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*Second Genesis*

TALKING POINTS

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- O I WANT TO BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING AND COMPLEMENTING DR. SIDNEY SHANKMAN AND THE REST OF THE STAFF OF SECOND GENESIS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JOB THEY HAVE DONE SINCE 1969 IN HELPING PEOPLE RETURN TO FULL PRODUCTIVE LIVES.
  
- O DRUG ADDICTION IS CLEARLY ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING PROBLEMS FACED BY OUR NATION TODAY AND WHAT IS PARTICULARLY FRIGHTENING IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT HAS BEGUN TO AFFECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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- O SOMETIMES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SPEAK AND THE CONGRESS REALLY LISTENS. SUCH WAS THE CASE WITH ANTI-DRUG LEGISLATION. THE MOMENTUM BEHIND THE DRUG BILL -- INITIATED LARGELY BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN -- WAS ENORMOUS.
  
- O THE DRUG CONTROL ACT OF 1986 AS FINALLY ADOPTED REPRESENTED THE BEST EFFORTS OF PEOPLE ON ALL SIDES OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. AS WE FOUND TRUE LAST YEAR, DRUG ABUSE AND ITS TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE -- IT IS SOMETHING WE ALL HAVE TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO ADDRESS.

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- O OUR BILL DID WHAT IT COULD TO STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN THE HOPES OF STEMMING THE TIDE OF DRUGS COMING INTO THIS COUNTRY AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THOSE WHO WOULD PREY ON OUR CHILDREN. IT ALSO INCREASED OUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND TREATMENT.
  
- O BUT AS YOU KNOW, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN'T SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE TO LOOK TO YOU TO DO THE REAL WORK, CARING FOR PEOPLE, AND THATS WHAT SECOND GENESIS IS ALL ABOUT.

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- SECOND GENESIS HAS A WORTHY GOAL; PROVIDING WORK, RECREATION AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCES THAT PROMOTE SELF CONTROL AND SELF DISCIPLINE.
  
- IN WORKING WITH CLIENTS ALSO RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL ROLL THAT FAMILIES PLAY IN HELPING INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THEIR PROBLEMS. IN DOING THESE THINGS, THEY HELP NOT ONLY THOSE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, BUT ALSO OUR COMMUNITY. THUS IT IS ALSO OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS.

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○ EACH OF YOU HERE THIS EVENING HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO HELP SECOND GENESIS. LIKE YOU, I BELIEVE THESE EFFORTS TO BE CRITICAL. THOSE LIKE MAGGIE SHANNON AND DEBBY SIGMUND DESERVE OUR SPECIAL THANKS FOR HELPING ALL OF US REALIZE OUR OBLIGATIONS.