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IOWA STATE SHERIFFS' AND DEPUTIES' ASSOCIATION
STOUFFER FIVE SEASONS HOTEL
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, DECEMBER 7, 1986

THANK YOU. I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH YOU TONIGHT. IT'S NICE TO GET A BRIEF RESPITE FROM THE "WINDS OF WASHINGTON" -- THAT'S THE NEW MINI SERIES ON WHO'S UP AND WHO'S DOWN AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS WEEK.

BEFORE I GET INTO ISSUES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO YOU, I'D LIKE TO TOUCH ON THE STORY RIVETING THE ENTIRE NATION RIGHT NOW -- THE IRANIAN ARMS SALE CONTROVERSY. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HEARD PRESIDENT REAGAN'S RADIO ADDRESS YESTERDAY. BUT I BELIEVE WITH WHAT HE SAID -- ALONG WITH EVERYTHING HE HAS SAID AND DONE OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS -- THE PRESIDENT HAS TURNED THE CORNER ON THIS VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT -- THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF. BUT THE PRESIDENT SAID TWO THINGS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANTED HIM TO SAY. FIRST, HE SAID MISTAKES WERE MADE -- THE EXECUTION OF HIS IRANIAN POLICY WAS FLAWED. AND SECOND, HE SAID FLAT OUT -- "I'M GOING TO SET THINGS RIGHT." IN MY VIEW, THAT STATEMENT CAPS A VERY GOOD WEEK FOR RONALD REAGAN.

PEOPLE MAY DEBATE THE WISDOM OF THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY -- OF HIS IRANIAN POLICY, HIS NICARAGUAN POLICY. BUT WHAT YOU AND I--AND ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEMAND--IS A CREDIBLE PRESIDENT: SOMEONE THEY CAN BELIEVE IN AND TRUST. RONALD REAGAN HAS BEEN THAT KIND OF PRESIDENT. AND THIS PAST WEEK, I BELIEVE, HE HAS DEMONSTRATED TO THE NATION THAT HE STILL IS. NOW, GETTING ON TO BIGGER THINGS. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE BILL HAVENHILL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN YOUR ASSOCIATION, AND IN ESTABLISHING THE 'WINTER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION'.

LAST FALL BILL CAME TO WASHINGTON, AND WE HAD A PRODUCTIVE VISIT IN MY OFFICE. WE DISCUSSED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES YOU FACE IN IOWA, AND HOW WE IN WASHINGTON MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

FIRST, LET ME SAY THAT WASHINGTON DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. IT CERTAINLY NO LONGER HAS ALL THE MONEY.

BUT IN TWO AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO YOU - AND TO EVERY SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFF IN IOWA - I BELIEVE WE ARE WORKING HARD TO SOLVE SOME VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

THE FIRST PROBLEM IS ONE THAT OBVIOUSLY TOUCHES EVERYONE IN IOWA. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TROUBLED FARM ECONOMY. WE ALL KNOW HOW IT AFFECTS THE FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES; THE BUSINESSES ON MAIN STREET; AND THE FINANCIALLY-STRAPPED BANKING SYSTEM.

BUT WE SOMETIMES FORGET THAT THE COUNTY SHERIFFS AND THEIR DEPUTIES FACE TOUGH TIMES, TOO. FOR IT IS YOU AND YOUR TROOPS WHO MUST BEAR THE BURDEN OF DELIVERING THE JUDGE'S FORECLOSURE NOTICE; OF MAINTAINING ORDER AT THE AUCTION; OF WALKING THAT THIN LINE BETWEEN DOING YOUR JOB, AND BEING A FRIEND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS.

TOO OFTEN YOU ARE THE TARGET OF THE HURT, THE FRUSTRATION AND THE ANGER THAT RESULT FROM THIS SAD BUT NECESSARY DUTY. COMING FROM A SMALL TOWN IN A MIDWESTERN STATE MYSELF, I KNOW HOW IT IS TO FACE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN A NEIGHBOR, A FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS, WHO IS LOSING ALL THAT HE OR SHE HAVE EVER WORKED FOR.

AND THERE YOU ARE: IN UNIFORM, A SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY, DOING YOUR LEGAL DUTY, PLAYING A ROLE IN WHAT MANY CONSIDER TO BE THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES.

LET ME SAY RIGHT HERE, YOU HAVE MY ADMIRATION. I SALUTE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR CARRYING OUT THIS DUTY WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPASSION.

EARLIER I SAID THAT WASHINGTON DOESN'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, AND THAT WE HAVE EVEN LESS MONEY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS SUCH AS THESE. THAT'S TRUE. BUT IN DEALING WITH THE CURRENT AGRICULTURAL WOES, I CAN GUARANTEE WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO GIVE UP.

