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WAS STANDING IN the Rose Garden, wired on cocaine. Nothing new about my being that way. I'd been high on cocaine a lot during my college days at Villanova. I'd even played wired in some games, including our semifinal win over Memphis State in the NCAA Final Four in Lexington, Ky., five days earlier. And now that we were the best, the team that had just upset Georgetown for the 1985 national championship, it was business as usual for me. President Reagan was welcoming my teammates and me at the White House and giving his little speech about how inspiration-al our victory was. And the cocaine had me floating in my own private world.

I was wide awake even though it had

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