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SUGGESTED COMMENTS FOR PRESIDENT BUSH
1992 "PERSON OF THE YEAR" AWARD
IRSA CONVENTION - APRIL 1, 1992
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

My dear fellow Americans, members of IRSA, and invited guests from around the world.....

First of all, I want to thank you very much for this award. I guess it's no secret that Barbara and I, and all of our children, have been involved in sports and fitness for as long as I can remember. I share your personal commitment to the value of regular exercise, and applaud your dedication to expanding the awareness of the benefits of fitness. For people of every age, regular exercise improves the quality of life. And, for businesses of every size, regular exercise programs improve productivity, boost morale, and help reduce skyrocketing health care costs.

Whether I am here at The White House, or wherever I am in the world, I try to get some kind of exercise almost every day. And, when I am back home in Houston, I am pleased to say that I am a member of one of your IRSA clubs, The Houstonian, where Joe Russo and Neil Sol, who run that great club, make sure that I do all of the right exercises. And in New Jersey, I can't thank Pat Brennan enough for keeping our National Finance Chairman, Larry Bathgate, in tip-top shape at her Atlantic Club.

Secondly, I want to commend you on making the Special Olympics the official charity of your organization, and especially for your commitment to make every IRSA club a "Special Olympics Training Center" by 1995. As you know, I often speak about the thousand points of light that keep our country going. Your commitment to our country's Special Olympians fits beautifully into that program.

Thirdly, I am immensely impressed by how many of you are also involved in your "Adopt-A-School" program that began just a few years ago in Molly ~~club~~ club up in Portland, Oregon, and now has spread to every part of the country. This program, by which you become involved in helping our school children become more committed to a lifetime of regular exercise and sports, is exactly on target. I want to congratulate each and every one of you that is involved in that great program.

Finally, I am proud to know that my good friends, Arnold Schwarzenegger and John Butterfield, who head up my President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, have joined with you in your annual Commit To Get Fit Program, in which all of your clubs go out into their communities to make all Americans more aware of how important regular exercise is to their health, happiness and productivity. You know, we have great challenges in healthcare in this great country of ours. You folks, through all that you're doing, are making an enormous contribution in helping all Americans lead fuller, healthier and happier lives.

Members of IRSA, once again, thank you for this award, and above all, I want to commend you for what you are doing. Keep up the great work, and I promise that Barbara and I will keep on exercising.

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IRSA**The Association of Quality Clubs**

March 11, 1992

Mr. Barry Tron
Video Production Department
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Barry:

Enclosed is a copy of the suggested comments to be included in President Bush's acceptance speech for IRSA, The Association of Quality Clubs', 1992 "Person of the Year" award.

The topics that are most significant to the association are:

- President's endorsement of the benefits of a regular exercise program;
- The partnership between the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and IRSA's Commit To Get Fit program;
- The association's commitment to Special Olympics International to develop Special Olympics Training Centers in all of our IRSA clubs by 1995;
- Our national "Adopt-A-School" program which promotes the importance of regular exercise to our nation's school children.

A significant topic that the President may want to expand upon would be:

- The reality of reducing national health care costs by inviting corporations to provide on-premise fitness programs and facilities for their employees;
- Full or partial reimbursement of fees to employees who participate in regular fitness programs at outside facilities such as our clubs;
- Incentive programs for employees whose participation in a regular exercise program results in less absenteeism and increased productivity.

Last week, I had the opportunity to discuss the President's schedule with Kathy Super. She is aware that I am still interested in a "photo opportunity" and personal presentation. If the situation presents itself, we could be in Washington within a few hours. Whatever develops, I

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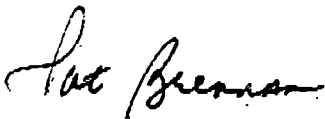
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will need to have the video you are producing forwarded to me before Friday, March 27, 1992, along with the invoice for production, and Federal Express charges. The package should be sent to me at my club, The Atlantic Club, 1904 Atlantic Avenue, Wall, New Jersey, 07719. I will be leaving for the convention on Saturday, March 28, 1992.

If you need any additional information, I am available at 908-223-2100. Thank you for helping me make this project become a reality for our association. I look forward to meeting you sometime in the future.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Brennan
IRSA Awards Chairman/Board Member

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Enclosure



March 13, 1992

Mr. Barry Tron
Video Production Department
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: IRSA, The Association of Quality Clubs'
"1992 Person of the Year" Award

Dear Barry:

Please make a correction of a name that was mentioned in the suggested comments for President Bush that I faxed to you on March 11. The name is Molly Mankerz and it is mentioned in the fourth paragraph of the speech beginning "Thirdly" and refers to the "Adopt-A-School" program in Portland, Oregon.

Please change Molly's last name from Mankerz to NELSON. She has recently married and Nelson is her new name. Thank you for taking care of this for me.

Sincerely,

THE ATLANTIC CLUB

Patricia A. Brennan
President
IRSA Awards Chairman/Board Member

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