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RESPONSE:

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(Hinchliffe/Garmey)
July 18, 1990 4:00 p.m.
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ADA BILL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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Thanks are due for the determined work of **Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and his wife Ginnie;** and of **Surgeon General Antonia Novello; HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan; and Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner.** Also devoted to this issue since the beginning were my friends **Justin Dart, Lex Frieden, Boyden Gray and Bill Roper.** \\

And let's salute the strong advocacy work of **Patrisha Wright, Bob Silverstein, and Sandra Parrino** and her dedicated staff at the National Council on Disability. \\ \\

I'd also like to pay special tribute to the seven senior members of my Administration who have disabilities: **Nell Carney, Allen Clark, Robert Davnilia, Michael Deland, John Farley, Evan Kemp and Gordon Mansfield.**

And we all stand in loving admiration of the inspiration given to all by the heroic **Jim Brady.** \\

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TO: CHRISS WINSTON

NSC clears the subject remarks with suggestions as noted.

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Thanks,
John Darman 7/23

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RESPONSE:

Jack - your comments, if any.
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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe/Garmey)
July 18, 1990 4:00 p.m.
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BE SURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS OF SENY HOUSE & STEVE BARILETT

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING OF THE ADA BILL
SOUTH LAWN
JULY 26, 1990

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Civil rights

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/18/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 NOON 7/23/90

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Signing of the ADA Bill

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RESPONSE:

See Comments. Thanks.

Holly Williamson

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(Energy, for Sec. Watkins, still has not turned in anything although you'll see what she did express to me verbally.) Thanks Helen

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And it's all due to what our courageous pioneers wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

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Specifically, it will guarantee fair and just access to the fruits of American life which we all must enjoy: not only broadened employment opportunities; but also meaningful access to all aspects of society -- public accommodations; transit systems; and communications networks.

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Justice recommends deleting those 2 paragraphs. They realize they are well-intended, but feels that the people w/ disabilities will view it as pity, which is something they do not want to hear the President express.

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delete (DOJ) same explanation as previous page. (for both deletes)

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We are, with this act, guaranteeing our diversity, our compassion, our understanding, and our strength as a nation. We must each of us strive to fulfill the spirit as well as the word of this law. \ \

(DOJ) Again, not what they want to hear - pitying tone.

After all, ~~disabled~~ ^{with disabilities} Americans are the only (minority group) of which any of us can become a member, at any moment in our lives. ~~With the birth of a child. In an accident driving home from work. In a fall while painting the house. Through the aging process. Or during a sudden illness.~~ \ \ \

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Should we classify them as a minority group? ✓ (DOJ)

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Please note :

Secretary Watkins as well as HHS & DOJ feel ~~that~~ it is very important to ~~address~~ address them w/ the correct terminology ("amer. w/ disabilities").

The A.G. reviewed this for Justice & made the DOJ changes I have marked. They have worked closely w/ these groups ~~and~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~the~~ ~~changes~~ ~~needed~~ ~~to~~ ~~make~~ ~~the~~ ~~bill~~ ~~work~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~ & feel their changes are important.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JULY 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chriss Winston

FROM: Edward Garmey

SUBJECT: ADA comments

Enclosed are a few comments for ADA. Throughout the text I've circled prepositions where it might be more forceful to simply refer back to "ADA," but Beth may have changed some of these herself.

There are no quotations in the remarks. I've noted two insert suggestions, where the following presidential quotations might be effective:

- A. ...understanding, as Theodore Roosevelt put it, that Americanism means not only an equality of rights, but also an equality of duty, and of obligation...
- B. ...still what Lincoln called the "last best hope on Earth..."

I hope everything is OK with Ian.

Ted

7-23-90
Fgg. Comments

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

DATE:

TO: *Chriss*

FROM: GEORGE COVINGTON

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A REPORT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT



**PARTICIPATION IN DISABILITY
ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

JULY 1989 - JUNE 1990

**GEORGE A. COVINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY**

A SUMMARY OF PARTICIPATION IN DISABILITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

In the past eighteen months, you:

- Have met personally with more disabled persons than any VP in history;
- Became the first VP to appear on the cover of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's (PVA) Magazine (five photos inside);
- Became the first VP to visit an Independent Living Center (two visits);
- Became the first VP to be named honorary staff member of PVA;
- Became the first VP to appear on the cover of the Blinded Veterans Association magazine;
- Became the first VP to be Honorary Chairman of PVA's annual fund raiser on spinal cord injury research;
- Became the first VP to have a staff member to work full time on disability issues;
- Became the first VP to appoint a liaison between his office and the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities (PCEPD), the National Council on Disability, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB), the Interagency Committee on Computer Access for Disabled Federal Employees, and the Howard University Research Center on Minorities with Disabilities.

SUMMARY OF PHOTO OPS

West Wing and OEOB photo ops accounted for more than 90 column inches of print coverage and more than 130 column inches of published photos. This coverage resulted from only seven photo ops.

SITE VISITS

Print Media: All general media coverage resulted from the two Independent Living Center site visits in San Diego and Cleveland. Newspapers with a combined circulation of 1.78 million gave a total of 45.75 inches of print and 43.75 inches of photos to the coverage of these two events.

Even without the L.A. Times (1.2 million circulation and 4.25 inches of copy), the coverage was still respectable for such a small part of the day's overall events.

T.V. Media: Television news coverage in San Diego made all three local affiliates of the networks with a combined audience of more than 250,000. TV crews were not permitted on the Cleveland site visit.

DISABILITY MEDIA COVERAGE

JULY 1989 - JUNE 1990

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CIRCULATION</u>	<u>COL. IN.</u> <u>(PRINT)</u>	<u>COL. IN.</u> <u>(PHOTOS)</u>
<u>GENERAL MEDIA</u>			
SAN DIEGO UNION	271,000	1.00	
SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE	117,000	9.00	11.5
LOS ANGELES TIMES	1,125,000	4.25	
EUCLID NEWS - HERALD	59,000	14.75	11.25
EUCLID SUN JOURNAL	208,000	16.75	21.00
TOTAL	1,780,000	45.75	43.75
<u>DISABILITY MEDIA</u>			
BVA BULLETIN, 7/89	20,000	11.25	12.5
AFB NEWS, 8/89	10,000	15.75	5.25
WORKLIFE, WINTER 90	22,000	13.75	33.0
AWARE NEWS, SPRING 90	12,000	11.5	20.0
THE VOICE, 4/90	2,500	14.25	6.50
SPORTS AND SPOKES, 3/90	10,000	4.00	7.00
PARAPLEGIA NEWS, 4/90	25,000	10.25	53.25
SPORTS AND SPOKES, 6/90	10,000	7.75	3.75
PARAPLEGIA NEWS, 6/90	25,000	3.50	6.00
TOTAL	136,000	92.0	147.25
<u>OTHER MEDIA</u>			
SAUDI ARABIA, 6/90		12.5	4.00
CAPSTONE, 6/90	7,000	2.0	6.50
TOTAL		14.5	10.5
GRAND TOTAL		182.5	201.5

**MEDIA COVERAGE - SITE VISITS
JULY 1989 - JUNE 1990**

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 <u>CLEVELAND SITE VISITS</u>			
EUCLID NEWS - HERALD	<u>59,000</u>	<u>14.75</u>	<u>11.25</u>
EUCLID SUN JOURNAL	<u>208,000</u>	<u>16.75</u>	<u>21.00</u>
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 <u>OEOB/WW PHOTO OPS</u>			
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>143,000</u>	<u>92.00</u>	<u>147.25</u>

We were invited to play a major role in this event, but were unable to attend. I hope we can take part in these activities next year.



