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Hadassah, August 12, 1976

I'm delighted to welcome the National Board of Hadassah (Ha-da-sah), and I look forward to meeting each of you personally. I know what a hard-working and fine organization Hadassah is, and I share your special areas of interest: health, education and child welfare.

Your humanitarian efforts are so inspiring. Your magnificent medical work in Israel has saved countless lives and helped build bridges of communication between peoples. I'm so impressed with the many medical facilities for healing and teaching that you support.

Your involvement with young people in Israel and America has strengthened both countries. I especially admire your efforts to preserve Jewish heritage and culture, because religious faith is so important in the lives of individuals and nations.

The President and I have been honored by being recognized in the Bicentennial National Park in Israel---which is also one of your interests.

You are doing so much to help others, and I feel a special bond with you and your work.

I'm so glad you came today.

(PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION AND BOOK)