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GREETING TO U.S. COMMITTEE FOR
PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION

SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

AS A CALIFORNIAN, I HAVE LONG
RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PACIFIC
REGION. I AM PLEASED THAT DURING MY
ADMINISTRATION WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPAND &
DEEPEN OUR TIES WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE
PACIFIC BASIN. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUES THAT WE FACE.

THE MARKET-ORIENTED ECONOMIES OF THE
PACIFIC HAVE ACHIEVED SUSTAINED AND
IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH. WE IN THE
ADMINISTRATION VALUE HIGHLY OUR
RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE
PACIFIC. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
THEM TO DEVELOP POLICIES WHICH WILL SUSTAIN
THAT IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH,
FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CITIZENS, OF OUR
PACIFIC PARTNERS, AND OUR GLOBAL FREE MARKET
SYSTEM.

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT SAID
ALMOST AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY YEARS
AGO, THAT THE ATLANTIC WAS THE OCEAN OF THE
PRESENT & THE PACIFIC IS THE OCEAN OF THE
FUTURE. HIS VISION WAS A CLEAR ONE, AND
TODAY HAS PROVED THAT. I CONGRATULATE ALL
OF YOU ON YOUR FORESIGHT AND COMMITMENT IN
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PACIFIC TO
OUR NATION'S FUTURE, AND ACTING UPON IT.
YOUR ADVICE & COUNSEL WILL BE IMPORTANT TO
OUR CONTINUING EFFORT.

YOUR GROUP INCLUDES FOUR SENATORS,
FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE, SEVEN MEMBERS OF
THE EXECUTIVE, IN THEIR "UNOFFICIAL
CAPACITY." THIS DEMONSTRATES BIPARTISAN
COMMITMENT OF BOTH BRANCHES.

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The President has seen _____

(ELLIOTT)

SEPTEMBER 18, 1984

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FARM CREDIT INITIATIVE

OUR APPROACH TO THE FARM ECONOMY AND THE PROBLEM OF FARM CREDIT IS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT THE FUTURE WILL BE BETTER THAN THE PAST, AND THAT THE RIGHT PROGRAM IS A TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM THAT HELPS FARMERS GET FROM THE HIGH INFLATION, HIGH INTEREST ECONOMIC DISASTERS OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION TO THE STABLE GROWTH, LOW INFLATION, AND LOWER INTEREST RATES THAT ALL OF US ARE BRINGING ABOUT.

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY A FOUR-PART PROGRAM THAT WILL PERMIT MANY TROUBLED FARMERS TO PUT TOGETHER FINANCIAL PLANS THAT WILL GIVE THEM MORE SECURE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

SECRETARY BLOCK WILL PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION, BUT LET ME GIVE YOU THE HIGHLIGHTS:

-- FIRST, I HAVE DIRECTED THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION TO AGREE TO DEFER FOR 5 YEARS UP TO 25 PERCENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS OWED BY FARMERS WHO NEED "BREATHING ROOM" TO RETURN TO A SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING. THESE DEFERRALS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS PART OF COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION PLANS TO GET FARMERS BACK ON THEIR FEET.

-- SECOND, IN ORDER TO ASSIST THOSE WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN F.M.H.A. PROGRAMS, WE WILL BE MAKING AVAILABLE \$630 MILLION IN LOAN GUARANTEES THAT WILL BE USED TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL LENDING BY PRIVATE BANKS AS PART OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLANS.

-- THIRD, WE WILL BE ENLISTING THE AID OF EXPERTS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO HELP FARMERS DEVELOP FINANCIAL PLANS.

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-- FOURTH, FARMERS HOME WILL EXPAND ITS ABILITY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC BY CONTRACTING WITH LOCAL BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO HANDLE ROUTINE PAPERWORK PROCESSING IN AREAS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED DELAYS AND BACKLOGS.

THIS IS A BALANCED APPROACH THAT TREATS FARMERS AS INDIVIDUALS AND RECOGNIZES THAT OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE MUST BE TO HELP PEOPLE THROUGH TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES, NOT CREATE A MASSIVE NEW FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT WILL DESTROY THE PRIVATE CREDIT SYSTEM THAT SERVES THE MAJORITY OF FARMERS' NEEDS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN ELLIOTT *Be*

SUBJECT: Radio Talk

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All is fine with the radio talk except that, if you haven't done it already, the inflation rate on the first page needs to read 4.2 percent.

Thank you.

(Elliott)
September 20, 1984
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: STEEL AND AGRICULTURE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1984

My fellow Americans, when we took office in 1981, our goal was to help all of you build a new era of lasting economic growth without inflation. And we're getting closer.

For the first time since the 1960's, America is enjoying strength in economic growth, business investment, productivity, and the creation of new jobs -- 6 million in the last 20 months -- while, at the same time, we're keeping inflation down. Yesterday, we learned that inflation FOR THE LAST 12 MONTH remains at

4.2 percent, only a third of 1980's 12.4 percent.

We're enjoying an historic economic renewal; we can be proud of our accomplishments. But, we can't and won't be satisfied until this expansion reaches every sector of our economy.

