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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON RECEIVING THE
ANNUAL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
REPORT TO THE NATION

THE OVAL OFFICE

4:23 P.M. EST

Let me thank you, Arch and Eldon and Jeff and Dave and Larry, for coming here to represent scouting.

I have many fond personal memories of scouting going back a good many years, not only as a scout -- they didn't have Cub Scouts in those days -- but also as a participant in the senior activities of scouting.

I think the fact that 60 million young men have participated over a period of 66 years is indicative of the strength that scouting has contributed to a better America. I just hope that scouting goes on forever because it is a great contributor to all of what we stand for in this country.

I hope that in the future there will be many Presidents who will be honored, as I have been, by your presentations today and I thank you, Jeff, and David and Larry, Arch, as well as all of you.

This has been a fine opportunity not only to meet you but all of these outstanding young men and women who are here in the Oval Office on this occasion.

Good luck.

END (AT 4:26 P.M. EST)