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REMARKS FOR ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL DEDICATION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1988

-- THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE AGAIN. I HAVE VERY WARM MEMORIES OF MY FIRST VISIT.

-- AND BEING ABLE TO SEE HOW WELL BRET AND DIANA ARE DOING TODAY, MAKES THAT FEELING EVEN WARMER. BRET AND DIANA ARE PROOF THAT THE GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM WAS APPROPRIATELY NAMED -- THEY TRULY WERE GIVEN GIFTS OF LIFE. I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE TWO OF YOU AGAIN.

-- SINCE MY FIRST VISIT IN 1983, I HAVE KEPT AN INTEREST IN

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THIS HOSPITAL'S CONTINUING WORK WITH CHILDREN. YOU HAVE OPENED YOUR ARMS TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD, AND I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE A PART OF YOUR EFFORTS.

-- THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR CHILDREN, NOTHING MORE SACRED. IT'S BEEN SAID SO MANY TIMES BEFORE THAT IT'S A CLICHE, BUT IT'S TRUE -- THEY'RE OUR FUTURE. AND THAT IS WHY THE SUCCESS OF THE GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM IS SO ESSENTIAL -- IT GIVES A NUMBER OF CHILDREN A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE AND A BETTER FUTURE.

-- YOU KNOW, TODAY'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY IS MORE THAN A REFLECTION OF THE SUCCESSFUL GROWTH OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL. IT'S A REFLECTION OF YOUR CONCERN AND YOUR COMPASSION FOR CHILDREN LIKE BRET AND DIANA, CHILDREN WHO NEED SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION. I THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.

-- NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT BRET AND DIANA WILL HELP ME IN THE GROUNDBREAKING . . . [BREAK GROUND AND RETURN TO PODIUM]

-- AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF CARING.

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REMARKS FOR WORLD SERIES OPENING GAME  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1988

-- THANK YOU. I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TO HELP MAJOR LEAGUE  
BASEBALL SALUTE THE "JUST SAY NO" PROGRAM. I KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE  
SUCH A SIMPLE MESSAGE, "JUST SAY NO," BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE.  
ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LEARNING TO SAY NO TO DRUGS.

-- THE MEMBERS OF THE "JUST SAY NO" CLUBS WHO ARE WITH US  
TODAY -- AND THE MANY OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE THEM IN CLUBS ALL  
ACROSS AMERICA -- ARE REALLY THE HOPE AND THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE.  
THEY HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO LIVE DRUG-FREE LIVES SO THEY WILL

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NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PAINS OF WITHDRAWAL OR THE DEVASTATION  
WHICH DRUGS CAUSE. THESE YOUNGSTERS ARE FORTUNATE BECAUSE THEY  
CAN GROW AND LEARN AND BECOME ANYTHING THEY WANT TO BE.

-- SO TO ALL OF YOU HERE, AND TO ALL OF YOU WATCHING AT HOME,  
I ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP US GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO OUR CHILDREN:  
IF THEY ARE OFFERED DRUGS . . . TELL THEM TO JUST SAY NO.

-- I'D LIKE TO THANK PETER UBERROTH AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  
FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, AND FOR TAKING

THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE "JUST SAY NO" PROGRAM. I'M GRATEFUL FOR  
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REACH SUCH A LARGE AUDIENCE.

-- AND THANK YOU FOR THIS SPECIAL GIFT . . . ~~NOW LET'S ALL GO  
TO BAT AGAINST DRUGS!~~

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