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THE WHITE HOUSE
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REMARKS:

RETURN TO:

David Q. Bates
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(1st Floor, West Wing)

Associate Director
Office of Cabinet Affairs
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(Room 235, OE08)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM: DENISE SCHWARZ
CABINET AFFAIRS
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS; NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
STATE LEGISLATORS

Please review the attached and phone your comments to Denise Schwarz by 4:00 P.M. today, Tuesday, March 7, 1989 at 456-2174.

SORRY FOR THE SHORT TURN AROUND.

Attachment

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REMARKS: Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, by c.o.b. Tuesday, March 7, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
 Assistant to the President
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff

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March 6, 1989

3 p.m.

REMARKS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING/RM 450

MARCH 10, 1989

Thank you Sammy Nunez (Noo-nez). Thank you Lee Daniels.
Thank you all.

The last time I spoke to you, we were in the middle of
America, in the middle of summer, and in the midst of a tough
campaign year.

Fate has smiled on us since that July day in Indianapolis.
Then, we were all candidates. Today, everyone in this room is a
winner. For those of you who are Republicans, I hope my
coattails were of use. For those of you who are Democrats, I
claim absolutely no credit whatsoever . . .

In all sincerity, I want to congratulate every legislative
leader in this room, Democratic as well as Republican. You won
more than a political victory. You won the highest honor of all
-- the opportunity to serve your state and your country.

The problems that confront our country as we near the end of this century often seem bigger than our ability to solve them. And they are -- if we face these problems as only partisan Democrats or Republicans, as parochial members of a region, or a faction, or an interest group. But by working together, as Americans, we can lick any problem -- no matter how big, how complex or how deeply rooted it may be.

True, there are always naysayers who believe we will never clean up the environment; that we will never shelter the homeless; that we will never end that age-old affliction of mankind, poverty -- poverty of knowledge and skills, poverty of opportunity, poverty of hope.

But the cynics never take into account one of the great success stories of our times -- state government. In this decade, power flowed from Washington to Austin, to Springfield, to Sacramento and to every other state capital. With this power came new responsibilities. And history will remember that you met your broadened responsibilities with distinction.

I know funds at all levels of government are tight. I know you are called upon to make hard choices, as I am. But, by and large, you are meeting the challenge of a frugal age by devising creative new solutions to the age-old problems of care and concern for the very young, the very elderly, the disadvantaged and the dispossessed.

So whenever I see a problem that some say is insurmountable, I draw inspiration from what you are already doing in the states.

The resilience of state government in the 1980s vindicates the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, and forever discredits those who would have Washington do it all. Let me assure you: I will preserve and protect a healthy balance, a sharing of power, between the states and Washington.

As you know, one policy area clearly designated as a prime responsibility of the federal government is our national defense. So perhaps the appeal I am going to make to you today will be all the more unprecedented. The time has come for me to enlist your energy and expertise in a different kind of national security crisis -- the threat of drug abuse to the health and the very future of our nation.

Crack. Heroin. P.C.P. These drugs are a plague that leaves an aftermath of shattered minds, ruined bodies and wasted potential. No state in the Union is immune to this plague. Drug crimes have claimed thousands of lives, and turned whole communities upside down from the Eastern Seaboard to the Pacific Coast. It is becoming apparent that our struggle against the drug trade is more than the moral equivalent of war.

It is war.

As with every battle this country has ever fought, we are all in this together -- as Americans. And as with any war, we must have a strategy. Our strategy is four-pronged: law enforcement -- interdiction -- rehabilitation -- and prevention through education.

I am encouraged to see so many state governments forming intrastate drug task forces, and interstate panels to share resources and intelligence. Every state should join this common effort. And every state should look for ways to toughen its drug laws.

The federal government, just like the states, is animated by a new get-tough attitude on drugs. We've stiffened the federal sentence for drug trafficking to a maximum of life. We've toughened penalties for drug dealers who use children to deal drugs, or who sell drugs to children. And if you commit a drug-related murder, or slay a law enforcement officer, the toughest sentence you can receive is the toughest sentence there is -- death.

We've also increased our resources as we've stiffened sentences. Since 1981, the federal anti-drug budget has grown by nearly 370 percent. But more was needed, so I am asking the Congress for \$6 billion for our anti-drug program in 1990 -- a ^{12/}21 percent increase over 1989, and a 47 percent increase over 1988. More than \$4 billion will be spent to provide grants to state and local law enforcement agencies, to beef up federal enforcement, and to enhance our prosecution, detention and intelligence capabilities . . .