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Television

National.....	18,700,000
New England.....	1,669,000
Home Towns.....	<u>3,864,200</u>
SUBTOTAL.....	24,233,200

Radio..... 17,660,000
(AMI Ski Network and NBC/Mutual Radio feeds included:
Public Service Announcements not included.)

Newspapers

National.....	2,093,000
Local.....	<u>908,500</u>
SUBTOTAL.....	3,001,500

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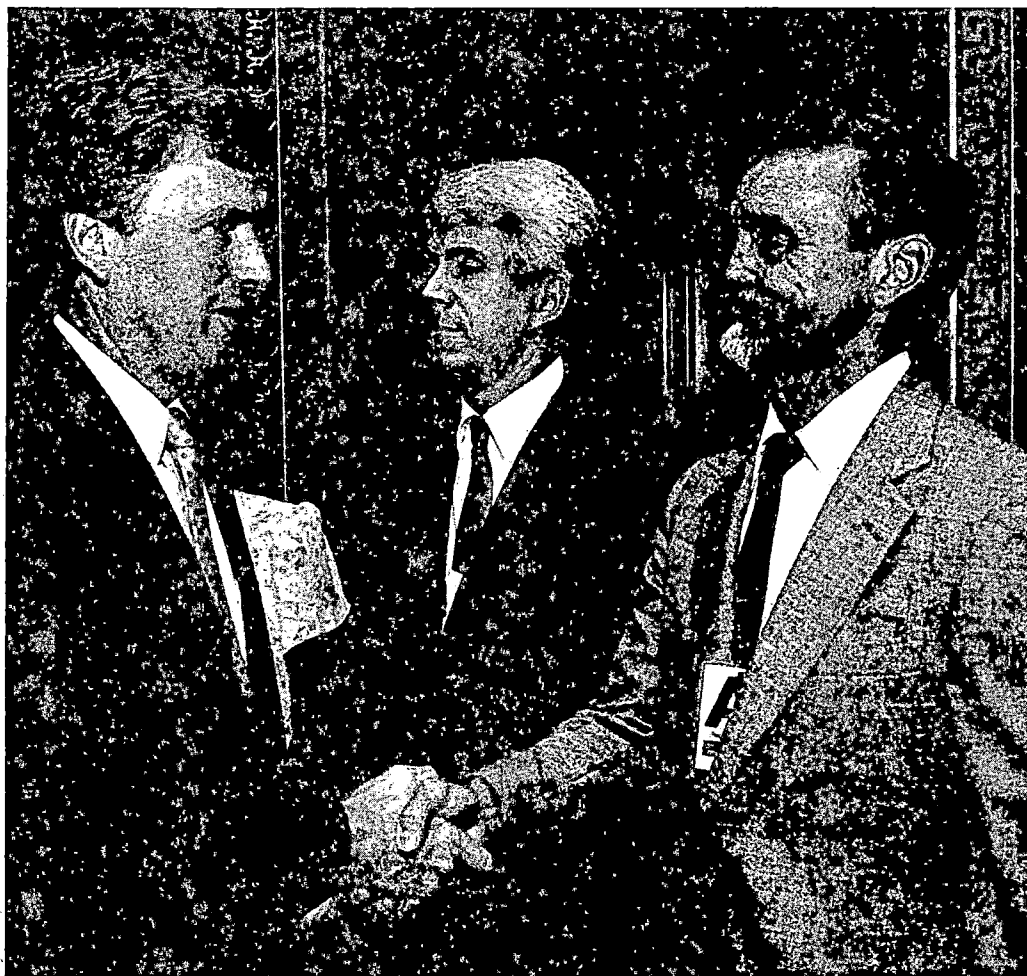
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Ronald L. Miller, Ph.D. and BVA Director of Governmental
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VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE INVOLVED IN DISABILITY ISSUES

On July 7, 1989, Dr. Ronald L. Miller, BVA Executive Director and Thomas H. Miller, Director of BVA Governmental and Community Relations were invited to attend a special ceremony in the office of the Vice President of the United States. Vice President Quayle presented a three-dimensional scale model of the Capitol Mall Area to the Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The Scale model is built in three panels, each panel a yard square, displaying more than sixty buildings and monuments of Capitol Hill, the most well known area of Washington D.C. All buildings and monuments are marked in braille and large print.

The special scale model is part of the Tactile Capital Project begun by the efforts and leadership of George Covington, who is visually impaired. The project's initial phase produced tactile maps of the Capitol Mall area, the U.S. Capitol and the subway system in the Washington area. When detailed to the Department of Education and later to the Speaker's Office, Covington continued the project. He now serves as special assistant to the press secretary for the Vice President. Vice President Quayle is the first Vice President to have a disabled person on his staff, focusing on disability issues. Vice President Quayle is taking a special interest in accessibility issues and is giving George Covington much encouragement and support. Guests attending the special ceremony had an opportunity to examine the scale model and visually impaired people should find the tactile displays extremely helpful for obtaining an accurate picture of our national capital area.



U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle (left) presents a set of tactile maps of the U.S. Capitol Building and other Washington, DC, tourist attractions to Sheikh Abdullah Mohammad Al-Ghanem (center) president of the Saudi Blind Foundation and immediate past president of the World Blind Union, during his recent visit to the United States. Also pictured is George Covington a member of the Vice President's press office. Covington, who is legally blind, serves on the consumer advisory panel for AFB's Mid-Atlantic Regional Center's "Capital Sights Not Always Seen" project which will enable visually impaired people to enjoy the design art and architecture of major Washington, DC, buildings and monuments.

Sheikh Al-Ghanem, who was in Washington, DC, for the opening of the cultural exhibit "Saudi Arabia Yesterday and Today," announced that a percentage of the proceeds from gift sales during the exhibit's visit to the Washington Convention Center will be donated to AFB's Mid-Atlantic Regional Center. Susan Spungin, Ed.D., AFB's associate executive director for program services, hosted a reception honoring Sheikh Al-Ghanem in AFB's Washington office on August 27. More than 100 leaders from blindness agencies and organizations in the Washington metropolitan area attended the event.

The Sheikh's itinerary, which was planned by AFB Mid-Atlantic community consultant Pat Beattie, included visits to the White House, Washington Ear, the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the National Building Museum, future site of AFB's "Capital Sights Not Always Seen" project. He also visited the National Federation for the Blind headquarters in Baltimore.

