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SIGNING OF S. 3735 - Swine Flu Immunization

THE PROCEEDINGS HAS BEGUN...

SECRETARY MATHEWS

CONGRESSMAN CARTER

DR. COOPER

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

TALKING POINTS FOR THE SWINE FLU PROGRAM SIGNING STATEMENT

*I deeply appreciate particularly one B*  
~~I AM GRATIFIED~~ THAT THE CONGRESS, AS THEIR FINAL ACTIONS  
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~~LAST NIGHT~~ BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED RECESS, SENT TO ME FOR

SIGNATURE ~~S 3725~~, THE NATIONAL SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION

PROGRAM OF 1976.

THIS PROGRAM WILL PERMIT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE

APPROPRIATE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR THOSE WHO MANUFACTURE,

DISTRIBUTE AND ADMINISTER THIS ~~POTENTIALLY~~ LIFE-SAVING VACCINE.

THE PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES A CLAIMS PROCEDURE FOR THOSE

WHO MIGHT BE INJURED.

SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL EVIDENCE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT

THE NEED FOR A SWINE FLU INOCULATION PROGRAM.

A VACCINE

HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THAT IS BOTH SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

WITH A VERY LOW RISK OF ADVERSE REACTIONS.

I HAVE DIRECTED THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION

AND WELFARE TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THIS

VACCINE AVAILABLE TO ALL AMERICANS.

I STRONGLY REAFFIRM

MY COMMITMENT TO THIS PROGRAM, WHICH WILL AFFORD MILLIONS

OF AMERICANS PROTECTION AGAINST AN OUTBREAK OF SWINE FLU

THIS WINTER.

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