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TALKING POINTS FOR USO DINNER  
MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 29, 1987

-- GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU, AND OUR DISTINGUISHED HONOREES.

-- WHEN MY HUSBAND WAS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, I USED TO VISIT THE VETERAN'S HOSPITALS VERY FREQUENTLY. FROM THAT EXPERIENCE, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE USO AND WHAT A WONDERFUL HELP YOU ARE TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES.

-- TO ME, THE USO REPRESENTS THE FINEST THERE IS IN AMERICAN VOLUNTEERISM. FOR 45 YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN THERE TO GIVE OUR

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MILITARY FAMILIES A HOME AWAY FROM HOME, AND THE BEST THERE IS IN SUPPORT WHEN THEY NEED A HELPING HAND. AND IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THEY CERTAINLY DESERVE THE BEST WE CAN GIVE THEM.

-- I WAS VERY PROUD TO RECEIVE YOUR "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD IN 1982. AND THIS YEAR, I'M PROUD TO KNOW THAT YOUR LADY OF HONOR IS HANNALORE KOHL.

-- MRS. KOHL IS NO STRANGER TO THE USO. SHE HAS WORKED WITH U.S. SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS NOW,

HELPING TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND PROVIDE A WARM ENVIRONMENT FOR THEM  
IN GERMANY.

-- I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE PETTY OFFICER VERNON DEAN HANSON,  
THE RECIPIENT OF THE C. HASKELL SMALL AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM.

-- THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN REPLACE THE CARE AND CONCERN ONE  
CITIZEN HAS FOR ANOTHER. IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE  
LIKE YOU WILL BE THERE WHEN HELP IS NEEDED. PLEASE ACCEPT MY  
HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS.

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-- AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU THIS EVENING.  
GOD BLESS YOU.

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