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A DEEPER LOOK

Religion and the Presidents

Throughout American history, our highest elected officials have acknowledged the importance of God in preserving a democratic republic.

This month, George Bush is sworn in as the 41st President of the United States. His faith has already been discussed in this issue, but we thought it appropriate to look back in our history to see what previous Presidents have said about the importance of religious belief in American life.

"...it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes... In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow-citizens at large...No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States."—*George Washington's First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789.*

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"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."—*John Adams, (President, 1797-1801) soon after becoming Vice President of the United States in 1789.*

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"I shall need the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, Who led our forefathers, as Israel of old, from their native land, and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessaries and comforts of life; Who has covered our infancy with His providence, and our riper years with His wisdom and power..."—*Thomas Jefferson in his Second Inaugural Address, 1805.*

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"...finally, it is my fervent prayer to that Almighty Being...that He will so overrule all my intentions and actions and inspire the hearts of my fellow-citizens that we may be preserved from dangers of all kinds and continue forever a united happy people."—*Andrew Jackson, (President, 1824-1836) in a speech given March 4, 1833.*

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"It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."—*Abraham Lincoln (President, 1861-1865).*

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"From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."—*Dwight D. Eisenhower, on signing a law for including the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, June 14, 1954.*

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"The world is different now...And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forefathers fought are still at issue around the globe—the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."—*John F. Kennedy, (President, 1961-1963) in his Inaugural Address, 1961.*

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"...Can we doubt that...a Divine Providence placed on this land, this island of freedom, here as a refuge for all those people in the world who yearn to breathe free? Jews and Christians enduring persecution behind the Iron Curtain; the boat people of Southeast Asia, Cuba and of Haiti; the victims of drought and famine in Africa, the freedom fighters in Afghanistan, and our own countrymen held in savage captivity ...God bless America."—*Ronald Reagan (President, 1980-1988) in a speech given July 17, 1980.*

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SUBJECT: ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.

The National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

- With 7.5 million members, The National Baptist Convention USA is the nation's largest Black denomination and the third largest Protestant denomination in the country (after the Southern Baptists and United Methodists).

- Their national convention is considered to be the largest and most powerful Black religious gathering.

Rev. T.J. Jemison: Political Activities

- Rev. T.J. Jemison has been president of the group since 1982 when, after several attempts, he unseated Rev. Joseph Jackson, a conservative minister who had headed the group for 29 years. Jackson had endorsed Republican presidential candidates in the past and was a founder of "Democrats for Bush" in 1988.

- Rev. Jemison was an early civil rights leader and of the Christian Leadership Conference. Although not as conservative as his predecessor, Jemison uses some of the the same social conservative rhetoric, decrying drug abuse and promoting family values, that Jesse Jackson sometimes adopts.

- Under Rev. Jemison's leadership, the NBC has aggressively promoted Jesse Jackson's candidacies for president (Jackson is an ordained National Baptist minister). The convention claimed to have registered 2 million voters for Jackson in the 1984 Democratic primary. In 1988, NBC ministers raised money for Jackson from their congregations.

- In December 1983, Jemison gave his personal endorsement to Jesse Jackson.

- In 1984, Jemison tempered his harsh criticism of Ronald Reagan after meeting with the President at the White House.

- Dukakis received a warm reception from the group when he spoke to them in 1988.

  -- George Bush and Jesse Jackson were also invited to appear before this group during the campaign. George Bush declined the invitation.

Post-election Activities

- The NBC joined other Black churches in January 1989 in supporting Ron Dellums' bill for tougher sanctions against South Africa and supported ending USA aid for the Rebels in Angola.

- One the the denomination's latest projects is a cable TV news magazine on Black life and achievements. The program, "The Black World Today," would emphasize "good news regarding the Black community" instead of "reports of drugs, crime and violence on the nightly news." Rev. Jemison announced the program in July 1989.

Recommendation

The president should accept the invitation to address this group.

Reasons:

1. This is an important forum to articulate the president's message to minorities.

   With 7.5 million members, this is the largest Black religious organization of its type. While many of its activists may be political and economic liberals, supportive of Jesse Jackson and his agenda, at the same time they are socially conservative. While Jemison is not supportive of the GOP, many of the conventioneers will be.

2. An appearance before this group would carry with it much symbolic meaning.

While George Bush may not win them over on such issues as federal spending priorities, relations with South Africa, or affirmative action, his presence would send the message that "I am not Ronald Reagan." Stated otherwise, "We may disagree but there should be no deep and visceral animus between us."

-- Should the president decline this invitation, Jemison would have an opportunity to bash him and the Party.

3. A conciliatory address by the president to this predominantly Southern-based group could help our candidates in the mid-term election.

-- Should the president accept this invitation, RNC Outreach would work with the White House on the speech and the preliminary groundwork for this event.

This memorandum was prepared in conjunction with the Political Outreach Division.

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Honorable George Bush, President
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Dear Mr. President:

This letter is a follow-up of our brief conversation in the White House on June 30th. We are all so anxious to have you come to New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 8, 1989 to address the 109th Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

The sessions will be held in the New Orleans' Convention Center. We expect some forty-five thousand delegates to attend. This group would be greatly touched by some strong announcement from you toward the "Rights" of Blacks and women.

We would like for your Address to come at 8:00 P. M. However, if you prefer afternoon, we could adjust our program to have you speak at 4:00. Whatever is your desire.

Please communicate with me as soon as you are certain you can attend. Please make every effort.

With warm regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

T. J. Jemison

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

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NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION CENTER
SEPT. 8, 1989/2:30 P.M.

REVEREND JEMISON, REVEREND CLARK AND RICHARDSON, DR. BEN HOOKS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS. FRIENDS.

((YOU KNOW, WITH SO MANY BAPTISTS HERE IN NEW ORLEANS, I ALMOST EXPECT TO HEAR: "WHEN THE SAINTS COME MARCHING IN")) ((PAUSE))

((THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE WAS LAST AUGUST 18TH. I WAS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AND I ADDRESSED THOUSANDS OF REPUBLICANS. NOW I AM ADDRESSING FIFTEEN THOUSAND BAPTISTS, BUT THE FEELING OF SPEAKING BEFORE SUCH A HUGE AUDIENCE IS THE SAME. BARBARA PUT IT ALL IN PERSPECTIVE FOR ME. SHE SAID: "NOW GEORGE, JUST IMAGINE YOU'RE STANDING IN FRONT OF ANOTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS."))

((BUT I NEVER HAD A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THIS BIG.)) ((PAUSE))

WELL, I HAVE COME TO NEW ORLEANS TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, AND I WILL SAY IT PLAINLY: YOUR GOOD WORKS ARE THE INSPIRATION OF AMERICA.

AND YOU, IN TURN, DRAW YOUR INSPIRATION FROM THE FAITH OF GREAT CHURCH. IT WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN BAPTISTS IN RHODE ISLAND WHO LED THE CAMPAIGN FOR RELIGIOUS TOLERATION.

IT WAS THE BAPTISTS WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SECURING OUR FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION. IT WAS THE BAPTISTS WHO, AS PIONEERS, BUILT STURDY NEW CHURCHES ON THE EMPTY PLAINS AND PRAIRIES OF THE WEST. BUT IT IS ANOTHER TRADITION THAT WE HONOR IN NEW ORLEANS TODAY. WE HONOR YOUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, WHO WERE ALSO BRAVE PIONEERS -- PIONEERS WHO BLAZED TRAILS INTO ANOTHER FRONTIER -- THE FREEDOM FRONTIER. ((PAUSE))

IT TOOK THIS CONVENTION, THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR PASTORS AND PEOPLE, TO EXTEND THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN. ((PAUSE)) IT TOOK LEADERS LIKE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WYATT TEE WALKER, E.V. HILL, JERRY MOORE, T.J. JEMISON, AND BEN HOOKS. AND IT TOOK NOTHING LESS THAN ANOTHER GREAT AWAKENING -- AN AWAKENING TO THE PROMISE OF CIVIL RIGHTS. ((PAUSE))

I HAVE WATCHED THIS MOVEMENT BLOSSOM IN MY LIFETIME, FROM MY DAYS IN COLLEGE TO MY DAYS IN CONGRESS. SO KNOW ONE THING: IN THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY AND OPPORTUNITY, YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST ASPIRATIONS OF MY PRESIDENCY. ((PAUSE))

WE'RE ON A JOURNEY TO A NEW CENTURY, AND WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE THE TIRED OLD BAGGAGE OF BIGOTRY BEHIND.

