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MEMORANUDM

TO: MARY KATE GRANT
FROM: CAROLYN CAWLEY
RE: ASAE WALKTHROUGH INFO

Date: February 28, 1991
Thursday

Time: 11:00 arrival
Approximately 11:10 remarks

Venue: JW Marriott, Grand Ballroom

Attendees: 400-600
50-100 schoolkids, grade school
through high school, dispersed
in audience

POTUS Introduction: Mr. Bill Taylor
President, ASAE

The President will be meeting briefly with Mr. Taylor -- who will be giving him a brief rundown of what the ASAE has been doing in terms of the challenge POTUS presented at last year's speech. Taylor and POTUS proceed to onstage positions, when Taylor will speak for 3 or 4 minutes ...summary of his "report to the President".

Acknowledgements: Dr. Sullivan
Lamar Alexander

** See attached copy of POTUS speech last year, in which he presented a challenge to the audience, which they have apparently taken very seriously.

OPPORTUNITY ACTION PLAN
FEBRUARY 27, 1991
J.W. MARRIOTT HOTEL
11:00 A.M.

THANK YOU, BILL [TAYLOR], FOR THAT WARM INTRODUCTION. ATTORNEY GENERAL THORNBURGH AND SECRETARIES KEMP AND SULLIVAN AND ACTING EDUCATION SECRETARY TED SANDERS; AND OF COURSE, BOB WOODSON OF THE CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE DAY I CHALLENGED THE MEMBERS OF A.S.A.E. -- TO CHANNEL THE TREMENDOUS ENERGY OF THIS ORGANIZATION, AND TRANSFORM A NATION THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE. WHAT A TERRIFIC JOB YOU'VE DONE.

LOOKING AROUND THE ROOM TODAY, I SEE SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES, SO MANY PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN HERE BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND IS BOLSTERED BY THE CONVICTION THAT AMERICA IS INDEED A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY. FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS, AMERICA HAS BEEN THE HOME OF FREE MARKETS AND FREE PEOPLE. THERE IS NO QUESTION: OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA IS THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

THE STORY OF AMERICA HAS BEEN THE STORY OF OPPORTUNITY. THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, WE HAVE PIONEERED THE FRONTIERS OF LIBERTY FOR ALL HUMANITY. OUR FOUNDING FATHERS CREATED PERHAPS THE MOST SIMPLE YET PROFOUND DOCUMENT IN MODERN HISTORY -- OUR CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN BROKE FOREVER THE CHAINS OF HUMAN SLAVERY. THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT MADE THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY A REALITY FOR WOMEN. THE FOUNDERS OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNLEASHED OUR NATIONAL POTENTIAL THROUGH UNIVERSAL EDUCATION. AND BY THEIR STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS, THE LEADERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT HELPED BRING DIGNITY TO THE OPPRESSED AND DISENFRANCHISED. THE STORY OF OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA IS THE STORY OF THOMAS PAINE AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS, MOTHER SETON, CLARA BARTON, THE WRIGHT BROTHERS AND ROSA PARKS.

BUT IT DOESN'T END THERE, WITH THESE HEROES FROM OUR PAST. THERE ARE THE "NEW AMERICAN HEROES" OF TODAY, MANY OF THEM IN THIS ROOM. THEY, TOO, ARE INSPIRED BY PRIDE, INTEGRITY, FAITH IN THE DIGNITY OF MAN, AND COURAGE TO OVERCOME THE ODDS. IT'S CALLED LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE -- AND IT'S MADE AMERICA THE WORLD'S GREAT BEACON OF FREEDOM. //

THESE MODERN VISIONARIES ARE THE ONES MAKING HISTORY -- PROPELLING US INTO THE NEXT AMERICAN CENTURY.

THEIRS IS A MOVEMENT MORE THAN 200 YEARS OLD -- AS OLD AS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE -- A MOVEMENT DEFINED BY WHAT JEFFERSON CALLED "THE AMERICAN MIND" AND WHAT I CALL "THE AMERICAN IDEA." IT CONTINUES TO SWEEP OUR COUNTRY TODAY WITH A VIGOR AS STRONG AS EVER. IT IS A VISION DRIVEN BY THE STRENGTH AND POWER OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.

I SHARE THAT VISION -- FOR WHAT IS THE AMERICAN DREAM, IF IT ISN'T WANTING TO BE PART OF SOMETHING LARGER THAN OURSELVES? IF IT ISN'T CREATING A BETTER LIFE FOR OUR CHILDREN THAN WE MIGHT HAVE HAD? IF IT ISN'T THE FREEDOM TO TAKE COMMAND OF OUR FUTURE? FOR MOST PEOPLE, THESE ASPIRATIONS MEAN ENJOYING THE BLESSINGS OF GOOD HEALTH, HAVING A HOME TO CALL ONE'S OWN, RAISING A FAMILY, HOLDING A STAKE IN THE COMMUNITY, FEELING SECURE AT HOME, ON THE JOB, AND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

BUT FOR OTHERS, AMERICA HAS NOT YET FULFILLED THE PROMISE OF EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY. WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE: THEY ARE THE HOPELESS AND THE HOMELESS. THE FRIENDLESS AND THE FEARFUL. THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDEREMPLOYED. THE ONES WHO CAN'T READ. THE ONES WHO CAN'T WRITE. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DON'T BELIEVE THEY WILL EVER SHARE IN THE AMERICAN DREAM.

I'M HERE TO TELL ANY AMERICAN FOR WHOM HOPE LIES
DORMANT: WE WILL NOT FORGET YOU. // WE WILL NOT FORGET
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET SHARED IN THE AMERICAN DREAM. //
YES, WE MUST OFFER THEM HOPE. BUT WE MUST GUARANTEE
THEM OPPORTUNITY. //

IT'S BEEN SAID, "HOPE IS A WAKING DREAM." THAT
AWAKENING BEGINS WITH LEARNING. UNDERSTANDING THE
POWER AND POTENTIAL OF INDIVIDUAL EFFORT. DEVELOPING A
SKILL, AND WITH IT, INDEPENDENCE. EARNING A LIVING,
WITH DIGNITY AND PERSONAL GROWTH. MORE SKILLS MEAN
MORE FREEDOM -- MORE OPTIONS FOR EVEN GREATER
OPPORTUNITY.

