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The Honorable George Mitchell
Washington, D.C.

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Dear George:

I am delighted to salute you as you receive the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Alliance for Aging Research.

Throughout your extraordinary political career, you have consistently helped to forge creative solutions to the challenges facing our nation, guiding our government to meet the needs of the American people. Particularly on the vital issue of health care for our older citizens, you have proven to be a tireless and passionate crusader. You have earned the trust of the nation and the respect of your colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Senator George J. Mitchell

I am deeply grateful for the experience of working with you as an ally in public service, and I will always treasure your friendship. You can take great pride in your unwavering commitment to build a brighter tomorrow for all of our people.

Heartfelt congratulations, and best wishes for good health and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

September 28, 1994
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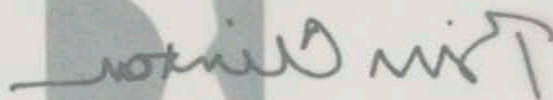
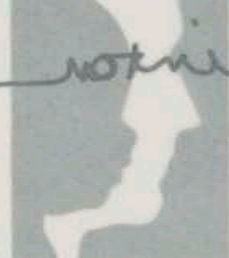
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WELCOME

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DINNER

Lobster Ravioli
JW's Signature Salad
Fillet Mignon Aux Champignon
&
Grilled Fillet of Salmon
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Grilled Seasonal Vegetables
Three Chocolate Terrine
Coffee & Tea
Sterling Cabernet Sauvignon & Chardonnay



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GEORGE J. MITCHELL

Presented by:
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SPECIAL REMARKS





THE HONORABLE
 GEORGE J. MITCHELL

Majority Leader
 United States Senate

Admired for his intellect and effective leadership, George Mitchell has left his imprint on almost every piece of major legislation that has moved through Congress during the past decade. As Senate Majority Leader, Senator Mitchell has been a champion of medical and health care research, and he has advocated tirelessly for quality, affordable health care for all Americans. He was instrumental in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, landmark legislation extending civil rights protections to the disabled. Senior Congressional staff voted Mitchell "the most respected member of the Senate" for six consecutive years. He will retire from the Senate in early January, after representing the state of Maine since 1980.



CHRIS GORDON

Master of Ceremonies
 WUSA-TV

Chris Gordon, co-anchor of "Eyewitness News" at 5 P.M. with J.C. Hayward, has been with WUSA-TV since 1977. His broadcasting career began in 1976 as a reporter for WTOP News Radio 15 in Washington. He was then hired as a full-time reporter at WFSB-TV in Hartford, Connecticut. Gordon returned to Washington in 1977 and joined WUSA-TV, where he has remained except for a short three-year stint at Channel 7. Gordon has received the American Bar Association's Certificate of Merit, and two "Best of Gannett Award" awards. He takes special interest in community activities and charity events. From 1980 to 1983, he hosted the local Easter Seals Telethon and, in 1984, he became host of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation's annual telethon.

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Place: JW Marriott Hotel • 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Time: Reception at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM

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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER GEORGE MITCHELL

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• Nobel Laureate

June 9, 1994

Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1601

Dear Senator Dole,

On behalf of the Alliance for Aging Research, a national non-profit organization which I serve as Executive Director, it is my pleasure to invite you to make a special appearance at our Congressional Awards Dinner at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, September 28, 1994.

That evening the Alliance will be honoring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell with our Distinguished Public Service Award. The presentation of the award will highlight an evening paying tribute to George Mitchell's career in the Senate and his leadership on behalf of medical research to better the lives of older Americans. We at the Alliance also recognize your own personal commitment to seniors, to Americans with disabilities, and to the search for newer and better ways to treat and prevent age-related afflictions such as Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis and cancer.

It would be a fine gesture of bipartisanship if you would help the Alliance present its award to Senator Mitchell. Our audience, which will number some 300 distinguished corporate and foundation leaders and public officials will be inspired by seeing the two U.S. Senate party leaders united in support of research to improve the health, vitality and independence of older Americans.

At our previous awards dinner in 1992, the Alliance presented honors to Senator Pete V. Domenici, Dr. Louis Sullivan, then Secretary of Health and Human Services, Senator Jay Rockefeller and actor Don Amici. I include a program from that earlier event for your review.

The dinner this year takes on special significance due to Senator Mitchell's pending retirement from the U.S. Senate. Your participation and help in honoring Senator Mitchell would make this a memorable event and we sincerely hope you will respond positively to our request.

