KANTO PLAINS SPECIAL OLYMPICS AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS (May 13, 1995)

Thank you so much for inviting me to this year's Special Olympics at Yokota. I want to thank General Myers and General Hess in particular, and also Sergeant Davidson for his hard work to make this event a success.

For 16 years, our forces at Yokota have hosted this Special Olympics event. It is an honor to be the American Ambassador at times like these, because I am reminded of the greatness of our men and women in uniform. I believe that our military leads the world in contributing to the betterment of humankind. We see this in the contribution of our forces to peace-keeping around the world, in our defense of democracy, and in the sponsorship of community events such as this one.

Like our men and women in uniform, you who are participating in today's Special Olympics are models of bravery and courage to us all. Martin Luther King's father said of his son, "too many people think Martin freed black people; in truth, he helped free all people." So, too, does your participation in this Special Olympics hold meaning not just for you, but for us all.

Thank you.



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