TODAY, OUR ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING AN AGENDA TO
EXPAND OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE FOR ALL AMERICANS. IT
INVOLVES MORE THAN SIX MAJOR INITIATIVES ACROSS THE
SCOPE OF OUR ENTIRE GOVERNMENT: RESTORING QUALITY
EDUCATION; ENSURING CRIME-FREE NEIGHBORHOODS;
STRENGTHENING CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS FOR ALL; CREATING
JOBS AND NEW BUSINESSES; EXPANDING ACCESS TO
HOMEOWNERSHIP; AND ALLOWING LOCALITIES A GREATER SHARE
OF RESPONSIBILITY. IN ITS ENTIRETY, I BELIEVE IT
REPRESENTS ONE OF THE MOST FAR-REACHING EFFORTS IN
DECADES TO UNLEASH THE TALENTS OF EVERY CITIZEN IN
AMERICA.

IN SEVERAL WEEKS, I WILL HAVE LEGISLATION TO ENACT THIS AGENDA ON THE DESK OF EVERY CONGRESSMAN. THE ADMINISTRATION'S EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE PROPOSALS, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL PUT CHOICE IN THE HANDS OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS -- SO THEY CAN CHOOSE THE BEST SCHOOL TO ATTEND. OUR HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IS CLEARLY THE FINEST IN THE WORLD -- CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, AND HIGHLY COMPETITIVE. FROM THE G.I. BILL TO PELL GRANTS, COLLEGE STUDENTS ALREADY HAVE THE POWER TO CHOOSE. NOW IT'S TIME OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM -- ALL OF IT -- BECAME THE FINEST IN THE WORLD. //

WE'RE ALSO PROPOSING EDUCATION REFORMS TO BUILD FLEXIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY INTO OUR SCHOOL SYSTEMS. WE'VE SEEN WHAT EDUCATION REFORM CAN DO -- FROM EAST L.A. TO EAST HARLEM. WE'RE ENCOURAGING GOVERNORS TO BRING TOGETHER TEACHERS, PARENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO WORK TOGETHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS. WE MUST CUT THE DROPOUT RATE -- AND ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT IN AMERICA ARRIVES AT SCHOOL READY TO LEARN, AND GRADUATES READY TO WORK. //

FOR SOME TIME NOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CALLED FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF AMERICAN EDUCATION. WE'VE GOT TO RAISE OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOLS. BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO ASK MORE OF THEM, IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO TIE THE HANDS OF THE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS -- PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE NEED RESPONSIVE SCHOOLS -- CUSTOMER-DRIVEN ONES, IF YOU WILL. SCHOOLS THAT ARE MORE MARKET-ORIENTED, AND PERFORMANCE-BASED -- BECAUSE IT'S TIME WE RECOGNIZE THAT COMPETITION CAN SPUR EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS. CHOICE IS THE CATALYST FOR CHANGE, THE FUNDAMENTAL REFORM THAT DRIVES FORWARD ALL OTHERS. THESE IDEAS WILL STEER US TOWARD MEETING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS THE GOVERNORS AND I SET AFTER THE EDUCATION SUMMIT -- BECAUSE WE CAN'T EXPECT TO REMAIN A FIRST-CLASS ECONOMY IF WE SETTLE FOR SECOND-CLASS SCHOOLS.

MILLIONS OF JOBS AWAIT AMERICA'S GRADUATES IN THE COMING YEARS. TO FILL THOSE JOBS, ENTREPRENEURS WILL LOOK INCREASINGLY TO AMERICA'S MINORITIES -- BLACKS, HISPANICS AND ASIANS -- AND TO PEOPLE JUST ENTERING THE ECONOMIC MAINSTREAM -- WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES AND MOTHERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE JOBS ARE SAFER, CLEANER, HIGHER-SKILLED, BETTER-PAYING JOBS. AND THEY WILL GO TO THE ONES WHO HAVE WHAT IT TAKES -- A QUALITY EDUCATION. //

EVERYONE KNOWS THE BEST EDUCATION TAKES PLACE IN A SAFE, DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN IF THERE IS VIOLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM. OR CRIME IN THE SCHOOLYARD. OR DRUG PUSHERS ALONG THE WAY HOME. AND OLDER STUDENTS AND WORKERS FIND IT HARD TO ATTEND NIGHT SCHOOL OR PUT IN LATE HOURS AT THE OFFICE -- BECAUSE OF THE DANGER THAT DARKNESS BRINGS, ESPECIALLY IN CRIME-RIDDEN NEIGHBORHOODS.

LOW-INCOME AMERICANS ARE THE ONES MORE LIKELY TO BE INTIMIDATED BY CRIME AND LESS LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE ACROSS TOWN OR EVEN JUST AROUND THE CORNER. THEY'RE THE ONES DEFENDING THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE DRUG DEALERS AND MUGGERS DOWN THE HALL, OR DOWN THE STREET. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO NEED OPPORTUNITY THE MOST.

IT IS IN THEIR NAME THAT THIS BATTLE FOR THE STREETS OF OUR CITIES MUST BE WAGED. THE THUGS, AND THE GANGS, AND THE DRUG KINGPINS SHOULD BE THE CASUALTIES OF THIS WAR. OUR TACTICS: MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR USING A FIREARM IN A VIOLENT CRIME. STRENGTHENED PROTECTION AGAINST SEX CRIMES AND CHILD ABUSE. TOUGH PROSECUTORS. COURTS THAT METE OUT EQUAL JUSTICE, SWIFTLY AND SURELY. A PRISON SYSTEM THAT IS UP TO THE JOB. AND FINALLY, OUR STRATEGY MUST INCLUDE AN UNEQUIVOCAL COMMITMENT TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE ARE MEANINGFUL AND ADVENTUROUS ALTERNATIVES TO A LIFE OF CRIME. //

IT STARTS WITH AN EDUCATION. A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S SAFE AND SECURE. OPPORTUNITY IS BUILT ON THESE FOUNDATIONS, BUT THE DOOR IS OPENED BY ONE THING: A JOB. EVERY AMERICAN WHO WANTS A JOB SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ONE. OF COURSE, VESTIGES OF THE PAST REMAIN. BIGOTRY AND DISCRIMINATION STILL EXIST. BUT, WE HAVE POWERFUL LEGAL TOOLS FOR ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION -- AND REMEMBER, THE LEGAL GUARANTEES OF EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY ARE LARGELY IN PLACE: BROWN VS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965. THE FAIR HOUSING ACTS OF 1968 AND 1988. THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990.