Two sectors in which millions seek their livelihood -- steel and agriculture -- have not shared fully in the recovery. This week, we took additional action to help people in both steel and agriculture help themselves, so they can work their way out of difficulty, and become full partners in our economic expansion, helping all of us build a stronger future. ✓

The American steel industry, as you know, has been struggling through hard times in recent years. The steel companies and their workers have been trying hard to save their industry by cutting costs and modernizing their aging plants and equipment. And we've been trying to help. Our tax reduction

passed in 1981 encourages just such business investments to modernize smokestack America.

The industry is beginning to recover, but it's still climbing uphill on the international playing field. In some cases, new technology has simply reduced the need for steel products. But the industry has also been hurt by foreign subsidies and an overproduction of steel worldwide, with foreign imports biting into the U.S. steel industry's share of our domestic market -- making the United States a kind of steel dump for the rest of the world. That simply isn't acceptable.

So, we've designed a comprehensive plan to cover the entire steel industry, and enable us to take swift, effective action to keep the U.S. from being foreign countries' dumping ground. ¹²

I have instructed Ambassador Bill Brock, our international trade representative, to meet with representatives of those nations dumping steel, and to seek their agreement to stop such practices. And I've made it clear that, as necessary, we'll initiate strong counter actions to defend American firms and workers from predatory practices of other nations.

Taken together, these actions can be expected to bring down the percentage of steel imports from its current 26 percent to about 18.5 percent, excluding semi-finished products. And they'll enable our steel producers to continue their modernization and compete on a level playing field again.

One thing I am not doing, for it would damage our economy more than it would help, is imposing import quotas. That kind of protectionism is my opponent's policy, and, just like his tax

increase, it's the wrong policy. The lessons of history are clear: The costs of protectionism for one group would automatically be passed on to another; inflation would be reignited;³ jobs would be destroyed, not saved; and foreign countries would retaliate against our exporters, like our farmers. America doesn't need that kind of help.

I'm confident our plan will help steel producers rebuild, and become stronger, more competitive and profitable again. And this is how we are trying to help our farmers as well.

We've ended the last administration's grain embargo, restored grain sales to the Soviet Union, and we've been able to bring down interest rates and sharply reduce inflation.

Unfortunately, our success against inflation, while helpful to farmers in most respects, has caused them some special problems. Many farmers took out loans in the late 1970's when inflation was soaring, and they assumed the value of the land they were pledging as collateral would keep rising with inflation. Now that inflation has plunged, those loans have become very difficult for some of those farmers to carry.

So, in the last 3 years, the Farmers Home Administration has more than doubled its regular operating loans for farmers.⁴ This week, we announced another major initiative to assist farmers trying to cope with debt burdens. Farmers Home will permit a deferral, for 5 years, of up to 25 percent of principal and interest payments owed by farmers who need breathing room. The deferrals will be made on a case-by-case basis. For those not participating in F.M.H.A., we're making available \$630 million in

guarantees of loans by private banks, as part of rescheduling plans for troubled farmers.

The road back isn't easy. But by resisting quick fixes, and helping those in steel and farming help themselves, we'll make sure all of us can and will go forward together.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.

(MYER)

SEPTEMBER 21, 1984

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SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SENATOR CHILES,
CONGRESSMAN BENNETT, OUR DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD
MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

WE'RE HERE TO MARK THE PROGRESS OF OUR
FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, AND TO COMMIT
OURSELVES TO AN EVEN GREATER NATIONAL EFFORT
IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

WITHIN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AMERICA
HAS COME TO ITS SENSES ABOUT DRUG ABUSE.
WE RAISED A BATTLE FLAG AND DECLARED WAR ON
ONE OF THE GRAVEST PROBLEMS FACING OUR
NATION. ACTION REPLACED DEBATE. WE KNEW
THE FIGHT WOULDN'T BE EASY, BUT WE ALSO KNEW
WE COULDN'T AFFORD TO LOSE -- WE'RE FIGHTING
FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN AND THE
FUTURE OF AMERICA.

WELL, WE'VE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS
DURING THE PAST 3 YEARS. PERMISSIVE
ATTITUDES ARE GIVING WAY TO A NEW SENSE OF
RESPONSIBILITY. HOPELESSNESS AND
HELPLESSNESS ARE BEING REPLACED WITH
OPTIMISM AND A WILLINGNESS TO JOIN TOGETHER
IN THE FIGHT. CONCERNED PARENTS ARE BANDING
TOGETHER, AND HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY AND
BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINED THE
RANKS.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE ERASING 20 YEARS
OF WRONG-HEADED ATTITUDES ABOUT DRUG USE,
AND WE'RE TAKING AIM WHERE IT COUNTS THE
MOST: TEACHING THE DRUG USERS AND POTENTIAL
DRUG USERS TO SAY "NO" TO DRUGS.

AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WE'VE TAKEN
STRONG MEASURES TO CRACK DOWN ON BIG-MONEY
DRUG TRAFFICKERS, AND TO CATCH DRUG
SMUGGLERS IN THE ACT.