OF COURSE, DISCRIMINATION IS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM THAT WE FACE TODAY. JUST AS YOU LED AMERICA IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, SO YOU ARE NOW LEADING COMMUNITIES STRUGGLING WITH ANOTHER NATIONAL PROBLEM.

IS IT CRIME? NOT QUITE. IS IT HOMELESSNESS? NO, NOT BY ITSELF. IS IT DRUGS? YES, BUT IT IS EVEN MORE THAN THAT. AS SERIOUS AS ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE, THEY ARE RELATED TO ANOTHER ONE -- THE DECLINE OF THE MOST BASIC OF ALL INSTITUTIONS -- THE FAMILY.

TOO MANY CHILDREN IN AMERICA ARE GROWING UP WITHOUT DIRECTION, WITHOUT VALUES, WITHOUT ESTEEM FOR THEMSELVES OR ANYONE ELSE. SO OUR GOAL IS SIMPLE, AND IT IS VITAL: WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE THE AMERICAN FAMILY. ((PAUSE))

FAMILY LIFE MUST BE OUR SOURCE OF STRENGTH. IT IS FOR BARBARA, ME, AND IT IS FOR YOU. STRONG FAMILIES ARE BOUND BY MORE THAN BLOOD; THEY ARE BOUND BY THE PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS MORNING, A TODDLER'S FIRST STEPS, A GRANDFATHER'S TALL TALES, AND THE LASTING PRIDE OF A GRADUATION CEREMONY. AND OUR FAMILIES ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY SOMETHING ELSE: SIMPLE ACTS OF LEARNING AND TEACHING; SIMPLE ACTS TO INSTILL THE VALUES OF FAIRNESS, HONESTY AND HARD WORK.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE MORE SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. AND, DIFFICULT THOUGH IT MAY BE, MOST SINGLE PARENTS ARE RAISING HAPPY, WELL-ADJUSTED CHILDREN WITH THE HELP OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND BY DRAWING ON THEIR OWN INNER STRENGTH.

BUT IMAGINE THE LONELY PLIGHT OF A SINGLE MOTHER WHO HAS NO HELP; WHO HAS NO MONEY; WHO HAS NO ABILITY TO KEEP HER KIDS FROM BEING LOST -- LOST TO THE UNHEALTHY LIFE OF THE STREETS. SO TO SAVE THE AMERICAN FAMILY ALSO MEANS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THESE PARENTS, WHO ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST TOUGH ODDS. NOR CAN WE IGNORE THE DIFFICULTIES OF POOR WORKING COUPLES WITH CHILDREN. THE CHALLENGE OF STRENGTHENING THESE FAMILIES REQUIRES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORTS.

AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP IS MEETING THE CHALLENGE -- IN MINISTRIES LIKE THAT OF E.V. HILL OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE HUNGRY FAMILIES FIND SUSTENANCE; IN MINISTRIES WHERE BAPTISTS ARE PROVIDING FAMILIES WITH EVERYTHING FROM HIGH CHAIRS TO A HAND-UP.

YOU KNOW THAT NO MATTER HOW CLOSE-KNIT YOUR FAMILY MAY BE, THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY IS NOT JUST SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM. IT IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM.

WHEN ONE GENERATION IS RAISED WITHOUT VALUES, IT STARTS A CHAIN OF MISERY THAT WEIGHS DOWN FUTURE GENERATIONS. ABOUT HALF OF ALL BLACK FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE HEADED BY ONE PARENT, AND MANY OF THESE PARENTS ARE OVERWHELMED. AND BECAUSE THEY ARE OVERWHELMED, MORE THAN FOUR OUT OF TEN BLACK CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY. AND BECAUSE OF THIS, IT IS BECOMING HARDER FOR YOUR CHURCHES TO REACH SO MANY PROMISING YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.

HOW CAN YOU TEACH RESPECT FOR A HARD-EARNED DOLLAR, WHEN EASY DRUG MONEY FLOURISHES? ((PAUSE))

HOW CAN YOU TEACH THAT ACHIEVEMENT IS FOUND IN QUIET MOMENTS AND SUBTLE REWARDS, WHEN A MURDEROUS MATERIALISM // GLITTERS// WITH THE PROMISE OF GOLD CHAINS,// FAST CARS// AND FASHION CLOTHES? ((PAUSE))

HOW CAN YOU PERSUADE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO HAVE FAITH IN THEMSELVES IF THEIR PARENTS HAVE LOST ALL FAITH? ((PAUSE))

IN SHORT, WITHOUT STRONG FAMILIES, HOW CAN VALUES TRIUMPH OVER VICE?

THE ANSWERS CAN ONLY COME FROM THE HEART, FROM THE HEART OF EVERY PARENT. AND THE ANSWERS CAN COME FROM YOU, FROM THE PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES.

I HAVE COME TO NEW ORLEANS TODAY TO PLEDGE MY SUPPORT AND TO RECOGNIZE YOUR HEROIC EFFORTS. WE CAN WORK TOGETHER IN MANY WAYS TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES, WITH GREATER CHOICE IN CHILD-CARE AND EDUCATION; AND BY REPLACING THE CRIPPLING FEAR OF CRIME WITH THE PROMISE OF OPPORTUNITY.

FIRST, LET ME BEGIN WITH CHILD-CARE. OFTEN, WHILE PARENTS WORK, LOVE AND CARE COME FROM THE EXTENDED FAMILY -- GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES.

AND IN MANY WAYS, THE CHURCH COMMUNITY IS THE GREATEST EXTENDED FAMILY OF ALL. I'VE SEEN THAT SPIRIT OF FAMILY AND LOVE PERMEATE THE DAY-CARE CENTER AT SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH IN WASHINGTON.

YOUR GREAT CHURCH HAS ALREADY TAKEN A LOAD OFF THE SHOULDERS OF WORKING PARENTS, SOME SINGLE; SOME TOGETHER. AS WE WORK TO SOLVE THE CHILD CARE PROBLEMS OF THIS COUNTRY, I AM DETERMINED TO PROTECT SHILOH AND EVERY OTHER CHURCH-SPONSORED CHILD CARE CENTER IN AMERICA.

IN THAT SPIRIT, I OFFER A FEW WAYS GOVERNMENT CAN HELP.

I HAVE PROPOSED A CHILD-CARE TAX CREDIT, FOCUSED ON THOSE WHO NEED SUCH ASSISTANCE THE MOST -- LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

BUT THIS APPROACH IS DIFFERENT FROM PAST PROGRAMS. IT WOULD EMPOWER PARENTS, NOT THE GOVERNMENT, TO CHOOSE THE BEST CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN -- BE IT A GRANDPARENT, A NEIGHBOR OR A LOCAL CHURCH. WE NEED TO GIVE PARENTS A <u>CHOICE</u> IN THEIR CHILDREN'S CARE, <u>NOT TAKE IT AWAY.</u>

YET SOME IN CONGRESS DO NOT AGREE. PERHAPS IT IS TIME WE SENT THEM A MESSAGE. JUST AS WE SHOULD SUPPORT SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES, SO WE SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT TWO-PARENT FAMILIES WHERE ONE PARENT CHOOSES TO CARE FOR THE CHILDREN AT HOME.

AND SOME WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CHURCH-SPONSORED CHILD CARE. I SAY THAT'S WRONG.

WHEN IT COMES TO CHILD CARE, WE NEED MORE CHURCHES NOT MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. (PAUSE)

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WHEN IT COMES TO CHILD CARE, WE NEED MORE CHURCHES INVOLVED NOT MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. (PAUSE)

WE NEED MORE CONGREGATIONS, WITH LOVE AND CONCERN HELPING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN -- NOT MORE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS TELLING US HOW TO DO IT. (PAUSE)

AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED A CHILD CARE POLICY THAT PUTS <u>MONEY</u> IN THE <u>POCKETS</u> OF PARENTS AND <u>CHOICE</u> IN THE <u>HANDS</u> OF PARENTS.

BUT CHILD-CARE FOR FAMILIES IS NOT ENOUGH. FAMILIES NEED OPPORTUNITY: I WANT TO RENEW MY PROPOSAL FOR FEDERAL ENTERPRISE ZONES, TO BRING OPPORTUNITY TO THE BARREN LOTS OF THE SOUTH BRONX, TO THE STREETS OF WATTS, TO FARM TOWNS AND TO EVERY COMMUNITY IN NEED.

