

## U.S. Presidential Milestone Congratulatory Letters to SMPTE



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1986

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to the members of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers on the occasion of your National Conference.

Thirty years ago in Redwood City, California, a six-man team of Ampex engineers developed the world's first practical videotape recorder. Their brilliant technological breakthrough is yet another example of how American inventiveness and the "can do" spirit has helped revolutionize the communications industry. Today, half the homes in America have at least one videocassette recorder and television broadcasters and producers throughout the world depend on this modern miracle of technology.

Your organization is to be commended for its dedication to the advancement of communications technologies and the creation of worldwide standards of technical excellence. It is our fervent hope that you will do all that you can to encourage the continued development and wholesome use of this marvelous invention.

Nancy joins me in saluting our six technological pioneers and in wishing you a successful and memorable conference.

God bless you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan".

Sent to Harold J. Eady, SMPTE President,  
at 128th Conference in New York City  
to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the  
videotape recorder machine invented by Ampex  
and presented to Charles Steinberg, President of Ampex.

# CONGRATULATIONS

to the Society of  
Motion Picture and Television Engineers

*on 100 years of dedicated service to the development  
of standards in support of the creation and postproduction  
of motion images.*



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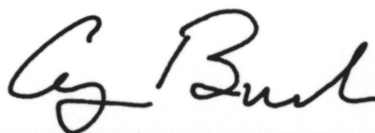
August 20, 1991

I am delighted to send warm greetings to all those who are gathered in Los Angeles to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. A special welcome to our friends from abroad.

Film and television are among the most popular and influential media in the world today. From television coverage of the Persian Gulf War to the latest movies, the work of your profession touches nearly everyone's lives. Your commitment to continuing education and to the exchange of information not only benefits viewers but also contributes to the success of this vital industry.

The Society's efforts to develop and to maintain industry standards are both forward-looking and commendable, as are your activities in higher education. As you may know, my Administration's National Educational Strategy is designed to ensure that all American students acquire the knowledge and skills -- including the technical skills -- that are needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive and interdependent world. You can play an important role in helping us to fulfill that strategy. I have every confidence that your commitment to excellence will help to guide our Nation to a new golden age of technological achievement.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a productive and enjoyable conference.



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December 28, 1995

Congratulations to the members of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers as you celebrate your organization's eightieth anniversary.

Since their invention, motion pictures and television have become the preeminent entertainment and communications media of the twentieth century, forever changing the way we view and understand our world and ourselves. Today, the magic of film and television transcends international boundaries, informing and entertaining, stimulating thought and reflection, and stirring the imagination.

All of you can be proud of your long-standing contributions to the success of these remarkable industries. Ensuring the highest standards of excellence in film and media integration, SMPTE members have served to advance our cultural heritage for the better part of the twentieth century. I salute all of you for your precision, your dedication to your work, and your commitment to progress.

Best wishes for a wonderful anniversary year.

*Bill Clinton*

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June 1, 2016

I send my regards as you celebrate your organization's 100th anniversary.

Throughout the American story, each generation has continued the unending work of building a better future and making our Nation more just and more equal. By joining in a spirit of common purpose and contributing to shared progress, you are helping drive America forward. As you reflect on your achievements, I hope you take pride in the difference you have made in the lives of others.

Congratulations on all you have accomplished. I wish you the very best in the years ahead as you continue working to forge an ever brighter tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which is Barack Obama's signature. It is a stylized cursive script that begins with a large 'O' and ends with a long horizontal line.