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"I want to be a full and practical partner with business in the process of maximizing profitability through the full utilization of the productive potential of people with disabilities."



Dart Remarks at Oath of Office

On October 5, 1989 the oath of office was delivered to Justin Dart, Jr., by the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable J. Danforth Quayle in a ceremony in the Indian Treaty Room at the Old Executive Office Building.

More than 125 guests, ranging from Senators and Congressmen from the House of Representatives to leading business men and leaders from the rehabilitation field gathered to honor the new Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

In the presence of his wife Yoshiko, family and close friends, Mr. Dart delivered the following remarks:

Mr. Vice President. I am honored to be sworn in by you. I deeply appreciate your personal support for people with disabilities and for the Americans with Disabilities Act, and your appointment of George Covington to your staff.

I am honored by the presence of distinguished members of the Congress and the White House, heroes of ADA and independence like Senators Tom Harkin and James Jeffords and Congressman Major Owens; Shiree Sanchez, Jan Naylor, Sharon Fitzpatrick and others.

I am also honored by the presence of a great patriot, Jim Brady.

I am exceedingly proud to serve in the Administration of the first President of the United States to elevate the equality and independence of people with disabilities to a top national priority, and who has appointed to his administration authentic advocates for the rights of people with disabilities like Evan Kemp, Bob Davila, Gordon Mansfield, Allen Clark, Nell Carney, Sandy Parrino, Kent Waldrep, Mike Vader and Bob Funk.

I am proud to chair the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, and to work with that great American Jay Rochlin and his fine staff.

I am proud to serve with, I am proud to know, the great Americans assembled in this room. I regret that time will not permit my mentioning each of you by name.

At this very special time I do want to recognize the greatest human being that I have ever known: my leader, my colleague, my beloved wife, Yoshiko Dart.

As Chair of the President's Committee, I cannot promise you any personal miracles of progress. Alone I can do little. Together we can do much.

I will do my very best to serve the President well by working together with his administration, with the Congress and with you to implement our great agenda.

The essential foundation for full employment and full participation in society is the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ADA is the most important issue of our lifetimes.

It will define the humanity of people with disabilities to every citizen of America and of the world.

There must be no weakening amendments.

Because a statement of partial equality would legitimize Jim Crow discrimination by law, and condemn hundreds of millions in future generations, in American and throughout the world, to more segregation, more unemployment, more poverty, and more massive expenditures for welfare.

Like our founding fathers who established our magnificent free enterprise democracy, we have the opportunity, we have the responsibility, to lead a positive revolution in the quality and the productivity of human culture.

Before I say my final words, I ask you to join me now in a moment of silent meditation, as I pray for the wisdom and the strength to fulfill my responsibilities to the President, to America and to our children's children.

Colleagues, I love you all.

Together we shall overcome.

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SIL HOSTS VICE PRESIDENT



Vice President Dan Quayle addresses SIL Peer Counselors.

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VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE TOURS SIL

The City responsible for the traffic light, Lifesavers, American Greetings, Lean Cuisine, Standard Oil and Paul Newman also brought the first Executive site visit of a federally funded center for independent living when Vice President Dan Quayle toured the SIL offices on January 8, 1990. While in Cleveland the Vice President also spoke at the Downtown City Club and NASA Lewis Research Center.

With helicopters circling the building, SWAT teams posted on roof tops, and wall-to-wall agents from the Treasury Department, the Vice President arrived at SIL in a black Cadillac limousine around 10 a.m. Quayle was welcomed to the SIL offices by William Bauer, SIL Executive Director and Margaret Meyer, SIL Program Director. The Vice President was then introduced to James Thie (SIL Board President), Jesse Anderson (SIL Board Treasurer) and SIL contributors Hugh Depland of BP America and Bob Vicic of Charm Properties. Also in attendance were David Lynch, Mayor of Euclid, and Joe Farrell, Euclid Council President.

The Vice President spent approximately 90 minutes meeting individually with the SIL staff and discussing independent living issues. "He didn't seem to be in any sort of hurry," said Rae Duncan Lyle, Accessibility Specialist. "You weren't held at arms length. He stood close and I felt that he was genuinely interested in what I had to say."

Regarding SIL's services, the Vice President commented that the SIL staff, programs and facilities are an "outstanding example of what people with disabilities can do when given the resources". Quayle added, "I strongly support

your center's work to assist people with disabilities to make the decisions affecting their lives. People with disabilities must have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of community life. The work of your center is helping to reach this goal."

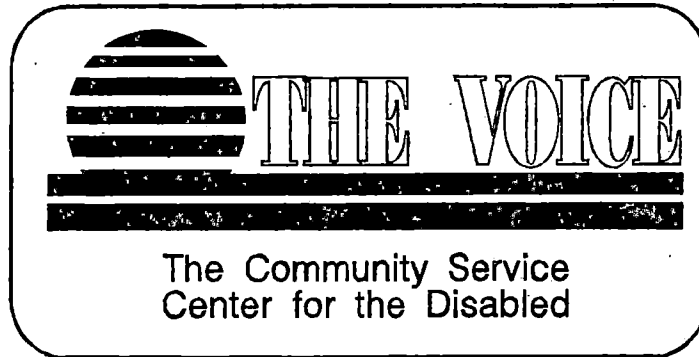
The Vice President proceeded to the Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) Information Center housed in the SIL offices. Jeanne O'Malley Teeter, Project Manager and Geoffrey Thrope, Director, demonstrated the F.E.S. Information Center's data base and provided the Vice President with basic information regarding Functional Electrical Stimulation. Jim Jatich, FES consumer, explained how an implant in his chest generating electrical current helps him regain partial use of his hands.

The Vice President then met with and addressed the SIL Peer Counselors. While fielding questions from the group, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became the focal point of the Vice President's comments. "This is the most comprehensive piece of legislation regarding disabled Americans ever," Quayle stated. "The key to mainstreaming Americans with disabilities is equal employment opportunity. We have non-discrimination clauses and public transportation access in this legislation." He concluded by congratulating the peer counselors and directors for their hard work.

"President Bush and I have stated repeatedly that we will do everything possible to see that people with disabilities are allowed to participate in the American mainstream. Centers such as this will help us achieve that promise."



William Bauer, Executive Director, and Margaret Meyer, Program Director, welcome Vice President Dan Quayle to SIL.



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VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE AND SENATOR WILSON VISIT SPOKE SHOP

On Wednesday, February 28, 1990, Vice President J. Danforth Quayle, Senator Pete Wilson and Mrs. Wilson visited CSCD's Spoke Shop at 2860 University Avenue in North Park. Following a brief tour of the facilities, Vice President Quayle and Senator Wilson sat down with representatives of CSCD board and staff for an informal discussion of disability issues.

Spoke Shop Manager Ray Zanella addressed the necessity for reliable, well-maintained assistive devices to the independence of individuals with disabilities, and pointed to the Spoke Shop as an example of what people with disabilities can accomplish given resources and the chance to make their own decisions.

