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DRAFT REMARKS FOR INVEST IN AMERICA LUNCHEON - May 5, 1987

-- Thank you for that warm reception. And I want to thank "Invest in America" for honoring me today. I know of the great leaders, including someone with my last name, who have received this same award -- and its a bit overwhelming. I certainly don't put myself on their plane, but I believe that the reason you honor me -- my campaign against drug abuse -- is just as important as anything previous recipients have discussed.

-- Many of you in this audience have a tremendous influence on our society, so I hope you don't mind if I take this opportunity to do a little lobbying. Over the past years, I've become more and more involved in the fight against drug abuse. I've seen how it tears at individual lives, families and our country as a whole. And as all of you know, it costs all of us billions each year in lost time in the workplace, illness, accidents and corruption. Drug abuse threatens to destroy everything Invest in America ~~stands~~ ^{stands} for.

-- This problem concerns our younger generations, but it also concerns us. And most importantly, it concerns you -- because of who you are. Ladies and gentlemen, you are in positions where you can make a difference.

-- We all know that the government can't solve the problem alone. It can help, but no single piece of legislation, no committee or no convention will solve it. The government isn't going to sit up at the kitchen table all night long, ^{argues Red a Meg,} or sponsor drug-free parties across the nation.

We, parents and citizens, have to solve the problem.

-- ~~But~~ when you are faced with an issue concerning drug abuse, ^{We must} ~~you can~~ remember ^{those lost to} the lost souls of those on drugs, the recent teen suicides, ^{the} ~~those~~ children crying out for help. And ^{we must} ~~you can~~ make sure every constituent ~~of yours~~, every client, friend, parent and young person ~~you know~~ understands that illegal drug use is ^{unacceptable} ~~inexcusable~~ anywhere, anytime by anybody. We must create an intolerant attitude, and you are the ones people will listen to *because you have influence.*

-- I've said for years that if we could get the kids involved we could solve the problem that much easier. Encourage the establishment of "Just Say No" clubs and help provide alternatives for our young people. Help them understand that drugs will only hurt them.

-- In this year of the bicentennial of our constitution we must re-dedicate ourselves to the values which led our forefathers to ~~so eloquently~~ author that ~~precious~~ document. In their words, the purpose of the constitution was to "secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity . . ."

-- Well, I can think of no better year to dedicate ourselves to the fight against drugs. By doing this we dedicate ourselves to our children, our future and the liberty and prosperity of America. We can't ~~just~~ sit by and let drugs take all that away.

-- Again, thank you for inviting me and for the American Eagle Award. God bless you.

REMARKS FOR INVEST IN AMERICA LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1987

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-- THIS PROBLEM CONCERNS OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS, BUT IT ALSO CONCERNS US. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT CONCERNS YOU -- BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE. YOU ARE IN POSITIONS WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

-- WE ALL KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM ALONE. IT CAN HELP, BUT NO SINGLE PIECE OF LEGISLATION, NO COMMITTEE OR NO CONVENTION WILL SOLVE IT. THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T GOING TO SIT AT THE KITCHEN TABLE ALL NIGHT LONG OR GIVE A KID A

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-- AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME AND FOR THE AMERICAN
EAGLE AWARD. GOD BLESS YOU.

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REMARKS FOR CONGRESSIONAL WIVES' LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1987

-- THANK YOU FOR THAT VERY WARM RECEPTION, AND FOR THIS SPECIAL GIFT. TALK ABOUT BRINGING BACK MEMORIES!

-- I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AGAIN. I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO THIS EVENT BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY HAVE TO DO ANYTHING BUT SIT BACK, RELAX, AND ENJOY MYSELF. THAT'S SOMETHING WE ALL NEED ONCE IN A WHILE.

-- I ESPECIALLY LIKE YOUR THEME THIS YEAR. THERE ARE ENOUGH MEMORIES AND STORIES IN THIS ROOM ABOUT OUR LIVES IN WASHINGTON

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TO FILL A LIBRARY. I HOPE THAT IN A COUPLE OF YEARS I'LL BE ABLE TO PUT A BOOK ON THAT LIBRARY SHELF.

-- I DO HAVE MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF OUR TIMES IN WASHINGTON. HISTORICAL TIMES LIKE THE SUMMIT IN GENEVA, AND THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY, AND THEN THE TIMES I'VE HAD JUST PLAIN FUN, LIKE CONDUCTING THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SINGING WITH MARY MARTIN, GOING AWAY, AND PLAYING GOLF WITH JACK NICKLAUS.

-- IN YEARS TO COME, THOUGH, THE BEST AND MOST REWARDING
MEMORIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME FROM MY WORK WITH THE DRUG ABUSE
PROGRAMS. THE SUCCESS OF THE "JUST SAY NO" MOVEMENT IS VERY
SATISFYING AND I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU WHO IS INVOLVED.

-- ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND I LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

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