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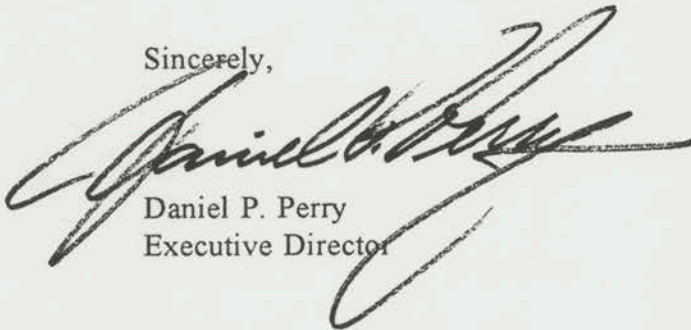
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Senator Robert Dole
June 9, 1994

The Alliance for Aging Research is a non-profit and non-partisan organization working to improve the quality of life of older Americans through research, training in geriatrics, maintenance of health, prevention and rehabilitation following age-related disability. As the Congressional Awards Dinner will be a fundraising event for the Alliance for Aging Research, all proceeds from the event will go to support Alliance initiatives in these areas.

The awards dinner will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel (1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) with a reception beginning at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join Senator Mitchell and our other distinguished guests at that time. We will look forward to working with you and your staff to make this a convenient and rewarding experience for you.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel P. Perry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel P. Perry
Executive Director

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August 23, 1994

Dear Colleague:

The Alliance for Aging Research, one of the nation's most respected advocacy organizations, will honor retiring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell at a special dinner on the evening of September 28, 1994, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We know you will want to mark your calendar for this important event.

The Alliance will present Senator Mitchell with its Distinguished Public Service Award for his outstanding efforts on behalf of improving the lives of older Americans. In the spirit of bipartisanship, Senator Bob Dole has been invited to make a special guest appearance.

The Congressional Awards Dinner will be held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, Capitol Ballroom, Pennsylvania Avenue at 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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The presentation of the award takes on special significance due to Senator Mitchell's pending retirement from the U.S. Senate. We hope to see you at the dinner on September 28. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please call Mark Walker at the Alliance for Aging Research (202) 293-2856.

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senator


Orrin Hatch
U.S. Senator

The Alliance for Aging Research cordially invites you to attend its 1994 Awards Dinner

Receiving the Distinguished Public Service Award

◆ **SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL**

Majority Leader, United States Senate

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Featuring a Special Guest Appearance By

◆ **SENATOR ROBERT DOLE (Invited)**

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Capitol Ballroom
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BUSINESS ATTIRE

VIP RECEPTION 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

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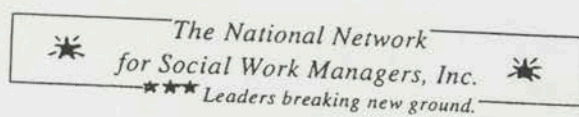
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The Alliance has helped make aging research one of the nation's fastest growing research priorities. Since the Alliance's founding, federal support for aging research at the National Institutes of Health has nearly tripled and private research and development in aging has reached an all-time high. Research into how people age is also now on the threshold of dramatic medical and social breakthroughs that will enhance the lives of millions of aging Americans.

Alliance Activities and Programming

- ♦ Work with public officials, policymakers, scientists, health care professionals, business and foundation leaders and the public to focus greater attention on the health and independence of older people.
- ♦ Build coalitions of diverse organizations and individuals that have advanced funding for aging research at the National Institutes of Health, and in the private sector.
- ♦ Conduct valuable public and professional information campaigns on diseases that strike seniors, including urinary incontinence, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation and physical frailty.
- ♦ Serve as a clearinghouse for reliable information, trends and statistics on the health and well-being of older people.
- ♦ Release studies and surveys that examine important medical, behavioral and social issues influenced by growing older, including a widely quoted annual survey on the attitudes of older Americans on health and fitness, and a notable study on health and retirement.
- ♦ Create public-private partnerships to support training in geriatrics for tomorrow's physicians and health care professionals. The Alliance is currently working to create Leadership Centers in Geriatrics at top U.S. medical schools. The first Center has already been established at the University of Pennsylvania.

Kerry -
per our
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JUDITH BROTMAN
Executive Director

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June 9, 1994

Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-1601

Dear Senator Dole,

On behalf of the Alliance for Aging Research, a national non-profit organization which I serve as Executive Director, it is my pleasure to invite you to make a special appearance at our Congressional Awards Dinner at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, September 28, 1994.