Bill Tainter, CSCD's Executive Director, emphasized the importance of consumer control of service delivery systems, the broad diversity of services required by citizens with disabilities, and the positive role of federal funding in CSCD's purchase of a facility to be San Diego's permanent Independent Living Center. Tainter went on to praise Senator Wilson for his long-time support of CSCD and the independent living movement, first as Mayor of San Diego, then as California's law-giver in Washington.

CSCD Assistant Director, Jon Barbre, summarized the agency's programs and services and their impact on the disabled community of San Diego. Dr. Kimberly Bartlett, Community Living Program Manager, described the activities of her federally funded transition program.

A general discussion of the politics of disability on the national level followed. The Vice President affirmed the full support of the

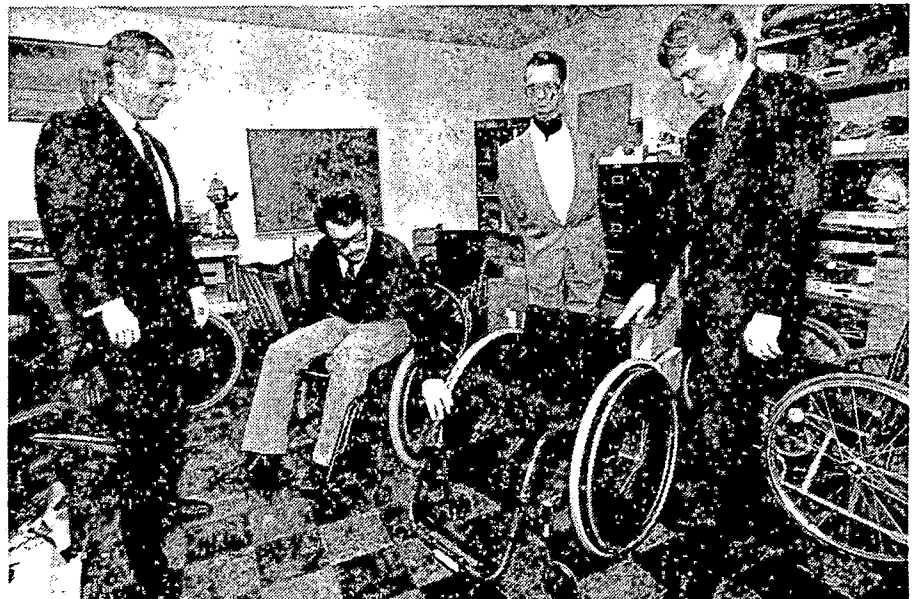
Bush Administration for passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the form that passed out of the U.S. Senate. Senator Wilson, a co-author of ADA, and Vice President Quayle also expressed their support for re-authorization of the Rehabilitation Act in 1991.

In a recent letter thanking CSCD for its hospitality, Vice President Quayle wrote, "I know that the Community Service Center for the Disabled is recognized nationally as a leader among independent living centers... President Bush and I have repeatedly said that we will do everything possible to see that people with disabilities are allowed to participate in the American mainstream. Centers such as yours will help us keep that promise."

CSCD WINS CITY GRANT

On March 19, 1990, the San Diego City Council voted to award CSCD a Community Development Block Grant of \$161,621. The funds will be used to renovate San Diego's Independent Living Center in Hillcrest. Renovations will include a new roof, fire suppressing sprinklers, gates and fencing to secure the garage and an accessible kitchen for independent living training.

On behalf of the more than 350,000 members of the local disabled community, we thank Mayor O'Connor and Council-members Wolfsheimer, Hartley, Bernhardt, McCarty and Filner. Special thanks to Councilman Pratt who proposed the vote. Thanks also to all who wrote or telephoned their support for CSCD's proposal.



L. to R. : United States Senator from California, the Honorable Pete Wilson; CSCD Assistant Director for Business Enterprises, Raymond Zanella; CSCD Executive Director, William Tainter; and the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable J. Danforth Quayle.

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QUAYLE SUPPORTS SPORTS FOR DISABLED

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TENNIS PSA WINS AWARD

Potomac Television/Communications, Inc., received the award of excellence in video production at the 1989 International Television Video Association (ITVA) Washington Video festival, for a public service announcement (PSA) designed to encourage wheelchair tennis tournament attendance. The 30-second spot was produced by Potomac Television/Communications for the Nation's Capital Wheelchair



(From left) Vice President Dan Quayle, Andy Fleming, and Kirk Bauer discuss mono-skiing and other adaptive skiing techniques at a meeting in Quayle's Washington, DC, office. Official White House Photo.

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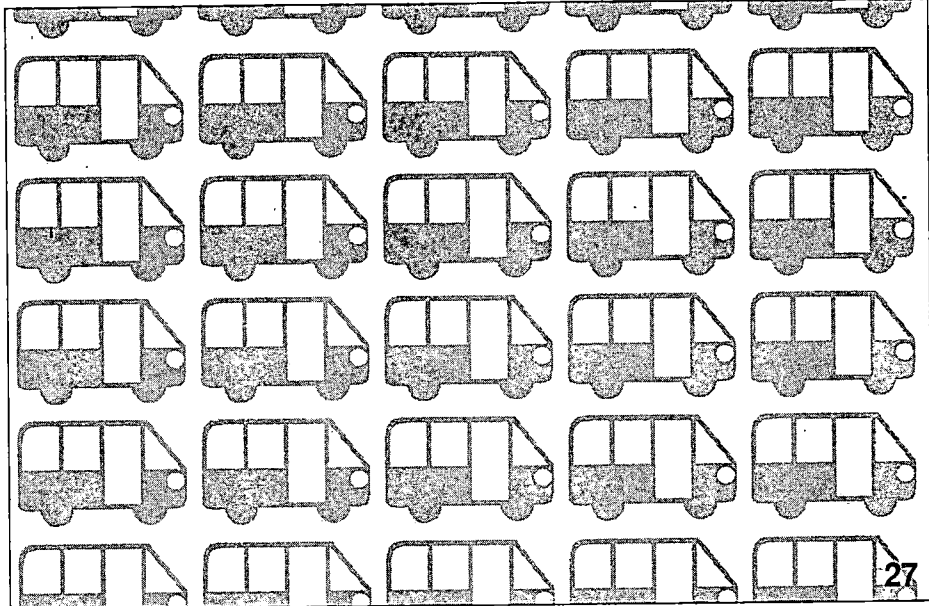
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More than 400 supporters jam the reception room at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, DC.

Benefit reception

Vice President Dan Quayle led a distinguished list of attendees at the Third Annual Washington Reception to Benefit Spinal Cord Injury Research, held at the Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, on February 6. The event, cosponsored by PVA's SCI Research Foundation (SCRF) and The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, attracted more than 400 people, including 20 congressmen, a number of sports celebrities, and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Edward Derwinski. The master of ceremonies was well-known local television sportscaster Frank Herzog.

