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April 27, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

Biscayne Bay Marriott Hotel
Miami, Florida

9:55 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Attorney General. Please be seated. And let me, at the outset, pay my respects to Governor Martinez, the Governor of Florida who's with me here today, with all of us here; and Senator Mack, Senator Connie Mack, vitally interested, as is the Governor, in the war against drugs. And, of course, my great respects to the Attorney General, who is taking a very prominent leadership role in this common fight. And it's a pleasure to see out of Alaska for a change the Commandant of the Coast Guard Paul Yost, who is doing an outstanding job half a world away up there in Alaska, but whose organization is doing such a superb job for the United States in this whole concept of interdiction. And so we have a distinguished group here.

"This scourge will stop." Those were the words that Dick alluded to -- those were the words with which I opened my presidency. And it's the continuation of that promise that brings me to Miami today. And I am honored to be here to talk with you. And I am very grateful to Jack Lawn and the -- whose head of the, as you all know, head of the DEA -- and the other distinguished enforcement chiefs who have come throughout the Americas -- along with our friends and observers from Europe -- to join forces in a new tradition of international cooperation.

And I had a visit just a second ago with Jack -- just took a minute, but he was filling me in on his hopes for this conference and telling me of the cooperation that his organization was receiving from all of you. And so let me, at the outset, say thank you.

I'm here today to talk about war. First, to see cocaine trafficking for what it is: an attack aimed at enslaving and exploiting the weak. Second, to confront what's become a world war. And third -- I hope -- to help end a nasty chapter in that war -- the diversion of precursor chemicals.

In the 19th century, the scourge of the Americas was slavery. A struggle of good and evil, in which some sought to enrich themselves by enslaving the most downtrodden of their countrymen. Today the scourge of this hemisphere is called cocaine. As commanding officers, you know the havoc of which we speak. You see it every day on the streets of your cities and in mountain villages, in the haunted eyes and the broken dreams of a generation of youth -- of children -- who have fallen victim to a seductive, nightmarish new form of dependency and slavery. Our countries have suffered a terrible toll, many far worse than the United States.

Drug traffic is called the world's second most dangerous profession. The most dangerous really is yours -- law enforcement; drug enforcement.

Earlier this year, I had a glimpse of what must be all too familiar to many of you sitting around this table. I joined Mrs. Everett Hatcher to grieve for the death of her husband, a veteran DEA

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agent who was executed by cocaine cowards in the back streets of New York. A woman of considerable dignity, she put responsibility for Mr. Hatcher's death squarely on those once naively excused as "casual" users of cocaine.

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There are many ironies. Drug addiction does not discriminate against a person because of race, religion or financial status. It's the great equalizer, snaring sons and daughters of the rich, the poor, the middle class.

Sometimes the opposite occurs and kingpins are reduced to paupers. The opulence of Carlos Lehder's lifestyle is but memory now as he begins his journey to the grave -- life without parole -- in an Illinois penitentiary. The notorious Felix Gallardo -- once boasting of his power and wealth -- is also behind bars in Mexico. Stripped of blood money, they are nobodies, no longer the stuff of myth.

Your business, then -- our business -- is to pursue these outlaws to the ends of the Earth. To create a world without refuge, to leave no sanctuary, in your countries or in mine.

And I've said it before -- the war on drugs is no metaphor. The war on drugs is no metaphor. We've been slower to recognize that it is also a world war, leaving no nation unscathed, one in which Hong Kong bankers and Bolivian growers and Middle Eastern couriers and West Coast wholesalers all play insidious roles. And it is especially acute in this hemisphere, where an explosive cycle of drugs, dependency and dollars has escalated clear out of control.

The time for blame, the time for assigning blame is behind us. For too long, a sharp divide has been drawn between "producing" and "consuming" nations. Well, denial is a natural part of human nature, and probably part of a country's nature as well. But let's face it. Americans cannot blame the Andean nations for our voracious appetite for drugs. Ultimately, the solution to the United States drug problem lies within our own borders -- stepped up enforcement. But education and treatment as well.

And our Latin American cousins cannot blame the United States for the voracious greed of the drug traffickers who control small empires at home. Ultimately, the solution to that problem lies within your borders.

And yet, good neighbors must stand together. A world war must be met in kind. And so today, as this conference winds down and concludes, we are presented with an historic opportunity.

Allies in any war must consult -- as partners. And just as you have gathered on seven occasions for IDEC, I ask that the leaders of the Western Hemisphere, whose nations are afflicted by this scourge, join with me to work together toward a hemispheric compact on drugs -- a mutual commitment of resources and energy to ensure a brighter day for the children of America. And I mean by that all the Americas. And I have directed that our nation's new drug czar, William Bennett, take the lead in coordinating this vital initiative.