AND ALSO I RENEW MY PROPOSAL FOR TENANT MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING. WE CAN NO LONGER DENY ANY OF OUR PEOPLE THE AUTONOMY AND THE DIGNITY THEY DESERVE. ((PAUSE))

AND THEY DESERVE SOMETHING ELSE - A SAFE PLACE TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN AND JUST LIVE THEIR LIVES. AND SO I'VE ORDERED HUD TO TARGET AN ADDITIONAL $50 MILLION TO EVICT THE DEALERS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING. LET'S GIVE THESE KIDS A FIGHTING CHANCE TO LIVE A LIFE WITHOUT DRUGS.

BUT I ASK YOU TODAY TO HELP ME. JOIN THE BATTLE TO HELP DRIVE THESE DEALERS OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL. BECAUSE THERE'S ONE THING I'M SURE OF: \\ IF THE 15,000 PEOPLE IN THIS HALL - YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILIES, AND YOUR NEIGHBORS - WHEN AMERICA DECIDES THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, THE DEALERS WON'T STAND A CHANCE.

YES, WE MUST BRING OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. BUT OPPORTUNITY WILL BE WASTED IF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN LACK THE MEANS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. AND THAT MEANS EDUCATION.

TODAY'S JOB MARKET WILL SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS THAN FULL LITERACY, AND AN APTITUDE FOR SKILLED LABOR. AND THOSE WHO ARE INCAPABLE -- AND THEY ARE GREAT IN NUMBER -- WILL FALL FURTHER AND FURTHER BEHIND.

WHAT'S THE ANSWER? I SEE YOU POINTING THE WAY. FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF, YOUR CHURCHES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE LIBERATING POWER OF LEARNING. NO ONE BETTER EXEMPLIFIES THIS TRADITION THEN THE REVEREND HENRY ROSE, BORN INTO SLAVERY AND LIBERATED AT AGE 21.

HENRY ROSE WALKED ALL THE WAY FROM TEXAS TO VIRGINIA, AND WORKED ON THE RAILROAD UNTIL A BAPTIST SOCIETY SPONSORED HIM AT A SEMINARY SCHOOL.

REVEREND ROSE WAS SO POOR THAT WHEN HE GRADUATED, HE HAD TO WEAR A BOOT ON ONE FOOT AND A SHOE ON THE OTHER. BUT HENRY ROSE HAD SOMETHING BETTER THAN A MATCHING PAIR OF SHOES. HE HAD KNOWLEDGE. HE HAD PRIDE. AND AS A BAPTIST MINISTER, HE FOUNDED FIVE CHURCHES AND TWO SCHOOLS, ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONS WITH GREAT TRADITIONS OF SERVICE THAT LIVE ON TO THIS DAY.

THERE IS A LESSON FOR US IN THIS REMARKABLE MAN'S LIFE. IF HE COULD BEAT THE OVERWHELMING ODDS OF SLAVERY, OPPRESSION AND PREJUDICE TO LEAD A COMMUNITY, THEN ANY OBSTACLE CAN BE OVERCOME.

AND WE SHALL OVERCOME. WHEN WE GIVE PARENTS AND STUDENTS GREATER CHOICE. THIS MEANS MAGNET SCHOOLS; THIS MEANS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS LIKE "SAY YES TO EDUCATION," WHICH SENDS IMPOVERISHED MINORITY STUDENTS TO COLLEGE; AND THIS MEANS INCREASED SUPPORT FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

BUT EDUCATION IS MORE THAN SCHOOLING; IT IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE COMMUNICATION OF VALUES. AND ONCE AGAIN, YOU ARE LEADING THE WAY.

JUST LOOK RIGHT HERE IN NEW ORLEANS, WHERE THE GREATER LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH IS PREPARING MANY YOUNG MEN FOR ADULTHOOD THROUGH ITS BLACK MANHOOD TRAINING PROGRAM. ((PAUSE))

BUT TO GET TO SCHOOL, TO GET TO WORK, TO GET TO A CHILD-CARE CENTER, FAMILIES MUST ALSO BE FREE TO WALK THE STREETS OF THEIR CITIES WITHOUT FEAR. AND TODAY, FREEDOM FROM FEAR MEANS FREEDOM FROM DRUGS. ((PAUSE))

THAT IS WHY TUESDAY NIGHT I ANNOUNCED OUR NATION'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED ALL-OUT ASSAULT; A WAY TO ATTACK THE DRUG MENACE ON EVERY FRONT.

I BELIEVE THE CONGRESS WILL EVENTUALLY WORK WITH ME, TO MAKE OUR NATIONAL STRATEGY THE LAW OF THE LAND. BUT, MY SURPRISE -- AND PERHAPS TO YOUR'S AS WELL -- BEFORE I EVEN PRESENTED MY PLAN TO YOU, THE PARTISAN ATTACKS HAD ALREADY BEGUN.

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THIS IS NOT THE ISSUE FOR PARTISAN POLITICS. THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR PARTISAN POLITICS. THIS IS THE TIME TO COME TOGETHER AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, PASS A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO FIGHT DRUGS.

WE CAN BEAT THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS IF WE FIGHT AS A NATION UNITED.

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TO PROVIDE CHILD-CARE, TO IMPROVE EDUCATION, TO CREATE OPPORTUNITY AND TO DEFEAT DRUGS -- THESE ARE STEPS TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES THAT REQUIRE NOTHING LESS THAN A SUSTAINED NATIONAL EFFORT, A NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP. I BELIEVE GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD BE A STRONG PARTNER. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACING US TODAY ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITIES DO.

I LIKE WHAT'S BEEN TESTED AND FOUND TO BE TRUE. YOUR FAITH HAS BEEN TESTED. YOUR VALUES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE TRUE. AND IT IS YOUR FAITH AND YOUR VALUES THAT AMERICA IS TURNING TO TODAY.

SO I'M AN OPTIMIST. I BELIEVE WE CAN REACH OUT TO FAMILIES IN NEED. I BELIEVE WE CAN SEE A STRENGTHENING OF THE MANY PATTERNS OF FAMILY LIFE.

AND I BELIEVE WE WILL SEE A SHARING OF VALUES -- VALUES ROOTED IN THE CONVICTION THAT WE, AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS FAMILIES ARE ENGAGED IN A SINGLE, WONDERFUL ENTERPRISE CALLED AMERICA.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA, Inc.
New Orleans Convention Center
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Reverend Jemison, members of the staff and members of the board of directors.

((You know, with so many Baptists here in New Orleans, I almost expect to hear: "When the Saints Come Marching In")) ((PAUSE))

((The last time I was here, I addressed thousands of Republicans. Now I am addressing sixteen thousand Baptists, and I'm just as anxious to make a good impression today as I was then. But Barbara put it all in perspective for me. She said: "**Now George,** just imagine you're standing in front of another Sunday school class.")) ((But I never had a Sunday school class **this** big.)) ((PAUSE))

Well, every Sunday school student knows that it is written in the Bible that wherever two or three people gather together to worship, there is a church. And, in many ways, that is what we have here for a few days in New Orleans -- **the biggest congregation inside the biggest church on Earth.** ((PAUSE))

You draw your inspiration from the faith of a great church. It was the first American Baptists in Rhode Island who, as sons of Pilgrims, led the campaign for religious toleration. It was

the Baptists who played an important role in securing our freedom of religion in the American Constitution. It was the Baptists who, as pioneers, built sturdy new churches on the empty plains and prairies of the West. But it is another tradition that we honor in New Orleans today. We honor **your** parents and grandparents, who were also brave pioneers -- pioneers who blazed trails into **another** frontier -- **the freedom frontier.** ((PAUSE))

It took **this** convention, the leadership of **your** pastors and **your** people, to extend the struggle for freedom to **all** men and women. ((PAUSE)) It took leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Wyatt Tee Walker, E.V. Hill, Jerry Moore and T.J. Jemison. And it took nothing less than another Great Awakening -- **an awakening to the promise of civil rights.** ((PAUSE))

I have watched this movement blossom in my lifetime, from my days in college to my days in Congress. So know one thing: in the struggle for equality and opportunity, **your hopes and dreams are the highest aspirations of my Presidency.** ((PAUSE))