This includes sustaining the \$150 million drug grant program -- which was targeted for elimination in January -- so that the Department of Justice can help state and local law enforcement agencies catch criminals and warn kids away from drugs.

Another shining example of federal and state cooperation is the seizure and forfeiture of assets from drug dealers. State agencies that cooperate in drug cases will share the benefits from the sale of yachts, planes and autos used in drug deals. ^{and from} To ^{it} convert the profits of vice to finance our war against the ^{tra} multi-billion dollar drug empire is more than good financial ^{pro} sense. It is swift justice . . .

Even with these programs, the campaign against drug abuse will be a hard-fought war that will last for years.

Perhaps we should take inspiration from a nation at war almost fifty years ago. As Britain faced an adversary that tested the courage and character of its people, Winston Churchill vowed to never surrender. In today's war against the pushers, we must -- as a people -- draw from these same deep wells of national purpose to summon a spirit of defiance. What shall we do?

We shall fight the drug lords on the beaches and the streets, we shall fight them in the schools, we shall interdict them in the skies and on the high seas. We shall never surrender, not until the last pusher is put behind bars and the last playground is free of drugs.

Perhaps the classroom will be the most decisive battleground of them all. Toward this end, I am proposing a \$1.1 billion allocation for drug education -- a 16 percent increase over 1989. Some \$367 million of this will go to the Department of Education ^{drug-free schools program.} ~~budget~~, to help keep drugs out of our schools, campuses and neighborhoods -- an increase of \$12 million.

The programs are many. But our purpose is singular: to keep kids off drugs and out of trouble. You will be able to take the lead in this effort, since more than 80 percent of the funds of the Drug Free Schools and Communities program will be allocated to the states and territories.

As you may have heard, we can already take heart from some good news from the classrooms of America. According to the 1988 National High School Senior Survey, the proportion of seniors using illicit drugs during the prior year fell from 42 percent in 1987 to 39 percent in 1988. This compares with the peak year of 1979, when an astounding 54 percent of all American high school seniors abused drugs.

Still, 39 percent is 39 percent more than I will accept. How can we convince these teen-agers to leave drugs alone? Even if money wasn't tight, we would never be able to solve the problem with money alone. We need something else -- an attitude of intolerance.

Let me tell you, Presidents usually do not speak in favor of intolerance. But the day must soon come when this nation is utterly intolerant of so-called casual drug abuse. Then, and only then, will we be able to declare victory.

It is with this in mind that I hope the Senate soon confirms Bill Bennett as the nation's drug czar. Bill's talent as an educator, and his rapport with young people, will be of particular help in communicating our attitude of zero tolerance to the next generation.

Over the next four years, we will face many common challenges -- to our environment, to our prosperity, to our compassion for those who have yet to fully participate in the American Dream. But we face no common domestic challenge as grave or as urgent as that of drug abuse.

I pledge, leader to leader, to work with you and your state governments in this struggle. Just as war tested America and our allies in the 1940s, so our people are undergoing a test of our national will today. Again, to paraphrase Churchill, we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end fighting the scourge of drug abuse, with growing confidence and growing strength . . . we shall never surrender. With your help, and your leadership in the states, I know that we shall also prevail.

Thank you.

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RESPONSE: *okay*
J.W. Cicconi

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and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

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WASHINGTON



March 7, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: PATRICIA MACK BRYAN *PMB*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National
Conference of State Legislators Remarks

Pursuant to your staffing memorandum of March 6, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks. We have no legal objection to the contents of those remarks.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: WILLIAM L. ROPER *wlr*

SUBJECT: Draft Remarks to the National Conference
of State Legislators

I have reviewed this speech, and it is a good, solid advocacy address for the President's antidrug program.

I would raise two technical points:

✓ On page four, paragraph three: Is it true that we have toughened penalties for drug dealers who use children to deal drugs, or who sell drugs to children? I presume that is a part of last year's drug bill.

✓ On page six, paragraph three: According to the Building a Better America book, the \$1.1 billion is for drug "prevention," not drug "education," as stated here. I would suggest this change.

If you have questions, I would be happy to help.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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RESPONSE:

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 Ext. 2702

1989 MAR -6 PM Davis/Dooley

March 6, 1989

3 p.m.

REMARKS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING/RM 450

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RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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Ext. 2702

Davis/Dooley
March 6, 1989 6:56
3 p.m.

