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MRS. REAGAN'S REMARKS  
LADIES OF THE SENATE LUNCHEON  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1988

-- THANK YOU AND AS ALWAYS, I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE WITH YOU.

-- I'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME LATELY SAYING GOOD-BYE TO VARIOUS GROUPS THAT I'M INVOLVED WITH AND SPEAK TO EVERY YEAR. I'M HAPPY, HOWEVER, THAT I CAN PUT OFF OUR GOOD-BYES SINCE YOU'LL BE MY GUESTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN A FEW WEEKS.

-- WE ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON, AND THAT'S BEING A POLITICAL WIFE. NO MATTER WHAT OUR BELIEFS ARE, OR ON WHICH SIDE OF THE FENCE WE STAND, WE ALL SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF UPROOTING OUR HOMES AND MOVING TO WASHINGTON. IT'S TRAUMATIC LEAVING FRIENDS AND FAMILY BEHIND. BUT I CAN TELL IT'S GOING TO BE JUST AS HARD TO LEAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY AND ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE I'VE MET AND COME TO KNOW. IF THERE'S ONE THING I COULD TAKE WITH ME WHEN I LEAVE, IT'S THE WARM, GENEROUS FEELING OF SUPPORT I GET FROM FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

-- THANK YOU FOR HONORING ME AT YOUR LUNCHEON, AND I HOPE YOU CAN JOIN ME FOR LUNCH AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON JUNE 15.

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