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Sports —

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TAPING: WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION

NANCY AND I JOIN YOU
TONIGHT IN CELEBRATING
THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE
WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION
AND THE EXTRAORDINARY
ATHLETES BEING HONORED AT
THIS CEREMONY.

LAST FEBRUARY --
ON NATIONAL WOMEN IN
SPORTS DAY -- I HAD THE
PLEASURE OF MEETING
16 ATHLETES AND
SUPPORTERS OF THE WOMEN'S
SPORTS FOUNDATION IN THE
WHITE HOUSE.

I ESPECIALLY
REMEMBER A YOUNG
ARCHER -- DENISE
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YOUNGEST OLYMPIC

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THE PLAYING FIELD.

THE OUTSTANDING

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DIRECTION, AND A SENSE
OF PURPOSE.

PEOPLE ASK, "WHERE
ARE THE LEADERS OF
TOMORROW?" WELL, MANY OF
THEM ARE HERE IN THIS
ROOM TONIGHT. THANK YOU
FOR SETTING YOUR SIGHTS
HIGH, THANK YOU FOR BEING
YOU.

NOW, LET ME EXTEND
SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE CHAMPION

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ATHLETES WITH US TONIGHT
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NANCY AND I SEND OUR BEST
WISHES FOR EVERY FUTURE
SUCCESS.

THANK YOU AND GOD
BLESS YOU.

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(Dolan edit)
September 19, 1988
4:30 p.m. *RL*

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

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Last February -- on National Women in Sports Day -- I had the pleasure of meeting 16 athletes and supporters of the Women's Sports Foundation in the White House.

I especially remember a young archer -- Denise Parker -- who is the youngest Olympic competitor in her sport -- she is only 14.

And, I'll never forget Hulda Crooks. Hulda Crooks, who last year at age 91, climbed to the top of Mount Fuji -- that's like climbing 10 Empire State Buildings.

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Thank you and God bless you.

MASTER

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4:00 p.m. SS

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/15/88

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: C.O.B. Friday 09/16/88

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TAPING:

1. WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION
2. YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINARS
3. ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION DINNER
4. THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FOR THE ARMED FORCES
5. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR THE ARMED FORCES
6. PRESBYTERIANS FOR DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☒	HOOLEY	☐	☐
DUBERSTEIN	☐	☒	KRANOWITZ <i>none 6:10</i>	☒	☐
POWELL <i>none</i>	☒	☐	MASENG <i>none 135</i>	☒	☐
MILLER - OMB	☐	☐	RANGE <i>none</i>	☒	☐
OGLESBY	☐	☒	RISQUE	☒	☐
BAUER <i>none 12:45 pm</i>	☒	☐	RYAN	☐	☐
CRIPPEN <i>none 6:10</i>	☒	☐	SPRINKEL	☐	☐
CULVAHOUSE <i>told research</i>	☒	☐	TUCK	☐	☐
DAWSON	☐	☒	TUTTLE	☐	☐
DONATELLI <i>none</i>	☒	☐	BOARD <i>none 2:30 pm 9-19</i>	☒	☐
FITZWATER	☐	☒	MCKINNEY <i>none</i>	☒	☐
HOBBS	☐	☐	DOLAN	☐	☒
			FAULKNER	☒	☒

REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan by close of business on Friday, 09/16, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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September 15, 1988
4:00 p.m.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: BENEDICT S. COHEN *BSC*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Tapings: Women's Sports Foundation;
Youth Entrepreneurship Seminars; Alzheimer's
Association Dinner; Thanksgiving Message for the
Armed Forces; Christmas Message for the Armed
Forces; and Presbyterians for Democracy and
Religious Freedom

We have reviewed the above-referenced tapings and we have no legal objection to these remarks. Minor typographical and stylistic suggestions have been orally conveyed to your staff. Please note that our approval of these remarks does not imply any judgment as to the propriety of sending a Presidential message to these events, about which decision Counsel's Office was apparently not consulted.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson
Frederick J. Ryan

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August 18, 1988

Mr. Fred Ryan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Dear Mr. Ryan:

Deborah Slaner Anderson

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This letter is to request a videotaped congratulatory message from President Reagan to be shown at the Women's Sports Foundation's ninth annual awards dinner, "A Salute to Women in the Olympics." The dinner will take place on October 17, 1988 in New York City.

The Women's Sports Foundation's long association with this Administration began with a speech by Vice President Bush at the Women's Sports Foundation's New Agenda Conference in 1982. On February 4, 1988, "National Women in Sports Day," President Reagan met with 18 leading female athletes in the Oval Office. The athletes included tennis great Billie Jean King, golfer and WSF President Carol Mann, Olympic heptathlete Jackie Joyner Kersee, marathon swimmer Lynne Cox and WSF Executive Director, Deborah Anderson (see enclosed photo).

For the past nine years the WSF has gathered some of the most prominent names in sports, entertainment and the business world as well as an audience of more than 700 at its annual awards dinner. The dinner has always received extensive press coverage and entertainers have included such greats as Bob Hope, John Denver, Dinah Shore, the American Dance Theatre of Harlem and Broadway's Patti LuPone.

More than 100 athletes have participated in the past, including: Joan Benoit; Julius "Dr. J" Erving; Peggy Fleming; Janet Guthrie; Dorothy Hamill; Bruce Jenner; Billie Jean King; Martina Navratilova; Mary Lou Retton; Cathy Rigby and Lynn Swann.

This Olympic year promises to be a particularly bright one for women in sports. Witness the spectacular performances of Jackie Joyner Kersee and Florence Griffith Joyner at the U.S. Olympic Trials. We hope the President will add his congratulations via video!

As the President knows, the WSF is a non-profit educational organization, which provides leadership, funding and developmental programs for girls and women in sports. In addition, through its "Aspire Higher" campaign, the Women's Sports Foundation provides financial aid to female athletes. By encouraging participation in sport, the WSF seeks to improve the physical, mental and emotional well-being of all females.

As our awards program will be held October 17th, our producer Elly Lessin will need the video tape no later than October 10th for inclusion in the program. We would be happy to provide a script or an outline for the President's comments.

Jenifer Miller from the Women's Sports Foundation will be calling your office in the next few days to determine the President's willingness to be involved in this important project.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah S. Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Deborah S. Anderson
Executive Director