

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1980

I congratulate the members of the American Canoe Association across our country on the one hundredth anniversary of your founding.

Your excellent work in promoting healthful outdoor recreation and the conservation of America's rivers and lakes deserves recognition. I am particularly pleased to hear about your close cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard to increase safety of canoe sports. We need more joint efforts like this between government and private organizations to help us reduce red tape and avoid over-regulation.

I have fond memories of canoeing with members of the ACA on the Chattahoochee and Chattooga Rivers in Georgia, and I look forward to the time when our national efforts to clean up our waters will make such opportunities available to every citizen.