TO ASSURE THAT EVERY AMERICAN ENJOYS THE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS, I AM DETERMINED TO CONTINUE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THESE AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS. //

AND WHERE OUR LAWS NEED IMPROVEMENT, I AM COMMITTED TO REFINING THEM. WE WILL SOON INTRODUCE LEGISLATION WITH STRONG NEW REMEDIES TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND MINORITIES FROM RACIAL PREJUDICE IN THE WORKPLACE, AND I CALL ON THE CONGRESS TO ACT PROMPTLY ON THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.

BUT LEGISLATION THAT ONLY CREATES A LAWYER'S BONANZA HELPS NO ONE. [[NOW, I KNOW A LOT OF LAWYERS ... SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE LAWYERS.]] // BUT WE ALL KNOW WHERE OPPORTUNITY REALLY BEGINS. IT BEGINS WITH A JOB. //

IN OUR HARDEST HIT URBAN AND RURAL AREAS OUR ENTERPRISE ZONE PROPOSAL WILL CREATE NEW SMALL BUSINESSES. WE'RE PROVIDING NEW INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS TO HIRE MORE WORKERS. AND BY ELIMINATING THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON BUSINESSES IN THESE AREAS, AND ATTRACTING MORE SEED CAPITAL, OUR PROPOSALS MEAN ECONOMIC GROWTH, MORE MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, JOBS.

THE AMERICAN DREAM ALSO MEANS CHOOSING WHERE TO LIVE AND, FOR MANY WORKING PEOPLE, OWNING A HOME SOMEDAY. WE'RE OFFERING PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS NOT ONLY CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THEIR OWN COMMUNITY BUT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ACCESS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP AND PRIVATE PROPERTY -- TO GAIN A STAKE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE'VE ASKED CONGRESS TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING FOR THE HOPE PROGRAM IN 1991, TO MAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY A REALITY IN OUR INNER CITIES THIS YEAR. AND WE'RE PROPOSING THAT AMERICANS BE ALLOWED TO USE THE MONEY IN THEIR IRAS TO BUY THEIR FIRST HOME. THESE INITIATIVES WILL BRING US CLOSER TO OUR GOAL OF ONE MILLION NEW HOMEOWNERS BY 1992.

YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOMETHING REASSURING ABOUT BECOMING PART OF A NEIGHBORHOOD -- A COMMUNITY THAT PULLS TOGETHER IN TIMES OF CRISIS, THAT LOOKS OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER. EACH COMMUNITY IN AMERICA IS DIFFERENT, AND ITS RESIDENTS KNOW BEST HOW TO TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER -- WHAT THE BEST OPTIONS ARE FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED A HAND. SO WE'RE PROPOSING TO ALLOW COMMUNITIES TO RESTRUCTURE PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

OUR STRENGTH AS A NATION LIES IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES -- THE SUM OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND FAMILIES, OUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE. THIS IS OUR ADMINISTRATION'S AGENDA FOR OPPORTUNITY. IT BEGINS IN THE HEART OF EVERY PERSON WHO BELIEVES IN FREEDOM, AND LIVES ON IN THE AMERICAN DREAM. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN THIS ROOM SHARES ITS VISION. THE GREAT POET CARL SANDBURG WROTE THAT "NOTHING HAPPENS UNLESS FIRST A DREAM." OUR MANDATE IS TO MAKE THE DREAM A REALITY.

WE FACE A NEW CENTURY -- A NEW AMERICAN CENTURY.
HALF A WORLD AWAY, OUR ALLIED TROOPS FACE A DEFINING
MOMENT IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER. AND THEY ARE SUCCESSING
IN THEIR BATTLE BECAUSE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM
POSSESSES PRIDE IN THEIR COUNTRY, INTEGRITY IN THEIR
CAUSE AND COURAGE IN THEIR HEART.

OUR VETERANS WILL BE HOME -- SOON -- TO A GRATEFUL
NATION. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR RETURN IS TO A
LAND OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. JUST AS THEY HAVE STOOD TO
SAFEGUARD OUR FREEDOM, LET US STAND -- WITH PRIDE,
INTEGRITY, AND COURAGE IN OUR HEARTS -- AND EXPAND THE
FREEDOMS OF ALL AMERICANS. IT'S UP TO EACH OF US TO
SECURE THE TRIUMPH OF "THE AMERICAN IDEA." THAT IDEA
IS OPPORTUNITY.//

WITH GOD'S HELP AND YOURS, WE WILL SUCCEED.

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

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Were not derived corruptly, and that clear honour

Were purchased by the merit of the wearer!
SHAKESPEARE, *The Merchant of Venice*. Act ii, sc. 9, l. 39.

An outward honour for an inward toil.
SHAKESPEARE, *Richard III*. Act i, sc. 4, l. 79.

1 Honors change manners. (Honores mutant mores.)
POLYDORE VERGIL, *Proverbiorum Libellus*. No. 202.

So they verify the saying, Honores mutant mores.
HUGH LATIMER, *Sermons*, p. 437. (1552)

Lord Rutland said to my father [Sir Thomas More], in his acute sneering way: "Ah, ah, Sir Thomas, Honores mutant *Mores*;" to which my father replied, "Not so, in faith, but have a care lest we translate the proverb and say, 'Honours change *Manners*.'"

MARGARET MORE, *Diary*, October, 1524. The point of the jest will be better appreciated when it is remembered that *Manners* was Lord Rutland's family name.

This good creature is resolved to show the world, that great honour cannot at all change his manners; he is the same civil person he ever was.

ADDISON, *The Spectator*. No. 259.

HOPE

See also Optimism

I—Hope: Definitions

2 Hope is a waking dream. (Ἐλπίς, ἐγρηγορότος ἐνύπνιον.)

ARISTOTLE. (DIOGENES LAERTIUS, *Aristotle*. Sec. 18.) Ascribed to Plato by Ælian, and to Pindar by Stobæus.

The hopes of men have been justly called waking dreams.

BASIL, BISHOP OF CÆSAREA, *Letter to Gregory of Nazianzus*. (c. 370) Quoted in Humboldt's *Cosmos*.

For hope is but the dream of those that wake!
MATTHEW PRIOR, *Solomon on the Vanity of the World*. Bk. iii, l. 102.

The hopes that lost in some far distance seem, May be the truer life, and this the dream.

ADELAIDE ANN PROCTER, *A Legend of Provence*.

Vain hopes, like certain dreams of those who wake. (Spes inanes, et velut somnia quædam, vigilantium.)

QUINTILIAN, *Institutione de Oratoria*. Bk. vi, ch. 2, sec. 30.

3 Hope is the parent of faith.

C. A. BARTOL, *Radical Problems: Hope*.

4 Hope! thou nurse of young desire.

BICKERSTAFFE, *Love in a Village*. Act i, sc. 1, l. 1.

