



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

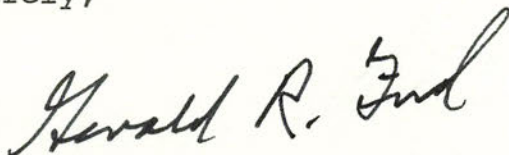
On behalf of the American people, I want to thank you for the many Swiss contributions to the celebration of our Bicentennial. I am grateful for these expressions of the deep and close friendship between the peoples of the United States and Switzerland.

The variety of thoughtful ways that Switzerland has chosen to help us mark this special occasion is testimony to the many ways in which the Swiss throughout history have contributed to important aspects of our political, economic and cultural development. The exhibitions on transportation, toys, prominent Swiss figures in American history, and works of Swiss artists were most interesting and impressive.

We are also very happy that a number of Swiss performing groups are participating in the Bicentennial celebrations. I especially want to thank the Government and people of Switzerland for the generous contribution of three scholarships for American students in Switzerland, a project which so well reflects the closeness of our ties.

On behalf of the people of the United States, I ask you to extend our best wishes and sincere gratitude to the people of your country. I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your thoughtful message on the occasion of our Independence Day.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Rudolf Gnaegi
President of the Swiss Confederation
Bern

