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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

PRESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE MESSAGE TO DEDICATION
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION, KENNEDY
SPACE CENTER, CAPE CANAVERAL, JUNE 14, 1976

*Dr. Fletcher
Congressman Teague
July*

I AM HAPPY TO HAVE THIS CHANCE TO SEND MY

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES ON THE DEDICATION OF THE SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION.

I CONGRATULATE ALL WHO TOOK PART IN CREATING THIS

VERY IMPORTANT BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM. THIS MASSIVE

COMBINED EFFORT -- PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT BY NASA,

SIXTEEN OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND A NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS

AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING -- REPRESENTS THE SAME

SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT THAT ENABLED

AMERICANS TO VENTURE FROM CAPE CANAVERAL TO THE MOON AND BACK.

THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER IS THE FITTING LOCATION

FOR THIS EXPOSITION. IN JUST TWENTY YEARS IT HAS BECOME

HISTORIC GROUND.

THE BRAVE ASTRONAUTS OF THE MERCURY, GEMINI AND APOLLO
PROGRAMS AND THEIR DEDICATED SUPPORT TEAMS REPRESENT THE
FINEST QUALITIES IN AMERICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE SPACE CENTER, AND ^{*Fabulous*} THE STORY BEHIND IT, HAS BECOME A PART
OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE.

MORE THAN JUST A STORY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE --
IT IS A STORY OF COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND STRENGTH -- OF
DETERMINATION AND OF FAITH. IT IS ANOTHER CHAPTER IN
AMERICA'S HISTORY OF REACHING OUT TO THE UNKNOWN -- THAT
BEGAN WHEN THE FIRST COLONISTS SET SAIL ACROSS AN UNFRIENDLY
SEA, TO AN UNEXPLORED CONTINENT.

AMERICA'S FUTURE IS ITSELF UNCHARTED TERRITORY.

BUT I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL FACE THAT CHALLENGE WITH THE SAME
COURAGE AND IMAGINATION THAT HAVE MARKED ALL OUR VOYAGES
INTO THE UNKNOWN.

THIS EXPOSITION WILL TELL AMERICANS OF OUR UNIQUE
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND. IT UNVEILS SOME
OF THE SCIENTIFIC WONDERS TO COME -- DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WILL
NOT ONLY RANGE ACROSS THE SOLAR SYSTEM, BUT WHICH WILL CHANGE
EVERYDAY LIFE HERE ON EARTH.

IT WILL SHOW AMERICANS THAT OUR HORIZONS ARE
STILL UNLIMITED -- AND SO IS OUR CAPACITY TO REACH FOR THEM
IN OUR THIRD CENTURY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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