5 Hope! of all ills that men endure, The only cheap and universal cure.

ABRAHAM COWLEY, *For Hope*.

Hope, the patent medicine

For disease, disaster, sin.

WALLACE RICE, *Hope*.

The miserable have no other medicine

But only hope.

SHAKESPEARE, *Measure for Measure*. Act iii, sc. 1, l. 2.

I suppose it can be truthfully said that Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity.

R. G. INGERSOLL, *Address*, Manhattan Liberal Club, at celebration of the 155th Paine Anniversary. (*Truth-Seeker*, 28 Feb., 1892.)

6 Hope is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul.

EMILY DICKINSON, *Poems*. Pt. i, No. 32.

7 Hope is the second soul of the unhappy.

GOETHE, *Sprüche in Prosa*.

8 Hope is the poor man's bread.

GEORGE HERBERT, *Jacula Prudentum*.

9 Things past belong to memory alone; Things future are the property of hope.

JOHN HOME, *Agis: Lysander*. Act ii.

10 Hope—that star of life's tremulous ocean.

PAUL MOON JAMES, *The Beacon*.

11 Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords.

SAMUEL JOHNSON. (BOSWELL, *Life*, i, 368.)

When there is no hope, there can be no endeavour.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, *The Rambler*. No. 110.

12 It is hope which maintains most of mankind. ("Ἔστ' ἐλπίς ἡ βόσκεινσα τοὺς πολλοὺς βροτῶν.")

SOPHOCLES, *Fragment*.

13 Hope in action is charity, and beauty in action is goodness.

MIGUEL DE UNAMUNO, *Tragic Sense of Life*, p. 203.

14 Hope, the paramount duty that Heaven lays, For its own honour, on man's suffering heart.

WORDSWORTH, *Poems Dedicated to National Independence*. Pt. ii, No. 33.

II—Hope: Apothegms

15 Unhappy, hope; happy, be cautious (Sperate, miseri; cavete, felices.)

ROBERT BURTON, *Anatomy of Melancholy*, closing advice in final paragraph.

16 Better a good hope than a bad holding.

CERVANTES, *Don Quixote*. Pt. ii, ch. 7.

17 But now of hope the calends begin.

CHAUCER, *Troilus and Criseyde*. Bk. ii, l. 8.

60 They are not long, the days of wine and roses:
Out of a misty dream
Our path emerges for a while, then closes
Within a dream.

ERNEST DOWSON, "They are not long, the weeping and the laughter," stanza 2, *The Poems and Prose of Ernest Dowson*, p. 22 (1919).

461 *What happens to a dream deferred?*

Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
like a heavy lead.

Or does it explode?

LANGSTON HUGHES, "Harlem," *Selected Poems of Langston Hughes*, p. 268 (1959).

462 I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." . . . I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., "I Have a Dream," speech at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963.—*Congressional Record*, April 18, 1968, vol. 114, p. 9165.

This speech culminated a march on Washington for jobs and freedom.

463 There are those, I know, who will reply that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind, is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is. It is the American Dream.

ARCHIBALD MACLEISH, "We Have Purpose . . . We All Know It," *Life*, May 30, 1960, p. 93.

This was one of a series of essays in *Life* magazine and *The New York Times* on "The National Purpose."

464 The republic is a dream
[Nothing happens unless first a dream.]

CARL SANDBURG, "Washington Monument by Night," stanza 4, *The Complete Poems of Carl Sandburg*, rev. and expanded ed., p. 282 (1970).

President Ronald Reagan quoted this before a joint session of Congress, April 28, 1981, and added: "As Carl Sandburg said, all we need to begin with is a dream that we can do better than before. All we need to have is faith, and that dream will come true. All we need to do is act, and the time for action is now."—*Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: Ronald Reagan*, 1981, p. 394.

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: OPPORTUNITY ACTION PLAN
FEBRUARY 27, 1991
J.W. MARRIOTT HOTEL
11:00 A.M.**

((Thank you, Bill [Taylor], for that warm introduction.

Attorney General Thornburgh and Secretaries Kemp, Sullivan and
Martin; ~~our nominee for Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander;~~ ^{TED SANDERS - Acting Sec. (Re: Holly Williamson)}

unique acknowledgement and of course, Bob Woodson of the Center for Neighborhood
Enterprise [others] ... It's hard to believe a year has passed ^α
since the day I challenged the members of ASAE -- to channel the
tremendous energy of this organization, and transform a nation
through community service. What a terrific job you've done.))

Looking around the room today, I see so many familiar faces,
so many people making a difference in the lives of others. Every
man and woman here believes in the power of the individual, and
is bolstered by the conviction that America is indeed a land of
opportunity. For more than 200 years, America has been the home
of free markets and free people. There is no question:
opportunity in America is the envy of the world.

The story of America has been the story of opportunity.
Throughout our history, we have pioneered the frontiers of
liberty for all humanity. Our Founding Fathers created perhaps
the most simple yet profound document in modern history -- our
Constitution and Bill of Rights. Abraham Lincoln broke forever
the chains of human slavery. The suffrage movement made the
promise of democracy a reality for women. The founders of our

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public schools unleashed our national potential through universal education. And by their struggle for equal rights, the leaders of the civil rights movement unshackled the oppressed and disenfranchised. The story of opportunity in America is the story of Thomas Paine and Frederick Douglass, Mother Seton, Clara Barton, the Wright brothers and Rosa Parks.

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But it doesn't end there, with these heroes from our past. There are the "new American heroes" of today, many of them in this room. They, too, are inspired by pride, integrity, faith in the dignity of man, and courage to overcome the odds. It's called leadership by example -- and it's made America the world's great beacon of freedom. //

These modern visionaries are the ones making history -- propelling us into the Next American Century.

Theirs is a movement more than 200 years old -- as old as the Declaration of Independence -- a movement defined by what Jefferson ~~called~~ ~~"the American mind"~~ and what I call "the American idea." It continues to sweep our country today with a vigor as strong as ever. It is a vision driven by the strength and power of the American Dream.

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I share that vision -- for what is the American Dream, if it isn't wanting to be part of something larger than ourselves? If it isn't creating a better life for our children than we might have had? If it isn't the freedom to take command of our future?

For most people, these aspirations mean enjoying the blessings of good health, having a home to call one's own,

raising a family, holding a stake in the community, feeling secure at home, on the job, and in the neighborhood.

