TO: Senator Dole

FR: Kerry

RE: Remarks to Horatio Alger Association Thursday, April 11 @ 10:45 /0:/5 SD-124

\*You will be speaking to fifty eight high school seniors from around the country who have been awarded \$5,000 scholarships by the Horatio Alger Association.

\*These youth were rewarded for their ability to overcome adversity through "integrity, perseverance, honesty, hard work, and traditional values."

\*Amy Miller from Pittsburg is this years winner from Kansas.

\*The group is hoping for as much time for questions and answers as possible. Some thoughts for brief opening remarks are attached.

SENATOR BOB DOLE REMARKS HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION APRIL 11, 1991

\*Good morning. It's a real privilege for me to be here this morning. You folks are pretty important. I'm one of 100 Senators, but you're all one of just fifty eight national winners of this outstanding scholarship.

\*The state motto of Kansas is "To the stars through difficulties." And I know that this motto describes this group.

\*You overcame difficulties and adversity through hard work, intelligence, and honesty. And I'm very proud of you.

\*When I look at you, I'm very optimistic about the future of America. It's today's youth are leading the American revival.

\*There's a surge of patriotism in the country. And polls show that more and more Americans are attending church. And more are saying that families and service to others are more important than making money.

\*I know that many of you have been actively involved in public service efforts such as helping the elderly, and the less fortunate. And I would urge you to continue that dedication throughout your life.

\*And I hope that sometime in the future, many of you will want to become involved in public service.

\*While you won't get rich here, you will have the chance to make a real difference, and to tackle the tough issues of the day.

\*Today's issues include:

-- the Gulf. How do we handle Iraq? Can we bring peace?

--Russia. Is Gorbachev going to last? Should we support him if he cracks down on those seeking democracy?

-- the deficit. How can your generation survive if we keep passing the bills to you?

\*I don't have all the answers to these questions, but I do believe that: (summarize positions on Gulf, Russia, deficit)

\*It always helps me to hear what's on your mind. So, I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

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January 18, 1991

The Honorable Robert Dole Senate Republican Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Dole,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Horatio Alger Association, I am honored to invite you to address the students attending the 1991 Horatio Alger National Scholars Conference.

Through the support of the Association's membership, fifty-eight exemplary high school seniors will be awarded \$5,000 scholarships to promote their active pursuit of higher education. These students have been chosen for exemplifying the many virtues portrayed in the novels of Horatio Alger. Each has shown a unique ability to overcome adversity through integrity, perseverance, honesty, hard work, and traditional values. The Horatio Alger Scholars Program assists these aspiring young Americans as they strive to make their dreams become reality.

Each scholarship winner will travel to Washington, D.C., as a guest of the Association. These students will participate in the Association's annual awards activities scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1991, through Sunday, April 14, 1991. During this time. Association members and leading policy makers will address the students on topics focused on American government and the free enterprise system.

As a distinguished member of the U.S. Senate, your unique perspective on American government would provide a very meaningful and memorable address. We would be honored if you would address the students from 11:30-12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. We would like to work with your staff to arrange for the session to be held in the Lyndon B. Johnson Room or another convenient location on the Hill. Your meeting with the Scholars who attended the 1989 Conference provided a truly inspirational experience and we hope that you will be able to share with the 1991 Scholars your thoughts and perspective as a United States Senator.

For your review, I am sending under separate cover the 1990 National Scholars Conference program, the most recent issues of the Executive Forum, and Only in America Opportunity Still Knocks. As you may be aware, these publications outline many of the Association's goals while highlighting recent events and providing a brief overview of our membership. You should receive these materials within the next week.

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Should you have questions, please feel free to contact our Project Manager, Arnold Landers, at (703) 684-9444. We certainly hope that you are available to meet with the Horatio Alger Youth Scholars and look forward to hearing from you soon.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Terrence J. Giroux Executive Director