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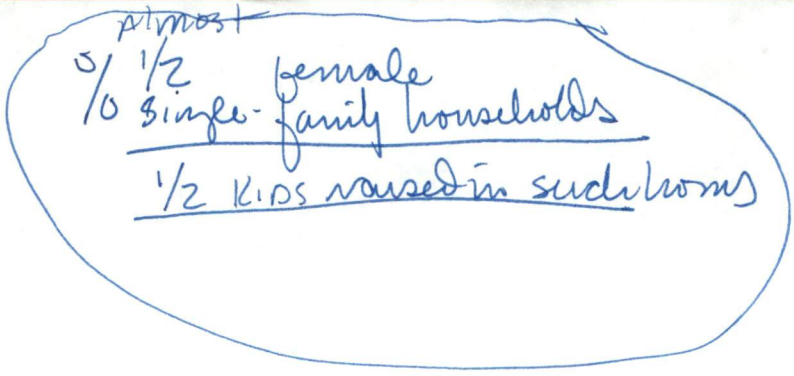

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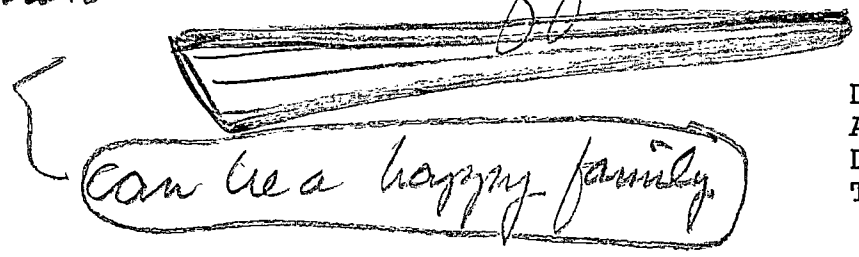

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Kids born this year will be the graduating seniors of the first class of the next century. The children of this class can perpetuate the ancient curse of poverty and despair into the second millennium. Or they can start their careers at the dawn of a new century, a century of unlimited opportunity and adventure.

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Eulogy for a teen takes aim at

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In this vast Dean Street lot, where houses once stood, where human beings lived and thrived and cried and laughed, only the flies moved now in the August sun, sharing the desolation with the cops.

The people of the ruined neighborhood were penned behind blue portable fences. There was a fenced-off lot to the left of the Grover Baptist; to its right stood the New Frontier Baptist Church and then there were more lots, wild with weed trees drooping in the sultry heat.

The thin tapes of a burglar alarm system covered each window of the house of God. And there were cops everywhere: in the lots, standing between the people and the church, up on the rooftops, with field glasses and flak jackets. In his 16 years on the earth, Yusuf Hawkins had never seen anything like this.

"I wish there was a lesson in all of this," said a black man who said his name was Bob D. "But I can't see a lesson. It's about stupidity. You want to think things are moving on, that we're all going somewhere together. Then another human life is gone. This is 1989, not 1789. You'd like to think things had come further than this."

He was standing with others behind the fences; cars pulled up, men in suits got out and there was pushing and confusion at the doors of the church. Paul O'Dwyer was there,

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both blacks and whites in society

and Percy Sutton, and there was warm applause when David Dinkins got out and moved through the crowd.

"The thing about this," Bob D. said, "is that it was so blatant. You can't blame drugs. There's nothing positive comes from this, only negative."

A woman named Ida Mason, 26, spoke up: "Ignorance is the problem. Pure ignorance. It's no good to be prejudiced, no good for blacks to hate whites anymore than whites should hate blacks. It's sick. We gotta get the schools working better. We gotta get some jobs in here. Black people gotta get their act together too, to fight drugs, to fight for something .... Whites gotta fight for the same things. We're here. We gotta live here, all of us."

Down at the corner, there were cops in front of the Saratoga Super Deli & Grocery; all the windows above the store were covered with plywood. People bought sodas and cigarettes and candy and went back out into the sun. Down the street, there were more lots, another fire-charred building. A car pulled up, its doors thumping with the authority of power. Ben Ward got out, with a few others, and the black crowd booed. Ward mopped his brow and moved to the church.

"He's just a Koch flunkie," said a woman named Edna Mae Foster. "You ever hear him say a word about Koch, except lickin' his shoes?"

The arrivals kept coming: Spike Lee ("Do the right thing!" came the chant. "Do the right thing!") Vernon Mason (unnoticed by the growing crowd); Al Sharpton ("Hey, Al, give 'em hell!"); and then a big cheer, swelling, then rising, and here was Louis Farrakhan, in a white hat, flanked by the blank-faced men of the Fruit of Islam. A stout black woman in African dress detached herself from the crowd, her eyes wild and angry:

"You know that's all we got! You know when everybody's gone, all we got is *Farrakhan!*"

A few people said, "That's right, yuou're right ...." And in the wet heat of

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Teen's eulogy takes blacks and whites to task

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Brownsville at high noon, there was some truth in this. The saddest kind of truth. For black Americans have tried love, through the unrelenting moral force of the Christian church; they've tried accommodation and persuasion. They've died in our wars. They've enriched our culture. And still they end up with chalk marks on the sidewalk in Bensonhurst and Yusuf Hawkins bleeding away as the medics work frantically to save him.

And here came Yusuf Hawkins, in a Lincoln town car from Woodward Inc., with license plates THP 518. He was in a box. The family emerged into the crowd,and people began chanting: "You-suf! You-suf! You-suf!" A black woman, shielding herself from the heat with an umbrella, began to sob. A voice from the public address system said, "We don't want this to become a circus. We want to display respect for the family and to this house of worship. . . "

A hymn started playing, some lost tune melody from the Christian past; the words were inaudible. Mario Cuomo arrived and there were boos and then he moved into the church. I saw Mark Breland, the welterweight champion, off on the side with a friend; he's had his own brushes with racism, but he looked more sorrowful than angry. A preacher's voice was booming into the street now, addressing neither the crowd nor the assembled politicians, but God in heaven.

"We thank you for the journey, O Lord," he said; and you thought of all the journeys blacks have made in this country, starting with the horrors of the Middle Passage; journeys as the property of others; journeys without language and without maps; journeys full of hope and redemption and forgiveness, as they moved on the jubilee road. All those journeys seemed to converge here yesterday on the blasted tundra of Brownsville, along with the Greyhound bus heading north, moving on the Freedom Road, armored only with the triumphant truths of the blues.

And here was still another black minister, standing over the body of another young black man in the country where the leading cause of death for such young men is homicide. And he speaks with that invincible hope for "the day when we will never come back here again."

Mayor Koch slipped into the church late, his bodyguards clearing the path at 12:30, and the people on the street hooted, booed, shouted "Koch go home!" There was little to say about the mayor; no matter what happens, he can never speak to the people on Dean Street. In the distance, sirens howled, headed for some other kind of pain. Nobody paid attention; sirens are the soundtrack of life in Brownsville.

And then Curtis C. Wells began to speak, and he spared nobody, black or white. He said he was not there "to pass judgement," not there "to cast stones." And instead of cheap political points, instead of rousing people to destructive passions, he spoke about values. He talked about young people who adorn their bodies instead of feeding their minds, who offer sex as currency and ignore love, who lust for cars and drugs and money and "make a joke out of every law of common decency and then say *)this is the life!*"

He was saying that something was drastically wrong with all Americans, black and white. He reminded the Christians present that Jesus said, "I am come so that you might have life . . . " And after citing the distorted values of so many people of all races, including his own, he addressed Koch, and said, "I wonder, Mister Mayor, if this is the life of which Jesus spoke."

Some among the crowd were uncomfortable with this message; they wanted to believe that all blacks were victims and all whites are oppressors. They shifted around, talked to each other, hoping for richer rhetoric. But Wells was relentlessly human; he was talking about all of us. "Everyone of us ought to be able to ask ourselves at the end of our days, what have you done with your life? And answer 'I *helped* somebody . . . Because it doesn't matter who you are," he said, looking down upon the coffin of Yusuf Hawkins, "you are gonna come this same way."

When he was gone, he was followed by Sharpton and Farrakhan. Both were relatively restrained. Sharpton said, "When black children keep getting buried and young white children keep feeling satisfied, something's *wrong*. He said, "I don't know who killed Yusuf, but the system pulled the trigger." The crowd outside cheered, but Sharpton wasn't about to send any more people out to die. Neither was Farrakhan.