But for others, America has not yet fulfilled its promise of opportunity. We know who they are: they are the hopeless and the homeless. The friendless and the fearful. The unemployed and the unemployable. The ones who can't read a simple sentence -- much less write one. They are the ones who don't believe they will ever share in the American Dream.

I'm here to tell any American for whom hope lies dormant: we will not forget you. // We will not forget those who have not yet shared in the American Dream. // Yes, we must offer them hope. But we must guarantee them opportunity. //

~~XXXXXX~~
It's been said, "hope is a waking dream." That awakening begins with learning. Understanding the power and potential of individual effort. Developing a skill, and with it, independence. Earning a living, with dignity and personal growth. More skills mean more freedom -- more options for even greater opportunity.

Today, our Administration is proposing an agenda to expand opportunity and choice for all Americans. It involves more than six major initiatives across the scope of our entire government: restoring quality education; ensuring crime-free neighborhoods; strengthening civil and legal rights for all; creating jobs and new businesses; expanding access to homeownership; and allowing localities a greater share of responsibility. In its entirety, I

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believe it represents one of the most far-reaching efforts in decades to unleash the talents of every citizen in America.

In a ^{several} few weeks, I will have legislation to enact this agenda on the desk of every Congressman. The Administration's Educational Excellence proposals, for example, will put choice in the hands of students and parents -- so they can choose the best school to attend. Our higher education system is clearly the finest in the world -- creative, innovative, and highly competitive. [From the G.I. Bill to Pell Grants, college students already have the power to choose.] OK - Doreen Torgerson, OPD, x7777 Now it's time our education system -- all of it -- became the finest in the world. //

We're also proposing education reforms to build flexibility and accountability into our school systems. We've seen what education reform can do -- from East L.A. to East Harlem. We're encouraging Governors to bring together teachers, parents and administrators to work together to meet the needs of all students. We must cut the dropout rate -- and ensure that every student in America arrives at school ready to learn, and graduates ready to work. //

For some time now, the Administration has called for the restructuring of American education. We've got to raise our expectations for our students and our schools. But if we're going to ask more of them, it wouldn't be fair to tie the hands of the teachers and principals -- particularly those who make a difference. We need responsive schools -- customer-driven ones, if you will. Schools that are more market-oriented, and

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performance-based -- because it's time we recognize that competition can spur excellence in our schools. Choice is the catalyst for change, the fundamental reform that drives forward all the others. These are the ideas will steer us toward meeting the national education goals the Governors and I set after the Education Summit -- because we can't expect to remain a first-class economy if we settle for second-class schools.

Awaiting America's graduates will be xx jobs in xx years. To fill those jobs, entrepreneurs will look increasingly to America's minorities -- Blacks, Hispanics and Asians -- and to people just entering the economic mainstream -- workers with disabilities and mothers who have chosen to work outside the home. The majority of those xx million jobs are safer, cleaner, higher-skilled, better-paying jobs. And they will go to the ones who have what it takes -- a quality education. //

Everyone knows the best education takes place in a safe, drug-free learning environment. It is difficult for children to learn if there is violence in the classroom. Or crime in the schoolyard. Or drug pushers along the way home. And older students and workers find it hard to attend night school or put in late hours at the office -- because of the danger that darkness brings, especially in crime-ridden neighborhoods.

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An education. A neighborhood that's safe and secure. Opportunity is built on these foundations, but the door is opened by one thing: A job. Every American who wants a job should be able to get one. [Of course, vestiges of the past remain.

Bigotry and discrimination still exist. We have powerful legal tools for eliminating discrimination, and I am determined to **enforce our civil rights laws with vigor. //**

I am committed to refining our laws that need improvement. We will soon introduce legislation with strong new remedies to protect women from sexual harassment and minorities from racial prejudice in the workplace, and I call on the Congress to act promptly on this important initiative.]

Let's remember, the legal guarantees of equality of opportunity are largely in place: Brown vs. the Board of

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Education. // The Civil Rights Act of 1964. // The Voting Rights Act of 1965. // The Fair Housing Acts of 1968 and 1988. // The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. //

Further legislation that is simply a lawyer's bonanza **helps no one**. Now, I know a lot of lawyers ... Some of my best friends are lawyers. **But we all know opportunity doesn't begin in the courtroom. It begins with a job.** //

OK'ed by Porter on phone to MKG 2/26 For our hardest hit urban areas, our new proposals mean attracting the seed capital for new small businesses and new entrepreneurs in enterprise zones, and eliminating the capital gains tax on businesses in these areas. We're providing new incentives for employers to hire more workers. Our proposals mean economic growth, more minority entrepreneurs and most importantly, jobs. //

DVD Insert The American Dream also means choosing where to live and, for many working people, owning a home someday. We're offering public housing residents access to homeownership and private property -- to gain a stake in their communities. We've asked Congress to provide much-needed funding for the HOPE program in 1991, to make this opportunity a reality in our inner cities this year. And we're proposing that Americans be allowed to use the money in their IRAs to buy their first home. These initiatives will bring us closer to our goal of **one million new homeowners by 1992**.

You know, there's something reassuring about becoming part of a neighborhood -- a community that pulls together in times of

crisis, that looks out for one another. Each community in America is different, and its residents know best how to take care of each other -- what the best options are for programs and services for those who need a hand. So we're proposing to allow communities to restructure opportunity at the local level.

Our strength as a nation lies in the strength of our communities -- the sum of our neighborhoods and families, our hopes and dreams for the future. **This is our Administration's agenda for opportunity.** It begins in the heart of every person who believes in freedom, and lives on in the American Dream. Every man and woman in this room shares its vision. The great poet Carl Sandburg wrote that "nothing happens unless first a dream." Our mandate is to make the Dream a reality.

We face a new Century -- a new American Century -- and our moment in history is here. The time is now -- to fulfill America's promise as a land of opportunity for all.

With God's help and yours, we will succeed. God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much.

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: OPPORTUNITY ACTION PLAN
FEBRUARY 27, 1991**

~~PLACE? TIME?~~ J.W. MARRIOTT
11:00 A.M.

Bob Woodson
((Thank you, Bill [Taylor], for that warm introduction.

(other acknowledgements) ... It's hard to believe almost a year has

passed since the day I issued a set of challenges to the members of ASAE -- to channel the tremendous energy of this organization, tap your power and transform a nation through community service.

