United States Senate

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TO:

SENATOR DOLE

FROM:

SHEILA BURKE

RE:

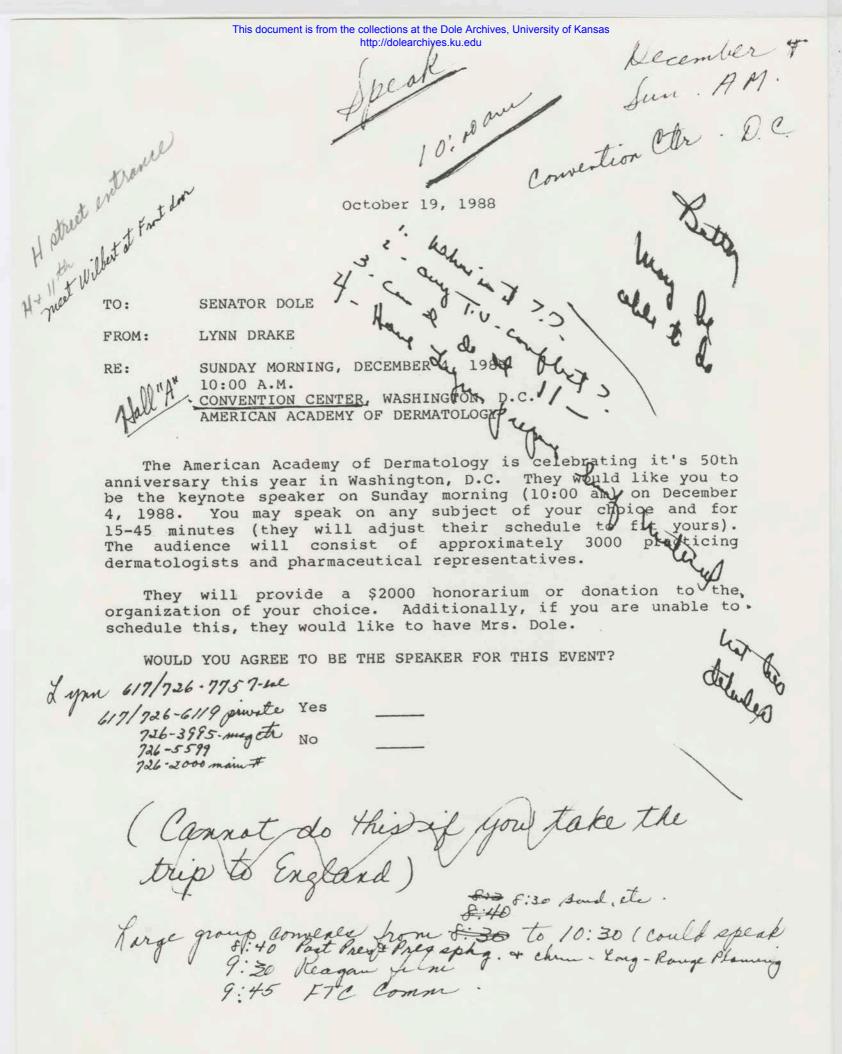
KEYNOTE SPEECH - AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

CONVENTION CENTER, H - STREET ENTRANCE

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM DECEMBER 4, 1988

The American Academy of Dermatology is celebrating their 50th anniversary. This is the major organization for dermatology, and has over 5000 members, with approximately 2500 in attendance at this meeting. It is primarily an educational organization.

Any remarks you make will be appreciated, and we have provided you with a few points that might be helpful. They will be expecting you to speak for 20-25 minutes, and Lynn Drake will meet you at the door. The audience is very flexible about subject matter and will appreciate your good wit.



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

SUNDAY, 10:00 AM

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INTRODUCTION

o I APPRECIATE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

- ELIZABETH KEEPS REMINDING ME TO USE A

 SUNSCREEN A GOOD RECOMMENDATION BUT MY I

 DON'T ALWAYS LISTEN.
- ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THERE IS THIS NEW

 CREAM DERMATOLOGISTS ARE USING FOR SUN

 DAMAGE AND WRINKLES SO IF ALL YOU

 SCIENTISTS KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK I'LL BE ABLE

 TO SIT IN THE SUN AND NOT WORRY.

