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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION
December 25, 1999
(1 minute)**

THE PRESIDENT: On this holiest of holidays, Hillary and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. This is a season of joy, a time for family and friends to rejoice in one another's company, in the wonder and excitement of our children, and in the spirit of Christmas.

This is also the season of peace. On behalf of all Americans, I'd also like to send a special greeting to the brave men and women in uniform who are serving our country in lands far from home. Thank you for the greatest gift of the season – for protecting our nation and safeguarding the blessings we hold dear.

MRS. CLINTON: At this time of year, when the nights grow longer, our lives are brightened and our hearts are warmed by the lights of Christmas – and in the special gifts it brings: the love that warms our hearts, the faith that lights our journey, the hope that promises us a bright tomorrow.

THE PRESIDENT: At the dawn of a new millennium, there's no better time than now to reflect on our hopes, our dreams and the gifts we want to leave to the future. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and may God bless you all.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION
December 25, 1998
(30 seconds)**

THE PRESIDENT: On this joyous occasion, Hillary and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Tonight, as we gather around our Christmas trees and dinner tables, let us take the time to give thanks to the blessings of the year just passed, to rejoice in our children, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

MRS. CLINTON: The twinkle of a child's eye, the joy of a grandmother's laughter, the love in the hearts of mothers and fathers for their children -- all these blessings are unwrapped on Christmas morning.

THE PRESIDENT: May the spirit of the season be with you today and throughout the new year. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God bless you all.

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We give thanks to America's men and women in uniform – who are spending this holiday protecting freedom around the world.

MRS. CLINTON: And we also remember those who are too often left behind. Because Christmas isn't just about getting gifts – it's about the miracle of giving them.

As we enjoy our last Christmas in the White House, the President, Chelsea and I are profoundly grateful for the gift you've given our family -- the privilege to serve your family these last eight years.

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