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WOMEN FOR MONDALE/FERRARO RALLY

HUNTER COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

September 24, 1984

THANK YOU, BETTY, FOR THAT WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION. IS BETTY BACALL TERRIFIC? I THINK SO, TOO. AND DURING HER CAREER, BETTY HAS GIVEN THE WOMEN OF AMERICA A LOT OF GREAT ADVICE. I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT SCENE IN "TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT" WHEN YOU TURNED TO BOGIE AND SAID, "YOU KNOW HOW TO VOTE, DON'T YOU? JUST PICK THE DEMOCRATIC LEVER AND PULL."

I LOVE NEW YORK. IN FACT, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYWHERE I'D RATHER BE THAN NEW YORK...WELL, MAYBE ONE PLACE...THE STEPS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL...ON JANUARY 21, 1985.

ARE WE GOING TO WIN THIS ELECTION? ARE WE GOING TO SEND RONALD REAGAN RIDING OFF INTO THE SUNSET? YOU BET WE ARE.

I'M THRILLED TO BE AT HUNTER COLLEGE TONIGHT. AND I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT US TOGETHER...TO CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAROL BELLAMY....BELLA ABZUG, WHOM WE ALL OWE SO MUCH TO, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF WOMEN FOR MONDALE/FERRARO...ANNETTE HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE HUNTER COLLEGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB...AND MY CLOSE FRIEND DONNA SHALALA. LONG BEFORE FRITZ MONDALE AND I BEGAN THIS CAMPAIGN, DONNA WAS THERE TO HELP US.

LET ME ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS:

COULD WOMEN VOTE FOR A MAN WHO THINKS OUR GREATEST CONTRIBUTION WAS GETTING THE CAVEMAN TO STAND UP STRAIGHT?

COULD YOU VOTE FOR AN ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS PUSHED MILLIONS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN INTO POVERTY?

COULD YOU VOTE FOR AN ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS SLASHED STUDENT LOANS?

THIS MORNING, I HAD THE HONOR TO PRESENT SOME AWARDS TO A FEW OF THIS NATION'S FINEST WOMEN ATHLETES. IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE GATHERING, AND I WAS FILLED WITH PRIDE TO PERSONALLY RECOGNIZE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

BUT THE MOST STRIKING THING ABOUT OUR MEETING WAS NOT THE WOMEN AT THE PODIUM -- BUT THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES IN THE AUDIENCE. IT WASN'T UNTIL MARTINA AND JOAN AND I REALLY LOOKED AT THEIR FACES THAT WE SAW THE TRUE MEASURE OF THIS NATION'S FUTURE. IN THE FACES OF THOSE STUDENTS WE SAW THE HOPE OF