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PRESS MEMO

The nation's most extensive Bicentennial effort undertaken by any ethnic group on a purely voluntary basis will take place on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25.

At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, a 22-foot high bronze and granite monument will be unveiled in Fairmount Park opposite the East Wing of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

On Sunday, 24 outstanding Armenian-Americans (see attached list) will receive "Awards For Excellence" at a special presentation banquet.

We hope you will plan to cover these events which are the culmination of a nationwide effort by all Armenians of American ancestry.

WHO: Mayor Frank L. Rizzo, officials of the Armenian Bicentennial Commemoration Committee, Inc., noted Armenian-Americans across the nation, and Philadelphia's Armenian-American community.

WHAT: On behalf of the nation, Mayor Rizzo will accept the monument of the legendary figure of "Mehér" from M. George Mooradian, Esq., and 24 outstanding Armenian-Americans will be presented with "Awards For Excellence."

WHEN: Monument to be unveiled at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 24.

At 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 25, a press conference will be held with recipients of the "Awards For Excellence."

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WHERE: Monument to be unveiled in Fairmount Park opposite East Wing of Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Press Conference to be held at Marriott Hotel, City Line Avenue, Philadelphia.

WHY: As an expression of thanks to America from the nation's Americans of Armenian ancestry.

NOTE: A phone call acknowledging your intentions to provide coverage would be appreciated. Please call John Codella, WA 3-5400.

RECIPIENTS OF BICENTENNIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Lucine Amara	Operatic Arts
Emik Avakian	Science
Lili Chookasian	Operatic Arts
Mike Connors	Dramatic Arts
Khoren Der Harootian	Fine Arts
Colonel Ernest Dervishian	For Service to His Country
Arlene Francis	Dramatic Arts
David Hedison	Dramatic Arts
Alan Hovhaness	Music
Hirair Hovnanian	Business & Industry
Rouben Mamoulian	Cinematic Arts
Alex Manoogian	Business & Industry
Edward Mardigian	Business & Industry
George Mardikian	Business & Industry
Stephen Mugar	Business & Industry
Ara Parseghian	Athletics
Sarkes Tarzian	Business & Industry
Rouben Ter-Arutunian	Theatrical Design
William Saroyan	Literary Arts
Richard Yardumian	Music
Avedis Zildjian	Musical Arts
Barry Zorthian	Journalism

Posthumous Awards:

Harry A. Kuljian	Business & Industry
Stephen Philibosian	Business & Industry