The honorary committee for the event consisted of 150 members, including 130 celebrities and members of Congress. President Bush and Vice President Quayle were honorary cochairmen.

Reception attendees were shown a videotape about progress in SCI research. Highlighting PVA's nationwide research activities, the tape featured comments by Dr. H. Hunter Peckham, Case Western University; Dr. Inder Perakash, Stanford University; Dr. Wise



Vice President Dan Quayle and PVA President Dave Parker are two of the distinguished guests at the Third Annual Washington Reception to Benefit Spinal Cord Injury Research.



Linda Mansfield
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Young, New York University; and Dr. Stephen Waxman, Yale University.

Candice Bergen, star of the CBS-TV series *Murphy Brown*, stated in her videotaped comments, "The quest for a cure for spinal cord injury truly is gaining momentum. Just ten years ago, the outlook in the scientific community was bleak and uncertain. But today that pessimism has turned to optimism, with a growing sense of excitement as scientists working from coast to coast start to understand and unravel the mysteries of the spinal cord.

"And recent progress will significantly improve the lives of those with a spinal cord injury. In fact, the major drawback we now face in spinal cord research is money—or the lack of it."

During the reception, the large crowd of attendees was addressed by a number of people, including Vice President Quayle, PVA Executive Director R. Jack Powell, Nick and Mark Buoniconiti (spokespeople for The Miami Project), and Joe Gibbs, head coach of the Washington Redskins.

A number of corporations, foundations, and associations provided significant financial support to the event. Among them were The Milken Family Medical Foundation; United Parcel Service; Dave Budin Consulting; IBM; Ryder Systems, Inc.; AMAX, Inc.; American Medical Association; Air



Pro wrestler and honorary reception committee member "Big John" Studd (right) smiles for the camera with a friend, PVA's executive director R. Jack Powell.



American Portraits: America's Veterans

On Veterans Day 1989, PVA announced plans to establish a permanent photo exhibit to honor all veterans, called "American Portraits: America's Veterans." Until Veterans Day 1990, Americans may send in photos of themselves, relatives, or friends taken during their military service. Photos may depict any period of active-duty service. Pictures

chosen from the collection by a panel of judges will be presented to President Bush on Veterans Day.

Mail photos to "American Portraits: America's Veterans," Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. All photos received become the property of PVA and will not be returned.

Force Association; United Airlines; Sun Company, Inc.; Medtronic, Inc.; Sandoz Corporation; and Support Systems, International. Proceeds will benefit PVA's Spinal Cord Research Foundation.

Independent Budget news conference

At a nationally televised news conference in February, executive directors of PVA, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and American Veterans of WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Those Who Served Thereafter (AMVETS) presented an overview of the Independent

Budget, in response to the Bush administration's 1991 proposed funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Independent Budget concludes that VA will need \$31.04 billion in fiscal year 1991 to maintain a basic essential level of service.

Through the coming months of the budget process, PVA Government Relations staff will continue to meet with the key committees on Capitol Hill to let members of Congress know just how bad the situation is for VA. Despite the \$1 billion increase for health care, Independent Budget authors say it is \$690 million short of what is needed to restore VA health care to essential levels of service for veterans.

News Beat

Quayle is honorary PVA staff member

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Vice President Dan Quayle displays the "PVA Sports" shirt presented to him by PVA Sports & Recreation Director G. Andrew Fleming. Official White House photo.

Christian council

Chaired by Joni Eareckson Tada, the Christian Council on Persons With Disabilities (CCPD) was formed in March

1989 by disability ministries from across the country to challenge Christian leaders to carry out Christ's mandate with regard to people with disabilities.

During its first year, the group sponsored a three-day symposium for leaders of disability ministries that devel-

oped outlines for position papers on key disability issues related to the church. The papers are expected to be published and distributed this year.

The council also played a major role in helping educate the evangelical community about the Americans With

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MIDNIGHT SUN CANOE TRIP

Norwegian Arctic Trips has scheduled a special canoe adventure from June 30 to July 14 for an able/disabled paddling group. Destination: North Norway, 200 miles above the Arctic Circle. The trip is a Norwegian Arctic river excursion from Reisa National Park to the sea. Participants will paddle the Reisa River, which is fed by towering waterfalls as it carves a valley between snow-capped mountains.

Accessible accommodations and English-speaking guides are provided in this primitive area of Lapland, where there are no travel agents, no hotels, no restaurants, and no road into Reisa National Park. Travel upriver is in 30' riverboats. There are four paddling days, with two nights spent in Lapp-style tents. Home base is a dairy farm operated by the family of guide Alv Elvestad. Sightseeing days in Oslo and Tromso include exploration of Lapp culture and visits to Viking ships and *Kon Tiki*, Thor Heyerdahl's famous raft.

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ADVOCATE FOR BLIND VISITS WASHINGTON

Sheikh Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ghanim, President of the Middle East Regional Bureau for the Affairs of the Blind and former president of the International Union of the Blind, was received by Vice President J. Danforth Quayle at the White House during a trip to Washington, D.C. in late July. Sheikh Al-Ghanim expressed his hope that the U.S. administration will continue to work toward meeting the needs of the blind.

The vice president presented Sheikh Al-Ghanim with special tactile maps of the city of Washington and the Metro subway system, which are designed to be used by the blind. After the meeting, George Covington, a legally blind assistant to the Vice President, took Sheikh Al-Ghanim on a tour of the U.S. Capitol.

On July 27, Sheikh Al-Ghanim visited the American Foundation for the Blind,



Photo by Steven Purcell, The White House

Vice President Quayle and Sheikh Al-Ghanim in Washington

where he attended a reception in his honor and examined the new Kurzweil personal reader, a machine that scans a publication and then reads it to the user. At the reception, Sheikh Al-Ghanim said, "Saudi Arabia believes in equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of their handicaps or disabilities. We believe that the blind and the handicapped can be useful members of the society if educated."

Sheikh Al-Ghanim also

said that of 42 million blind people in the world, 80 percent are in developing countries. He added that 13 of every 14 blind children in developing countries are neglected by their governments and need the help of the more fortunate.

"In view of this," he continued, "Saudi Arabia has given a lot of assistance and aid to the blind in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, without any discrimination of race, color, or relig-

ion. Because this is the Islamic tradition, we believe the blind should be helped."

In his paper entitled "Welfare of the Disabled in Saudi Arabia," Sheikh Al-Ghanim notes that Saudi Arabia encouraged the establishment of the Regional Bureau of the Middle East Committee for the Affairs of the Blind. The Bureau contains the most modern computer system in the Middle East for braille printing, modern printing press equipment, a special Talking Book Library, and a special unit for research and studies.

During his stay, Sheikh Al-Ghanim visited the headquarters of the National Federation of the Blind in Baltimore, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Library of Congress, and The Washington Ear, Inc.'s broadcast facilities for the blind in Silver Spring, Maryland. X

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY

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A New Partnership . . . Dr. Sylvia Walker, director of the Center for the Study of Handicapped Children and Youth and a member of the Congressional Task Force on the Americans with Disabilities Act, recently presented Vice President Dan Quayle with a copy of "Bridges to Independence", a study which addresses the needs of the disabled. The center has formed a working partnership with the Vice President's office.

