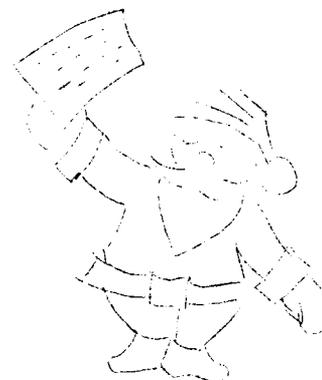




PRESIDENT NIXON'S
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE



THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON
TO MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND STATE DEPARTMENT
WAS ISSUED DECEMBER 21:

In the traditional spirit of Christmas, Mrs. Nixon and I send our warmest wishes to the men and women of the Foreign Service and Department of State.

The season of the Prince of Peace should remind all Americans of the dedication of our fellow citizens who have in the year gone by advanced the cause of peace and good will among men.

Our nation is proud of its devoted representatives in foreign lands and grateful for the contributions you are making to the kind of world community to which the best efforts of all Americans are committed.

Over the years Mrs. Nixon and I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at home and abroad. We have many fine memories of your thoughtful assistance and gracious hospitality during our visits, and we have observed with admiration your untiring efforts in carrying out your demanding tasks.

We join in the wish that each of you may find a sense of renewed hope and encouragement in the spirit of Christmas, and that these will remain with you throughout the coming year to fortify you in the essential work of peace and progress for all mankind.