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MEMORIAL DAY STATEMENT

IT IS APPROPRIATE ON MEMORIAL DAY, WHEN WE TRADITIONALLY HONOR THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPRMEM SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN WAR, THAT WE ESPECIALLY REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED -- IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER FOR POW'S, I HEARD THE PRESIDENT NIXON'S WORDS OF SPECIAL PRAISE, NOT ONLY FOR THE FORMER PRISONERS, BUT FOR THOSE KILLED, WOUNDED AND FOR THOSE STILL MISSING IN ACTION IN VIETNAM.

I AGREE WITH HIM. WE ALL OWE ALL WHO SERVED, THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDENTS, ^{not} ONLY OUR THANKS BUT OUR PLEDGE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AMERICA A GREAT NATION, WORTHY OF THE SACRIFICE THEY MADE.