"Funeral services are instructions for the living," Farrakhan said. He invoked Abraham, the Old Testament, black history; he talked about people who were "guilty of self-aggrandizement instead of helping people." He asked for black unity, saying, "We must not curry favor with those in power, because those in power today are those who were in power yesterday . . . " And then added, "We say, like the Jews say, never again, never again . . . "

There was more, and then it was over, and the church began to empty. Koch was booed; Dinkins was cheered; Spike Lee pursued for autographs. In the lot across the street, flies buzzed among the empty film packs and discarded coffee cups of the media. One old black woman stood against a graffiti-laced wall and sobbed quietly, dabbing daintily at her eyes with a handkerchief. And then Yusuf Hawkins was carried into the hearse, to be taken on still another one of his people's sorrowful journeys, out to Evergreen Cemetery where he was returned to the American earth.

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your problems are my problems (Pause) your hopes - the highest aspirations of us all. Today, I offer you my hand. & give you my word: Together, we will make America open & equal to all. (Pause)

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the Baptists who played an important role in securing our freedom of religion in the American Constitution. It was the Baptists who, as pioneers, built sturdy new churches on the empty plains and prairies of the West. But it is another tradition that we honor in New Orleans today. We honor **your** parents and grandparents, who were **also** brave pioneers -- pioneers who blazed trails into **another** frontier -- **the freedom frontier.** ((PAUSE))

It took **this** convention, the leadership of **your** pastors and **your** people, to extend the struggle for freedom to **all** men and women. ((PAUSE)) It took leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Wyatt Tee Walker, E.V. Hill, Jerry Moore and T.J. Jemison. And it took nothing less than another Great Awakening -- **an awakening to the promise of civil rights.** ((PAUSE))

I have watched this movement blossom in my lifetime, from my days in college to my days in Congress. So know one thing: in the struggle for equality and opportunity, your hopes and dreams are the **highest aspirations** of my Presidency. ((PAUSE))

It was just more than a year ago that I was privileged to give a nominating address here, one in which I promised our country would stand for a greater tolerance. I said, "We've come far, but I think we need a new harmony among the races in our country. We're on a journey to a new century, and **we've got to leave the tired old baggage of bigotry behind."**

Of course, discrimination is not the only problem that we face today. Just as you led America in the civil rights

movement, so you are now leading communities struggling with another national problem.

Is it crime? Not quite. Is it homelessness? No, not by itself. Is it drugs? Yes, but it is even more than that. As serious as all of these problems are, they are related to another one -- the decline of the most basic of all institutions -- the family. Too many children in America are growing up without direction, without values, without esteem for themselves or anyone else. So our goal is simple, and it is vital: We must work together **to save the American family.** ((PAUSE))

Family life is my source of strength, as it is for Barbara, and as it is for you. Strong families are bound by more than blood; they are bound by the precious memories of Christmas morning, a toddler's first steps, a grandfather's tall tales, and the lasting pride of a graduation ceremony. And our families are bound by something else: simple acts of learning and teaching; simple acts to instill the values of fairness, honesty and hard work.

Of course, there are more single parents today than ever before. And, difficult though it may be, most single parents are raising happy, well-adjusted children with the help of family and friends, and by drawing on their own inner strength. But imagine the lonely plight of a single mother who **has no** help; who **has no** money; who **has no** ability to keep her kids from being lost -- lost to the unhealthy life of the streets. So to save the

American family also means providing support for these parents, who are struggling against tough odds.

Nor can we ignore the difficulties of poor working couples with children. The challenge of strengthening these families requires both public and private efforts. And church leadership is meeting the challenge -- in ministries like that of E.V. Hill of Los Angeles, where hungry families find sustenance; in ministries where Baptists are providing families with everything from high chairs to a hand-up.

You know that no matter how close-knit **your** family may be, the decline of the American family is not just someone else's problem. It is **our** problem. When one generation is raised without values, it uncoils a chain of misery that weighs down future generations. Almost half of all black families are headed by one parent, and many of these parents are overwhelmed. And because they are overwhelmed, four out of ten black children live in poverty. And because of this, it is becoming harder for your churches to reach so many promising young men and women.

How can you teach respect for a hard-earned dollar, when easy drug money flourishes? ((PAUSE))

How can you teach that achievement is found in quiet moments and subtle rewards, when a murderous materialism // glitters// with the promise of gold chains,// fast cars// and fashion clothes? ((PAUSE))

How can you teach a young black man, living in poverty, to work for a better future, when he has a greater chance of going to prison than of going to college? ((PAUSE))

In short, without strong families, how can values triumph over vice?

The answers can only come from the heart, from the heart of every parent. And the answers can come from you, from the people of our churches.

I have come to New Orleans today to pledge my support and to recognize your heroic efforts. We can work together in many ways to strengthen families, with greater choice in child-care and education; and by replacing the crippling fear of crime with the promise of opportunity.

First, let me begin with child-care. Often, while parents work, love and care comes from the extended family -- grandparents, aunts and uncles. And in many ways, the church community is the greatest extended family of all. You have already taken a load off the shoulders of working parents, some single; some together. And in this same spirit, I offer a few ways government can help.

I have proposed a child-care tax credit, to be focused on those who need such assistance the most -- **the working poor.**

But this approach is different from past programs, because it would empower **parents**, not the government, to choose the best care for **their** children -- be it a grandparent, a neighbor or a

local church. **We need to give parents a choice in their children's care, not take it away.**

Yet some in Congress do not agree. Perhaps it is time we sent them a message. Just as we should support single-parent families, so we should also support two-parent families where one parent chooses to care for the children at home. And we should **never, never discriminate against religiously affiliated child care.** ((PAUSE))

I felt for myself, in Washington, D.C., the spirit of family and love that permeates the day-care center at Shiloh Baptist Church. And, if necessary, I am determined to protect Shiloh and every other church-affiliated child-care center in America **with my veto pen.** ((PAUSE))

But child-care for families is not enough. **Families need opportunity:** I want to renew my proposal for federal enterprise zones, to bring opportunity to the barren lots of the South Bronx, to the streets of Watts, to farm towns and to every community in need. And also I renew my proposal for tenant management of public housing. We can no longer deny these people the **autonomy and the dignity they deserve.** ((PAUSE))

These are ways to bring opportunity to those who need it most. But opportunity will be wasted if young men and women lack the means to take advantage of it. And that means education.

Today's job market will settle for nothing less than full literacy, and an aptitude for skilled labor. And those who are

incapable -- and they are great in number -- will fall further and further behind.

What's the answer? I see you pointing the way. For a century and a half, your churches have demonstrated the liberating power of learning. Annie Rose, a community leader in Alexandria, Virginia, tells a fascinating story about her father. You see, Annie Rose is 95-years-old, and her father, Henry Rose, was born into slavery.

Liberated at age 21, Henry Rose walked all the way from Texas to Virginia, and worked on the railroad until a Baptist society sponsored him at a seminary school. Annie Rose says her father was so poor that when he graduated, he had to wear a boot on one foot and a shoe on the other. But Henry Rose had something better than a matching pair of shoes. He had knowledge. He had pride. And as a Baptist minister, he founded five churches and two schools, establishing institutions with great traditions of service that live on to this day.

There is a lesson for us in this remarkable man's life. If a he could beat the overwhelming odds of slavery, oppression and prejudice to lead a community, then **any** obstacle **can** be overcome.

And we **will** overcome. Opportunity comes when we give parents and students greater choice. This means magnet schools; this means public and private partnerships like "Say Yes to Education," which sends impoverished minority students to college; and this means increased support for historically Black Colleges and Universities.

August 30, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO MARK DAVIS
CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM: STEPHANIE BLESSEY

SUBJECT: National Baptist Convention

The following is a little information that might be helpful for the final touches of the National Baptist Convention speech.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

President Jemison, Members of the Staff and Members of the Board of Directors...

PROGRAM:

Opening
Scripture: psalm 84 verses 1-7
Prayer
Song - by the choir of 250 standing behind the President
Introduction by President Jemison (which might be long)
Presidential Remarks

AUDIENCE:

16,000 in attendance
75 Board members on stage

TIDBITS:

Reverend Doctor T.J. Jemison's father, Reverend Doctor D.V. Jemison was also President of the National Baptist Convention. He was from Selma, Alabama.

The Convention is 109 years old.

Please contact me, if there is any more you need.

