

BILLINGSLEY REMARKS

*for June 2, 1990*

WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO MISS JIM BILLINGSLEY -- BECAUSE I'M GOING TO KEEP SEEING JIM BILLINGSLEY! HE CAN RETIRE FROM HIS JOB, BUT HE WILL NEVER RETIRE FROM OUR MINDS AND OUR AFFECTION.

UNKNOWN TO MANY PEOPLE, JIM AND WIFE, LEE, HAD A LONGTIME TENNIS RIVALRY WITH MARY AND ME. IT WAS FRIENDLY, FUN, TENNIS BECAUSE THEY ALLOWED US TO WIN MOST OF THE TIME. I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED SOME CHANGE IN THE BILLINGSLEYS' OFFICIAL LIFE STYLE WHEN THEY CHANGED FROM CUSTOMER TENNIS TO COMPETITIVE TENNIS AND WALLOPED US THE LAST TIME OUT.

*too well that*

COMMISSIONERS AND CONGRESSMEN KNOW YOU CAN COUNT ON WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES OR LOBBYISTS TO BE ALWAYS THERE-- WHEN THEY NEED YOU. BUT YOU COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON STATESMAN, THOUGHTFUL FRIEND, JIM BILLINGSLEY, TO BE THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED HIM.

SO JIM, YOU LEAVE WITH OUR RESPECT AND AFFECTION -- AND ALSO WITH THIS OPEN INVITATION, OR CHALLENGE, TO PICK A DATE IN JULY WHEN WE CAN RESUME OUR RIVALRY -- THIS TIME AS OUR GUESTS AT THE ARMY NAVY CLUB FOR TENNIS AND HAMBURGERS.

IN THE MEANTIME, STAY WELL -- YOU LEAVE WASHINGTON AS A WORLD CLASS EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUR COMPANY AND AS A SOURCE OF PRIDE AND JOY TO YOUR MANY FRIENDS.