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LADIES OF THE SENATE LUNCHEON

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1985

-- WEREN'T THEY WONDERFUL!

-- THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR BRINGING A BIT OF HISTORY BACK INTO OUR LIVES TODAY. I MUST SAY, THE SETTING SEEMED PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE.

-- I KNOW YOU ALL JOIN ME IN WISHING THESE PERFORMERS GREAT SUCCESS AS THEY SET OUT TO PRESENT "TEDDY AND ALICE" TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. AND, IF RUMOR IS CORRECT, THEY WILL START AT THE

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KENNEDY CENTER NEXT SEASON, PRIOR TO OPENING ON BROADWAY.

-- WE WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS.

-- THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING ME TODAY.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT REMARKS

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1985

-- THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND MAKING THIS TENNIS BENEFIT SO MUCH FUN AND SUCH A SUCCESS. I SEE THAT I HAD BETTER START PRACTICING MY SERVE WITH THIS NEW RACQUET SO I'LL BE IN GOOD FORM FOR THE NEXT ONE!

-- I'M THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT THE ENERGY YOU HAVE EXPENDED TODAY HAS RAISED OVER \$400,000 TO GO TOWARD THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE. I CAN'T EXPRESS TO YOU HOW WONDERFUL

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THAT MAKES ME FEEL AND HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

-- I'D NOW LIKE TO PRESENT A PORTION OF THESE MONIES, ON BEHALF OF THE NANCY REAGAN DRUG ABUSE FUND FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, TO TWO ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELPING IN OUR BATTLE FOR MANY YEARS.

-- FIRST, DR. MITCHELL ROSENTHAL AND HIS YOUNG FRIENDS FROM PHOENIX HOUSE IN NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA. I AM PLEASED TO PASS ON THIS CHECK, FOR \$50,000 TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR FINE WORK WITH

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YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY.

-- AND SECONDLY, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP RON CLARK AND HIS FRIENDS FROM RAP, INC. FROM RIGHT HERE IN WASHINGTON. RON, I HOPE THIS CHECK FOR \$50,000 WILL HELP YOU AND YOUR STAFF CONTINUE WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR PROGRAM.

-- AS YOU KNOW, THESE TREATMENT CENTERS COULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT FUNDS, HOWEVER, MONEY ALONE CAN'T SOLVE THE DRUG PROBLEM. OUR CHILDREN NEED OUR DEDICATION, OUR LEADERSHIP, AND MOST OF

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ALL, THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT WE CARE FOR THEM AND LOVE THEM. WE CAN ALL HELP IN THIS EFFORT TO SAVE THEM FROM THIS EPIDEMIC AND I THANK EACH OF YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TODAY.

-- NOW, I'M SURE AFTER ALL THIS ACTIVITY EVERYONE HAS WORKED UP AN APPETITE, SO I INVITE YOU TO JOIN MY ROOMMATE AND ME FOR SOME DINNER. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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