That evening the Alliance will be honoring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell with our Distinguished Public Service Award. The presentation of the award will highlight an evening paying tribute to George Mitchell's career in the Senate and his leadership on behalf of medical research to better the lives of older Americans. We at the Alliance also recognize your own personal commitment to seniors, to Americans with disabilities, and to the search for newer and better ways to treat and prevent age-related afflictions such as Alzheimer's disease, osteoporosis and cancer.

It would be a fine gesture of bipartisanship if you would help the Alliance present its award to Senator Mitchell. Our audience, which will number some 300 distinguished corporate and foundation leaders and public officials will be inspired by seeing the two U.S. Senate party leaders united in support of research to improve the health, vitality and independence of older Americans.

At our previous awards dinner in 1992, the Alliance presented honors to Senator Pete V. Domenici, Dr. Louis Sullivan, then Secretary of Health and Human Services, Senator Jay Rockefeller and actor Don Amici. I include a program from that earlier event for your review.

The dinner this year takes on special significance due to Senator Mitchell's pending retirement from the U.S. Senate. Your participation and help in honoring Senator Mitchell would make this a memorable event and we sincerely hope you will respond positively to our request.

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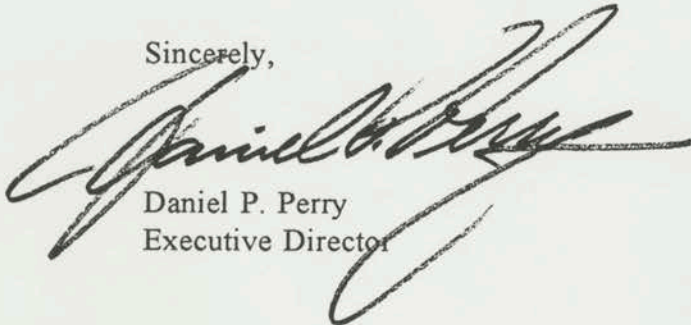
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Senator Robert Dole
June 9, 1994

The Alliance for Aging Research is a non-profit and non-partisan organization working to improve the quality of life of older Americans through research, training in geriatrics, maintenance of health, prevention and rehabilitation following age-related disability. As the Congressional Awards Dinner will be a fundraising event for the Alliance for Aging Research, all proceeds from the event will go to support Alliance initiatives in these areas.

The awards dinner will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel (1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) with a reception beginning at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join Senator Mitchell and our other distinguished guests at that time. We will look forward to working with you and your staff to make this a convenient and rewarding experience for you.

Sincerely,

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Daniel P. Perry
Executive Director

Wed. Sept 28

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
HUMAN RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6300

August 23, 1994

Dear Colleague:

The Alliance for Aging Research, one of the nation's most respected advocacy organizations, will honor retiring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell at a special dinner on the evening of September 28, 1994, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We know you will want to mark your calendar for this important event.

The Alliance will present Senator Mitchell with its Distinguished Public Service Award for his outstanding efforts on behalf of improving the lives of older Americans. In the spirit of bipartisanship, Senator Bob Dole has been invited to make a special guest appearance.

The Congressional Awards Dinner will be held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, Capitol Ballroom, Pennsylvania Avenue at 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

The Alliance for Aging Research is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting greater scientific, social and medical discovery to improve the health and independence of older Americans.

The presentation of the award takes on special significance due to Senator Mitchell's pending retirement from the U.S. Senate. We hope to see you at the dinner on September 28. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please call Mark Walker at the Alliance for Aging Research (202) 293-2856.

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senator


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U.S. Senator



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator George Mitchell
Senator Bob Dole
Speaker Tom Foley
Congressman Bob Michel

FROM: W. Russell King

DATE: 19 July 1994

RE: "Dear Colleague" Letter

For your information, the enclosed items were sent via "inside mail" to your fellow Members of Congress on the morning of July 19.

We appreciate your continued support of the Congressional Award and look forward to your participation in the September 28 event. Further information regarding this project will be forthcoming in the near future.

Again, thank you.



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

July 15, 1994

Dear Colleague:

Congress, through the Congressional Award Act, created its own program for America's young people which recognizes their *initiative, achievement* and *service*. As we approach the 15th anniversary of the Congressional Award's inception, the accomplishments of recipients continually remind us of the reasons for its establishment.