Davis/Martin
Aug. 28, 1989
Draft: Four
Title: Baptists

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA, Inc.
New Orleans Convention Center
Sept. 8, 1989/((time to come))

((~~Acknowledgements~~)) Reverend Jemison, members of the Staff + members of the B.O.D.

((With so many Baptists here in New Orleans, I almost expect to hear: "When the Saints Come Marching In")) ((PAUSE))

((You know, the last time I was here, I addressed thousands of Republicans. Now I am addressing ~~forty-five~~ SIXTEEN thousand Baptists, and I'm just as anxious to make a good impression today as I was then. But Barbara put it all in perspective for me. She said: "**Now George,** just imagine you're standing in front of another Sunday school class."))

((But I never had a Sunday school class **this** big.)) ((PAUSE))

Well, every Sunday school student knows that it is written in the Bible that wherever two or three people gather together to worship, there is a church. And, in many ways, that is what we have here for a few days in New Orleans -- **the biggest congregation inside the biggest church on Earth.** ((PAUSE))

But your convention is even more impressive for its strength in the community. I understand that, as the Bible says, there was a time when any small group committed to God could organize a Baptist church and ordain ministers on the spot. This perfectly

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: JOSEPH W. HAGIN

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

EVENT: Address National Baptist Convention

DATE: September 8, 1989 -- Friday

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Super Dome, New Orleans, LA

ATTIRE: Business Suit

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: TBD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____, _____

TELEPHONE: **OFFICE** _____ **HOME** _____

NOTE: **PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST**

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		Bruce Zanca

TO: PROJECT OFFICERS
FROM: JOSEPH W. HAGIN II
SUBJECT: CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

General Responsibilities

_____ The Presidential Advance Office (x7565) has responsibility for all logistical arrangements for any event involving press coverage. Please coordinate with them from the time your event is approved in order to avoid the need for last-minute modification.

_____ Notify and clear all participants. (Full name, social security number, date of birth and place of birth).

_____ Prepare and submit briefing paper to Jim Cicconi's Office by 3:00pm of the preceding day (16 copies)

_____ Coordinate with Tim McBride on Presidential involvement.

_____ Coordinate with Press Office and Media Relations regarding Press Coverage. Provide Media Relations with hometowns of participants. No organization's photographers will be admitted to any event unless the press is present. Clearance of such photographers should be coordinated through Media Relations.

_____ If remarks are required, coordinate with the Speechwriters Office well in advance.

_____ For outdoor events at the White House, in case of inclement weather, clear and reserve the backup location indicated.

_____ If participant plans to bring a gift, contact the White House Gift Unit, in advance, for review and proper procedure for handling.

_____ If any foreign visitor or dignitary is to be involved, please coordinate with the NSC (x2224).

_____ If any Department of Defense or Military personnel are to be involved, please coordinate in advance with the White House Military Office (x2150).

_____ If press coverage is expected, please provide all pertinent information concerning this event (guests, scenario, backdrop, etc.,) to the Presidential Advance Office at least 72 hours prior to the event.

_____ Within five (5) days after the event, submit a complete, confirmed list of staff and attendees, identified by title, and the actual starting and completion times of the event, to the President's Diarist, Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling.

_____ If tent name cards are needed, send a list of names to the Social Secretary's office (x7064) at least 48 hours in advance.

_____ For West Wing Meetings all room arrangements (chairs, notepads, pencils, etc.) should be made through Carl Jones or Kathy Wills (x2605).

Residence Events

_____ Coordinate with the Social Secretary's office (x7064) for all arrangements.

_____ Send guest list to Social Secretary's office, preferably three weeks prior to the event.

_____ The President's attendance at this event should not be announced until official notification is given by the White House Press Office and any public announcement must be coordinated with that office. Also, prior to the distribution of any printed material, particularly details of the invitation, contact must be made with the White House Social Secretary, Laurie Firestone, at (x7064).

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They drew inspiration for their struggle from the faith of a great church. It was the first American Baptists in Rhode Island who, as sons of Pilgrims, led the campaign for religious toleration. It was the Baptists who played an important role in securing the freedom of belief in our American Constitution.

But it took **this** convention, the leadership of **your** pastors and **your** people, to extend this struggle for freedom to **all** men and women. ((PAUSE)) It took ((Acknowledge church/civil rights leaders)) Because of you, this country experienced nothing less than another Great Awakening -- **an awakening to the promise of civil rights.** ((PAUSE))

I have watched this movement blossom in my lifetime. From my days in college, to Congress to the White House, know one thing: in the struggle for equality and opportunity, **I have always been with you. And your hopes and dreams are the highest aspirations of my Presidency.** ((PAUSE))

I am here to offer you my hand, and to give you my word: **together, we will make America open and equal to all.**

It was just more than a year ago that I was privileged to give a nominating address here, one in which I promised our country would stand for a greater tolerance. I said, "We've come

far, but I think we need a new harmony among the races in our country. We're on a journey to a new century, and **we've got to leave the tired old baggage of bigotry behind."**

But discrimination is not the only problem that we face today. Just as you led America in the civil rights movement, so you are now leading communities struggling with another national problem.

Is it crime? Not quite. Is it homelessness? No, not by itself. Is it drugs? Yes, but it is more than that. As serious as all of these problems are, they are manifestations of something else -- the disintegration of the most basic of all institutions -- the family. Millions of children in America never know what it means to be raised by the tender hand of a loving parent. So our goal is simple, and it is vital: **We must work together to save the American family.** ((PAUSE))

In the largest context, we are all children of God. Then we are all members of an extended family called society, the American nation. But before that, we are members of individual families, our parents, our children. And yet, our families are bound by more than blood; they are bound by the precious memories of Christmas morning, of a grandparent's wise advice, a toddler's first step, or the pride of a graduation ceremony. This is my source of strength, as it is for Barbara, and as it is for you.

Government can do a lot to make it easier for families to stay together. Government can certainly help protect families from the ~~pressure~~ of relentless economic and social change. But

as a nation, we also need private efforts to strengthen families, to bring hope to America's children of despair.

You are providing an example for this kind of leadership in churches across the nation, in ministries like that of E.V. Hill of Los Angeles, giving sustenance to hungry families. ((another example))

In a perfect world, the ideal family for any child, of course, is one complete with a loving mother and a loving father. But today, in every community, such families are increasingly uncommon. And in the black community, such families are no longer the norm. More than half of all black children are not born into wedlock. No matter how close-knit your family may be, the decline of the American family is not just someone else's problem. It is a social disaster, a disaster for us all, because the breakdown of the family unleashes a chain of misery that weighs down whole generations. A young black man living in poverty has a greater chance of going to prison than of going to college.

So how do we teach respect for a hard-earned dollar, when easy drug money flourishes?

How do we teach that achievement is found in quiet moments and subtle rewards, when a murderous materialism glitters with the promise of gold chains, fashion sunshades, and a BMW?

In short, without strong families, how can values triumph over vice?

The answers can only come from the heart, from the heart of every parent. And the answers can come from you, from the people of our churches.

You have already reached out to lift a load off the shoulders of the most harried, harassed and unappreciated person around -- **the single, working parent.**

I have come to New Orleans today to pledge my support and to recognize your heroic efforts. We can work together in many ways to strengthen families, with greater choice in child-care and education; and by replacing the crippling fear of crime with the promise of opportunity.

First, let us begin with child-care. You are already doing your part, saving thousands of families and redeeming thousands of children. I hear of extended families, where grandparents, aunts and uncles provide love and care while a single parent works. I hear of churches that supply high chairs and bath sets to young parents. Hundreds of Baptist churches are coming up with new ideas, making a difference. And in this same spirit, I would like to offer a few ideas of my own.

I have proposed a child-care tax credit, to be focused on those who need such assistance the most -- the working poor.

But this approach is different from past programs, because it would empower parents, not the government, to choose the best care for the children -- be it a grandparent, a neighbor or a local church. **We need to give parents a choice in their children's care, not take it away.**

Yet some in Congress do not agree. Perhaps it is high time we sent them a message. America's child care program shouldn't discriminate against two-parent families where one parent chooses to care for the children at home. And it should **never, never discriminate against religiously affiliated child care.** ((PAUSE))

I felt for myself, in Washington, D.C., the spirit of love that permeates the day-care center at Shiloh Baptist Church. I ~~saw the ((local color to come.))~~ **And I am determined to use my veto pen, if necessary, to protect Shiloh and every other church-affiliated child-care center in America.** ((PAUSE))

But child-care alone is not enough. **Our second concern is education:** Strong families thrive on good schools. For a century and a half, your churches have demonstrated the liberating power of learning. Annie Rose, a community leader in Alexandria, Virginia, tells a fascinating story about her father. You see, Annie Rose is 95-years-old, and her father, Henry Rose, was born into slavery.