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For Immediate Release

March 10, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORSRoom 450
Old Executive Office Building

11:11 A.M. EST

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The problems that confront our country as we near the end of this century often seem bigger than our individual ability to solve them. And they are big. And if we face these problems as only partisans -- Democrats or Republicans -- or parochial members of a region, or a faction, or an interest group, we've got real problems. But by working together, as Americans, we can, I believe, lick any problem -- no matter how big, how complex or how deeply rooted it may be.

There are always naysayers who believe we're going to never clean up the environment or never shelter the homeless, never end that old-age affliction of mankind, poverty -- poverty of knowledge and skills, of opportunity, and the poverty of hope.

tight. All levels of federal government are tight. And I know that you're called on every day to make the hard choices, as I am. But, by and large, you are meeting the challenge of a frugal age by devising creative new solutions to these age-old problems of care and concern for the very young, the very elderly, the disadvantaged, the dispossessed.

So whenever I see a problem that some say is insurmountable, I draw inspiration from what you are already doing in the states.

The resilience of the state government -- state governments in the '80s vindicates, in my view, the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, and forever discredits those who would have Washington do it all. And let me assure you, I will preserve and protect a healthy balance, a sharing of power, between the states and Washington because I fervently believe that federalism works.

And I remember meetings that I had with governors at the time of the campaign discussing the social issues. And I learned more from the briefings -- this happened to be in a partisan context of a campaign -- but I learned more from the briefing by the governors than any of the people here in Washington to whom I had access because I was Vice President. And I thought about why it made such a difference and why I learned so much from them, and it was because they're on the cutting edge; they are out there working with you all to solve the problems, to figure out what works, to make the changes. And so that may sound elementary to some, but I think you must know what I mean -- governors have to deal in what works. And they get that from you all with the representation you have -- give in your districts.

As you know, one policy area clearly designated to us here is national defense. And so perhaps the appeal I'm going to make to you today will be all the more unprecedented. The time has come for me to enlist your energy and expertise in another national security crisis. And you know what it is and I know what it is and the American people know what it is -- and I'm talking, of course, about the threat of drug abuse to the health and the very future of our nation.

I wish that each and every one of you could have been with me yesterday in New York when I went to the DEA headquarters and I talked with the widow of the fallen -- the latest victim of the drug criminals -- at my side -- talked to the agents there. But the best part was the meeting afterward, talking in a very private setting to those agents who are undercover, couldn't be out there in public, but who told me, case by case, of the problems they face. And I don't want to get away from the text here too far, but the thing that really impressed me -- and I expect some of you who have had leadership roles in your states could talk to this -- is that the culture has changed.

They say it used to be if you came in and identified yourself as a Fed or a police officer of any sort and drew a weapon on these people, they'd give up. And now they automatically shoot. They go to the barricades. And there's some reasons for that. They

As with every battle this country's ever fought, we are in it together as Americans. And as with a war, we've got to have a strategy, and ours is education, rehabilitation, law enforcement, and then doing better in interdiction. I'm encouraged to see so many state governments forming these intrastate drug task forces and interstate panels to share resources and intelligence. And I would appeal to every state to join these efforts. Every state should look for ways to toughen its drug laws.

The federal government, just like the states, is animated by a new get-tough attitude on drugs. And we've stiffened the federal sentence for drug trafficking to a maximum of life. We've toughened penalties for dealers who use children to deal drugs or sell drugs to the kids. And if you commit a drug-related murder or kill a cop, the toughest sentence you can receive is now the toughest sentence there is, and that is the death penalty. And we've also increased our resources as we've stiffened the sentences.

Since 1981, the federal antidrug budget has grown by nearly 370 percent. But more was needed, so I'm asking the Congress for \$6 billion for our antidrug program in 1990 -- more than \$4 billion will be spent to provide grants to the state and local law enforcement agencies to beef up the federal enforcement, to enhance our prosecution, detention, and intelligence capabilities. And this includes sustaining the 150 million drug grant programs so that the Department of Justice can help state and local law enforcement agencies catch criminals and warn kids away from drugs.

Another shining example of federal and state cooperation -- the seizure and forfeiture of assets from drug dealers. State agencies that cooperate in drug cases will share the benefits from the sale of yachts, planes, and cars in used drug deals. Again, my experience yesterday -- the head of the DEA showed me a table -- \$20 million of cash that they had taken in one -- that they had gotten in one -- a part of it. I don't think all \$20 million was on that table, but a lot of it was -- in small bills, incidentally -- 20s, 10s, that kind of thing. They had taken this money in one -- caught one truck loaded with \$20 million and nobody claimed it. Nobody even inquired about it. Obviously, they didn't want to get in too much trouble. (Laughter.) But there was no undercover inquiry. That's just the cost of doing business. So \$20 million is down the tube and go on about our business.