[More to come]))

Looking around the room today, I see so many familiar faces, so many people making a difference in the lives of others. Every man and woman here this morning believes in the power of the individual, and is bolstered by the notion that America is indeed the land of opportunity. For 200 years, America has been the home of democracy, the birthplace of free markets and free people. There is no question: **opportunity in America is the envy of the world.**

From its start, the story of America has been the story of opportunity. Throughout our history, men and women have pioneered the frontiers of liberty for all humanity. Our Founding Fathers created perhaps the most simple yet profound document in modern history -- our Bill of Rights. Abraham Lincoln broke forever the chains of human slavery. The suffrage movement made the promise of democracy a reality for women. The founders of our public schools unleashed the potential of an educated citizenry by introducing universal free education. And

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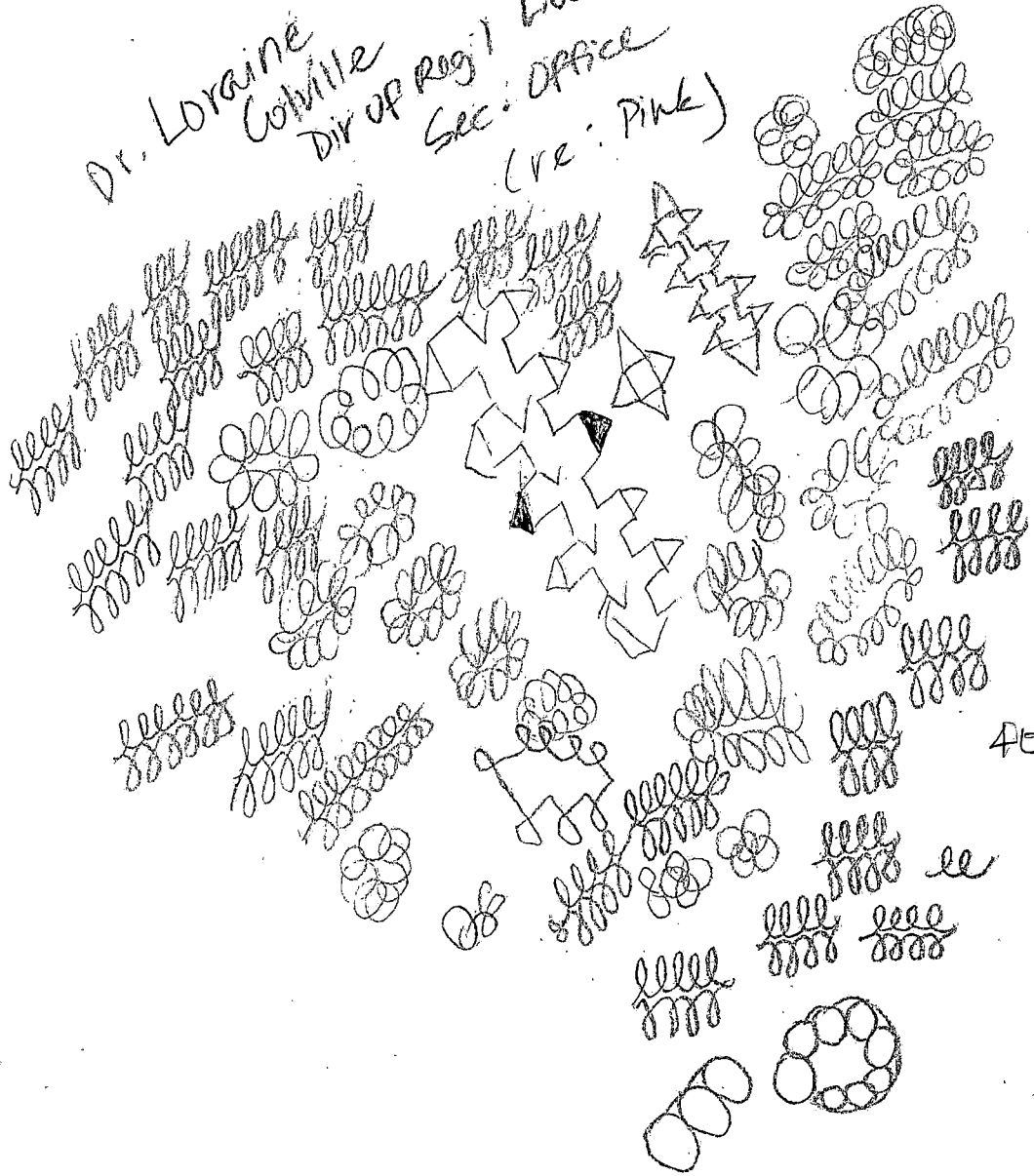
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"We don't need new ideas,
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by their struggle for equal rights, the leaders of the civil rights movement unshackled the oppressed and disenfranchised. The story of opportunity in America is the story of Thomas Paine and Frederick Douglass, Mother Seton, Clara Barton, the Wright Brothers and Jesse Owens.

But it doesn't end there, with these heroes from our history books. There are just as many "new American heroes" today, many of them in this room. What they share with those who went before is pride, and integrity, and faith in the dignity of man, and courage to overcome the odds. It's called leadership by example -- and it's what makes America the world's great citadel of freedom. //

These modern visionaries are the ones making history -- propelling us into the Next American Century. [examples to come].

Theirs is a movement 200 years old -- as old as the Declaration of Independence -- a movement defined by what Jefferson called "the American mind." It continues to sweep our country today with a vigor as strong as ever. It is a movement driven by the strength and power of the American Dream.

For what is the American Dream -- if it isn't wanting to be part of something larger than ourselves? If it isn't creating a better life for our children than we might have had? If it isn't the freedom to take command of our own future?

For most people, these aspirations mean enjoying the blessings of good health, having a place to call one's own,

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raising a family, holding a stake in the community, feeling secure at home and on the job and in the neighborhood.

But for some, America has not yet fulfilled its destiny as a land of opportunity. We know who they are: They are the hopeless and the homeless. The friendless and the fearful. The destitute and the desperate. The unemployed and the unemployable. The ones who can't read a simple sentence -- much less write one. They are the ones who don't believe they will ever share in the American Dream.

I'm here to tell you that **we will not forget these Americans for whom hope lies dormant, for whom despair is a daily fact of life. We will not forget those who have not yet shared in the American Dream. We must offer them hope. We must guarantee them opportunity.**

Aristotle Some have said "hope is a waking dream." That awakening begins with learning. Understanding the power and potential of individual effort. Developing a skill. And the independence it brings. The ability to earn a living. With dignity and opportunity for personal growth. More skills mean more choices. More options for even greater opportunity.

