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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Most of us become so involved in trying to find solutions to the serious problems that we face today that we sometimes lose sight of the developments that hold promise for a better tomorrow.

The small segment of a crystal grown in space aboard the Skylab Space ~~Station~~ last January which was presented to me today is a reminder that we should raise our sights to the broadening horizon available to us through our national investment in science and technology.

The experiment aboard Skylab demonstrates that it is possible to grow crystals in space in the absence of gravity--crystals that are more perfect than the earth-grown variety. It was one of several experiments to determine whether superior materials can be produced in space.

But beyond its scientific value and the potential applications for this new knowledge, this successful demonstration serves as a useful reminder of the contributions that science and technology make toward improving and enriching our daily lives and building a broader foundation for an even better tomorrow.

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