Same as they dump their airplanes in the water off the Bahamas -- the cost of business. Three Cessnas and that's the cost of getting the stuff in here.

But even with these programs, the campaign against drug abuse will be hard-fought. It's a war and it's going to last for years. And perhaps we should take inspiration from a nation at war almost 50 years ago. As Britain faced an adversary that tested the courage and character of its people, Winston Churchill vowed never to surrender. And in today's war against the pushers, we must draw from these same deep wells of national purpose to summon the spirit of defiance.

Our single most important task is to keep the kids off of

drugs during the prior year fell from 42 percent in '87 to 39 percent -- a modest drop, but at least a decrease. This compares with the peak year of '79, incidently, when an astounding 54 percent of all American high school seniors used drugs.

Still, 39 percent is horrible. And we're going to spend money to get the job done, but we need to change something. We've got to have a national attitude of intolerance. Let me tell you, presidents don't normally speak out in favor of intolerance, but the day must soon come when the nation is utterly intolerant of this casual drug abuse. Back to yesterday -- one of the undercover agents telling me about the white collar use. This guy was down somewhere on Wall Street and it was just considered normal in the firm in which he was operating to -- at the end of the day, to offer to the people doing the clerical work there some kind of line of cocaine if they would stay for an extra few hours. I mean we've got to change that whole toleration, that whole cultural identity that suggests that this is the fast lane, or the easy way, or that it's okay.

Over the next four years we're going to face a lot of common challenges. The environment -- I do want to do something on that. With the help of the states I'm convinced we can here. To our prosperity -- we're going to ask your forbearance as we call for some tough measures to face down this federal budget deficit. To our compassion -- for those who have yet to participate fully in the American dream.

And the challenge of drug abuse is going to test our resolve and our mettle as a people. So I just wanted to tell you and pledge to you, leader to leader, that I want to work with you in the state governments in this struggle. Bill Bennett, our new drug czar, is charged with coming up with a national strategy, a national direction in six months after he takes office. He'll be good, he'll be tough. He's got a difficult assignment because of the way government works. Picture in your own state governments -- it's a little -- it's not a very neat and easy way to draw the organization chart because he has to not only get the attention of the Defense Department or the Attorney Generals without the standing, protocol standing over them, he's got to get their attention and have us all marching in the same direction.

So what that means is the President is going to have to be shoulder-to-shoulder with Bill Bennett. And I'm prepared to spend the time and devote the energy necessary to give it that stature because it won't happen if it just bogs down in some kind of bureaucratic turf fights over who's going to do what on interdiction, or education, or crime-fighting, or whatever it is.

So I wanted to tell you we do want to work with the states. War tested America and her allies in the '40s, and so our people are undergoing a test of national will today. To paraphrase Churchill again, we shall not flag or fail. We're going to go on to end the fighting of this -- to keep going to win the fight against the scourge of drugs. And I'm confident; I believe it can be done because I sense a change in the country. I sense people -- it's more than rhetoric now. I think it's into every community, every state, and certainly all through the federal government.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/6/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3/7/89 c.o.b.

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

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REMARKS: Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, by c.o.b. Tuesday, March 7, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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March 6, 1989

3 p.m.

REMARKS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING/RM 450

MARCH 10, 1989

Thank you Sammy Nunez (Noo-nez). Thank you Lee Daniels,
Thank you all.

The last time I spoke to you, we were in the middle of America, in the middle of summer, and in the midst of a tough campaign year.

Fate has smiled on us since that July day in Indianapolis. Then, we were all candidates. Today, everyone in this room is a winner. For those of you who are Republicans, I hope my coattails were of use. For those of you who are Democrats, I claim absolutely no credit whatsoever . . .

In all sincerity, I want to congratulate every legislative leader in this room, Democratic as well as Republican. You won more than a political victory. You won the highest honor of all -- the opportunity to serve your state and your country.

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and Ted Strickland?

The problems that confront our country as we near the end of this century often seem bigger than our ability to solve them. And they are -- if we face these problems as only partisan Democrats or Republicans, as parochial members of a region, or a faction, or an interest group. But by working together, as Americans, we can lick any problem -- no matter how big, how complex or how deeply rooted it may be.

True, there are always naysayers who believe we will never clean up the environment; that we will never shelter the homeless; that we will never end that age-old affliction of mankind, poverty -- poverty of knowledge and skills, poverty of opportunity, poverty of hope.