Liberated at age 21, Henry Rose walked from Texas to Virginia, and worked on the railroad until a Baptist society sponsored him at a seminary school. Annie Rose says her father was so poor that when he graduated, he had to wear a boot on one foot and a shoe on the other. But Henry Rose had something better than a matching pair of shoes. He had knowledge. He had pride. And as a Baptist minister, he founded five churches and

two schools, establishing a great tradition of community service that lives on to this day.

There is a lesson for us in this man's life. If a he could beat the overwhelming odds of slavery, oppression and prejudice to lead a ~~congregation~~, then what is standing in our way today?

We **can** succeed, if restore the value of an American education. One way to do this is to give parents and students greater choice. This means magnet schools; this means public and private partnerships like "Say Yes to Education," which sends impoverished minority students to college; and this means increased support for historically Black Colleges and Universities.

But education is more than schooling; it is nothing less than the transmittal of values. And once again, you are leading the way. You need look no further than here in New Orleans, where the Greater Liberty Baptist Church is preparing many young men for adulthood through its Black Manhood Training program.

This brings me to our **third concern:** Families must be free from fear. And freedom from fear today means freedom **from drugs.** ((PAUSE)) That is why Tuesday night I announced an all-out assault that attacks the drug menace on every front.

Nowhere are drug dealers more vicious, more predatory, than in the inner-city. They've turned whole communities into war zones, making the routine of daily life miserable and dangerous for thousands of honest families. **It is time to get tough. Let**

us work together to reclaim our streets and cities from these merchants of death. ((PAUSE))

Our fourth concern is opportunity. Strong families need opportunity and economic empowerment. We should judge people by their skills, not by their background. That is why I favor expanding alternative certification of teachers and principals, so that more Americans can share their knowledge in the classroom.

I also want to renew my proposal for federal enterprise zones, to bring opportunity to the barren lots of the South Bronx, to the streets of Watts, to every community in need. Liberalism implies a generosity of spirit; **but there is nothing liberal about liberals who oppose enterprise zones.**

And finally, I renew my proposal for tenant management of public housing. We can no longer deny these communities the **autonomy and dignity they deserve.** ((PAUSE))

To provide child-care, to improve education, to defeat drugs and to create opportunity -- these are goals that require nothing less than a sustained national effort, a national partnership. I believe government can and should be a strong partner.

As I said here just a little more than a year ago: "A government that remembers that the people are its master is a good and needed thing. I respect old fashioned common sense, and have no great love for the imaginings of social planners. I like what's been tested and found to be true."

Your faith has been tested. Your values have been found to be true. And it is your faith and your values that America so desperately needs today.

Kids born this year will be the graduating seniors of the first class of the next century. The children of this class can perpetuate the ancient curse of poverty and despair into the second millennium. Or they can start their careers at the dawn of a new century, a century of unlimited opportunity and adventure.

With your support and your leadership, I know it will be the greater future. Thank you for inviting me to New Orleans, God bless you and God bless America.

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Davis/Martin
Aug. 22, 1989
Draft: Two
Title: Baptists

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA, Inc.
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But your convention is more impressive for its strength in the community, ~~than for the size of its membership.~~ I understand that, as the Bible says, there was a time when any small group could ~~have~~ organized a Baptist church and ordained ministers on

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They drew inspiration for their struggle from the insights of a great church. It was the first American Baptists in Rhode Island who, as sons of Pilgrims, led the campaign for religious toleration. It was the Baptists who played an important role in securing the freedom of belief in our American Constitution.

But it took **this** convention, the leadership of **your** pastors and **your** people, to extend this struggle for freedom to **all** men and women. ((PAUSE)) The sixth decade of this century in this country was nothing less than another Great Awakening -- **an awakening to the promise of civil rights.** ((PAUSE))

I have watched this movement blossom in my lifetime. From my days in college, to Congress to the White House, know one thing: in the struggle for equality and opportunity, **I have always been with you. And as your President, I am with you all the way.** ((PAUSE))

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I have watched this movement blossom in my lifetime. From my days in college, to Congress to the White House, know one thing: in the struggle for equality and opportunity, **NAACP language.** ((PAUSE))

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But discrimination is not the only problem that we face today. Just as you led America in the civil rights movement, so you are now leading communities struggling with another national problem.

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((PAUSE))

In the largest context, we are all children of God. Then we are all members of an extended family called society, the American nation. But before that, we are members of individual families, our parents, our children. And yet, our families are bound by more than blood; they are bound by the precious memories of Christmas morning, of a grandparent's wise advice, a toddler's first step, or the pride of a graduation ceremony.

Government can do a lot to make it easier for families to stay together. (We) YOU CAN DO AS MUCH ~~YOU CAN BE AS MUCH, OR MORE~~ the church like E.V. Hill of Los Angeles, feeding hungry families.

This is my source of strength, as it is for Barbara, and as it is for you. No government program can create such a home life. But government can help protect families from the pressure of relentless economic and social change.

In a perfect world, the ideal family for any child, of course, is one complete with a loving mother and a loving father. But today, in communities both white and black, such families are increasingly uncommon. No matter how close-knit your family may be, the decline of the American family is not just someone else's problem. It is a social disaster, a disaster for us all.

black family/
The single parent is up against a lot. Clothes, BMW/easy drug money = hard time. Values. (over)

We need public policies and private efforts to make it financially easier for families to stay together. ~~??????????????????????????~~We must support communities and their churches, and rely on the extended family -- the supportive family of aunts, uncles and grandparents. And most of all, we must reach out to lift a load off the shoulders of the most harried, harassed and unappreciated person around -- **the single, working parent.**

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~~VALUES ARE ETERNAL~~

WHAT DO I MEAN BY VALUES?

~~PUTTING STOCK IN~~

~~SEEKING a HARD-EARNED paycheck over EASY DRUG MONEY.~~

~~SEEKING REWARD in DOING GOOD~~

~~BMWs~~

~~good deeds~~

WE DO NOT HAVE VALUES WHEN WHOLE NEIGHBORHOODS OF young men are taught that:

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Title: Baptists

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA, Inc.
New Orleans Convention Center
Sept. 8, 1989/((time to come))

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How does a parent teach respect for a hard-earned dollar, when easy drug money flourishes?

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In short, how can values triumph over vice?

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Convention

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As I said here just a little more than a year ago: "I do not hate government. A government that remembers that the people are its master is a good and needed thing. I respect old fashioned common sense, and have no great love for the imaginings of social planners. I like what's been tested and found to be true."

Your faith has been tested. Your values have been found to be true. And it is your faith and your values that America so desperately needs today.

Kids born this year will be the graduating seniors of the first class of the next century. The children of this class can perpetuate the ancient curse of poverty and despair into the second millennium. Or they can start their careers at the dawn of a new century, a century of unlimited opportunity and adventure.

With your support and your leadership, I know it will be the greater future. Thank you for inviting me to New Orleans, God bless you and God bless America.

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Reverend Jemison, members of the staff and members of the board of directors.

((You know, with so many Baptists here in New Orleans, I almost expect to hear: "When the Saints Come Marching In")) ((PAUSE))

((The last time I was here, I addressed thousands of Republicans. Now I am addressing sixteen thousand Baptists, and I'm just as anxious to make a good impression today as I was then. But Barbara put it all in perspective for me. She said: "**Now George,** just imagine you're standing in front of another Sunday school class."))

