TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY
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JON SEYMOUR SWEARING-IN

SEPTEMBER 16, 1985

- * WHEN I MEET WITH VARIOUS GROUPS, I AM OFTEN DESCRIBED AS A HIGH PUBLIC OFFICIAL --BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT'S JUST ANOTHER NAME FOR A BUREAUCRAT WITHOUT TENURE.
- * TODAY, WE ARE HERE TO HONOR A PUBLIC SERVANT WITH TENURE, JON SEYMOUR. JON BEGAN HIS DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL CAREER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN 1969. HE'S BEEN AT DOT SINCE DECEMBER, 1977.
- * I'M DELIGHTED TO OFFICIALLY SWEAR-IN JON TODAY AS OUR NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION.
- * UNOFFICIALLY, OF COURSE, HE'S BEEN ON THE JOB FOR SOME TIME NOW.

- * JON IS A BRIGHT, HARD-WORKING AND DEPENDABLE ADMINISTRATOR.

 AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT HE'S ALWAYS WILLING TO PUT IN WHATEVER TIME IS NECESSARY TO GET THE JOB DONE -- AND DONE RIGHT.
- * I AM ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT HE'S DONE TO GET OUR DOT 10-POINT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN INTO FULL SWING.
- * IN ADDITION TO ALL THAT JON DOES FOR US AT DOT, HE STILL FINDS TIME FOR HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO HIS FAMILY.
- * IF HE'S NOT ON A SOCCER FIELD WITH HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER NANCY, HE'S USUALLY ON THE ROAD -- TRAVELING TO COACH YET ANOTHER GIRLS' BASKETBALL GAME. IN FACT, BOB FAIRMAN WARNED ME ABOUT RIDING IN JON'S VOLKSWAGON. HE SAID THAT THE BACK SEAT IS USUALLY STUFFED WITH BASKETBALLS AND EVERY TIME JON STOPS HIS CAR, YOU RUN THE RISK OF GETTING HIT ON THE HEAD WITH A STRAY BALL.

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- * JON'S TWO OTHER DAUGHTERS -- NATALIE AND MARGE -- ARE STUDYING HARD IN COLLEGE AND HIS WIFE CLAIRE IS AN EXCELLENT TEACHER AND IS BUSY DECORATING THEIR NEW HOME. (NOTE: CLAIRE IS CURRENTLY NOT TEACHING.)
- * JON, I AM DELIGHTED TO SWEAR YOU IN TODAY AND TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM.

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