Yet, as wonderful as the Congressional Award is for those who now participate, significant work remains to be done so that the program might reach all of America's youth. The Congressional Award operates with no government funding and relies entirely on support from the private sector to finance this opportunity for our nation's young people.

In order to thank those who provide support to the Congressional Award and to help raise the level of awareness of the program, both in Congress and in the private sector, the Congressional Award Board of Directors is organizing an event for September 28, 1994, to be held in the Library of Congress.

At this event, a Leadership Award will be presented in honor of a person, or persons, who have provided critical support in our effort to establish the Congressional Award as a national opportunity.

We hope you will participate and want to let you know how you can be involved:

- Save the date for the September 28 event.
- Agree to serve on the Honorary Committee for the new Leadership Award.
- Designate a staff person in your office for all event and program-related communications.
- Assist in identifying corporations or individuals in your state which might be interested in becoming involved in the program.
- Return the enclosed response sheet.

Further information will be forthcoming as plans for our event unfold. In the meantime, should you have any questions or need additional information about the Congressional Award, please do not hesitate to contact Kendall Hartman, the program's National Director, at (202) 226-0130. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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George J. Mitchell
Senate Majority Leader

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom S. Foley".

Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Dole".

Bob Dole
Senate Minority Leader

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Michel".

Robert H. Michel
House Minority Leader



Public Law 96-114, The Congressional Award Act

The Congressional Award

FACT SHEET THE LEADERSHIP AWARD EVENT

PURPOSE

- Establish a high profile for the Congressional Award.
- Thank the private sector supporters of the Congressional Award
- Present the Leadership Award

SCENARIO

On September 28, 1994, the Congressional Award program will look back to its founding with the presentation of an award honoring Jimmy Carter -- who signed the Congressional Award Act into law -- and the original proponents of its sponsoring legislation, Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY) and the late Representative Jim Howard (D-NJ). The new tribute, the Leadership Award, will be presented before a forum of leaders from industry and government.

This award reception hosted by the Congressional Leadership provides an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the Congressional Award program among public, corporate and congressional spheres of influence. The evening will include a reception in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress for members of Congress, the recipient(s) of the Leadership Award, private sector sponsors and Congressional Award recipients. The ensuing award ceremony will include:

- Brief remarks by Congressional Award Gold Medal recipient.
- "Where are they now..." profiles of prior recipients of Congressional Award.
- Remarks/commentary by the recipient of the Leadership Award.

This annual event will serve to fulfill both the need to thank those who provide support for the program and to heighten awareness of the Congressional Award, leading to expansion of this opportunity throughout the country.



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

THE AWARD:

The Congress, through The Congressional Award program, recognizes the initiative, achievement and excellence of young persons ages 14 through 23 who accomplish high goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition activities with the presentation of a Bronze, Silver or Gold Congressional Award member by a Member of Congress.

THE CHALLENGE:

The Congressional Award challenges young Americans to develop maturity and responsibility toward themselves and their communities. These virtues of good citizenship help recipients throughout their lives at home, at work and especially in their relationships with other people. If candidates put forth the hard work, excellence and commitment the program requires, the United States Congress recognizes their accomplishments with a Congressional Award.

THE PROGRAM:

The Congressional Award is **voluntary, individual and non-competitive**. It is open to any young person aged 14 through 23 regardless of their talents, their abilities or the circumstances of their lives. Anyone can respond to the challenge of the program and participate.

The Congressional Award is not a youth club, but a program of cultural, social, adventurous and community activities. With the help of adult advisors, participants develop individualized Congressional Award programs by setting a goal in each of the following areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.



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THE LEADERSHIP AWARD SEPTEMBER 28, 1994 THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

- ☐ Yes, I am delighted to serve on the Honorary Committee for the new Leadership Award. I have designated _____ as the contact person in my office for all event and program-related communications.
- ☐ Yes, I plan to attend the September 28 event (formal invitation to follow).
- ☐ The following organizations or individuals in my state might be interested in this opportunity to become involved in the Congressional Award program. Please send them an invitation:

- ☐ Please send me additional material on the Congressional Award program.

Member's Name: _____

Office: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Please return by fax to the attention of Leslie Hayes at (703) 442-8336.
For further information contact Kendall Hartman, National Director at (202) 226-0130 or
Leslie Hayes, Project Coordinator at (703) 556-9402.