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We're also proposing education reforms to build flexibility and accountability into our school system. We're encouraging teachers, parents and administrators to work together to meet the needs of all students -- the success of community partnerships like Cities in Schools shows that the battle to give young people education, direction and hope can be won. We must cut the dropout rate -- by ensuring that every kid in America arrives at school ready to learn, and graduates ready to work. //

For quite some time now, the Administration has been calling for nothing short of the restructuring of American education. Let me lay out the five principles that should guide our efforts to empower parents, expand choice and encourage excellence. The principles are: high expectations; decentralized authority; and schools that are responsive, market oriented and performance-tested. These will guide our efforts to meet the national education goals set in Charlottesville -- because we can't expect to remain a first-class economy if we settle for second-class schools.

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They're the ones who need opportunity the most. It is in their name that this battle for the streets of our cities must be waged. The thugs, and the gangs, and the drug kingpins should be the casualties of this war. The weapons are mandatory sentences for using a firearm in a violent crime. Strengthened protection against sex crimes and child abuse. Tough prosecutors. Courts that mete out equal justice, swiftly and predictably, regardless of race. And a prison system that is up to the job. Americans

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Of course, vestiges of the past remain. Hatred, bigotry, and racial discrimination still exist in America. Where legal remedies work, we are refining our civil rights laws. [1991 Civil Rights bill insert to come].

But the sixties are over. And so is the civil rights debate. That debate has been won -- won by those who decided Brown vs. the Board of Education. // Won by those who enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964. // And the Voting Rights Act of 1965. // And the Fair Housing Act of 1968. // There are plenty of civil rights laws on the books -- and plenty of lawyers in courtrooms to argue over them.

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Looking around the room today, I see so many familiar faces, and as diverse a group as this is, there is one common belief we all hold dear: the notion that America is a land of opportunity. For 200 years, America has been the home of democracy and free enterprise, birthplace of the American Dream, poets call it "the shining city on the hill." Our Nation is mankind's last, best hope -- for our government is built by the people and for the people. And our people have built the best system for providing opportunity in the world -- bar none.

The opportunities we enjoy today were won by the sweat and blood of leaders throughout American history -- (examples). And history is being made today by (names). Across the country, we hear the voices of people who are seizing opportunities -- propelling us into a new era of equality of opportunity. People like George Waters and Aaron Bocage, in Camden, New Jersey -- founders of EDTEC, the Educational Training and Enterprise Center, to give small business experience to high-school drop-outs (Wright p.4). Or Detroit's Reverend Lee Earl, pastor of the 12th Street Baptist Church, who organized neighbors to buy up crack houses, hired unemployed workers for the renovation, and sold the houses to decent, drug-free families. And it's people

like (more examples from education) Or right here in Washington, John Raye and his group, the "Majestic Eagles," known as the "incubator for new entrepreneurs." (Wright p.7) This is a movement taking America by storm. And this movement is not going away. //

Jefferson said we don't need to invent new ideas, but rather, express the American mind.

Sadly, not every American has a share in the American Dream. There are too many Americans below the poverty line, trapped in welfare. Too many unemployed. Too many functional illiterates. Too many who have been shut out of the economic mainstream.

They are the ones who just need a chance. An opportunity to gain control of their lives. And with it, comes the hope of making a better life for themselves. What's the best way to get that hope, that opportunity? It starts with this: education.

No matter what race or creed or color you are, **having a skill gets you a job**. The more **skills** you have, the farther you go. And the more **choices** you have before you, the more **opportunities** lay ahead for you. The Administration's Education bill puts choice in the hands of students and parents -- so they can pick the best school for themselves. Moderate and upper income Americans already have choice -- they can transfer to better schools. We've seen that choice and competition improve education -- from Minnesota to East Harlem -- it's time low-income Americans become **consumers** with a **choice** in schools.

We're also proposing education reforms to build flexibility and accountability into our education system. We're encouraging teachers, parents and administrators to work together to meet the needs of all students. Every kid in America should arrive at school ready to learn, and graduate ready to work. //

Research shows that a projected 15 million new jobs will be awaiting America's graduates over the next 20 years. To fill those jobs, American business will look increasingly to growing populations -- blacks and **H**ispanics -- and to people just entering the economic mainstream -- workers with disabilities and mothers who have chosen to work outside the home. Those 15 million jobs will need more and more skilled employees.

Enterprise Zones. Having a skill (that means don't drop out -- because even in a barrier-free environment you don't get a job.) future means: more skilled jobs. We need kids with skills for workforce. Outline education package. 20 civil rights bills won't fix it. Start with giving kids a shot/

then crime control. Time after time he hears of fear stifling ability of people to make it. Can't stay late, go to night school etc to enhance skill and opportunity.

Enterprise zones that if do have skill -- there'll be a job there.

Of course there are vestiges of the past still; we can refine our civil rights laws. I'm all for that -- to get equal opportunity But this is not the sixties. We've already got on the books the Civil Rights bill etc .

The civil rights debate is over. Won because of those laws. People who say the problem is nto enough civil rights laws are wrong. This is the nineties. We want opprotunity.

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It's a fact: crime hits low-income Americans disproportionately. They're the ones least likely to be able to take advantage of opportunities that may be just around the corner, or across town. They're the ones defending themselves and their families from the drug dealers and muggers down the hall, or down the street. And so they're trapped in their homes, fearful and alone, slowly losing the hope of a better life.

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((Acknowledgements)) ((local intro))

Looking around the room today, I see so many familiar faces, ^{EACH OF YOU (?)} so many people making a difference in the lives of others. Every man and woman here this morning believes in the power of the individual, and is bolstered by the notion that America is the land of opportunity. For 200 years, America has been the home of democracy and free enterprise, the birthplace of the American Dream. **Opportunity in America is the envy of the world.**

From its start, the story of America has been the story of opportunity. Throughout American history, men and women have pioneered the frontiers of liberty for all humanity. Our Founding Fathers created the foremost Bill of Rights in the world. Abraham Lincoln broke forever the chains of human slavery. The suffrage movement made the promise of democracy a reality for women. The founders of our public schools unleashed the potential of an educated citizenry by introducing free education for all. The leaders of the civil rights movement unshackled the oppressed and disenfranchised by guaranteeing equal rights for all Americans. It's the story of people from Thomas Paine to Frederick Douglass to Mother Seton, from Clara Barton to the Wright Brothers to Jesse Owens.