Russell woman gets new view of Quayle

Vice president seems 'forthright'

By Emery P. Dalesio

News-Herald Staff Writer

There's really not much you can learn about a person from a brief meeting, but Nancy Janoch of Russell Township will remember Vice President Dan Quayle as a man more composed and confident than his press clippings suggest.

"He seemed very sincere and forthright, very at ease — despite what you heard at the beginning," said Janoch, a receptionist at Services for Independent Living in Euclid. "He's a pleasant young man."

"He made other people feel comfortable, too. He made you feel like you could talk to him, too," said SIL program director Margaret Meyer.

That was the general impression of the man who bounced around Cuyahoga County yesterday. Stops included the City Club in Downtown Cleveland, NASA's Lewis Research Center and the Euclid agency that helps physically handicapped people live as independently as possible.

Quayle's mid-morning visit

to Euclid was meant to cheer the center's staff and cast a little reflected light on its work. It's a fundamental principle that where the president and vice president go, the media follow. So it follows that places the nation's top executives choose to visit get a bright moment in the spotlight.

The center's employees said they felt honored.

"If his job is to go around creating good will for the administration, he certainly seemed to be doing that," said Rae Duncan Lyle, a specialist in accessibility services.

Quayle spoke briefly about a sister-in-law who is hearing-impaired, but after great difficulty, eventually found employment. He spoke about the Bush Administration's support for the Americans with Disabilities Act in Congress.

The legislation's far-reaching provisions are comparable to a Civil Rights Act for disabled people, said SIL Executive Director William Bauer. He said he was surprised that a Republican administration



Vice President Dan Quayle, left, tours the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland yesterday with Lewis Director John Klineberg during his tour of Northeast Ohio.

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would support the law, because of opposition from business groups.

"What I really liked about (Quayle's) visit was he was interested in the rights of persons with disabilities and assuring that we obtain these rights," said Bauer, of Mayfield Village. "I'm very surprised and happy that the vice president and President Bush have come out from the start

in favor of (the law)."

"I think it says a lot for the administrations' support of the handicapped," added Mayor David M. Lynch, who greeted Quayle.

Quayle stayed in Euclid for about one hour — twice as long as planned — to talk to employees and clients.

"He didn't seem to be in any sort of hurry," Lyle said. "He walked in and he didn't

shake hands at arms length. He came in with his hand extended and then he got very close so that he gives you the impression that he's very interested to know what you think."

Bauer said he was honored that the center's work was recognized and chosen for Quayle's visit. He said he doubted anyone would be able to concentrate on work.

Quayle visit puts spotlight on federal disabilities act

By **JEFF PIORKOWSKI**
Staff Writer

Vice President Dan Quayle paid a visit to Euclid's Services for Independent Living Inc., 25100 Euclid Ave., to assure disabled persons that the administration of President George Bush has them "in mind."

Arriving in a black Cadillac limousine at about 9:55 a.m. Monday, Quayle talked to a group of about 15 counselors for persons with disabilities, all of whom were themselves confined to wheelchairs or blind.

HE ALSO congratulated the counselors and directors at the organization for their hard work.

Other stops during the day included the City Club in downtown Cleveland and NASA Lewis Research Center.

Services for Independent Living is a federally-funded group formed in 1980 that aids the disabled in learning to live an independent lifestyle.

According to SIL executive director William Bauer, the organization helped about 5,100 people last year, most of whom were residents of Cuyahoga County.

"The president and I care about disabled Americans," Quayle said. "The president has put forth strong legislation to help disabled Americans."

Quayle was referring to the Americans with Disabilities Act, which is expected to become law later this year. The ADA would ensure rights, such as public access and interpretation of public information, to persons with disabilities.

"I have a sister-in-law named Sally with a severe hearing impairment," Quayle said. "It was hard for

her to get gainful employment but, after a lot of hard work, she is now employed and working. She lives by herself and is reasonably debt-free."

THE QUESTION of debt was raised by a young woman in the group who questioned whether ADA was a strong enough measure to help the disabled persons who must earn what an able-bodied person would, plus extra wages to pay for unique devices needed for particular disabilities.

"The ADA legislation will go a long way towards helping disabled Americans get employment," Quayle said. "The key to this legislation is employment opportunity."

"We have non-discrimination clauses in this legislation and public transportation access in this legislation," he said. "This is the most comprehensive piece of legislation regarding disabled Americans ever. When the president signs the legislation later this year, it will be an historic moment."

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The only local stop for Vice president Dan Quayle outside of Cleveland during his visit Monday was at Euclid's Services for Independent Living, 25100 Euclid Ave. Quayle (above) went around the room and introduced himself to the organization's counselors, all of whom have disabilities. Mayor David Lynch (below, left) and Council President Joe Farrell flanked the vice president when Lynch presented Quayle with a proclamation that welcomed him to Euclid.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1990

NOTE TO: CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: BILL KRISTOL *W*

Attached are my comments on the President's remarks for the signing of the ADA bill on Thursday.

Page 2, bold-type sentence in the last paragraph:

Read literally, which is how these things should be read, this would indicate that the President does not consider abortion a violation of the basic guarantee of life. There is no need to open this can of worms.

Page 4: Last paragraph. The Phrase "With the birth of a child." This must be reworded. As it stands, it equates childbirth with an accident or injury. What it means to say is that a child can be born with a handicap. But in its present shorthand form, it does not say that at all.

Page 6: Second paragraph from the end. These are ringing words, but they go far, far beyond the scope of the ADA. No discrimination "against ANYONE...?" Does this put the President on record in favor of the broadest possible interpretation of the ADA to cover gender preference? No discrimination against persons with certain pathologies like child molesting? No discrimination against felons? The ADA -- and its signing ceremony -- are supposed to be about persons with disabilities. We should not blur that focus the way this paragraph does.

(Hinchliffe/Garmey)
July 18, 1990 4:00 p.m.
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SOUTH LAWN
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TO: CHRISS
FROM: BETH
SUBJECT: ADA INSERT

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I have marked on this copy the suggested places for the two inserts. All examples in Insert A are actual cases: the names were not included in the material HHS sent, but they are tracking them down.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP* *18/10*

SUBJECT: Signing of the ADA Bill

We have reviewed the draft remarks for the ADA signing ceremony and strongly suggest that the following comments be incorporated into the draft.

The persons attending this signing ceremony are particularly sensitive to the nuances of language. The speech should, therefore, use the generally accepted terms familiar to the persons with disabilities community. We should be certain that the tone of the remarks will not be construed as the least bit patronizing. For that reason, I have several comments:

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3. The second full paragraph on page 4 should also be reworked. It is not appropriate to refer to those of us without disabilities as "unrestricted by physical or mental disabilities". The contrast, once again, is that people with disabilities are restricted, which is inconsistent with the sentiment behind the bill. Nor should we refer to "those who need our help". This is a bill about opportunity. It may be interpreted as patronizing to talk about "helping people" whose aim is independence.
4. The last paragraph on page 4 could use the phrase that these groups frequently use. That is, those of us without disabilities are referred to as TABS - temporarily able-bodied persons. I would also delete the reference to the "birth of a child". The reference is unclear, and is a

very depressing thought for this event.

