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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TAPING FOR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CHRISTMAS SHOW

FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1976
I AM PLEASED AND HONORED TO AGAIN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY

TO EXTEND MY WARMEST HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON DRAWNS TO A CLOSE ONE OF THE

MOST SIGNIFICANT YEARS IN AMERICA'S HISTORY -- A YEAR

OF REDEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THIS GREAT

NATION WAS FOUNDED -- A YEAR IN WHICH AMERICANS DISCOVERED

A RENEWED SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE AND UNITY, -- AND A YEAR

OF PRIDE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

YOU AND YOUR FELLOW VETERANS HAVE A PARTICULAR RIGHT

TO BE PROUD.
YOUR SACRIFICE, AND THE SACRIFICE ENDURED BY THE COUNTLESS BRAVE AMERICANS WHO CAME BEFORE YOU, MADE IT POSSIBLE TO CELEBRATE OUR 200TH BIRTHDAY IN PEACE AND FREEDOM.

THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF YOUR PREDECESSORS WON A REVOLUTION AND PRESERVED OUR REPUBLIC. YOUR PERSEVERANCE HAS KEPT THE PEACE AND ENSURED US A HERITAGE OF FREEDOM.

I KNOW ALL AMERICANS JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU.
WE ALSO JOIN IN WISHING THAT THE COMING YEAR BRINGS
YOU THE JOYS OF GOOD HEALTH AND THAT YOU CAN BE REUNITED
WITH YOUR LOVED ONES. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

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