But the cynics never take into account one of the great success stories of our times -- state government. In this decade, power flowed from Washington to Austin, to ^{Atlanta} Springfield, to Sacramento and to every other state capital. With this power came new responsibilities. And history will remember that you met your broadened responsibilities with distinction. (PINK)

I know funds at all levels of government are tight. I know you are called upon to make hard choices, as I am. But, by and large, you are meeting the challenge of a frugal age by devising creative new solutions to the age-old problems of care and concern for the very young, the very elderly, the disadvantaged and the dispossessed.

So whenever I see a problem that some say is insurmountable, I draw inspiration from what you are already doing in the states.

The resilience of state government in the 1980s vindicates the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, and forever discredits those who would have Washington do it all. Let me assure you: I will preserve and protect a healthy balance, a sharing of power, between the states and Washington. *Federalism works.* (PINK)

As you know, one policy area clearly designated as a prime responsibility of the federal government is our national defense. So perhaps the appeal I am going to make to you today will be all the more unprecedented. The time has come for me to enlist your energy and expertise in a different kind of national security crisis -- the threat of drug abuse to the health and the very future of our nation.

Crack. Heroin. P.C.P. These drugs are a plague that leaves an aftermath of shattered minds, ruined bodies and wasted potential. No state in the Union is immune to this plague. Drug crimes have claimed thousands of lives, and turned whole communities upside down from the Eastern Seaboard to the Pacific Coast. It is becoming apparent that our struggle against the drug trade is ~~more than~~ the moral equivalent of war. (TELL)

~~It is war.~~

As with every battle this country has ever fought, we are all in this together -- as Americans. And as with any war, we must have a strategy. Our strategy is four-pronged: ³law enforcement -- ⁴interdiction -- ²rehabilitation -- and ~~prevention~~ ¹through education.

I am encouraged to see so many state governments forming ⁽⁻⁾intrastate drug task forces, and ⁽⁻⁾interstate panels to share resources and intelligence. Every state should join this common effort. And every state should look for ways to toughen its drug laws.

The federal government, just like the states, is animated by a new get-tough attitude on drugs. We've stiffened the federal sentence for drug trafficking to a maximum of life. We've toughened penalties for drug dealers who use children to deal drugs, or who sell drugs to children. And if you commit a drug-related murder, or ~~slay a law enforcement officer~~ ^{kill a cop}, the toughest sentence you can receive is the toughest sentence there is -- death. (Pm le)

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We've also increased our resources as we've stiffened sentences. Since 1981, the federal anti-drug budget has grown by nearly 370 percent. But more was needed, so I am asking the Congress for \$6 billion for our anti-drug program in 1990 -- a 21 percent increase over 1989, and a 47 percent increase over 1988. More than \$4 billion will be spent to provide grants to state and local law enforcement agencies, to beef up federal enforcement, and to enhance our prosecution, detention and intelligence capabilities . . .

(Tell)

This includes sustaining the \$150 million drug grant program -- which was targeted for elimination in January -- so that the Department of Justice can help state and local law enforcement agencies catch criminals and warn kids away from drugs.

Another shining example of federal and state cooperation is the seizure and forfeiture of assets from drug dealers. State agencies that cooperate in drug cases will share the benefits from the sale of yachts, planes and ^{Cars} ~~autos~~ used in drug deals. To convert the profits of vice to finance our war against the multi-billion dollar drug empire is more than good financial sense. It is swift justice . . .

Even with these programs, the campaign against drug abuse will be a hard-fought war that will last for years.

Perhaps we should take inspiration from a nation at war almost fifty years ago. As Britain faced an adversary that tested the courage and character of its people, Winston Churchill vowed to never surrender. In today's war against the pushers, we must -- as a people -- draw from these same deep wells of national purpose to summon a spirit of defiance. What shall we do?

We shall fight the drug lords on the beaches and the streets, we shall fight them in the schools, we shall interdict them in the skies and on the high seas. We shall never surrender, not until the last pusher is put behind bars and the last playground is free of drugs.

~~Perhaps the classroom will be the most decisive battleground of them all.~~ Toward this end, I am proposing a \$1.1 billion allocation for drug education ^{and prevention} -- a 16 percent increase over 1989. Some ⁵⁸ \$367 million of this will go to the Department of Education budget, to help keep drugs out of our schools, campuses and neighborhoods -- an increase of \$12 million.

The programs are many. But our ~~purpose is singular:~~ to keep kids off drugs and out of trouble. You will be able to take the lead in this effort, since more than 80 percent of the funds of the Drug Free Schools and Communities program will be allocated to the states and territories.