- O I ASKED ELIZABETH IF A SENIOR SENATOR FROM

 KANSAS COULD DEVELOP ACNE THEN I WOULD

 HAVE AN EXCUSE TO GO THE DERMATOLOGIST AND

 GET SOME RETIN-A.
- IN FACT, MAYBE YOU COULD COME UP WITH A RETIN
 A SHAVING LOTION.
- ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE, I REALIZE THAT 30% OF
 ALL DOCTOR VISITS INVOLVE CONCERNS ABOUT
 THE SKIN, AND THAT THERE ARE OVER 500,000 NEW

SKIN CANCERS REPORTED EACH YEAR - THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE ARE DUE TO THE SUN. IT IS ALSO READILY APPARENT THAT SOME OF THOSE CANCERS, SUCH AS MELANOMAS, CAN BE FATAL. AS WE ALL KNOW, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS BEEN VERY OPEN ABOUT HIS RECENT SKIN CANCER.

TO PROVIDE FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING

THROUGHOUT THE NATION, AND FOR THEIR EARLY

MELANOMA

DETECTION PROGRAM. PROGRAMS LIKE THIS NOT
ONLY SAVE LIVES, BUT GOOD PREVENTION WILL
ALSO REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS. AND, I MIGHT
ADD, THIS FITS INTO A CONCEPT THAT BOTH
PRESIDENT-ELECT BUSH AND REPUBLICANS
SUPPORT -- INCENTIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS
BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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O I HAVE LONG BEEN A PROPONENT OF EDUCATION

AND PREVENTION AS METHODS TO CONSERVE

SCARCE HEALTH CARE RESOURCES, AND WITH OUR

PRESENT BUDGET PROBLEMS, EVERY EFFORT

HELPS.

SENATOR DOLE'S RECORD

O MY INTEREST IN HEALTH CARE IS LONG-STANDING

AND A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF MY LEGISLATIVE

INITIATIVES HAVE INVOLVED HEALTH ISSUES. MOST

RECENTLY, I INTRODUCED THE

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CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE BILL, SEVERAL BILLS RELATING TO AIDS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON AIDS. AND AS A MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, I HAVE BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH ISSUES OF CONCERN TO PHYSICIANS, SUCH AS REIMBURSEMENT, GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION, AND MEDICARE AND MEDICAID. BY THE WAY, IT SEEMS CLEAR

THAT REVISIONS IN THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SYSTEM ARE LIKELY TO BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DEBATE.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY. BASIC

RESEARCH IS THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH NEW

APPROACHES TO MEDICAL CARE ARE DEVELOPED.

IN FACT, I HAVE A VERY PERSONAL APPRECIATION

OF THAT SINCE FOLLOWING MY WARTIME INJURY,
AN EXPERIMENTAL DRUG, STREPTOMYCIN,
PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE.

- O IN FACT, I STRONGLY SUPPORTED RECENT
 LEGISLATION WHICH ESTABLISHED TWO
 DERMATOLOGY RESEARCH CENTERS.
- O BECAUSE BOTH GEORGE BUSH AND THE NEW

 SENATE MAJORITY LEADER GEORGE MITCHELL

 BOTH HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO THESE ISSUES, I

WOULD EXPECT THAT CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE

AND LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE ISSUES WILL BE ON

THE AGENDA IN THE UPCOMING SESSION.

BUT, WHILE ALL OF US ARE COMMITTED TO BETTER

HEALTH CARE FOR MORE INDIVIDUALS, ANY

CHANGES THAT ARE MADE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

WILL HAVE TO BE DONE WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS

OF TODAY'S BUDGET REALITIES.

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COMMENTS ABOUT ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS

CONCLUSION

THAT'S WHY EFFORTS, SUCH AS YOURS, TO
EDUCATE AND PREVENT DISEASE ARE SO
IMPORTANT. IT IS ESPECIALLY REFRESHING TO
NOTE ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS
ACADEMY, THAT YOU STILL HAVE EDUCATION AS
YOUR PRIMARY GOAL. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.