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(JOHNNY)

LISTEN, I KNOW WHY YOU INVITED BOB AND ME TO BE THE HONOREES
TONIGHT ... FERDINAND AND IMELDA COULDN'T MAKE IT.

I UNDERSTAND IMELDA DIDN'T HAVE A THING TO WEAR.

THIS IS SIMILAR TO BEING ROASTED IN WASHINGTON ... BUT BACK THERE, THEY REALLY MEAN IT.

ACTUALLY, I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK. BETWEEN MY BOSS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MY HUSBAND, THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE, THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE HAD TO OPEN MY MOUTH IN MONTHS.

AND SPEAKING OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW MY RELATIONS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE COULDN'T BE BETTER ... IF I HAVE AN IDEA, I TAKE IT RIGHT TO THE TOP. AND IF NANCY LIKES IT, SHE GIVES IT TO THE PRESIDENT.

NOW I MUST ADMIT, I WAS A DEMOCRAT WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND SO WAS THE PRESIDENT. I WAS 10 YEARS OLD BEFORE THEY TOLD ME THERE

WAS ANOTHER PARTY. OF COURSE, WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS 10, THERE WAS NO OTHER PARTY.

SOMETIMES IT'S TOUGH LIVING WITH A SENATOR. ASK HIM TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH -- YOU GET A FILIBUSTER.

SPEAKING OF MY HUSBAND, I'M DELIGHTED HE'S HERE TO LAUGH AT MY SPEECH. I LAUGH AT ALL OF HIS.

RECENTLY BOB'S BEEN ON CAPITOL HILL EXPLAINING THE PRESIDENT'S TAX REFORM BILL TO THE SENATE ... AND I'M DOWNTOWN EXPLAINING MY HUSBAND TO THE PRESIDENT.

YOU KNOW, I THINK BOB DOLE'S A LITTLE JEALOUS OF ME. 'COURSE, HE'D NEVER SAY SO. BUT MY ORGANIZATION IS BIGGER THAN HIS. AND MY PEOPLE USUALLY DO WHAT I ASK!

BUT I'M SURE THAT YOU APPRECIATE BOB DOLE'S FINER QUALITIES

AS MUCH AS I DO. LUCKILY WHEN I TOOK THE JOB AT TRANSPORTATION, I ALREADY KNEW A LOT ABOUT AIR BAGS ... AFTER ALL, I'VE BEEN LIVING WITH ONE FOR YEARS.

JUST BECAUSE HE'S THE MAJORITY LEADER IN THE SENATE, HE THINKS THAT GIVES HIM A MAJORITY AT HOME. IT DOES ... WHEN I'M OUT OF TOWN.

BY THE WAY, I'VE BEEN INVITED TO TRAVEL TO ENGLAND TO ADDRESS THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT THIS YEAR. THEY SAID QUEEN ELIZABETH WILL BE THERE. I SAID, "OH ... THERE'S ANOTHER ONE?"

I SEE GEORGE BUSH IS BECOMING MORE ACTIVE. YOU CAN SEE HIM ON THE SUNDAY MORNING POLITICAL SHOWS ... FACE THE NATION ... MEET THE PRESS ... THE OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR.

GEORGE ASKED HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENCY IN '88. I SAID, "IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN STAYING ON, GEORGE, I'LL SURELY KEEP YOU IN MIND."

I DON'T GET OUT THIS WAY TOO OFTEN, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE HOW DIFFERENT LOS ANGELES IS. BETWEEN THE CONGESTED FREEWAYS AND THE MUDSLIDES, IT'S THE ONLY CITY WHERE THE HOUSES MOVE FASTER THAN THE CARS.

I'M TOLD THAT BOB AND I ARE THE SECOND MOST TALKED ABOUT COUPLE IN WASHINGTON ... OF COURSE, WE KNOW WHO'S NUMBER ONE ... GRAMM RUDMAN.

A REPORTER RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BOB AND ME AND HE ASKED, "BOB, ISN'T IT EMASCULATING BEING MARRIED TO A POWERFUL WOMAN?" I SAID, "HOLD IT, CUPCAKE ... I'LL TAKE THIS ONE."

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‘FRIOUSLY, THOUGH, I FEEL VERY HUMBLE AT THIS HOUR. IT IS BOB AND I WHO SHOULD BE HONORING YOU. YOU WHO SUPPORT THE USC SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ARE STRENGTHENING MINDS AND BUILDING LEADERS TO COPE WITH DYNAMIC ISSUES OF CHANGE IN OUR SOCIETY. AND I'M REALLY TOUCHED TO BE HERE - THOUGH, I DARE SAY, NOT NEARLY SO TOUCHED AS YOU. YOUR GIFT OF OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN FINANCIAL AID TO GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IS TRULY OUTSTANDING. THIS AUDIENCE IS JUST REMARKABLE, AND YOU DESERVE GREAT CREDIT FOR A MAGNIFICENT CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC ARENA TODAY MEANS CONFRONTING, FACE-TO-FACE, SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES OF OUR TIME. WHETHER YOU SERVE IN THE LEGISLATURE IN SACRAMENTO, ON A PUBLIC COMMISSION

IN WASHINGTON OR IN THE EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, YOU ARE INEVITABLY THRUST INTO A SWIRL OF ISSUES AND DECISIONS THAT CAN STRETCH YOU TO THE VERY LIMIT OF YOUR BEING. NOTHING, IN MY VIEW, IS MORE EXHILARATING.

AND CERTAINLY, GOVERNMENT IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN IT ATTRACTS CONSCIENTIOUS, DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN, WITH A REAL SENSITIVITY TO HUMAN NEEDS. ONLY IF HONORABLE PEOPLE STEP FORWARD TO SERVE WILL A SOCIETY ACHIEVE ITS HIGHEST PURPOSES. ONLY THEN WILL GOVERNMENT TRULY BE THE SERVANT, AND NOT THE MASTER, OF THE PEOPLE. EVERY STUDENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE IS FAMILIAR WITH EDMUND BURKE'S CLASSIC DECLARATION: "THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING." OF COURSE, IF BURKE WERE LIVING TODAY, I'M SURE HE WOULD INCLUDE WOMEN IN HIS OBSERVATION, BECAUSE

IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS ALONE, THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROFESSION HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 60 PERCENT.

THIS UNIVERSITY IS CERTAINLY PREPARING SUCH OUTSTANDING MEN AND WOMEN.

IN ACCEPTING THIS AWARD, I DO SO WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE, THAT IF I HAVE MADE ANY CONTRIBUTION, MY EFFORTS ARE ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE WORK OF SO MANY DEDICATED AMERICANS.

FOR 31 YEARS THE SCAPA PRAETORS HAVE HELPED SUSTAIN GOOD GOVERNMENT THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. AND YOU HELP KEEP AMERICA RICH, IN THE VALUES THAT COUNT, BY MOTIVATING, TRAINING AND INSPIRING NEW GENERATIONS OF LEADERS DEDICATED TO THE

PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT. MAY YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS CONTINUE TO BE BLESSED WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR HONORING ME IN THIS WAY TONIGHT. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.