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10. Once again, in the last full paragraph on that page, the term "disabled people" should be replaced by "persons with disabilities".

If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

Memorandum for David Demarest

From Chriss Winston *cw*

Subject: ADA acknowledgements

I've sent the initial list of acknowledgements that Beth included. These names were given to her by Evan Kemp and several others close to this issue and the bill's passage.

As you will see, the list is endless and some of the potential candidates for recognition not a particular plus.

Would you look this over and talk with Governor Sununu about it?

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING OF THE ADA BILL
SOUTH LAWN
JULY 26, 1990

Thank you. And welcome to every one of you out there in this splendid tableau of hope spread across the South Lawn. \\\

[ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]

Three weeks ago, we celebrated our nation's Independence Day. Today, we're here to rejoice and be glad of another Independence Day. One that is long overdue. One that is dawning with a brilliant glow of promise -- a day on which doors too long bolted, both physically and symbolically, are being thrown wide.

With today's signing of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, the disabled population of our country is now free to pass through these once closed doors into a bright new era of equality, independence, and freedom. \\\

As I look around at all these joyous faces, I remember clearly how many years of dedicated commitment have gone into making this historic act a reality. It has been the work of a true coalition. A strong, inspiring coalition of people who have shared both a dream and the passionate determination to make that dream a reality.

And it has been a coalition in the finest American spirit: a joining of Democrats and Republicans; of the legislative and executive branches; of federal and state agencies; of public

officials and private citizens; of people with disabilities and without.

This historic ADA bill is the world's first declaration of equality for people with disabilities. Its passage has made the United States the international leader on this human rights issue. **This exciting accomplishment is more than a point of light: it is a torchlight to the world.** Already, several other countries, including Sweden, Japan and the U.S.S.R., have announced that they will introduce similar legislation in their own governments. \\\

And it's all due to what our courageous pioneers wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

These brilliant words have been our guide for more than two centuries as we have labored to form our more perfect union. But, tragically, there have been those for whom the blessings of these truths have not been a reality. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 courageously took a bold step towards righting that wrong.

But the stark fact remained that disabled people were still victims of segregation and discrimination. This was intolerable. **So today's legislation finally guarantees that, under the law, no American will ever again be deprived of their basic guarantee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.** \\\

This Act is powerful in its simplicity. It will ensure that people with disabilities are given the basic guarantees for which

they have so long strived: independence, freedom of choice, control of their lives, and the opportunity to blend fully and equally into the rich mosaic of the American mainstream. \\\

Legally, it will endow our disabled community with a powerful expansion of protections and basic civil rights. Specifically, it will guarantee fair and just access to the fruits of American life which we all must enjoy: not only broadened employment opportunities; but also meaningful access to all aspects of society -- public accommodations; transit systems; and communications networks.

It will enrich the quality of life of the nearly 43 million Americans whose physical or mental disabilities limit their activities. That's 18% of our population -- reaching across all lines: age, race, faith, gender and economics. \\\

The ADA bill is designed for those who had visions of the stars but could not reach for them. It will help raise toward their goal arms which could not move. It will cradle and steady bodies which held hopes but no strength. It will light eyes whose only sight had been inward; and support legs as they take their first symbolic steps toward the future.

It will ease what the deaf-blind poet Robert Smithdas, the American Poetry Society's Poet of the Year, calls "the silent fog" of isolation.

And it will ensure that disabled Americans become full partners in the daily challenges and opportunities of our American society. \\\

This Act is a dramatic renewal not only for those with disabilities, but for all Americans. Today I reach out to everyone. For this Act to succeed, we must all cooperate. Together, we must remove the physical barriers we have created, and the social barriers we have accepted.

This legislation empowers those who are disabled. But it also challenges those of us unrestricted by physical or mental disabilities. It challenges our nation to work together to create a truly mainstreamed society. There are those who need our help. We must give it gladly, for this will never be a truly prosperous nation until all within it prosper. \\

This is not legislation designed for a few. It is a call to fairness, equality and respect from every American to every other American. It is an affirmation that every life in our splendid nation is equal. It is an affirmation that every life is worth saving, worth enhancing, worth living. \\

We are, with this act, guaranteeing our diversity, our compassion, our understanding, and our strength as a nation. We must each of us strive to fulfill the spirit as well as the word of this law. \\

After all, disabled Americans are the only minority group of which any of us can become a member, at any moment in our lives. With the birth of a child. In an accident driving home from work. In a fall while painting the house. Through the aging process. Or during a sudden illness. \\

I want to say a special word to our friends in the business community. You have in your hands the key to the success of this Act: for you can unlock a splendid resource of untapped human potential which, when freed, will enrich us all.

You have called for new sources of workers. Well, the majority of our fellow citizens with disabilities are unemployed, and they can -- and want to -- work. This is a tremendous pool of people who will bring to jobs their diversity, loyalty, proven low turnover rate and only one request: the chance to prove themselves. \\

It costs almost \$200 billion annually to support disabled Americans -- in effect, to keep them dependent. When given the opportunity to be independent, they will move proudly into the economic mainstream of American life. \\

My friends, our problems are large, but our unified heart is larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater. \\

In our America, the most generous, optimistic nation on the face of the earth, we must not -- and will not -- rest until every man and woman with a dream has the means to achieve it. \\

Today, America welcomes into the mainstream of life our disabled fellow citizens. We embrace you not for your disabilities but for your abilities; not for your differences but for our similarities; not for your past pain but for your future dreams. \\

Last year, we celebrated the victory of international freedom. Even the able-bodied could not scale the Berlin Wall to

gain the elusive promise of independence that lay just beyond. And so, together, we rejoiced when that barrier fell.

And now I sign legislation which takes a sledgehammer to another Wall: one which has, for too many generations, separated disabled Americans from the freedom they could glimpse but could not grasp.

And once again we rejoice as this barrier falls, proclaiming together: We will not accept, we will not excuse, we will not tolerate discrimination against anyone ever again. \\\

God bless you. On behalf of America, I now raise my pen to sign this bill and say: let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down.

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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July 24, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR A.D.A. SIGNING CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, July 26, 1990, at 10:00 AM, you will address approximately 2000 guests on the South Lawn. Among those attending will be the Vice President, members of your Cabinet including Attorney General Thornburgh and Secretary Sullivan; a large assembly of Senators and Congressmen including both minority leaders and the ADA's sponsor Senator Harkin; active participants in the disability rights movement including Pat Wright, Sandra Parrino, Justin Dart, and Evan Kemp; and Americans with disabilities from across the nation.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (12 minutes, cards) celebrate your signing of the most comprehensive civil rights legislation since 1964: the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, S. 933. The ADA has been called the Declaration of Independence, and Bill of Rights wrapped into one for the 43 million American men, women, and children who suffer from disabilities. The remarks focus on what has become the theme of the disabled rights movement over the last decade: the entry of Americans with disabilities into the "mainstream" of society, as working, contributing, and equal members of the community. The ADA represents a giant step towards the fulfillment of this goal.

