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| 3 | REMARKS OF THE HON. JANET RENO, |
| 4 | ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, |
| 5 | AT THE SPECIAL AGENT MEMORIAL SERVICE |
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| 9 | Monday, May 16, 1994 |
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| 13 | Courtyard |
| 14 | FBI Headquarters |
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REMARKS OF HON. JANET RENO,

2 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES 3 (9:56 a.m.)

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4 ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO: It is a moving 5 experience to stand in this courtyard and honor the FBI 6 special agents who have given their lives to serve this 7 country and to protect its people.

8 These 42 men and women lost their lives trying 9 to protect the American people from the ravages of crime. 10 They were heros then, they are heros now, and they are 11 going to be heros for the rest of our history.

FBI agents stand for fidelity, bravery, and 12 integrity. I have watched them in action now this past 13 year, and agents throughout this country exemplify those 14 15 words in the best manner anyone could ever expect, but these are concepts that do not fully describe what agents, 16 what employees of the FBI do day in and day out, standing 17 up to the ultimate dangers, and doing the right thing no 18 19 matter what.

These 42 people were people, were Americans who cared so deeply about America, about men and women, about the children of America, about the future of America, that they were willing to put their lives on the line. It is a sobering reminder for all Americans concerning the real meaning of public service.

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We talk about it, we encourage it, we value it, but to be a public servant who tries to seek justice for all, who is willing to put their life on the line, and who ultimately gives it, that is what public service is all about.

6 In this dangerous world, lives are lost to 7 protect the public. So long as terrible crimes continue, 8 we need the men and women of the FBI, and the men and 9 women of all law enforcement, to continue in this 10 tradition of public service.

For this past year, I have had the opportunity to meet FBI agents from around this country and in other parts of the world. They make me so proud to be associated with this agency. They make me so proud of what public service is all about.

They are willing to put their lives on the line. They are willing to go undercover, and do extraordinarily difficult and dangerous assignments. They are willing to put complex cases together that nobody dreamed possible, and they are also willing to reach out to communities, to children, to neighborhoods to make a difference, because they care so much.

23 We honor those 42 agents who have lost their 24 lives in service, we honor those who have been injured in 25 their service to the American people, and I thank those of

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| 1 | you who are here today and who around this country |
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| 2 | continue to serve the American people in the tradition of |
| 3 | public service in this Nation. |
| 4 | (Applause.) |
| 5 | (Whereupon, at 9:59 a.m., the remarks ended.) |
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