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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

LABOR DAY ASSUMES A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN
OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

THIS YEAR WE AMERICANS DISCOVERED A RENEWED
SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE AND UNITY -- A SPIRIT BUILT, IN LARGE
MEASURE, UPON THE EFFORTS AND DREAMS OF AMERICA'S
WORKERS.

AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN MORE THAN JUST A
NATION -- IT HAS BEEN THE FULFILLMENT OF PROMISE.
BECAUSE AMERICANS OF EVERY GENERATION ROLLED UP THEIR
SLEEVES AND WENT TO WORK, BECAUSE OF THAT WE GROW
STRONGER EVERY DAY.

LABOR DAY STANDS FOR AMERICA'S GREATEST
NATURAL RESOURCE, NOT ITS MINERALS, ITS TIMBER, OR
ITS FARMLAND ... BUT ITS PEOPLE. AMERICANS WHO GET UP

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EARLY EVERY DAY AND GO HOME TIRED EVERY NIGHT,
QUIETLY CREATING A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND
FELLOW CITIZENS.

TODAY 88 MILLION AMERICANS ARE ON THE JOB --
MORE THAN EVER BEFORE IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY. BUT WE
CANNOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL EVERY AMERICAN WHO WANTS ^{TO WORK} ~~A JOB~~
HAS A MEANINGFUL ^{AND} PRODUCTIVE JOB. ~~TO FILL.~~ WITH THE HELP
OF THE DYNAMIC AMERICAN LABOR FORCE WE WILL ACHIEVE THAT
GOAL OF FULL EMPLOYMENT.

SO TO YOU THE WORKERS OF AMERICA -- WHETHER
YOU WORK IN FACTORIES, FARMS, OFFICES, STORES OR CONSTRUCTION
SITES -- CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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