YET, WE ALL KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LONG
WAY TO GO. ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF OUR NATION'S
YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO ABUSE DRUGS OR
ALCOHOL, AND TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE STILL
GETTING INTO DRUGS EVERY DAY. AND THOUSANDS
OF TEENAGERS ARE KILLED EVERY YEAR IN AUTO
ACCIDENTS DUE TO DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING.

AS YOU KNOW, NANCY HAS TRAVELED ACROSS
AMERICA, VISITING SCHOOLS AND TREATMENT
FACILITIES, SEEKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO
PROMOTE AN ANTI-DRUG, PRO-ACHIEVEMENT
GENERATION. IN HER TRAVELS, SHE'S SEEN
HEARTBREAK, BROKEN DREAMS AND FAMILIES,
AND LOST LIVES. BUT SHE'S CONVINCED,
AS I AM, THAT IF ALL OF US WORK TOGETHER,
BECOME MORE INVOLVED, KNOWLEDGEABLE,
AND STEP UP THE FIGHT, WE CAN SAVE A
GENERATION AND HELP PRESERVE ITS PROMISE AND
HOPE.

AND DOING JUST THAT IS THE HEART OF OUR
1984 NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PREVENTION OF
DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING. THE 1984
STRATEGY WILL BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK --
DURING NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND
PREVENTION WEEK -- BUT LET ME TELL YOU THAT
WE'LL BE STRIVING TO REINFORCE THE PROGRAM
NOW IN PLACE. WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK --
WE DON'T NEED TO CHANGE DIRECTION, BUT WE DO
NEED TO STEP UP THE PACE.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL REDOUBLE
ITS EFFORTS TO STOP DRUG TRAFFICKING,
PUNISH DRUG TRAFFICKERS, AND INCREASE
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO CONTROL
NARCOTICS. BUT ULTIMATELY, VICTORY CAN ONLY
COME FROM THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF
PRIVATE INDUSTRY, PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS.
WE NEED TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED,
PARTICULARLY IN PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

AND WE'LL BE CALLING ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
TO HELP US.

TO WIN THIS FIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO NEED
THE KIND OF HELP THAT THOSE OF YOU HERE HAVE
GIVEN TO YOUR COMMUNITIES AND TO ALL OF US.
AND I KNOW THAT, FOR EACH OF YOU HERE TODAY,
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF OTHER CARING
AMERICANS WHO ARE ALSO GIVING OF THEMSELVES.
NONE OF YOU EVER EXPECTED ANY REWARD FOR
WHAT YOU DID. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN IN AMERICA. BUT BELIEVE ME, I'M
DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
RECOGNIZE YOU TODAY.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXANS' WAR ON
DRUGS COMMITTEE, MR. H. ROSS (PA-ROW) IS
HELPING TO MAKE TEXAS ONE OF THE WORST
PLACES IN THE WORLD FOR DRUG USERS, PUSHERS,
DEALERS, AND TRAFFICKERS. AND HIS COMMITTEE
IS NOW A MODEL FOR MANY OTHER STATES.

MRS. MARSHA MANATT (SHOO-HARD)
AND MRS. LORETTA "SIS" WENGER HAVE
CONTRIBUTED UNSPARINGLY OF THEIR TIME,
ENERGY, AND TALENTS TO MAKE LASTING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE
PREVENTION PROGRAM. MRS. (SHOO-HARD) WAS
THE INSPIRATION BEHIND AN ACCLAIMED T.V.
DOCUMENTARY AND IS THE AUTHOR OF
TWO IMPORTANT BOOKS ON THE DANGERS OF
MARIJUANA. MRS. WENGER'S DRUG ABUSE
EDUCATION PROGRAM IS REACHING COMMUNITIES
ALL ACROSS AMERICA. THE UNSELFISH EFFORTS
OF THESE TWO LADIES ARE CHANGING ATTITUDES
AND SAVING LIVES.

D.C. COMICS, (A DIVISION OF WARNER
COMMUNICATIONS,) REPRESENTED BY WILLIAM
SARNOFF, AND THE KEEBLER COMPANY,
REPRESENTED BY THOMAS GARVIN, HAVE WORKED
TOGETHER TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE 3 MILLION
DRUG AWARENESS COMIC BOOKS.

THE POPULARITY OF THEIR COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS IS HELPING TO EDUCATE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUGS AND THE REASONS FOR THEM TO SAY "NO."

MCNEIL PHARMACEUTICAL, (REPRESENTED BY JACK O'BRIEN,) IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND A DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT ESTABLISHES OUR NATION'S PHARMACISTS AS A LOCAL SOURCE OF CREDIBLE INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON DRUG USE AND ABUSE.

AND TODAY, THEIR PROGRAM, "PHARMACISTS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE," IS IN 85 PERCENT OF OUR NATION'S RETAIL PHARMACIES.

EACH OF YOU IS DEMONSTRATING THE UNIQUE AMERICAN SPIRIT OF VOLUNTARISM. IN YOUR OWN WAY, YOU'RE HELPING RESOLVE THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN A MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER THAN WE COULD EVER DO WITH LARGE FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE YOU'VE HELPED,
FOR THE PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES YOU'VE TOUCHED
AND WHOSE BURDENS YOU'VE LIFTED BECAUSE YOU
CARED ENOUGH TO EXTEND A HELPING HAND AND A
WARM HEART.

