

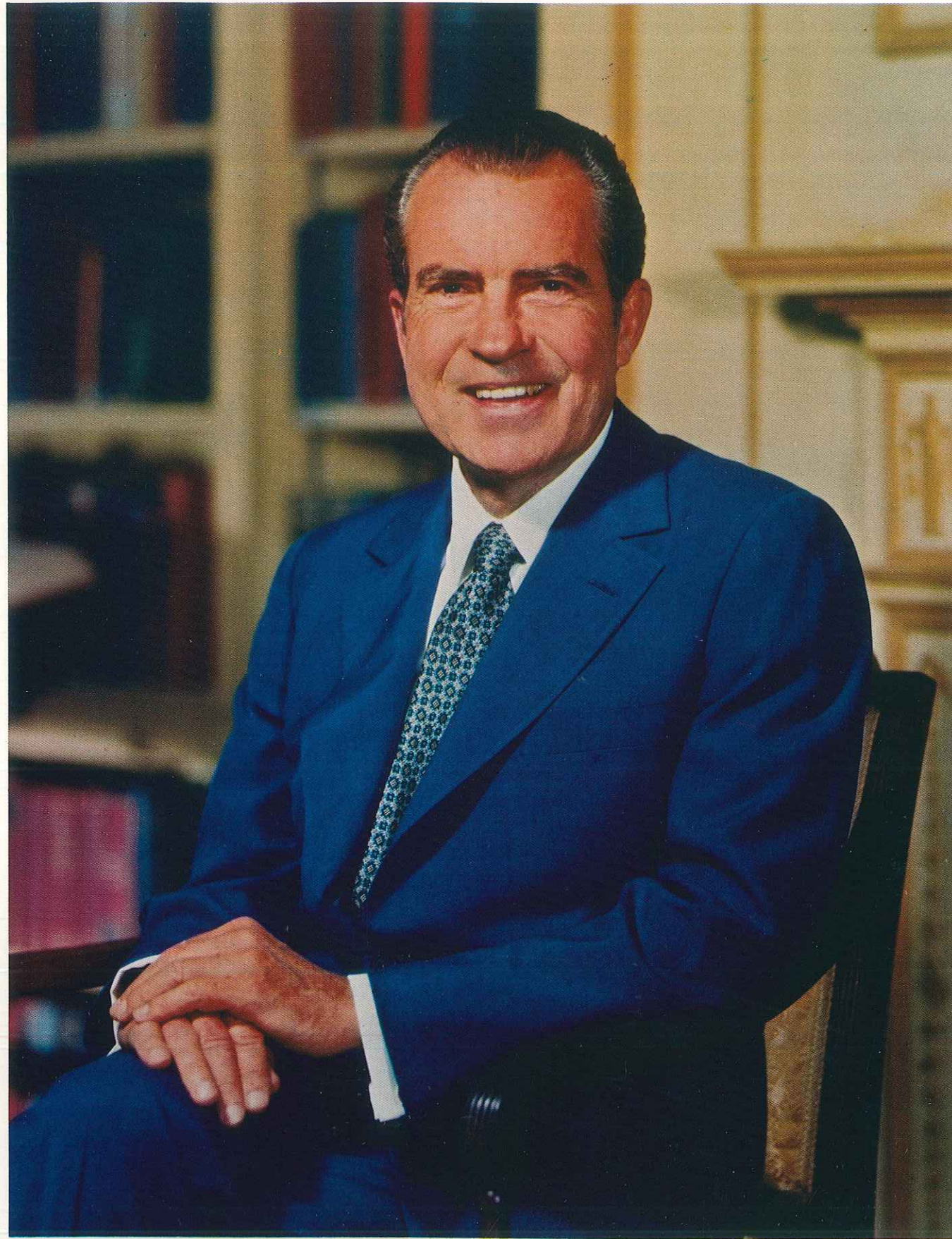
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On behalf of all of us in the official Government family, may I extend a warm welcome to each guest and participant in this Inaugural Week 1973.

This is the forty-seventh time in our history that Americans have gathered to solemnize and celebrate the orderly transfer or continuance of the Executive power in accord with the will of the people. Few events in our national life offer a grander spectacle of democracy in action or a more colorful portrait of the American people in moods both festive and thoughtful.

I hope that the activities of this inauguration will make it a joyous and memorable time for each of you—as it surely should be, considering the excellent preparations made under the leadership of Chairman Bill Marriott and the Inaugural Committee and outlined in this program book.

Most of all, I hope you will take home a new resolve to let the Spirit of '76 animate our American experience in the years ahead even more richly than it has before. In this, the Vice President and I and our colleagues in the Administration are pledged to do our utmost. We look forward to sharing with you in man's greatest adventure of all—freedom.

*Richard Nixon*