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Doug:

It's a little known secret that the *entire* Olympics in Salt Lake City came off as well as they did, largely because of the efforts of "Tim and **Doug**". At least that's the way I want to remember it!

You saved our parties. Because President Bush was late in addressing the Capitol crowd on the day of Opening Ceremonies, the crowds of people were late getting to the Governor's reception. Their arrival was total chaos for the organizers, but you two took control and managed the chaos with aplomb — providing the necessary guidance, steadiness, entertainment (when our other talent disappeared) and emcee work. You were phenomenal.

Then you followed that performance with another stellar experience. The Closing Reception was much calmer: fewer people, less confusion, and a bit of melancholy on the part of everyone, that the games were coming to a close.

Once again, you saved the day. You made the guests feel at home and loosened up the crowd with your magic tricks as you moved from table to table. You gave them a personal, and one-on-one show, that they won't forget — to complete an unforgettable evening. Once again, you handled emcee duties by carefully getting the bios from performers and introducing them to your adoring crowd. You really know how to pull it all together!

You dressed professionally and appropriately at both events. You were serious when you needed to be, and full of enthusiasm, humor and confidence at other times. Many of us (the organizers) commented that you saved the day, and the show.

I'm still not convinced the whole Olympics could have come off without you. Your performances made a success of both Governor's Receptions. If there were Gold Medals for "emceemanship" — yours would have been platinum!

With sincere appreciation for all you did for us!

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