AND NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK NANCY TO HELP
ME HAND OUT YOUR AWARDS.

(MRS. REAGAN WILL PASS OUT CERTIFICATES.)

BEFORE ANYONE LEAVES THE ROOM, THERE IS
ONE MORE PIECE OF BUSINESS. AS PART OF OUR
DRUG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND OUR NATIONAL
STRATEGY, I WILL NOW SIGN A PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23RD
THROUGH THE 29TH AS NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK. AND I WANT
TO THANK SENATOR CHILES, WHO SPONSORED THE
PROCLAMATION IN THE SENATE, AND CONGRESSMAN
BENNETT, WHO SPONSORED IT IN THE HOUSE.

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I KNOW THAT BOTH OF YOU HAVE A STRONG
PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS PROCLAMATION AND
WE'RE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR IT. AND NOW I
WILL SIGN THE PROCLAMATION.

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(Myer/BE)
September 20, 1984
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1984

Thank you very much. Senator Chiles, Congressman Bennett, our distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen, good morning and welcome to the White House.

We're here to mark the progress of our fight against drug abuse, and to commit ourselves to an even greater national effort in the months ahead.

Within the last several years, America has come to its senses about drug abuse. We raised a battle flag and declared war on one of the gravest problems facing our Nation. Action replaced debate. We knew the fight wouldn't be easy, but we also knew we couldn't afford to lose -- we're fighting for the health of our children and the future of America.

Well, we've made a lot of progress during the past 3 years. Permissive attitudes are giving way to a new sense of responsibility. Hopelessness and helplessness are being replaced with optimism and a willingness to join together in the fight. Concerned parents are banding together, and hundreds of community and business organizations have joined the ranks.

Education programs are erasing 20 years of wrong-headed attitudes about drug use, and we're taking aim where it counts the most: teaching the drug users and potential drug users to say "no" to drugs.

At the Federal level, we've taken strong measures to crack down on big-money drug traffickers, and to catch drug smugglers in the act.

Yet, we all know that we have a long way to go. About one-fourth of our Nation's young people continue to abuse drugs or alcohol, and too many children are still getting into drugs every day. And thousands of teenagers are killed every year in auto accidents due to drunk and drugged driving.

~~Now,~~ As you know, Nancy has traveled across America, visiting schools and treatment facilities, seeking every opportunity to promote an anti-drug, pro-achievement generation. In her travels, she's seen heartbreak, broken dreams and families, and lost lives. But she's convinced, as I am, that if all of us work together, become more involved, knowledgeable, and step up the fight, we can save a generation and help preserve its promise and hope.

And doing just that is the heart of our 1984 National Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking. The 1984 Strategy will be released next week -- during National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week -- but let me tell you that we'll be striving to reinforce the program now in place. We're on the right track -- we don't need to change direction, but we do need to step up the pace.

The Federal Government will redouble its efforts to stop drug trafficking, punish drug traffickers, and increase international cooperation to control narcotics. But ultimately, victory can only come from the dedication and commitment of

private industry, public organizations, local government and citizen volunteers. We need to get more people involved, particularly in prevention programs. And we'll be calling on the American people to help us.

To win this fight, we're going to need the kind of help that those of you here have given to your communities and to all of us. And I know that, for each of you here today, there are thousands of other caring Americans who are also giving of themselves. None of you ever expected any reward for what you did. That's the way it's always been in America. But believe me, I'm delighted that we have the opportunity to recognize you today.

As Chairman of the Texans' War on Drugs, Mr. H. Ross Perot [pa-ROW] is helping to make Texas one of the worst places in the world for drug users, pushers, dealers, and traffickers. And his committee is now a model for many other States.

Mrs. Marsha Manatt Schuchard [SHOO-hard] and Mrs. Loretta "Sis" Wenger have contributed unsparingly of their time, energy, and talents to make lasting contributions to the national drug abuse prevention program. Mrs. Schuchard [SHOO-hard] was the inspiration behind an acclaimed T.V. documentary and is the author of two important books on the dangers of marijuana. Mrs. Wenger's drug abuse education program is reaching communities all across America. The unselfish efforts of these two ladies are changing attitudes and saving lives.

D.C. Comics, a division of Warner Communications, and the Keebler Company have worked together to produce and distribute

3 million drug awareness comic books. The popularity of their comic book characters is helping to educate our young people about the dangers of drugs and the reasons for them to say "no."

McNeil Pharmaceutical is the driving force behind a drug abuse education program that establishes our Nation's pharmacists as a local source of credible information and technical assistance on drug use and abuse. And today, the organization, "Pharmacists Against Drug Abuse," is in 85 percent of our Nation's retail pharmacies.

Each of you is demonstrating the unique American spirit of voluntarism. In your own way, you're helping resolve the drug abuse problem in a more effective manner than we could ever do with large Federal programs. We're grateful for the people you've helped, for the people whose lives you've touched and whose burdens you've lifted because you cared enough to extend a helping hand and a warm heart.