But it doesn't end there, with these heroes from our history books. There are just as many "new American heroes" today, many of them in this room. What they share with their predecessors is pride, integrity, faith in the dignity of man, and courage to beat the odds. It's called leadership by example -- and it's what makes America the great citadel of freedom in the world. //

These modern visionaries are the ones making history -- propelling us into the Next American Century -- by empowering people. Take a look at **George Waters** and **Aaron Bocage**, who are giving high-school drop-outs a fighting chance by giving them nuts-and-bolts experience in small business. Or Detroit's **Reverend Lee Earl**, pastor of the 12th Street Baptist Church, who turned around a neighborhood devastated by crack, using unemployed citizens for manpower to rebuild and resell houses. Or **Jaime Escalante** of East L.A.'s Garfield High School, who challenges kids to prove their worth through the excitement of learning and the pride of achievement. (public housing?)

Theirs is a movement 200 years old -- as old as the Declaration of Independence -- a dynamic defined by what Jefferson called "the American mind." This movement is sweeping our country today, with a strength of force which will propel us into the 21st Century.

It is a movement driven by the power of the American Dream.

But America has not yet fulfilled its destiny as a land of opportunity for all its people. **We will not forget those who have not yet shared in the American Dream.** And we know who they

are: The hopeless and the homeless. The friendless and the fearful. The destitute and the desperate. The unemployed and the unemployable. The ones who can't read a simple sentence -- much less write one. All of them lack one basic thing: **Hope**.

For what is hope in the American Dream -- if it isn't wanting to be part of something larger than yourself? If it isn't creating a better life for your children than for yourself? If it isn't controlling your own future?

For most people, these aspirations mean enjoying the good life -- having a place you can call your own, raising a family, holding a stake in the community, ^{bearing / cherishing} feeling like you have some ^{a sense of} security.

We have not forgotten these Americans who have given up hope, who have surrendered to despair, those who live life in a trap -- we can offer them an opportunity to gain control of their lives. We can offer them hope.

Some have said "hope is a waking dream." That awakening begins with education. No matter what your situation in life, **having a skill gets you a job. Independence. Money in your pocket.** The more **skills** you have, the farther you go. And the more **choices** you have before you, the more **opportunities** lay ahead for you.

The Administration's Education bill puts choice in the hands of students and parents -- so they can pick the best school for themselves. Moderate and upper income Americans already have "choice" -- they can transfer to better schools. But poor kids ^{families}

can't afford it. We've seen choice and competition improve education -- from Minneapolis to East Harlem -- and it's time all Americans become **consumers** with a **choice** in schools.

We're also proposing education reforms to build flexibility and accountability into our school system. We're encouraging teachers, parents and administrators to work together to meet the needs of all students. Every kid in America should arrive at school ready to learn, and graduate ready to work. //

Research shows that a projected 15 million new jobs will be awaiting America's graduates over the next 20 years. To fill those jobs, American business will look increasingly to growing populations -- blacks and ~~H~~Hispanics -- and to people just entering the economic mainstream -- workers with disabilities and mothers who have chosen to work outside the home. Those 15 million jobs will need more and more skilled employees.

Education is the only answer. //

Many Americans
And so people are trying to expand their options -- by working toward a degree, or getting certified at a night school, or even putting in extra hours to increase their skills. But time and again they hit a roadblock. Their own fear. They're afraid to stay late at the office and walk home alone after dark -- *sometimes to even to leave their homes* -- or leave the house with no one around. It's a fact: crime hits low-income Americans disproportionately. They're the ones stuck in the projects, unable to move to the better sections across town -- unable to defend themselves from the drug dealers and murderers right next door. And so they stay trapped in their

homes, fearful and alone, slowly losing the hope of a better life.

We're waging a battle against crime in the name of those who need protection the most: **poor people in the cities.** We're going after gangs and drug kingpins. Imposing mandatory sentences for using a firearm in a violent crime. Strengthening protections against sex crimes and child abuse. Guaranteeing equal justice regardless of race. **Because people will only walk down the road to opportunity if they know the street is a safe one. //**

We can rebuild opportunity in our inner cities by making sure that there is a job available for every one who wants one. Our Enterprise Zone and Jobs Creation legislation will draw seed capital for small business start-ups in our hardest-hit urban areas. Working poor will have jobs nearby, and they'll be able to take home more of their pay. The outrageous disincentives facing those on welfare who want to work will be removed. And we're making it easier for investors to build capital for businesses by cutting expensing requirements and the capital gains tax in enterprise zones. //

The American Dream also means owning your own home. To make it easier for more dreams to come true, we're proposing that Americans be allowed to use the money in their IRAs to buy their first home. This will bring us closer to our goal of **one million new homeowners by 1992.** And we're increasing funding for housing vouchers for low-income renters, so that public housing isn't their only option. We're offering incentives for public housing

residents to move out -- and move up -- into the economic mainstream -- and into the American Dream. //

People want to hold a share in their community, to feel a part of the neighborhood. Each community in America is different, and its residents know what's best for themselves -- what the best options are for programs and services. So we're restructuring programs to broaden choice at the local level. Our strength as a nation lies in the strength of our communities -- the sum of our neighborhoods and families, our hopes and dreams for the future.

Of course, vestiges of the past remain. Hatred, bigotry, and racial discrimination still exist in America. Where legal remedies work, we are refining our civil rights laws. [1991 Civil Rights bill insert to come].

But the ^{nineteen}sixties are over. And so is the civil rights debate. That debate has been won -- won by those who decided Brown vs. the Board of Education. // Won by those who enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964. // And the Voting Rights Act of 1965. // And the Fair Housing Act of 1968. // There are plenty of civil rights laws on the books -- and plenty of lawyers in courtrooms getting paid to argue over them.

I know a lot of lawyers. Some of my best friends are lawyers. But put them in a courtroom, and lawyers don't teach anyone how to read, or create jobs, or rebuild a neighborhood. Lawyers don't give a lost soul the will to live one more day. //

And neither do civil rights statutes.//

It's time to secure the opportunity promised by those who fought and died for civil rights in this country. The only way to give the destitute, the frightened, the unemployed any hope is through opportunity. Our aim is to empower all Americans by removing barriers -- making it easier for you to go to school, to own your own home, to get a job, to start your own business, to raise your family. To have some security in life. To live the Dream.

This ideal of opportunity is our Administration's agenda for America. Every man and woman in this room is a member of the movement. It lives in the heart of every person who wants to be free to live his own destiny. It lives in the freedom of man and mind. It lives in the American Dream. The great poet Carl Sandburg wrote that "nothing happens unless first a dream." The time has come to make something happen -- our mandate is to make the Dream a reality.

We face a new Century -- a new American Century -- and our moment in history is here. The time is now -- to fulfill America's destiny as a land of opportunity for all.

With God's help and yours, we will succeed. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you very much.

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