

REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY
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JOHN GAUGHAN'S SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY
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WHEN I SELECTED JOHN GAUGHAN AS MY MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR, I MUST ADMIT THAT HIS ADVANCING AGE WORRIED ME SOMEWHAT. BUT THEN, I THOUGHT, ANYONE WITH A SHAMROCK TATTOOED ON HIS ARM MUST BE YOUNG AT HEART -- OR, AT LEAST, HAVE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH!

(AT THE EXECUTIVE RETREAT LAST YEAR THE QUESTION CAME UP WHICH ADMINISTRATOR HAD A SHAMROCK TATTOO AND SOMEONE ASKED TO SEE IT. JOHN COULDN'T GET HIS SLEEVE UP SO HE TOOK OFF HIS SHIRT TO DISPLAY HIS TATTOO.)

KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON JOHN. I MEAN IT LITERALLY.

I LET JOHN AND JIM BURNLEY GO ON THE FAR EAST TRIP LATE LAST YEAR AND ALL I CAN SAY IS, NOT ONLY AREN'T THE TRADE BARRIERS COMING DOWN, BUT JAPAN SEEMS TO BE TIGHTENING DOWN EVEN MORE!

DESPITE THOSE PROBLEMS, I'M TOLD THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HELP YOU BY CARRYING MORE CARGO ON ITS LAID-UP READY RESERVE FLEET.

IS IT TRUE, JOHN, THAT PAUL YOST IS HELPING YOU SELL YOUR EXCESS DEFAULTED EQUIPMENT TO CUSTOMS AND DEA FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES?

FRANKLY, I THINK ADMIRAL YOST HAS TAKEN A BAD RAP. HE IS BLAMED FOR HAVING CAUSED JOHN TO SHAVE HIS BEARD. APPROACHING 40, JOHN PROBABLY WANTED TO GET RID OF ALL THAT GREY ANYWAY.

ALL IN ALL, JOHN, IF THE DIFFICULTIES YOU'VE ALREADY FACED AS MARAD ADMINISTRATOR HAVEN'T BEATEN YOU, TURNING 40 SHOULD BE A BREEZE! HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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