

APRIL 24, 1990

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FR: CLARKSON

RE: WASHINGTON CENTER HONOR ROLL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

BETWEEN 500 AND 600 ATTENDEES ARE EXPECTED AT TONIGHT'S EVENT, WHICH IS A BENEFIT FOR THE WASHINGTON CENTER'S INTERNSHIP AND SEMINAR PROGRAMS WHICH SERVE STUDENTS IN MORE THAN 700 UNIVERSITIES.

THE PRESENTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 9:30. YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED BY A STUDENT AND BY SENATOR PRESSLER'S WIFE, HARRIET.

REP. BILL GRAY IS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, ADDRESSING THE EVENT AT 8:00.

OTHER AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE:

-- QUAKER OATS COMPANY FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. FRANK MORGAN, QUAKER'S PRESIDENT AND C.O.O. WILL ACCEPT, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO YOUR AWARD.

-- CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. THE SCHOOL'S CHANCELLOR WILL ACCEPT THE AWARD.

YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE WASHINGTON CENTER IS EVIDENTLY SEEKING A \$12 MILLION APPROPRIATION FROM CONGRESS TO BUILD HOUSING IN WASHINGTON FOR ITS STUDENTS. SENATOR HARKIN HAS APPARENTLY SPONSORED A BILL.

REMARKS BY SENATOR BOB DOLE
WASHINGTON CENTER
1990 HONOR ROLL
PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
APRIL 24, 1990
NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH
FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL AWARD.
I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
WASHINGTON CENTER, AND ITS
DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF
DIRECTORS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
THANK THE CENTER'S PRESIDENT
BILL BURKE FOR THE CENTER'S

GOOD WORK OVER THE PAST
15 YEARS IN PROMOTING PUBLIC
SERVICE, AND GETTING YOUNG
PEOPLE INVOLVED IN
GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND
EDUCATION — AND OF
COURSE I WANT TO RECOGNIZE
THE STUDENTS HERE TONIGHT
WHO HAVE SOUGHT OUT
VALUABLE REAL—LIFE EXPERIENCE

IN WASHINGTON. AND I'M
ALSO ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO
BE IN THE GOOD COMPANY OF
YOUR OTHER HONOREES
TONIGHT, THE QUAKER OATS
COMPANY AND CALIFORNIA
STATE UNIVERSITY.

INTERNSHIPS ARE A TWO-WAY
STREET THAT BRING BENEFITS TO

THOSE ON BOTH SIDES.

AND THERE'S NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT: INTERNS ARE
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO US
ON CAPITOL HILL. PERHAPS I
REPRESENT ALL OF US IN THE
SENATE AND THE HOUSE IN
ACCEPTING THIS AWARD. WE
ALL RELY ON INTERNS, AND I
THINK WE ALL TAKE PRIDE IN

BEING ABLE TO GIVE STUDENTS
ACCESS TO THE VALUABLE
EXPERIENCE THAT DRAWS THEM
TO WASHINGTON. AND WE
COULDN'T DO IT NEARLY AS
WELL, I MIGHT ADD, WITHOUT
OUR NATION'S COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES WHO ENCOURAGE
INTERNSHIPS BY GRANTING
ACADEMIC CREDITS, IN

PARTNERSHIP WITH PROGRAMS
LIKE THE WASHINGTON CENTER.

THE LIFE OF A CAPITOL HILL
INTERN IS NOT ALWAYS
GLAMOROUS. BUT IT DOES
GIVE THESE YOUNG MEN AND
WOMEN AN UNRIVALED VIEW OF
AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AT
WORK. AND I THINK THAT

EXPERIENCE CAN PAY
IMPORTANT DIVIDENDS DOWN
THE ROAD —— FOR ALL OF US.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, WE CAN
ALL AGREE THAT WE NEED TO
ATTRACT 'GOOD' PEOPLE TO
GOVERNMENT SERVICE. BUT WE
ALSO KNOW THAT THE

GOVERNMENT, OR THE
EDUCATION SECTOR FOR THAT
MATTER, CAN'T ALWAYS
COMPETE FINANCIALLY WITH THE
PRIVATE SECTOR. SOME OF US
ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THAT,
BUT I DON'T THINK THE DAY IS
NEAR WHEN GOVERNMENT
SALARIES WILL REACH A LEVEL
COMPARABLE TO BUSINESS.

NOR DO I THINK, BY THE WAY,
THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER
LIMITING THE TERMS OF THOSE
WHO WISH TO SERVE.

SO IT WILL ALWAYS BE
SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT
DRAWS PEOPLE INTO
GOVERNMENT. FOR MANY
PEOPLE, IT'S A DEDICATION TO
PUBLIC SERVICE. AND THAT'S

WHERE THE INTERN PROGRAM
COMES IN —— IT'S THE
EXPOSURE TO PUBLIC SERVICE
THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE GET
THROUGH PROGRAMS SUCH AS
THE WASHINGTON CENTER THAT
IS SO CRITICAL TO DEVELOPING
THAT THIRST FOR PUBLIC
SERVICE THAT DRAWS QUALITY
PEOPLE INTO THE GOVERNMENT.

I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT I
HAVE PERSONALLY BENEFITED
FROM THIS FINE PROGRAM —
ASIDE FROM NUMEROUS
INTERNS, TWO WASHINGTON
CENTER ALUMNI, DAVID WILSON
AND SARAH BROWN, HAVE
BROUGHT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN
THE PROGRAM TO WORK FULL—
TIME ON MY SENATE STAFF.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE
INSPIRED ME IN MY LIFE. BUT
PERHAPS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL
POLITICALLY WAS BETH BOWERS,
THE LAW LIBRARIAN AT
WASHBURN UNIVERSITY —— AND
A DEMOCRAT TO BOOT. MISS
BOWERS ENCOURAGED MY
CLASSMATES AND ME TO TAKE

AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN
POLITICS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT
HAVING JUST FOUGHT A
WAR —— WORLD WAR 2 ——
FOR THE SURVIVAL OF
DEMOCRACY, WE MIGHT
PRESUME TO HOLD A FRANCHISE
ON THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.
WHEN MISS BOWERS SUGGESTED
I RUN FOR THE KANSAS STATE

LEGISLATURE IN THE FALL OF
1950, I LISTENED —— AND
ACTED. I ALSO SAW PUBLIC
SERVICE AS A WAY TO GIVE
BACK A LITTLE OF WHAT HAD
BEEN SHOWERED ON ME BY A
GENEROUS COMMUNITY EAGER
TO HELP ME RECOVER FROM MY
WAR WOUNDS.

SO, PUBLIC SERVICE HAS

MANY DIFFERENT LURES, AND
IT'S CERTAINLY IN OUR INTEREST
TO EXPOSE STUDENTS TO THE
GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS.
PROGRAMS LIKE THE
WASHINGTON CENTER MAKE US
ALL WINNERS — BE IT THE
SENATOR, THE STUDENT, OR
SOCIETY AT LARGE.

THANK YOU.

A handwritten blue hash mark (#) is positioned below the text "THANK YOU.".

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