURE OF THE IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO A CONTINUED NATIONAL INVESTMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IN IT, I REQUESTED 24.7 BILLION DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, AN INCREASE OF 11 PERCENT OVER 1976 ESTIMATES. IT FOCUSES SPECIAL ATTENTION ON RESEARCH

AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ENERGY AND DEFENSE AND ON BASIC RESEARCH• IT CONTINUES OR INCREASES SUPPORT IN AGRICULTURE, SPACE, HEALTH AND OTHER AREAS THAT SHOW PROMISE IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES WE FACE• AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST MAKE SURE WE HAVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS

OF GOVERNMENT. TO DO THIS, I HAVE SUBMITTED LEGISLATION

TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

#### IT IS VITAL THAT THE CONGRESS ACT

# PROMPTLY AND POSITIVELY ON THIS PROPOSAL AND ON MY 1977 BUDGET REQUESTS• LET US MAKE CERTAIN THAT SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR PART IN ASSURING OUR FUTURE STRENGTH AND PROSPERITY•

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