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As you may have heard, we can already take heart from some good news from the classrooms of America. According to the 1988 National High School Senior Survey, the proportion of seniors using illicit drugs during the prior year fell from 42 percent in 1987 to 39 percent in 1988. This compares with the peak year of 1979, when an astounding 54 percent of all American high school seniors ~~abused~~ drugs.

Still, 39 percent is ^{too much.} ~~39 percent more than I will accept.~~
~~How can we convince these teen-agers to leave drugs alone? Even if money wasn't tight, we would never be able to solve the problem with money alone. We need something else -- an attitude of intolerance.~~ *We will spend money to get the job done, but we need something more -- an attitude of intolerance.*

Let me tell you, Presidents usually do not speak in favor of intolerance. But the day must soon come when this nation is utterly intolerant of so-called casual drug abuse. Then, and only then, will we be able to declare victory.

~~It is with this in mind that I hope the Senate soon confirms Bill Bennett as the nation's drug czar. Bill's talent as an educator, and his rapport with young people, will be of particular help in communicating our attitude of zero tolerance to the next generation.~~

Bill Bennett and I will lead ~~the~~ fight against drugs on all fronts.

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Over the next four years, we will face many common challenges -- to our environment, to our prosperity, to our compassion for those who have yet to fully participate in the American Dream. But we face no common domestic challenge as grave or as urgent as that of drug abuse, ^{The} ~~will test our resolve~~ and our ~~mettle~~ ^{mettle} as a people.

I pledge, leader to leader, to work with you and your state governments in this struggle. Just as war tested America and our allies in the 1940s, so our people are undergoing a test of our national will today. ~~Again,~~ ^{to} paraphrase Churchill, we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end fighting the scourge of drug abuse, with growing confidence and growing strength . . . we shall never surrender. With your help, and your leadership in the states, I know that we shall also prevail.

Thank you.

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**REMARKS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING/RM 450
MARCH 10, 1989**

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PRESENT AND PAST OFFICERS FOR YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION -- SAMMY NUNEZ (Noo-NEZ), LEE DANIELS, TED STRICKLAND. THANK YOU ALL.

THE LAST TIME I SPOKE TO YOU, WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF AMERICA, IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, AND IN THE MIDST OF A TOUGH CAMPAIGN YEAR.

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FATE HAS SMILED ON US SINCE THAT JULY DAY IN INDIANAPOLIS. THEN, WE WERE ALL CANDIDATES. TODAY, EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS A WINNER. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE REPUBLICANS, YOU DISCERNING DEVILS, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I THOUGHT I'D DRAG ALL OF YOU DOWN BUT, NO, HERE WE ARE! FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE DEMOCRATS, I CLAIM ABSOLUTELY NO CREDIT WHATSOEVER . . . BUT "WELL DONE."

IN ALL SINCERITY, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE EVERY LEGISLATIVE LEADER IN THIS ROOM, DEMOCRATIC AS WELL AS REPUBLICAN. YOU WON MORE THAN A POLITICAL VICTORY.

YOU WON THE HIGHEST HONOR OF ALL -- THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.

THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT OUR COUNTRY AS WE NEAR THE END OF THIS CENTURY OFTEN SEEM BIGGER THAN OUR ABILITY TO SOLVE THEM. AND THEY ARE -- IF WE FACE THESE PROBLEMS AS ONLY PARTISAN DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS, AS PAROCHIAL MEMBERS OF A REGION, OR A FACTION, OR AN INTEREST GROUP. BUT BY WORKING TOGETHER, AS AMERICANS, WE CAN LICK ANY PROBLEM -- NO MATTER HOW BIG, HOW COMPLEX OR HOW DEEPLY ROOTED IT MAY BE.

TRUE, THERE ARE ALWAYS NAYSAYERS WHO BELIEVE WE WILL NEVER CLEAN UP THE ENVIRONMENT; THAT WE WILL NEVER SHELTER THE HOMELESS; THAT WE WILL NEVER END THAT AGE-OLD AFFLICTION OF MANKIND, POVERTY -- POVERTY OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, POVERTY OF OPPORTUNITY, POVERTY OF HOPE.

BUT THE CYNICS NEVER TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ONE OF THE GREAT SUCCESS STORIES OF OUR TIMES -- STATE GOVERNMENT. IN THIS DECADE, POWER FLOWED FROM WASHINGTON TO AUSTIN, TO ATLANTA, TO SACRAMENTO AND TO EVERY OTHER STATE CAPITAL.