IDEC demonstrates that we will put aside national differences to do what must be done. And together you have put cartels out of business, reduced the supply of cocaine and, increasingly, educated our children about the dangers of drug use and trafficking. And I do commend Jack Lawn, and each of you, for having

the foresight to establish this organization and for demonstrating the collective commitment to work together.

I've spoken often of the horrors of chemical warfare. Well, chemical abuse is also chemical warfare. Poisoning our streets. As deadly as mustard gas. And today we're opening a new campaign to rid the world of these toxics.

We're going to start right here -- in the United States, because all too often that's the original source of the basic industrial chemicals needed to produce cocaine. Now, U.S. chemical companies are justly proud of their products that vastly improve and help to extend life here and abroad. But few Americans are aware that illegally diverted barrels of dangerous chemicals -- clearly marked with U.S. corporate logos -- are routinely seized in the jungles of Colombia.

IDEC held a panel discussion on this Tuesday. And those gathered here, you understand its importance. Traffickers have hit us where it hurts. And now we're going to exploit their vulnerabilities, crimping the flow of the materials without which they cannot produce. No chemicals, no cocaine.

We know it works in the field. Many of you participated in "IDEC Six," the operations last August, when the combined efforts of 30 nations saw the seizure of 155,000 pounds of highly flammable ether, almost 450,000 pounds of acetone, over 50,000 pounds of hydrochloric acid and nearly 14,000 pounds of MEK.

This past January, Colombian antinarcotics officers under General Munoz-Sanabria -- who I understand is here today. Is he? I hope. Congratulations, General, for that, and thank you for what you're doing for all of us in that regard. (Applause.) They destroyed 25 cocaine laboratories and enough chemicals to make approximately 88 metric tons of cocaine.

The damage that's done when 88 tons of cocaine hits United States streets is pretty obvious. What's not so well understood is the widespread environmental damage that precursor chemicals wreak when they are dumped in the forests of the Amazon Basin. One of today's delegates, the Director of Narcotics Enforcement for Peru's National Police, has told the DEA that as much as 175,000 pounds of sulfuric acid is dropped into the tributaries of the Upper Huallaga Valley each year.

And anyone concerned about the legacy of defoliation in Southeast Asia ought to go see what illegally diverted chemicals are beginning to do to the Andes right now. Nor are these chemical timebombs unique to South America. The problem here is so severe that last year's drug bill authorized funds for the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up hazardous waste at clandestine U.S. drug labs.

In January, DEA Task Force agents busted a heavily armed houseboat located on California's Sacramento River. And the lab -- here it was, right on the Sacramento River -- had been dumping hydrochloric acid and other raw waste directly into the water, within splashing distance of swimming kids and within casting distance of those out there fishing for salmon, or stripers, or whatever. And so today, I pledge to you that the United States will lead the fight against illicit shipments of precursor chemicals. And I have asked Dick Thornburgh, our able Attorney General, to take a principal role in this new effort.

By and large, the chemical industry has supported us. Let's be clear, we have been getting good support from most of the chemical industry. And as a result of last year's Omnibus Drug Law, regulations are now being drafted to tighten controls on the chemicals needed to refine cocaine. And we are dedicating the resources necessary to the task. Whatever needs to be done will be

done.

Of course, unilateral action by us is not going to solve this problem. And that's why we commend those governments, like Venezuela and Colombia, that have already adopted strict chemical controls. And we urge other nations to do so quickly -- as well as to approve the landmark U.N. Convention, which includes precursor chemical controls.

You know, many U.S. companies, including some chemical companies, have long recognized how drug abuse threatens productivity, corporate image and, ultimately, profits. And many in the American corporate community have donated countless hours and millions of dollars to stopping drug abuse. My Miami son, our son living here in Miami, Jeb, talks about the successful "Business Against Drugs" program right here in Miami. The American people are proud of these efforts, and I can tell you, our visitors from other countries that -- breaking out all across this country are new such efforts -- efforts by civilians, just plain concerned parents, others all around our country beginning to come together in their communities to join in this fight.

Industry has got to do more. And I hope that parents' groups and stockholders are listening today. We should demand that United States corporations act responsibly, and that they not tolerate their chemicals ending up in criminal hands.

We would like to see U.S. chemical manufacturers demonstrate their courage and civic responsibility by entering into a true partnership with our government as we try to stop narcotics at the source. These companies can make an important contribution to our nation's fight against illegal drugs. They should make it their job to join in. No one -- not parents, not churches, not bankers -- and certainly not chemical makers -- can afford to be AWOL in the war on drugs.

With so many cultures represented right here in this room, it is inevitable that there are going to be differences. But we share at least one compelling experience. Wherever you call home -- Bonn or Bogota or Boston -- people around the world are beginning to hear the cries of the kids, the cries of our children, pleading with us to stop drugs.

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My favorite speechwriter -- I don't know how well-known he is in some of your countries, but he's well-known here -- is a baseball great named Yogi Berra. And he's been kidded for describing the 1969 Mets as "overwhelming underdogs." Well, maybe that's not such a bad description for the good guys in the fight against drugs. Sure, tough challenges remain. But the children are with us and the times are beginning to change -- and Yogi's underdogs did win the World Series.

