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(NR/LP)
February 15, 1983
10:00 a.m.

MRS. REAGAN: BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1983

-- Thank you for inviting me today. It's no secret I'm concerned about the drug problem among the young people of our Nation. So I welcome this opportunity to talk with you about drugs.

-- When I was your age -- 184 years ago -- my friends and I were inclined to listen to everyone but our parents. So, instead of lecturing young people I've spent a lot of time over the past couple years listening to them and asking them questions. I think that is the best way I can learn what's happening to people your age, and let me say, I have learned a lot. I've learned how young people get started on drugs; I've learned who gets them started; and I've learned how very difficult it is to break free of drugs once you're on them.

-- I've asked these young people how I could draw attention to the drug problem. And I've asked them who they would listen to the most -- a doctor, a teacher, a celebrity, an athlete? Their answer is always a celebrity or an athlete. With that in mind, I prevailed upon athletes like former Dallas Cowboy Robert Staubach, who never took drugs, and former Minnesota Viking Carl Eller, who had a terrible drug problem, to help me get the drug message out. And the National Football League has been very supportive in this effort. Today I brought along a

player from some team called the Redskins who will give you his thoughts on the dangers of drugs. So may I introduce the Defensive Captain of the Washington Redskins and the 1983 Superbowl champions, Mark Murphy.

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