((But I never had a Sunday school class **this** big.)) ((PAUSE))

Well, every Sunday school student knows that it is written in the Bible that wherever two or three people gather together to worship, there is a church. And, in many ways, that is what we have here for a few days in New Orleans -- **the biggest congregation inside the biggest church on Earth.** ((PAUSE))

You draw your inspiration from the faith of a great church. It was the first American Baptists in Rhode Island who, as sons of Pilgrims, led the campaign for religious toleration. It was

the Baptists who played an important role in securing our freedom of religion in the American Constitution. It was the Baptists who, as pioneers, built sturdy new churches on the empty plains and prairies of the West. But it is another tradition that we honor in New Orleans today. We honor **your** parents and grandparents, who were **also** brave pioneers -- pioneers who blazed trails into **another** frontier -- **the freedom frontier.** ((PAUSE))

It took **this** convention, the leadership of **your** pastors and **your** people, to extend the struggle for freedom to **all** men and women. ((PAUSE)) It took leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Wyatt Tee Walker, E.V. Hill, Jerry Moore and T.J. Jemison. And it took nothing less than another Great Awakening -- **an awakening to the promise of civil rights.** ((PAUSE))

I have watched this movement blossom in my lifetime, from my days in college to my days in Congress. So know one thing: in the struggle for equality and opportunity, your hopes and dreams are the **highest aspirations** of my Presidency. ((PAUSE))

It was just more than a year ago that I was privileged to give a nominating address here, one in which I promised our country would stand for a greater tolerance. I said, "We've come far, but I think we need a new harmony among the races in our country. We're on a journey to a new century, and **we've got to leave the tired old baggage of bigotry behind."**

Of course, discrimination is not the only problem that we face today. Just as you led America in the civil rights

movement, so you are now leading communities struggling with another national problem.

Is it crime? Not quite. Is it homelessness? No, not by itself. Is it drugs? Yes, but it is even more than that. As serious as all of these problems are, they are related to another one -- the decline of the most basic of all institutions -- the family. Too many children in America are growing up without direction, without values, without esteem for themselves or anyone else. So our goal is simple, and it is vital: We must work together **to save the American family.** ((PAUSE))

Family life is my source of strength, as it is for Barbara, and as it is for you. Strong families are bound by more than blood; they are bound by the precious memories of Christmas morning, a toddler's first steps, a grandfather's tall tales, and the lasting pride of a graduation ceremony. And our families are bound by something else: simple acts of learning and teaching; simple acts to instill the values of fairness, honesty and hard work.

Of course, there are more single parents today than ever before. And, difficult though it may be, most single parents are raising happy, well-adjusted children with the help of family and friends, and by drawing on their own inner strength. But imagine the lonely plight of a single mother who **has no** help; who **has no** money; who **has no** ability to keep her kids from being lost -- lost to the unhealthy life of the streets. So to save the

American family also means providing support for these parents, who are struggling against tough odds.

Nor can we ignore the difficulties of poor working couples with children. The challenge of strengthening these families requires both public and private efforts. And church leadership is meeting the challenge -- in ministries like that of E.V. Hill of Los Angeles, where hungry families find sustenance; in ministries where Baptists are providing families with everything from high chairs to a hand-up.

You know that no matter how close-knit **your** family may be, the decline of the American family is not just someone else's problem. It is **our** problem. When one generation is raised without values, it uncoils a chain of misery that weighs down future generations. Almost half of all black families are headed by one parent, and many of these parents are overwhelmed. And because they are overwhelmed, four out of ten black children live in poverty. And because of this, it is becoming harder for your churches to reach so many promising young men and women.

How can you teach respect for a hard-earned dollar, when easy drug money flourishes? ((PAUSE))

How can you teach that achievement is found in quiet moments and subtle rewards, when a murderous materialism // glitters// with the promise of gold chains,// fast cars// and fashion clothes? ((PAUSE))

How can you teach a young black man, living in poverty, to work for a better future, when he has a greater chance of going to prison than of going to college? ((PAUSE))

In short, without strong families, how can values triumph over vice?

The answers can only come from the heart, from the heart of every parent. And the answers can come from you, from the people of our churches.

I have come to New Orleans today to pledge my support and to recognize your heroic efforts. We can work together in many ways to strengthen families, with greater choice in child-care and education; and by replacing the crippling fear of crime with the promise of opportunity.

First, let me begin with child-care. Often, while parents work, love and care comes from the extended family -- grandparents, aunts and uncles. And in many ways, the church community is the greatest extended family of all. You have already taken a load off the shoulders of working parents, some single; some together. And in this same spirit, I offer a few ways government can help.

I have proposed a child-care tax credit, to be focused on those who need such assistance the most -- **the working poor.**

But this approach is different from past programs, because it would empower **parents**, not the government, to choose the best care for **their** children -- be it a grandparent, a neighbor or a

local church. **We need to give parents a choice in their children's care, not take it away.**

Yet some in Congress do not agree. Perhaps it is time we sent them a message. Just as we should support single-parent families, so we should also support two-parent families where one parent chooses to care for the children at home. And we should **never, never discriminate against religiously affiliated child care.** ((PAUSE))

I felt for myself, in Washington, D.C., the spirit of family and love that permeates the day-care center at Shiloh Baptist Church. And, if necessary, I am determined to protect Shiloh and every other church-affiliated child-care center in America **with my veto pen.** ((PAUSE))

But child-care for families is not enough. **Families need opportunity:** I want to renew my proposal for federal enterprise zones, to bring opportunity to the barren lots of the South Bronx, to the streets of Watts, to farm towns and to every community in need. And also I renew my proposal for tenant management of public housing. We can no longer deny these people the **autonomy and the dignity they deserve.** ((PAUSE))

These are ways to bring opportunity to those who need it most. But opportunity will be wasted if young men and women lack the means to take advantage of it. And that means education.

Today's job market will settle for nothing less than full literacy, and an aptitude for skilled labor. And those who are

incapable -- and they are great in number -- will fall further and further behind.

What's the answer? I see you pointing the way. For a century and a half, your churches have demonstrated the liberating power of learning. Annie Rose, a community leader in Alexandria, Virginia, tells a fascinating story about her father. You see, Annie Rose is 95-years-old, and her father, Henry Rose, was born into slavery.

Liberated at age 21, Henry Rose walked all the way from Texas to Virginia, and worked on the railroad until a Baptist society sponsored him at a seminary school. Annie Rose says her father was so poor that when he graduated, he had to wear a boot on one foot and a shoe on the other. But Henry Rose had something better than a matching pair of shoes. He had knowledge. He had pride. And as a Baptist minister, he founded five churches and two schools, establishing institutions with great traditions of service that live on to this day.

There is a lesson for us in this remarkable man's life. If a he could beat the overwhelming odds of slavery, oppression and prejudice to lead a community, then **any** obstacle **can** be overcome.

And we **will** overcome. Opportunity comes when we give parents and students greater choice. This means magnet schools; this means public and private partnerships like "Say Yes to Education," which sends impoverished minority students to college; and this means increased support for historically Black Colleges and Universities.

But education is more than schooling; it is nothing less than the communication of values. And once again, you are leading the way. Just look right here New Orleans, where the Greater Liberty Baptist Church is preparing many young men for adulthood through its Black Manhood Training program. ((PAUSE))

But to get to school, to get to work, to get to a child-care center, families must also be free to walk the streets of their cities without fear. And today, **freedom from fear means freedom from drugs.** ((PAUSE)) That is why Tuesday night I announced our nation's first comprehensive, coordinated all-out assault; a way to attack the drug menance on every front. I believe the Congress will eventually work with me, to make our national strategy the law of the land. But for the moment, some want to use drugs as just another partisan issue. I don't want to play that game. But neither can I allow a few loose statements to go unanswered.

Some claim our plan is not bold enough. Yet never before have we enlisted America's fighting forces against drugs.

Some claim our plan is not imaginative enough. Why can't they imagine **any** achievement by the American people that comes from grit and determination, instead of **more** dollars and **higher** taxes?

Some claim our plan is not tough enough. Why won't they let my crime package out of committee? And why won't they support the death penalty for drug kingpins?

We don't just worry about **our** children. We worry about **all** children, especially those who are most at risk.

Nowhere are drug dealers more vicious, more predatory than in the inner-city. They've turned whole communities into war zones, making the routine of daily life miserable and dangerous for thousands of honest families. **It's time to get tough.** Let us join together to **sweep out** these killers, to **reclaim our cities,** to **reclaim our streets.** ((PAUSE))

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So I'm an optimist. **I believe** we will reach out to families in need. **I believe** we will see a strengthening of the many patterns of family life. And **I believe** we will see a sharing of values -- values rooted in the conviction that we, as individuals and as families are engaged in a single enterprise called America.

Thank you for all that you've done. And thank you for inviting me to New Orleans.

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I challenge those who hunger for a partisan issue to take the high road instead, to work for a national strategy, not against one.

I challenge those who seek **more** spending and **more** taxes, to seek more cooperation and bipartisanship.

And I ask those who want a D-Day against drugs to remember that the war didn't end on the day General Eisenhower invaded Normandy. We can only win this war against drugs, battle by battle. Together.

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