Ten years ago, March 28, 1991, the Federal debt stood at $3,460,731,000,000. Three trillion, four hundred sixty billion, three hundred seventy-one million.

Fifteen years ago, March 28, 1986, the Federal debt stood at $1,981,783,000,000. One trillion, ninety-eight billion, three hundred eighty-three million, seven hundred fifty-two billion, seven hundred fifty-two trillion, four hundred eighty-five trillion, three thousand, seven hundred eighty-five trillion, four hundred eighty-five trillion, three billion, four hundred eighty-five trillion, three million, four hundred eighty-five trillion, three thousand.

The goal was a product short on ideology, long on reporting. The first entry appeared on May 15, 1963, and ran in this space under our double byline until Evans retired from the column 30 years later. Over the years, I have been critical. But we promised ourselves that every column would contain some information, major or mundane, never previously reported.

We kept that promise, thanks to Evans's energies. Several obituaries noting the death of Rowland Evans from cancer on March 23 described him as a conservative. More appropriately, he should be remembered as a reporter and a patriot.

His model was the column written by the Alsop brothers—Joseph and Stewart—who combined dogged reporting with a passion for the security of the United States. Like Joe Alsop, Evans belonged to the Washington black-tie dinner parties, still flourishing when our column began.

Rowly snaggy stories on the Georgetown party circuit, including an exclusive on U.S. plans for an electronic wall to protect south Vietnam. He worked on U.S. Gov't communications intelligence ship Libery during the Six-Day War. It was not anti-Israel bias that caused Evans to probe an incident that both governments wanted to hide. Rather, it was outrage—born of patriotic fervor—over the needless death of 34 U.S. Naval personnel that he laid at the feet of Israeli defense forces.

That same outrage had led Evans as a Yale freshman on Dec. 8, 1941, to protest the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor by enlisting in the Marine Corps, taking him to combat on Guadalcanal.

American security was his guiding star. It led him to support U.S. efforts to save Viet- nam from communist oppression, though that course eventually led to a friendship with his friend Robert F. Kennedy. It led him away from his family's ties with Democrats and toward the Reagan Revolution.

Rowly was the life of every party he attended. But behind the charm of a Philadelphia soci- ety boy was a tough Marine who loved his country and never waivered in seeking the truth.

BRYANNA HOCKING WINS MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I am delighted to congratulate an Oregon citizen and former intern in my office, Bryanna Hocking, of Eugene, OR, on her selection as a recipient of a George J. Mitchell Scholarship to study in Ireland beginning in the fall. "The competitive, national scholarship enables American university graduates to pursue a year of study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. These scholarships are awarded to individuals between the ages of 18 and 30 who have shown academic distinction, commitment to service, and potential for leadership. Bryanna will be an excellent student ambassador to Ireland. In May 2000, she received a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service. An active member of her community, she was founder and co-chair of the Georgetown Women’s Guild, which organized forums and discussions at the University on women’s issues and served on the executive board of the Georgetown College Republicans.

Bryanna is an aspiring journalist, an ambition sparked by her concerns about how the media dealt with the Balkans, Rwanda, and other areas where ethnic strife led to genocide. Bryanna hopes that she can combine her passion for journalism and international affairs in a career in which