Finally, it should be noted that many people have expressed gratitude for your role in the realization of this historic Act. As one disabled veteran put it: this is the first time in the history of our nation that the President of the United States has taken the leading role in the development of a major civil rights initiative.

(Hinchliffe/Garmey)
July 24, 1990 8:00 p.m.
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Thank you. And welcome to every one of you out there in this splendid scene of hope spread across the South Lawn. \\\

This is an incredible day -- especially for the thousands of people across the nation who have given so much of their time, their vision and their courage to see this Act become a reality.

\\ You know, I started putting together a list of all the people who should be mentioned today -- but when that list started looking longer than the Senate testimony for the bill, I decided I'd better give up or we'd never get out of here before sunset.\\

Seriously though, this is an immensely important day -- a day that belongs to all of you. And everywhere I look, I see people who have dedicated themselves to making sure this day would come to pass. \\ My friends from Congress, who worked so diligently, with the best interests of all of our people at heart. \\ Members of my Administration, who brought their caring and expertise to this fight. \\ So many dedicated organizations for people with disabilities, who gave their time and their strength. And, perhaps most of all, everyone out there and others across the breadth of this nation -- our Americans with disabilities. You have made this happen. \\\

To all of you, I just want to say: your triumph is that your bill will now be law. And that this day belongs to you. On behalf of our nation, thank you. \\\

Three weeks ago, we celebrated our nation's Independence Day. Today, we're here to rejoice in and celebrate another Independence Day. One that is long overdue. One that is dawning with a brilliant glow of promise -- a day when we are throwing open doors too long bolted, both physically and symbolically.

With today's signing of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, every man, woman and child with a disability can now pass through these once closed doors into a bright new era of equality, independence, and freedom.\\

As I look around at all these joyous faces, I remember clearly how many years of dedicated commitment have gone into making this historic new civil rights act a reality. It has been the work of a true coalition. A strong, inspiring coalition of people who have shared both a dream and the passionate determination to make that dream come true.

And it has been a coalition in the finest American spirit: a joining of Democrats and Republicans; of the legislative and executive branches; of federal and state agencies; of public officials and private citizens; of people with disabilities ... and without.

This historic Act is the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities. Its passage has made the United States the international leader on this human rights issue. This exciting accomplishment is more than a point of light: it is a torchlight to the world. Already, leaders of several other countries, including Sweden, Japan, and

the U.S.S.R., and all 12 members of the European Economic Community, have announced that they hope to enact similar laws.\\

Our success with this Act proves that we are keeping faith with the spirit of our courageous forefathers who wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."\\

These words have been our guide for more than two centuries as we have labored to form our more perfect union. But, tragically, for too many Americans, the blessings of liberty have been limited or denied. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 courageously took a bold step toward righting that wrong.

But the stark fact remained that people with disabilities were still victims of segregation and discrimination. This was intolerable. Today's legislation brings us closer to that day when no Americans will ever again be deprived of their basic guarantee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.\\

This Act is powerful in its simplicity. It will ensure that people with disabilities are given the basic guarantees for which they have worked so long and so hard: independence; freedom of choice; control of their lives; the opportunity to blend fully and equally into the rich mosaic of the American mainstream.

Legally, it will provide our disabled community with a powerful expansion of protections and basic civil rights. It will guarantee fair and just access to the fruits of American life which we all must be able to enjoy. Specifically:

First, the ADA ensures that employers covered by the act cannot discriminate against qualified individuals with a disability. \\

Second, the ADA ensures access to public accommodations such as restaurants, hotels, shopping centers, and offices. \\

Third, the ADA ensures expanded access to transportation services. \\

And, fourth, the ADA ensures equivalent telephone services for people with speech or hearing impairments. \\

These provisions mean so much to so many. To one brave girl in particular, they will mean the world. Lisa Carl, a Washington state teenager with Cerebral Palsy, now will always be admitted to her hometown theater to watch the movies she loves. \\

Lisa, you might not have been able to enter your theater before, but I tell you now: you are always welcome to enter the White House. \\

To all of you out there, and across the nation -- the nearly 43 million Americans with physical or mental disabilities -- I assure you with pride that this landmark Act will enrich the quality of your lives. \\ This is a day for all to celebrate: the mainstreaming of 18% of our population, reaching across all lines: age, race, faith, gender, economics. \\

Above all, we celebrate that the ADA will ensure that all of our citizens with disabilities become full partners in the daily challenges and opportunities of our American society. \\

This Act is a dramatic renewal not only for those with

disabilities, but for all of us. Because, along with the precious privilege of being an American, comes a sacred duty: to ensure that every other American's rights are also guaranteed.

To make this new Act work, each and every one of us must rededicate ourselves to the essential principles upon which our great land was founded. Together, we must remove the physical barriers we have created, and the social barriers we have accepted. For ours will never be a truly prosperous nation until all within it prosper.\\

And for inspiration, we need look no further than our own neighbors. With us this afternoon -- in that wonderful crowd out there -- are people representing 18 of the Daily Points of Light I have named over the last few months for their extraordinary involvement with the disabled community. We applaud you and your shining example.\\

But I want to tell you a wonderful story right now, a story about children, a story that really touched me. Across the nation, some 10,000 youngsters with disabilities are part of Little League's Challenger Division. Their teams play just like others, but -- and this is the most extraordinary part -- as they play, at their sides are volunteer buddies from conventional Little League teams. All of these players work together: they team up to wheel around the bases; to field grounders together; most of all, to play and become friends. \\

We must let these children be our guides and inspiration.\\

I also want to say a special word to our friends in the

business community. You have in your hands the key to the success of this Act: for you can unlock a splendid resource of untapped human potential that, when freed, will enrich us all.

I know there have been concerns that the ADA may be vague, or costly, or may lead to litigation. But I want to reassure you right now that my Administration and Congress have carefully crafted this Act. We have all been determined to ensure that it gives business flexibility, particularly in terms of the timetable of implementation. And we have been committed to containing the costs that may be incurred.

And this Act does something important for American business. You've called for new sources of workers. Well, many of our fellow citizens with disabilities are unemployed. They want to work -- and they can work. This is a tremendous pool of people who will bring to jobs diversity, loyalty, proven low turnover rate and only one request: the chance to prove themselves. \\

When you add together federal, state and other funds, it costs almost \$200 billion annually to support Americans with disabilities -- in effect, to keep them dependent. When given the opportunity to be independent, they will move proudly into the economic mainstream of American life. \\

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On behalf of this great country, I now lift my pen to sign this bill and say: let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down. God bless you all.