And now I'd like to ask all the award winners to join us up here, and with Nancy's help, I will have the pleasure of handing out your awards.

[Mrs. Reagan will pass out certificates]

Before anyone leaves the room, there is one more piece of business. As part of our drug awareness campaign and our national strategy, I will now sign a proclamation designating the week of September 23rd through the 29th as National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week. And I want to thank Senator Chiles, who sponsored the proclamation in the Senate, and Congressman Bennett, who sponsored it in the House. I know that

both of you have a strong personal interest in this proclamation and we're grateful to you for it. And now I will sign the proclamation.

(ROHRBACHER)

SEPTEMBER 23, 1984

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THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW
CITIZENS, IT IS MY PLEASURE, AGAIN, TO
WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE UNITED STATES.

AS WE GATHER FOR THIS, THE 39TH SESSION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE
LOOK FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING 40TH
ANNIVERSARY. IT WILL BE COMMEMORATED BY A
SERIES OF EVENTS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THESE LAST
39 YEARS. WORKING TOGETHER, THROUGH THIS
INSTITUTION, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD
HAVE MADE GREAT EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE AND
IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES.

BUT WE ALSO REMAIN MINDFUL OF THE FAILURES
WE'VE WITNESSED OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO
LIVE UP TO COMMITMENTS IN THE CHARTER.

SOME OF THE TRENDS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY
DISCOURAGING IN RECENT YEARS.

THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE U.N.,
NONETHELESS, REMAIN AS WORTHY AND AS VITAL
NOW AS THEY WERE 39 YEARS AGO. WORKING
TOGETHER, THE FAMILY OF NATIONS CAN AND MUST
IMPROVE ITS EFFORTS TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL
LAWLESSNESS, AND TO PROMOTE FREEDOM, HUMANE
VALUES, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

FOR OUR PART, WE IN THE UNITED STATES
STILL HOLD FIRM TO THE BELIEF THAT WITHIN
THE STRUCTURE OF THIS INSTITUTION WE CAN
IMPROVE THE CHANCES FOR PEACE ON THIS
PLANET. WHETHER WE SUCCEED IN DOING SO IS
NOT DEPENDENT ON LUCK OR ON ANY INEVITABLE
PATTERN OF HISTORY. WE HAVE IT WITHIN OUR
POWER TO MAKE HISTORY; LET'S NOT BE AFRAID
TO DO SO.

WE SHOULD NEVER FEAR TO ATTEMPT TO
DO THAT WHICH THE PESSIMISTS CALL
IMPOSSIBLE. LET US BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE
POTENTIAL FOR PEACE, AND LET US NEVER, NEVER
BE AFRAID TO SPEAK WITH ONE ANOTHER.

IN THIS ERA OF ELECTRONIC
COMMUNICATIONS AND HIGH-TECH WIZARDRY, TIME
AND DISTANCE CAN NO LONGER IMPEDE
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. ONLY PEOPLE CAN DO
THAT. SO LET US, ON THIS EVE OF A NEW
U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PLEDGE AGAIN TO ONE
ANOTHER, IN THE NAMES OF OUR PEOPLES AND FOR
THE GOOD OF ALL HUMANKIND, THAT WE WILL
CONTINUE TO SEEK THE KIND OF OPEN AND FRANK
DISCUSSION WHICH WILL HELP US TO CREATE A
SAFER WORLD.

THIS DOES NOT MINIMIZE THE SERIOUS
CHALLENGES AND TANGIBLE DIFFERENCES THAT
EXIST WITHIN THE WORLD BODY POLITIC. THOSE
DIFFERENCES ARE REAL AND WILL REQUIRE HARD
WORK AND A LARGE DOSE OF GOOD WILL TO
OVERCOME. YET, THERE IS REASON FOR
OPTIMISM. MY COUNTRY WILL NOT SHIRK THE
HARD WORK OR RATION ITS GOOD WILL IN OUR
EFFORT TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY.

AND WE CALL UPON OTHER NATIONS TO MAKE THE
SAME COMMITMENT.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNITED STATES WANTS
NOTHING LESS THAN A REALISTIC CONSTRUCTIVE,
LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET
UNION, A RELATIONSHIP WHICH WOULD PERMIT
EACH OF US TO REDUCE NOT INCREASE THE
NUMBER OF OUR WEAPONS ESPECIALLY THOSE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHICH THREATEN ALL HUMANITY.

THE ULTIMATE GOALS OF THE UNITED STATES
ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT NOW AS 150 YEARS AGO
WHEN ANDREW JACKSON WAS PRESIDENT. JACKSON
SAID, "PEACE AND FRIENDLY INTERCOURSE WITH
ALL NATIONS ARE AS MUCH THE DESIRE OF OUR
GOVERNMENT AS THEY ARE THE INTEREST OF THE
PEOPLE."

IN A TIME OF NUCLEAR BOMBS AND
OVERWHELMINGLY EXPENSIVE WEAPONS, PRESIDENT
JACKSON'S WORDS RING EVEN MORE TRUE TODAY.

