PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: MESSAGE FOR "STRAIGHT" TELETHON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1988

Hello. It is a pleasure for me to join you. This is a special time for everyone, especially young people and families all across the Nation and around the world.

I know I don't have to tell you how proud I am of Nancy and her leadership and dedication in working with our young people toward a drug-free America.

Drug and alcohol dependency are two of the most tragic problems we face today. They affect a vital national resource -- the American family. We must make every effort to end drug and alcohol use among our young people, and your program has an excellent record of success in meeting this goal.

Neither Nancy nor I will ever forget the hurt and anger that illegal drug use has inflicted on the children and families of this country.

We have listened to children who are old beyond their years tell of the pain and emptiness in their struggle against illegal drugs. And have heard mothers and fathers trying to understand why their children were attempting to destroy themselves.

But we have also seen hope. And there is a great feeling of joy in seeing a bright and curious young person reunited with his family and looking forward to the future with clear eyes and an eager mind.

And that's what organizations like yours are about -- our children, our families, and our future.

I know that working together we will achieve the goal of a drug-free America. For the sake of our children and our future, this is a battle we must win. Nancy and I offer our congratulations to all of you for the fine work you are doing in this vital area of national concern.

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Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to TOny Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 3:00 Tuesday, Secember 13. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Please see minor suggested changes.
Also, I understand that #2 ("STRAIGHT" Telethon) will be taped by RR alone -- changes suggested accordingly.

-- Donald Ian Macdonald

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