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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . . .

REMARKS FOR SWEARING-IN OF DR. STEVER,  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1976

I WELCOME THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP TO THE  
CABINET ROOM AND TO THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

TODAY I AM ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, RETURNING FULL TIME SCIENTIFIC  
AND TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE DIRECTOR OF THAT OFFICE, WHO WILL ALSO SERVE  
AS ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
IS ONE OF THE MOST EMINENT SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS AND  
ENGINEERS IN AMERICA -- DR. GUYFORD STEVER (STEE-VER).

DR. STEVER HAS SERVED WITH GREAT DISTINCTION ON  
THE FACULTY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,  
AS PRESIDENT OF CARNEGIE-MELLON UNIVERSITY, AND AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

HE BRINGS TO THIS OFFICE A DEGREE OF EXPERTISE  
AND A BREADTH OF EXPERIENCE FULLY EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGING  
DEMANDS OF HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, WHO FIRST BROUGHT SCIENTIFIC  
ADVICE TO THE WHITE HOUSE TWO DECADES AGO, RECOGNIZED THE  
ESSENTIAL EVER-INCREASING ROLES WHICH SCIENCE, ENGINEERING,  
AND TECHNOLOGY PLAY IN OUR MODERN-DAY SOCIETY. IN THE  
YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED, THOSE ROLES HAVE BECOME EVEN  
MORE SIGNIFICANT.

AMERICA HAS LONG BEEN A WORLD LEADER IN THESE  
IMPORTANT AREAS. AT THIS VERY MOMENT ON THE PLANET MARS,  
VIKING I IS DRAMATICALLY CONTINUING THIS TRADITION OF  
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

WE HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO EXPLORE MANY UNCHARTED FRONTIERS OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, AND THAT EXPLORATION HAS ENRICHED OUR SOCIETY IN GREAT MEASURE.

IN ESTABLISHING THIS WHITE HOUSE OFFICE, IT IS MY INTENTION TO APPLY THE KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE GAINED TO THE POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE OUR PURSUIT OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF AMERICANS, OUR DETERMINATION TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS FOR AMERICANS, AND A BROAD RANGE OF OTHER ISSUES.

UNDER DR. STEVER, THIS OFFICE WILL SERVE AS AN  
ACTIVE, INFLUENTIAL FORCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT,  
AND AS EVIDENCE OF MY COMMITMENT TO DRAW UPON THE  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY IN  
ACHIEVING OUR NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

I HAVE SUCH HIGH HOPES AND GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR  
THIS OFFICE UNDER DR. STEVER'S DIRECTION, I WANT HIM TO GET  
TO WORK RIGHT AWAY.

I WELCOME YOU, DR. STEVER, AS A SENIOR  
PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR.

SO WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, LET ME INTRODUCE  
THE VICE PRESIDENT, WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE  
CREATION OF THIS OFFICE AND WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE  
OATH OF OFFICE.

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