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THE UNITED STATES, (AS I WILL DETAIL IN MY REMARKS TOMORROW,) IS MOVING WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE AND VIGOR IN THE ARENA OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. WE ENDEAVOR TO FURTHER THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE / PROSPERITY / AND DEMOCRACY ~~A~~ GOALS REFLECTING THE DESIRE AND INTEREST OF OUR PEOPLE.

I WILL BE STRESSING OUR COMMITMENT TO THESE GOALS THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK ~~A~~ STARTING ALREADY IN MEETINGS WITH HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TODAY ~~A~~ IN MY SPEAKING TOMORROW TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY / AND ON TUESDAY TO THE WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND / AND WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER WORLD LEADERS BACK IN WASHINGTON.

THIS INTENSE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY COMPLEMENTS YOUR OWN DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE, THROUGH OUR
MUCH ADMIRER AMBASSADOR, JEANE KIRKPATRICK,
AND OTHERS, TO BE FIRM IN ADVANCING OUR
INTERESTS AND FORCEFUL IN THE ADVOCACY OF
OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE. WE WILL AT THE
SAME TIME REMAIN FAIR IN APPROACHING THE
INTERESTS OF OTHERS. WE EXPECT NOTHING LESS
OF YOU. YOU SHOULD EXPECT NOTHING LESS OF
US.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROMOTE PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY / RECONCILIATION AMONG
NATIONS / ECONOMIC PROSPERITY / HUMAN RIGHTS /
AND THE RULE OF LAW. OUR OWN COMMITMENT TO
THE GOALS OF THE CHARTER REMAINS STEADFAST.

ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING THE
UNITED NATIONS IN OUR COUNTRY IS THAT IT
GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR
COUNTRIES I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY TO THEM
OUR BEST WISHES.

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I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR UPCOMING SESSION.

I APPRECIATE YOUR JOINING ME HERE TONIGHT.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENTS OF
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE
HOUSE. IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE EACH OF YOU
HERE AS WE MARK THE BEGINNING OF NATIONAL
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES WEEK.

AS EDUCATORS, YOU KNOW THAT EDUCATION
HAS ALWAYS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE LIFE
OF OUR NATION. TEACHING THE SONS AND
DAUGHTERS OF PARENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD A
COMMON LANGUAGE. ENGLISH. AND A COMMON WAY
OF LIFE, DEMOCRACY. OUR SCHOOLS HAVE
UPLIFTED OUR CHILDREN. FILLED THEIR HEARTS
WITH HOPE. AND GIVEN THEM THE SKILLS THEY
NEEDED TO MAKE THEIR WAY IN THE WORLD WITH
PRIDE AND SELF-RELIANCE.

LIKE ALL OUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
YOUR SCHOOLS HAVE PERFORMED THESE VITAL
TASKS.

BUT YOUR SCHOOLS ARE SPECIAL / FOR THROUGHOUT
MUCH OF OUR HISTORY / THEY DID THEIR WORK
AGAINST A UNIQUE BACKGROUND OF HARDSHIP AND
OPPRESSION.

JUST DECADES AGO, ALMOST ONE AMERICAN
IN TEN LIVED A LIFE THAT WAS SEPARATE AND
UNEQUAL BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN.

IN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY / BLACK AMERICANS
WERE EXCLUDED FROM PUBLIC LIFE AND FROM MANY
OF THE PROFESSIONS. THEY WERE FORCED TO EAT
IN SEPARATE RESTAURANTS / TO SLEEP IN
SEPARATE HOTELS / EVEN TO DRINK AT SEPARATE
WATER FOUNTAINS.

THROUGHOUT THESE HARD YEARS / MILLIONS
OF BLACK AMERICANS SAW EDUCATION AS A
SHINING HOPE FOR ADVANCEMENT. I REMEMBER
HOW / DURING THE WAR, / I NARRATED A FILM ABOUT
BLACK PILOTS BEING TRAINED AT TUSKEGEE
INSTITUTE.

THEY WERE BRAVE YOUNG MEN / AND I
REMEMBER HOW IMPRESSED I WAS BY THEIR ESTEEM
FOR TUSKEGEE AND THEIR LOVE OF LEARNING.

IT WAS YOUR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES —
TUSKEGEE / HOWARD, / FISK, / AND SO MANY
OTHERS / — THAT TURNED THEIR BRIGHT DREAM OF
EDUCATION INTO A BLAZING REALITY.

I'M TOLD THAT TODAY YOUR SCHOOLS HAVE
AWARDED DEGREES TO HALF OF ALL BLACK
BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, / 80 PERCENT OF ALL BLACK
FEDERAL JUDGES / AND 85 PERCENT OF ALL BLACK
DOCTORS. (THE PLACE YOUR SCHOOLS HOLD IN THE
HISTORY OF OUR NATION IS UNPARALLELED.

IT'S ONE OF COURAGE AND HONOR.) AND IT IS A
PLACE THAT MAKES HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES
WORTHY, (NOT ONLY OF OUR PRAISE) BUT OF OUR
LOYALTY AND DEVOTION.

