

LARRY SPEAKES: - 318 RSOB
KAPPA SIGMA MAN OF THE YEAR Fri. Dec. 10, 1982

FELLOW BROTHERS AND FRIENDS OF KAPPA SIGMA, IT CERTAINLY IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE THIS EVENING. AS THE 1970 WINNER OF THIS MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD, I AM PROUD THAT LARRY SPEAKES IS BEING ADDED TO THE LIST OF HONOREES.

BEFORE GETTING TO OUR 1982 "MAN OF THE YEAR," I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE TODAY'S KAPPA SIGS IN COLLEGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MANY OF THEM IN MY TRAVELS, AND LET ME TELL YOU: THEY ARE TRULY AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP, AND THEY HAVE CHOSEN IN LARRY SPEAKES A WORTHY BROTHER TO HONOR TONIGHT AS 1982 "MAN OF THE YEAR".

AS WE ALL KNOW, LARRY ASSUMED HIS ROLE AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT WAS ALREADY A DEMANDING JOB BECAME EVEN MORE SO DUE TO LAST YEAR'S TRAGIC INCIDENT AT THE WASHINGTON HILTON. BUT LARRY WAS UP TO THE TASK - HE HAS PERFORMED HIS DUTIES WITH CLASS AND INTELLIGENCE:

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TONIGHT'S AWARD IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF LARRY SPEAKES' ADMIRABLE
SUCCESS UNDER PRESSURE.

YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN BIOGRAPHERS WRITE ABOUT THE LIFE OF
LARRY SPEAKES, THEY WILL DOCUMENT HIS BRILLIANT CAREER AS SPOKESMAN
FOR ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST BELOVED LEADERS:

A MAN WHO WAS NOT AFRAID TO TAKE ON THE HARD ISSUES;

A MAN FROM THE HEARTLAND OF AMERICA, WHO UNDERSTOOD THE NEEDS
OF HIS COUNTRYMEN;

A MAN WITH A QUICK WIT, AND A READY SMILE;

A STATESMAN WITH STRONG CONVICTIONS, WILLING TO STAND ALONE
FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED;

AN AMERICAN DESTINED FOR GREATNESS...IN THE WHITE HOUSE.....

THAT'S RIGHT, LARRY, TONIGHT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINE
WORK AS MY PRESS SECRETARY DURING THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE MY GOOD FRIEND,
LARRY SPEAKES.