SENATOR BOB DOLE

SALUTE TO GEORGE MITCHELL

**I THINK I MIGHT BE GETTING A BIT
TOO ANXIOUS FOR THIS NOVEMBER. I
HEARD THAT YOU WERE GIVING AN
AWARD TO THE SENATE MAJORITY
LEADER, AND ASSUMED YOU WERE
TALKING ABOUT ME.**

**SERIOUSLY, I AM PLEASED TO JOIN
WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR AGING
RESEARCH IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO MY
FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, GEORGE
MITCHELL.**

**I'VE SAID MANY TIMES THAT THE
SENATE COULD NOT OPERATE IF THE
MAJORITY LEADER AND THE MINORITY
LEADER DID NOT TRUST EACH OTHER.**

**GEORGE AND I HAVE GONE HEAD
TO HEAD FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS,
NOW. AND WE'VE HAD PLENTY OF
DISAGREEMENTS. BUT THERE WAS
NEVER ONE DAY WHEN I DIDN'T TRUST
HIM, OR WHEN I EVER DOUBTED THAT
HIS WORD WAS HIS ABSOLUTE BOND.**

**THERE WAS ALSO NEVER A DAY
WHEN I DOUBTED GEORGE'S SKILLS OR
HIS PERSEVERENCE. ANY ONE WHO**

**DOES, DOES SO AT THEIR OWN RISK. I
RECALL BACK IN 1980 WHEN GEORGE
WAS APPOINTED TO THE SENATE.
APPOINTEES USUALLY COME AND GO
PRETTY QUICKLY, AND IN 1982 THE
FIRST POLLS SHOWED GEORGE 36
POINTS BEHIND HIS REPUBLICAN
OPPONENT. GEORGE ENDED UP WINNING
BY 22 POINTS.**

**AND HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1988
WHEN A RECORD-SETTING 81% OF THE
VOTE. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT
GEORGE AND I HAVE TROUBLE WINNING
81% OF THE VOTES FROM OUR OWN
CAUCUSES, YOU KNOW HOW IMPRESSIVE
THAT IS.**

**THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS
THAT GEORGE AND I SHARE A GREAT
DEAL IN COMMON, BEGINNING WITH THE**

**FACT THAT BOTH OF US CAME FROM
HUMBLE BACKGROUNDS. MY DAD WAS
A CREAM AND EGG STATION OPERATOR
IN RUSSELL, KANSAS. AND GEORGE'S
DAD WORKED AS A JANITOR AT COLBY
COLLEGE IN WATERVILLE, MAINE. IN
FACT, GEORGE WAS PARTIALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR MY TRAVELLING TO
COLBY LAST YEAR TO DELIVER THE**

**COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AND TO
RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE.**

**AFTER RECEIVING THE HONORARY
DEGREE, I TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT
SENATOR MITCHELL WOULD HAVE TO
STOP CALLING ME "MR. GRIDLOCK" AND
CALL ME "DR. GRIDLOCK," INSTEAD.**

**GEORGE AND I ALSO BOTH SERVED
IN THE MILITARY. WE BOTH BEGAN OUR
CAREER AS ATTORNEYS. WE BOTH**

SERVED AS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER--

AND I KNOW GEORGE WOULD HAVE BEEN

A SUPERB SENATE MINORITY LEADER.

AND BOTH OF US ALSO SHARE THE

ALLIANCE'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING

THE HEALTH AND INDEPENDENCE OF

OLDER AMERICANS.

I THINK IF IT WAS JUST UP TO

GEORGE AND MYSELF, WE COULD HAVE

SAT DOWN AND PROBABLY COME UP

**WITH A PRETTY GOOD HEALTH CARE
REFORM PACKAGE. AND DESPITE THE
FACT THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO PASS
LEGISLATION THIS YEAR, I THINK GEORGE
MITCHELL CAN BE VERY PROUD OF WHAT
WE ACCOMPLISHED. MILLIONS AND
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS--INCLUDING ALL
100 SENATORS--RECEIVED A REAL
EDUCATION THIS YEAR ABOUT THE
STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF OUR**

**HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. AND ANY
LEGISLATION THAT IS PASSED NEXT
YEAR WILL BE BETTER BECAUSE OF
GEORGE'S EFFORTS THIS YEAR.**

**I DON'T KNOW WHAT GEORGE
PLANS ON DOING NEXT YEAR, BUT I
TOLD HIM IF HE WANTS TO KEEP IN
TOUCH WITH A LOT OF HIS COLLEAGUES,
HE MIGHT WANT TO BUY A PLACE IN
NEW HAMPSHIRE.**