FOR THIS REASON, / OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS
MOVED TO STRENGTHEN HISTORICALLY BLACK
COLLEGES ACROSS AMERICA.

IN SEPTEMBER 1981, I SIGNED EXECUTIVE ORDER 12320, COMMITTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE ITS SUPPORT OF YOUR SCHOOLS. INDEED, IN FISCAL YEAR 1982, YOUR SCHOOLS RECEIVED GRANTS AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TOTALLING SOME \$564 MILLION, AND IN FISCAL YEAR 1983, WE INCREASED THE LEVEL TO \$606 MILLION. PERHAPS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT, THE ORDER ALSO CALLED ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROVIDE YOUR SCHOOLS WITH STILL MORE SUPPORT.

A YEAR AFTER WE ANNOUNCED THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER, WE ISSUED A NEW PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE THAT GAVE OUR COMMITMENT NEW STRENGTH AND CLARITY. THIS DIRECTIVE CONTAINED FOUR IMPORTANT POINTS.

FIRST, IT TOLD THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO USE FEDERAL PROGRAM FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

SECOND, IT DIRECTED THE AGENCIES TO STRIVE TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS THAT BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RECEIVE.

THIRD, IT DIRECTED THE AGENCIES TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE REGULATIONS THAT ARE BARRIERS TO YOUR FULL PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

AND LAST, THE DIRECTIVE RENEWED OUR EMPHASIS ON ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THIS ONCE AGAIN EMBODIED OUR BELIEF THAT THERE ARE VAST, UNTAPPED RESOURCES THROUGHOUT AMERICA, BECAUSE, FOR TOO LONG, TOO MANY HAVE LOOKED ONLY TO GOVERNMENT.

PERMIT ME TO ADD THAT THE SELF-RELIANCE
AND OPPORTUNITY WE WANT FOR YOUR SCHOOLS IS
JUST WHAT WE WANT FOR ALL BLACK AMERICANS ~~✗~~
INDEED, FOR ALL AMERICANS, WE'RE WORKING
HARD TO CREATE ENTERPRISE ZONES ~~/~~ TO HELP
DISADVANTAGED AMERICANS ~~/~~ ESPECIALLY THOSE
IN OUR INNER CITIES ~~/~~ TO GET OFF WELFARE
AND ONTO THE ECONOMIC LADDER. WE'RE
SUPPORTING A YOUTH OPPORTUNITY WAGE TO HELP
TEENAGERS FIND JOBS. AND ACROSS THE BOARD,
WE'RE STRIVING TO CREATE VIGOROUS, LONG-TERM
ECONOMIC GROWTH. OPPORTUNITY BUILDS
PROSPERITY, / AND PROSPERITY MEANS A BETTER
LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES,
AND THE INSTITUTIONS ~~✗~~ LIKE HISTORICALLY
BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ~~/~~
THAT AMERICANS CHERISH.

TODAY MANY OF YOUR SCHOOLS STILL HAVE A
LONG AND DIFFICULT ROAD AHEAD. BUT SINCE
WE'VE BEGUN TO GIVE YOU MORE SUPPORT,
SUCCESS STORIES HAVE BEEN ROLLING IN.

WHEN MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE WAS
THREATENED WITH ITS VERY SURVIVAL,
TOGETHER WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE IT NEW LIFE.

MEHARRY, (YOU WILL REMEMBER) WAS IN DANGER OF
LOSING ITS ACCREDITATION BECAUSE IT LACKED
ACCESS TO A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PATIENTS
AND BEDS TO PROVIDE ITS STUDENTS WITH THE
PROPER CLINICAL TRAINING. WE REQUESTED THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO EXPAND AN ALREADY
EXISTING AFFILIATION WITH MEHARRY SO THAT
200 ADDITIONAL TEACHING BEDS WOULD BECOME
AVAILABLE. TODAY MEHARRY, A SCHOOL THAT
OVER THE LAST CENTURY HAS TRAINED 40 PERCENT
OF ALL BLACK PHYSICIANS, IS GOING ON WITH
ITS IMPORTANT WORK.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, FISK UNIVERSITY RAN INTO TOUGH FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. WE HELPED PUT TOGETHER A 19-MEMBER ADVISORY TASK FORCE/MADE UP OF PRESIDENTS OF OTHER HISTORICALLY BLACK INSTITUTIONS/SPECIALISTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

IN JULY, THE TASK FORCE SUBMITTED TO THE FISK BOARD OF TRUSTEES A REPORT OUTLINING A NUMBER OF SOUND FINANCIAL STRATEGIES.

THE REPORT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE UNIVERSITY APPOINT A BOARD OF ADVISORS,/MADE UP OF DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR/TO ASSIST FISK IN PUTTING THOSE STRATEGIES INTO PRACTICE.

FISK ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION,/AND, WITH THE HELP OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,/SELECTED A GROUP OF OUTSTANDING AMERICANS TO SERVE ON ITS ADVISORY BOARD.

