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REMARKS FOR SENATE WIVES' LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1988

-- WELL, THIS IS THE LAST ONE, THE LAST LUNCH WE'LL HAVE TOGETHER LIKE THIS. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'VE ENJOYED THESE LUNCHESES, THESE LITTLE BREAKS, OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

-- EVERY ONE OF THOSE YEARS HAS BEEN FASCINATING IN ITS OWN WAY. THE FIRST YEAR WAS A ROLLERCOASTER OF EMOTIONS -- FROM THE HOPE AND JOY OF THE INAUGURATION TO THE TERROR OF ALMOST LOSING RONNIE TO A BULLET. THEY'VE TRULY BEEN REMARKABLE YEARS -- FOR BOTH OF US -- AND ONES NOT GIVEN TO MANY PEOPLE. IMAGINE IN ONE

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WEEK BEING AT THE KREMLIN WITH THE GORBACHEVS, AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE WITH THE QUEEN, AT 10 DOWNING STREET WITH MRS. THATCHER AND AT DISNEY WORLD WITH FOSTER GRANDPARENTS. ALL IN ONE WEEK.

-- LIFE HAS BEEN SO MAGNIFIED HERE. SOMETIMES IT'S BEEN HARD TO COMPREHEND WHAT LIVING IN THIS HOUSE MEANS. THE DAY YOU COME THROUGH THE WHITE HOUSE GATES, YOUR LIFE SOMEHOW BECOMES LARGER THAN LIFE. IT WILL BE THE SAME FOR THE NEXT FIRST LADY. AND IT WILL BE THE CAUSE OF HER GREATEST THRILLS AND HER GREATEST HEARTACHES.

-- MY WORK AGAINST DRUGS HAS PROVIDED ME WITH THE MOST FULFILLING YEARS. AND I WILL ALWAYS BE INVOLVED WITH THE ANTI-DRUG MOVEMENT. WHEN I LEAVE WASHINGTON, I'LL BE ACTIVE IN BUILDING A DRUG CENTER IN LOS ANGELES. BY THE WAY, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP OVER THE YEARS IN WORKING ON VARIOUS DRUG PROGRAMS WITH ME. I'LL MISS YOU.

-- WHILE I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO CALIFORNIA, I WILL MISS WASHINGTON. SO, AS A TRIBUTE TO YOU AND TO THIS CITY, I'VE

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ARRANGED TO HAVE A SPECIAL ENTERTAINER WITH US -- JOHN EATON. JOHN HAS MADE HIS CAREER IN WASHINGTON, BUT HE PERFORMS IN CONCERT AND CLUB ENGAGEMENTS NATIONWIDE. HE RECORDS. HE LECTURES. AND MOST OF ALL, HE ENTERTAINS.

-- THE REVIEWS CALL HIM INVENTIVE, SENSITIVE, GRACEFUL, WITTY. THE WASHINGTON POST CALLED HIS STYLE "A FIRM, DELICATE TOUCH THAT PRODUCES A SPIRIT OF LYRICISM AND SMOOTH ENERGY."

-- AND NOW, JOHN EATON . . .

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