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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: WASHINGTON REHABILITATION
CENTER RECEPTION
AVENEL COUNTRY CLUB
POTOMAC, MARYLAND
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1992

- ◆ It is a real pleasure to be introduced by Ed Eckenhoff. I want you all to know that I have already heard about Ed's hole-in-one and I was really impressed with his talent //// until I found out how he did it. You see, his glasses are bifocals and when he lines up a putt, he looks through the edges of the two lenses so that he see two balls -- one small and one big. And, he sees two holes -- one small and one big. Then it's simple -- he just knocks the small ball in the big hole.

- ◆ We give you a hard time, Ed, because you are such a good sport, but I want you to know that we are all proud of you. You represent the wonderful results that disciplined rehabilitation can accomplish.

[Ed is paralyzed from the waist down, but he plays golf by swinging the club with one arm. He has a reputation for talking repeatedly about the time he made a hole-in-one.]

- ◆ I'm sorry I missed the golf tournament. I was looking for an excuse to quit work and play today, but when Doro told me how much it costs, I said, "The only one in our family who can afford that is Millie."

- ◆ Doro has told me about you -- how this hospital helps people with serious injuries or disease work themselves back into normal, full, productive lives. She has also told me about the way you have thrown your whole hearts and souls into this. I want you to know that I think your efforts are very important and I want Doro to know how proud I am of her -- and your -- commitment to this work.

- ◆ I HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE ARE THREE INGREDIENTS THAT SPEED UP REHABILITATION -- COURAGE, COOPERATION AND COMEDY.
 - COURAGE. The tedium of rehabilitation necessitates courage. British philosopher, C. S. Lewis, wrote "Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point."

 - COOPERATION. Support and encouragement -- from doctors, nurses, medical personnel, physical therapists and volunteers -- are essential for rehabilitation.

- COMEDY. Anyone hoping to succeed at rehabilitation must have a sense of humor and the ability to laugh at the process. Dr. Norman Cousins, who wrote a book about being hospitalized, believes the responsibility for seeing humor lies with the patient. "When I was having breakfast, a nurse came in with a specimen bottle. When she wasn't looking, I poured my apple juice into the bottle and handed it to her. She looked at the bottle and said to me, 'My, we're a little cloudy today, aren't we?' "You're right!" I said, taking a big swing from the bottle, "Let's run it through again!"

- ◆ So thank you for helping the patients here learn to laugh and persevere. Thank you for all you have done. I look forward to chatting with you for a few minutes. But I can't stay long, because I saw the dinner menu and it's got broccoli on it. [TRUE]

- ◆ [PRESENTATION OF GIFT] -- This is a wonderful gift; I will really enjoy it. I won't say more than that because when Adlai Stevenson was campaigning in California, a woman asked him where he got his deep tan. "You've been playing golf!" she accused him. "No," replied Adlai, "I got this tan making outdoor speeches in Florida." "Well," the woman said, "if you got that brown, you talked too long."

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O ED, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU. I COULD TELL ED WAS A GOOD GOLFER WHEN WE SHOOK HANDS EARLIER -- HE CORRECTED MY GRIP. ED IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF REHABILITATION.

O DORO HAS TOLD BARBARA AND ME A LOT ABOUT THE WASHINGTON REHABILITATION CENTER -- HOW YOU HELP PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS INJURIES OR DISEASE REHABILITATE THEMSELVES AND RETURN TO FULL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES. WE WANT DORO TO KNOW HOW PROUD WE ARE OF HER INVOLVEMENT IN THIS WORK.

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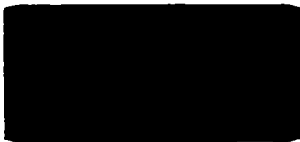
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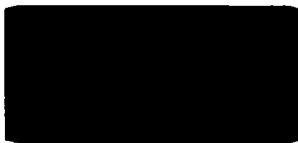
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