I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE
ADVISORY BOARD JUST MET NEXT DOOR/ AND
THEY'RE WITH US NOW. TODAY, FISK STILL HAS
ITS WORK CUT OUT FOR IT/ BUT IT'S BACK ON
ITS FEET AND GROWING STRONGER.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES HAVE
ENRICHED OUR NATION IN THE PAST/ AND I JUST
HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR FUTURE WILL BE
EVEN BRIGHTER. AS WE SIGN THIS PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 23, 1984, AS NATIONAL HISTORICALLY
BLACK COLLEGES WEEK,/ LET US HONOR THE BRAVE
MEN AND WOMEN WHO DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO
THE EDUCATION OF BLACK AMERICANS IN DECADES
GONE BY. BUT LET US LOOK ALSO TO THE YEARS
AHEAD / TO THE VITAL ROLE THAT HISTORICALLY
BLACK COLLEGES WILL PLAY IN TRAINING YOUNG
AMERICANS FOR FULL LIVES IN TRADITIONAL
FIELDS/ AND IN THE NEW AND LIMITLESS
FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE,/ TECHNOLOGY,/ AND SPACE.

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SO MUCH OF AMERICA'S FUTURE LIES IN THE
DREAMS OF YOUR STUDENTS. TOGETHER, WE CAN
HELP MAKE THEM COME TRUE.

THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU, AND NOW LET
ME SIGN THE PROCLAMATION.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1984

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE DRUG PRICE
COMPETITION AND PATENT TERM RESTORATION
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MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE
ROSE GARDEN.

I KNOW WE'VE ALL HAD A BUSY DAY, BUT
I'M HAPPY WE WERE ABLE TO ARRANGE THIS
CEREMONY. AS I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE, WE'VE
JUST RETURNED FROM NEW YORK, WHERE I
ADDRESSED THE UNITED NATIONS ON WHAT THE
UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DO TO
HELP MOVE THE WORLD CLOSER TO AN ERA OF
LASTING PEACE, FREEDOM, AND HUMAN DIGNITY.
AND I'M CERTAIN YOU SHARE MY HOPE THAT THE
INITIATIVES I PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY WILL LEAD TO A NEW BEGINNING IN THE
SEARCH FOR A SAFE AND PROUD FUTURE.

IN 1983 ALONE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENT
AN ESTIMATED \$2.4 BILLION FOR DRUGS THROUGH
THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, AND IN VETERANS AND
MILITARY HOSPITALS. AND WE'RE ALL FOR
LOWERING GOVERNMENT COSTS.

THERE IS ALSO A TEXTILE PROVISION IN
THE LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES THAT CLOTHING
SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES BE CONSPICUOUSLY
LABELED TO SHOW COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, AND THAT
MAIL-ORDER AND OTHER CATALOGS INDICATE
WHETHER CLOTHING WAS MADE IN THE U.S.A. OR
IMPORTED.

WHEN YOU ADD IT ALL UP, THIS BILL WILL
PROVIDE REGULATORY RELIEF, INCREASED
COMPETITION, ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT, AND BEST
OF ALL, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SAVE MONEY,
AND YET RECEIVE THE BEST MEDICINE THAT
PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE CAN PROVIDE. AND NOW
I WILL MOVE OVER TO THE TABLE AND SIGN THE
BILL.

WITH THIS BILL, ELDERLY AMERICANS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE DRUGS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST. IN FACT, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT CONSUMERS WILL SAVE MORE THAN \$1 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

THE BILL WILL PROMOTE MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS AND DRUG INNOVATION BY GRANTING DRUG COMPANIES UP TO 5 MORE YEARS OF PATENT PROTECTION FOR NEW DRUGS.

THIS EXTENSION WILL HELP COMPENSATE FOR THE YEARS OF PATENT LIFE LOST DUE TO THE TIME-CONSUMING BUT ESSENTIAL TESTING REQUIRED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

AND, I MIGHT ADD THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (THE LARGEST SINGLE CONSUMER OF DRUGS) WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE GENERIC DRUGS AT SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER COSTS.

BUT, NOW, LET ME TURN MY ATTENTION TO
THE REAL REASON WE'RE HERE THIS AFTERNOON:
SIGNING INTO LAW THE DRUG PRICE COMPETITION
AND PATENT TERM RESTORATION ACT OF 1984.
AND, BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING ELSE, I WANT TO
THANK SENATOR ORRIN HATCH, WHO SPONSORED
THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE,
AND CONGRESSMAN HENRY WAXMAN, WHO WAS THE
CHIEF SPONSOR IN THE HOUSE.

THE LEGISLATION WILL SPEED UP THE
PROCESS OF FEDERAL APPROVAL OF INEXPENSIVE
GENERIC VERSIONS OF MANY BRAND-NAME DRUGS,
MAKE THE GENERIC VERSIONS MORE WIDELY
AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS, AND GRANT
PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS ADDED INCENTIVES TO
DEVELOP NEW DRUGS. EVERYONE WINS,
PARTICULARLY OUR ELDERLY AMERICANS.

SENIOR CITIZENS REQUIRE MORE MEDICATION
THAN ANY OTHER SEGMENT OF OUR SOCIETY.
THEY USE ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF ALL DRUGS SOLD.