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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 11, 1974

GOOD AFTERNOON, BOYS AND GIRLS AND THE YOUNG IN HEART,  
REGARDLESS OF AGE--WELCOME TO OUR WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY. THIS  
HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR FOR PEOPLE ALL OVER THE  
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GIVING. AND THIS AFTERNOON--A TIME FOR JUST HAVING FUN.

AND SO, WE HAVE GOODIES TO EAT, PRETTY ORNAMENTS TO SEE,  
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I HEAR THERE IS GOING TO BE A SURPRISE--I WON'T KEEP YOU WAITING  
EITHER. OUR FIRST SURPRISE IS A MARVELOUS MAGICIAN AND A MAN OF  
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*who has visited in many of your  
very own countries  
through out the world-*

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THANK YOU, MR. RANDI.

OUR NEXT SURPRISE IS A JOLLY OLD GENTLEMAN. LIKE MANY OF YOU  
HERE TODAY, HE COMES FROM A LAND THAT'S VERY FAR AWAY--THE NORTH  
POLE. CAN YOU GUESS WHO IT IS? THAT'S RIGHT! AND HERE HE IS  
RIGHT NOW!

## CLOSING

I HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED OUR SURPRISES--I KNOW I HAVE.

I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY I WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRIES AND SEE HOW YOU CELEBRATE THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR. UNTIL THEN, THE PRESIDENT AND OUR FAMILY WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A NEW YEAR BLESSED WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

AS I PROMISED, WE HAVE PUNCH AND COOKIES FOR EACH OF YOU IN THE STATE DINING ROOM.

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