WITH THIS POWER CAME NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. AND HISTORY WILL REMEMBER THAT YOU MET YOUR BROADENED RESPONSIBILITIES WITH DISTINCTION.

I KNOW FUNDS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ARE TIGHT. I KNOW YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO MAKE HARD CHOICES, AS I AM. BUT, BY AND LARGE, YOU ARE MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF A FRUGAL AGE BY DEVISING CREATIVE NEW SOLUTIONS TO THE AGE-OLD PROBLEMS OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE VERY YOUNG, THE VERY ELDERLY, THE DISADVANTAGED AND THE DISPOSSESSED.

SO WHENEVER I SEE A PROBLEM THAT SOME SAY IS INSURMOUNTABLE, I DRAW INSPIRATION FROM WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING IN THE STATES.

THE RESILIENCE OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE 1980s VINDICATES THE WISDOM OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS, AND FOREVER DISCREDITS THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE WASHINGTON DO IT ALL. LET ME ASSURE YOU: I WILL PRESERVE AND PROTECT A HEALTHY BALANCE, A SHARING OF POWER, BETWEEN THE STATES AND WASHINGTON. FEDERALISM WORKS.

I REMEMBER MEETINGS I HAD YEARS AGO WITH GOVERNORS DISCUSSING THE SOCIAL ISSUES. I LEARNED A LOT. THE STATES ARE ON THE CUTTING EDGE. GOVERNORS MUST DEAL IN WHAT WORKS.

AS YOU KNOW, ONE POLICY AREA CLEARLY DESIGNATED AS A PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE. SO PERHAPS THE APPEAL I AM GOING TO MAKE TO YOU TODAY WILL BE ALL THE MORE UNPRECEDENTED.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO ENLIST YOUR ENERGY AND EXPERTISE IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF NATIONAL SECURITY CRISIS -- THE THREAT OF DRUG ABUSE TO THE HEALTH AND THE VERY FUTURE OF OUR NATION.

CRACK. HEROIN. P.C.P. THESE DRUGS ARE A PLAGUE THAT LEAVES AN AFTERMATH OF SHATTERED MINDS, RUINED BODIES AND WASTED POTENTIAL. NO STATE IN THE UNION IS IMMUNE TO THIS PLAGUE. DRUG CRIMES HAVE CLAIMED THOUSANDS OF LIVES, AND TURNED WHOLE COMMUNITIES UPSIDE DOWN FROM THE EASTERN SEABOARD TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

IT IS BECOMING APPARENT THAT OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DRUG TRADE IS THE MORAL EQUIVALENT OF WAR.

AS WITH EVERY BATTLE THIS COUNTRY HAS EVER FOUGHT, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER -- AS AMERICANS. AND AS WITH ANY WAR, WE MUST HAVE A STRATEGY. OUR STRATEGY IS FOUR-PRONGED: 1) EDUCATION; 2) REHABILITATION; 3) LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND 4) INTERDICTION.

I AM ENCOURAGED TO SEE SO MANY STATE GOVERNMENTS FORMING INTRA-STATE DRUG TASK FORCES, AND INTER-STATE PANELS TO SHARE RESOURCES AND INTELLIGENCE.

EVERY STATE SHOULD JOIN THIS COMMON EFFORT. AND EVERY STATE SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO TOUGHEN ITS DRUG LAWS.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, JUST LIKE THE STATES, IS ANIMATED BY A NEW GET-TOUGH ATTITUDE ON DRUGS. WE'VE STIFFENED THE FEDERAL SENTENCE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING TO A MAXIMUM OF LIFE. WE'VE TOUGHENED PENALTIES FOR DRUG DEALERS WHO USE CHILDREN TO DEAL DRUGS, OR WHO SELL DRUGS TO CHILDREN. AND IF YOU COMMIT A DRUG-RELATED MURDER, OR KILL A COP, THE TOUGHEST SENTENCE YOU CAN RECEIVE IS THE TOUGHEST SENTENCE THERE IS -- DEATH.

WE'VE ALSO INCREASED OUR RESOURCES AS WE'VE STIFFENED SENTENCES. SINCE 1981, THE FEDERAL ANTI-DRUG BUDGET HAS GROWN BY NEARLY 370 PERCENT. BUT MORE WAS NEEDED, SO I AM ASKING THE CONGRESS FOR \$6 BILLION FOR OUR ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM IN 1990. MORE THAN \$4 BILLION WILL BE SPENT TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, TO BEEF UP FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT, AND TO ENHANCE OUR PROSECUTION, DETENTION AND INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES . . .

