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## THE PRESIDENT

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- Thank you all very much. I am pleased to welcome back President and Mrs. Carter to the Oval Office. We are also honored to be joined by five distinguished Americans and Ambassador Jan Eliasson from the Swedish Embassy. Thank you, sir, for being here as well.

## THE PRESIDENT

- President Carter, I want to say a special word of congratulations to you. Throughout the world you have promoted the cause of human rights. And throughout your career you have been a man of great decency and integrity. Congratulations and welcome back.

- Today we honor our nation's 2002 Nobel Laureates. We congratulate you for receiving this prestigious award. And we celebrate you for bringing honor to your field and to your country. And what better place to congratulate you than right here in the White House.

After all, the West Wing was conceived and built by America's first Nobel Laureate, Theodore Roosevelt.

- And each one of you can be proud that you are carrying on the proud tradition that Roosevelt began nearly 100 years ago. Your research, leadership, and service have won you the praise of your peers and the respect of your country. You have demonstrated again that America truly is a great nation because it is home to great people.

## THE PRESIDENT

- So congratulations on receiving the Nobel Prize. Your work has made a difference. Your success has made us proud. May God bless all of you. And may God bless America.