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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 DRAWS 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.

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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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