THIS INCLUDES SUSTAINING THE \$150 MILLION DRUG GRANT PROGRAM, SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CAN HELP STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CATCH CRIMINALS AND WARN KIDS AWAY FROM DRUGS.

ANOTHER SHINING EXAMPLE OF FEDERAL AND STATE COOPERATION IS THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF ASSETS FROM DRUG DEALERS. STATE AGENCIES THAT COOPERATE IN DRUG CASES WILL SHARE THE BENEFITS FROM THE SALE OF YACHTS, PLANES AND CARS USED IN DRUG DEALS.

TO CONVERT THE PROFITS OF VICE TO FINANCE OUR WAR AGAINST THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR DRUG EMPIRE IS MORE THAN GOOD FINANCIAL SENSE. IT IS SWIFT JUSTICE . . .

EVEN WITH THESE PROGRAMS, THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE WILL BE A HARD-FOUGHT WAR THAT WILL LAST FOR YEARS.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD TAKE INSPIRATION FROM A NATION AT WAR ALMOST FIFTY YEARS AGO. AS BRITAIN FACED AN ADVERSARY THAT TESTED THE COURAGE AND CHARACTER OF ITS PEOPLE, WINSTON CHURCHILL VOWED TO NEVER SURRENDER.

IN TODAY'S WAR AGAINST THE PUSHERS, WE MUST -- AS A PEOPLE -- DRAW FROM THESE SAME DEEP WELLS OF NATIONAL PURPOSE TO SUMMON A SPIRIT OF DEFIANCE.

BUT OUR SINGLE, MOST IMPORTANT TASK IS TO KEEP KIDS OFF DRUGS AND OUT OF TROUBLE. TOWARD THIS END, I AM PROPOSING A \$1.1 BILLION ALLOCATION FOR DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION -- A 16 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1989.

SOME \$367 MILLION OF THIS WILL GO TO THE DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, TO HELP KEEP DRUGS OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS, CAMPUSES AND NEIGHBORHOODS -- AN INCREASE OF \$12 MILLION.

THE PROGRAMS ARE MANY. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS EFFORT, SINCE MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS OF THE DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE STATES AND TERRITORIES.

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, WE CAN ALREADY TAKE HEART FROM SOME GOOD NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS OF AMERICA.

ACCORDING TO THE 1988 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SURVEY, THE PROPORTION OF SENIORS USING ILLICIT DRUGS DURING THE PRIOR YEAR FELL FROM 42 PERCENT IN 1987 TO 39 PERCENT IN 1988. THIS COMPARES WITH THE PEAK YEAR OF 1979, WHEN AN ASTOUNDING 54 PERCENT OF ALL AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS USED DRUGS.

STILL, 39 PERCENT IS TOO MUCH. WE WILL SPEND MONEY TO GET THE JOB DONE, BUT WE NEED SOMETHING MORE -- AN ATTITUDE OF INTOLERANCE.

LET ME TELL YOU, PRESIDENTS USUALLY DO NOT SPEAK IN FAVOR OF INTOLERANCE. BUT THE DAY MUST SOON COME WHEN THIS NATION IS UTTERLY INTOLERANT OF SO-CALLED CASUAL DRUG ABUSE. THEN, AND ONLY THEN, WILL WE BE ABLE TO DECLARE VICTORY.

OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, WE WILL FACE MANY COMMON CHALLENGES -- TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO OUR PROSPERITY, TO OUR COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN DREAM. THE CHALLENGE OF DRUG ABUSE WILL TEST OUR RESOLVE AND OUR METTLE AS A PEOPLE.

I PLEDGE, LEADER TO LEADER, TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR STATE GOVERNMENTS IN THIS STRUGGLE. BILL BENNETT AND I WILL LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS ON ALL FRONTS. JUST AS WAR TESTED AMERICA AND OUR ALLIES IN THE 1940s, SO OUR PEOPLE ARE UNDERGOING A TEST OF OUR NATIONAL WILL TODAY. TO PARAPHRASE CHURCHILL, WE SHALL NOT FLAG OR FAIL. WE SHALL GO ON TO THE END FIGHTING THE SCOURGE OF DRUG ABUSE, WITH GROWING CONFIDENCE AND GROWING STRENGTH . . . WE SHALL NEVER SURRENDER.

**WITH YOUR HELP, AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE STATES, I KNOW
THAT WE SHALL ALSO PREVAIL.**

THANK YOU.

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