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On December 31, 1976, we ended one of the most significant years in the history of the Force - the year-long celebration of our Nation's 200th birthday.

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The upsurge in visitation throughout the National Park Syste.n, especially related to the Bicentennial celebration, placed many demands upon Force members. Because of its national monuments, memorials and parklands, Washington, D.C. was a prime attraction for both citizens and foreign visitors. The July 4th celebration alone attracted over one million visitors.

The Force met the challenge of increased visitation by providing the visitors to the Nation's Capital, national recreation areas in New York and San Francisco, and selected national parks with the high-quality service they have come to expect.

As we reflect on the past year, we all share a deep sense of pride in the performance of all units of the Force. This Bicentennial edition of our publication is dedicated to each member of the Force in gratitude for a job well done.









An expanded Aide program freed officers from many routine duties



Annual parades emphasized the Bicentennial theme - the July 3rd parade was one of the largest ever









.. The 1976 St. Patrick's Day Parade The 1976 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade The Annual Safety Patrol Parade ..















Police activities







Freedom of speech was reaffirmed in many ways during the Bicentennial











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..... Demonstrations, Saturday, May 1, 1976

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The Festival of American Folklife - entertainment, education, cultural heritage

......President Ford's visit to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.....









Visitor assistance continues to be foremost in Force activities





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Special entertainment activities



Special recreation activities

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Foreign leaders participate in the celebration

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Federal Republic of Germany



The visit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel	
The visit of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain	21
Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Boston National Historical Park	



Short duration special events for visitors

......The official visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



Local Force and community activities

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July 4th celebration - Washington Monument grounds



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..... The fireworks display at the Capitol Reflecting Pool





After the celebration, the return to normal

to Camp David



18, 1976

..... Demonstrations, Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September













