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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I am today announcing my intention to convene the White House Conference on Library and Information Services provided for in Public Law 93-568. Realization of the full potential of this conference lies in the hands of dedicated professionals working day to day in this area. These individuals will make the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services a successful and productive event.

The challenge confronting those who provide information services to the public is one of harnessing modern technology. Telecommunications, computers, and micrographics must be further employed to reduce the costs of making information more widely accessible and improving the speed and accuracy with which source materials can be supplied. The librarian of today's space age serves a profession and a public more demanding and exacting than ever before.

Within the next few months I will request from the Congress the appropriations necessary to fund the conference and announce my appointments for the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. It is my hope that the White House Conference on Library and Information Services will through its State, territorial and national assemblies provide the impetus for advancing the quality of America's informational services.

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