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I congratulate the six winners of the President's Safety Awards and recipients of honorable mention. They have most dramatically enlisted in our war against waste -- waste of a most cherished resource. I mean the men and the women of the Federal civilian service.

I share with all of you my determination to reduce needless work casualties. They bring tragic

suffering and loss to their families, to their communities and to the Nation.

We know a great deal about how to prevent job injuries. But they still continue to happen. They constitute the most senseless kind of waste. They must be stopped.

I initiated Mission SAFETY-70 last February as a first step. The goal is to reduce Federal employees' injuries and their costs 30 per cent by 1970. I shall be satisfied with nothing less than success.

To all Federal Administrators, therefore, I send this message: I shall expect next year that each of you will report substantial progress toward our 1970 goal. This is a personal obligation for each of us. We owe it to the men and women who serve the Nation. We owe it to the Nation they serve.



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