IN FACT, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE SITUATION MAY BE STARTING TO TURN THE CORNER. NEVER BEFORE HAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATED MORE OF ITS FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST THE AMERICAN FARMER THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST YEAR.

BECAUSE OF A RECORD-SETTING INFUSION OF FEDERAL MONEY, FARM STATES ARE NOW SHOWING THE BIGGEST GAIN IN PERSONAL INCOME: UP 8.5 PERCENT IN IOWA THE STATISTICS TELL US. NOW THAT DOESN'T MEAN OUR PROBLEMS ARE OVER--BUT IT DOES INDICATE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT BEEN SHY ABOUT SPENDING TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS TO HELP AGRICULTURE. BUT WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT AMERICAN FARMERS ARE GOING THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TRANSITION PERIOD. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT GUARANTEE EVERY FARMER WILL SUCCEED - JUST AS YOU CANNOT GUARANTEE THERE WILL NEVER BE A CRIME IN YOUR COUNTY - IT CAN HELP EASE THE TRANSITION INTO A NEW ERA FOR AGRICULTURE.

I AM HOPEFUL THAT AS OUR EFFORTS CONTINUE, YOU WILL CARRY FEWER FORECLOSURE NOTICES AND BE CALLED TO FEWER FARM AUCTIONS.

JUST TWO WEEKS AGO IN DES MOINES, I JOINED GOV. BRANSTAD, CONGRESSMEN LEACH AND TAUKE, CONGRESSMEN-ELECT GRANDY, AND OTHER MIDWEST OFFICIALS IN A NEWLY-FORMED REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE TO FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE: FROM MAIN STREET TO THE FAMILY FARM.

AND WHILE IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT ACTIONS MIGHT RESULT, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO HELP OUR FARMER NEIGHBORS AND OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES UNTIL THERE ARE NO MORE FORECLOSURE NOTICES AND NO MORE COURT-ORDERED AUCTIONS. OUR TASK FORCE WILL MEET AGAIN ON DECEMBER FIFTEENTH IN CHICAGO.

ON ANOTHER FRONT, THERE IS EQUAL CONCERN OVER ILLEGAL DRUGS, WHICH HAVE CREPT INTO EVERY CORNER OF OUR SOCIETY. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU OF COURSE--YOU SEE IT, AND HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT EVERY DAY.

IN MY VIEW, THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED DEATHS OF TWO PROMINENT SPORTS FIGURES--AND THE GENUINE CONCERN SHOWN BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN-- HAVE SERVED TO HEIGHTEN THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM. CONGRESS RESPONDED TO THIS CONCERN WITH THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACT OF 1986, WHICH I INTRODUCED AND MANAGED IN THE SENATE.

THE NEW LAW CONTAINS AN ARSENAL OF ENFORCEMENT WEAPONS, AND 1.7 BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW FUNDS TO MAKE A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE. THERE ARE TOUGH NEW PENALTIES DIRECTED AGAINST THOSE WHO MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORT, SELL, AND POSSESS ILLEGAL DRUGS. THE ACT ALSO PROVIDES NEW AUTHORITY AND FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE COURTS AND THE FEDERAL PENAL SYSTEM.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE LEGISLATION SETS FINES OF UP TO \$4 MILLION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$10 MILLION FOR AN ORGANIZATION CONVICTED OF MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIMES. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR SENTENCES OF UP TO FIVE YEARS AND FINES OF UP TO \$50,000 FOR SELLING DRUGS TO CHILDREN.

SHORT OF THE ULTIMATE SANCTION - THE DEATH PENALTY - THESE PENALTIES ARE AS TOUGH AS YOU CAN GET. THE DRUG BILL ALSO AUTHORIZES A NEW PROGRAM OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INITIATIVES TO COMBAT DRUG CRIMES. APPROXIMATELY \$225 MILLION IS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW - INCLUDING ABOUT \$2.2 MILLION FOR IOWA.

IN ADDITION, THERE IS AUTHORITY TO FUND PROGRAMS AIMED AT DESTROYING DRUG PLANTS. IOWA SHERIFFS CAN LEAD THE NATION IN BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. BUT TO DO SO, YOU MUST ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM.

NO DOUBT THE NEW DRUG LEGISLATION WILL HAVE A RIPPLE EFFECT ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE. IF MORE ARRESTS ARE MADE, THERE WILL BE MORE PROSECUTIONS, TRIALS, CONVICTIONS AND INCARCERATIONS. THOSE OF US WHO WORKED ON THE DRUG BILL RECOGNIZED THIS, WHICH IS WHY WE INCREASED FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY. STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES WILL ALSO RECEIVE FEDERAL FINANCIAL