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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TAPING FOR N.A.S.A. SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY

TELEVISION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY --

NOT ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE COMMUNICATING BY MEANS OF A VERY SPECIAL

SATELLITE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE ARE REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT

TO WORK WITH YOU IN THOSE AREAS WHICH PROMISE A BETTER LIFE

FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

THROUGHOUT OUR 200 YEARS AS A NATION, WE HAVE WORKED

TO SOLVE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, AND WE HAVE SHARED THE KNOWLEDGE

WE HAVE GAINED IN THEIR SOLUTION WITH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

TODAY WE HAVE MANY TOOLS DESIGNED TO ASSIST US IN

OVERCOMING PROBLEMS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY AREA OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR.

THE GREAT TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT YEARS IS PERHAPS BEST SYMBOLIZED BY THE LANDING OF MEN ON THE MOON.

IN THE PAST TWO DECADES, SPACE TECHNOLOGY HAS FOUND MANY NEW APPLICATIONS IN OUR DAILY LIVES. TODAY, WE FOCUS ON THREE AREAS WHERE RECENT ADVANCES -- MANY FROM THE SPACE PROGRAM -- OFFER SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO ALL NATIONS: FOR COMMUNICATIONS, FOR STUDYING OUR PLANET, AND FOR REDUCING THE IMPACT OF DISASTERS.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES -- INCLUDING THE VERY POWERFUL ONE WE ARE USING FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION -- ALLOW US MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF OUR LIMITED RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TIME AND EFFORTS OF OUR MOST TALENTED PEOPLE.

A PAIR OF SATELLITES THAT LOOK BACK AT OUR PLANET
FROM SPACE | PROMISE TO GIVE US ALL A MUCH CLEARER PICTURE
OF OUR WORLD AND THE FORCES THAT AFFECT IT. THEY CAN HELP US
OBSERVE CHANGES IN OUR ENVIRONMENT, KEEP A CLOSER WATCH ON
OUR VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCES, PRODUCE ACCURATE MAPS FOR
GEOLOGY AND LAND-USE PLANNING, AND PERFORM A VARIETY OF OTHER
FUNCTIONS.

FINALLY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SPACE-AGE INVENTIONS
THAT PERMIT US TO PREDICT DISASTERS BEFORE THEY STRIKE,
THAT HELP US ASSESS THE DAMAGE THEY HAVE DONE, AND THAT AID
IN OUR RELIEF EFFORTS.

THESE NEW TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES CANNOT PREVENT NATURAL DISASTERS,
BUT THEY CAN REDUCE THEIR IMPACT ON PEOPLE.

IN THE COMING MONTHS, WE HOPE YOU WILL CAREFULLY
CONSIDER SOME OF THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THE WAYS THEY MAY
BE USEFUL IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS MOST CRITICAL TO YOUR
DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. WE KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT WE CANNOT
SOLVE OVERNIGHT THE GREAT PROBLEMS WE ALL FACE, BUT WE BELIEVE
THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF
DEVELOPMENT -- BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL TRAINING, BY ALERTING
YOU TO NEW DISCOVERIES, AND BY MAKING OUR BEST TOOLS READILY
AVAILABLE.

WE LIVE IN A WORLD MUCH LIKE THAT OF OUR ANCESTORS --

FILLED WITH DANGERS, BUT BLESSED WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING

TO STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME THEM. TOGETHER WE WILL FACE AND

SUCCESSFULLY DEAL WITH THESE CHALLENGES.

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