So thank you for joining us here today; thank you all for coming to the United States. And please tell your leaders, your presidents, whoever else you need to have involved that we are anxious to work with them. God bless you. And Godspeed in your noble work to save the children of the world. Thank you all very, very much. (Applause.)

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10:15 A.M. EDT

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WASHINGTON

April 23, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EM*

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST

SUBJECT: "SOUND BITE" VERSION OF THE IDEC REMARKS

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration is a clean copy -- with suggested "sound bites" underlined in bold type -- of the text you approved for the IDEC address in Miami on Thursday.

II. DISCUSSION

Of all the events during this week's travels, your address in Miami holds some of the greatest potential for making real news.

The first set of sound bites suggested here addresses the crises in drug enforcement ("Drug trafficking is the world's second-most dangerous profession") and demand reduction ("...explosive cycle of drugs, dependency and dollars").

Beginning at page four, the second set of "underlined" sound bites addresses the two substantive areas most likely to make news:

- (1) The announcement that planning has begun for a hemispheric Summit on drugs. (p. 4).
- (2) A call to action for chemical companies to help stem the flow of precursor chemicals to cocaine source countries. (pp. 5, 6 and 8 -- "No one can be AWOL in the war on drugs").

[Note: Two sets of cards have been prepared for your trip. One includes the "sound bite" underlining suggested above. The other contains only sparse underlining, tracking the original, approved text exactly.]

(McNally/Dooley)
April 21, 1989
2:00 p.m.
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(IDEC)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INT'L DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE
BISCAYNE BAY MARRIOTT HOTEL
MIAMI, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1989
9:10 A.M.

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[[And so today, as this historic conference concludes, I present you with an invitation that we ask be conveyed to your respective capitals. Just as you have gathered on seven occasions for IDEC, I ask that the leaders of the Americas join me in a special summit to address the scourge of our times. I have asked our nation's new Drug Czar, William Bennett, to organize such a Summit before the year is out.]]

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It starts in an unlikely source country. We're standing in it. The source country is the United States. That's right --

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wreak in the forests of the Amazon basin. Peru's Upper Huallaga ((WHY-AH-GA)) Valley is awash in U.S.-made chemicals. Countless acres are barren. Today once-blue waters run yellow, and local villagers are left to bathe in the toxic soup. Any manufacturers concerned about the legacy of defoliation in Southeast Asia ought to go see what their diverted chemicals are doing to the Andes today.

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((PAUSE)) GOOD MORNING. I AM HONORED TO BE HERE TO TALK WITH YOU. AND I AM THANKFUL TO JACK LAWN AND THE DISTINGUISHED ENFORCEMENT CHIEFS WHO HAVE COME FROM THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS -- ALONG WITH OUR FRIENDS AND OBSERVERS FROM EUROPE -- TO JOIN FORCES IN A NEW TRADITION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

I AM HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WAR. FIRST, TO SEE COCAINE TRAFFICKING FOR WHAT IT IS: AN ATTACK AIMED AT ENSLAVING AND EXPLOITING THE WEAK.

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SECOND, TO CONFRONT WHAT'S BECOME A WORLD WAR. AND THIRD -- I HOPE -- TO HELP END A NASTY CHAPTER IN THAT WAR -- THE DIVERSION OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS.

IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE SCOURGE OF THE AMERICAS WAS SLAVERY. A STRUGGLE OF GOOD AND EVIL, IN WHICH SOME SOUGHT TO ENRICH THEMSELVES BY ENSLAVING THE MOST DOWNTRODDEN OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN.

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AS COMMANDING OFFICERS, YOU KNOW THE HAVOC OF WHICH WE SPEAK. YOU SEE IT EVERY DAY ON THE STREETS OF YOUR CITIES AND IN MOUNTAIN VILLAGES, IN THE HAUNTED EYES AND BROKEN DREAMS OF A GENERATION OF YOUTH -- OF CHILDREN -- WHO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO A SEDUCTIVE, NIGHTMARISH NEW FORM OF DEPENDENCY AND SLAVERY.

OUR COUNTRIES HAVE SUFFERED A TERRIBLE TOLL, MANY FAR WORSE THAN THE UNITED STATES.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING IS CALLED THE WORLD'S SECOND MOST DANGEROUS PROFESSION. THE MOST DANGEROUS IS YOURS -- DRUG ENFORCEMENT.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, I HAD A GLIMPSE OF WHAT MUST BE ALL TOO FAMILIAR TO MANY OF YOU. I JOINED MRS. EVERETT HATCHER TO GRIEVE FOR THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, A VETERAN DEA AGENT WHO WAS EXECUTED BY COCAINE COWARDS IN THE BACK STREETS OF NEW YORK.

A WOMAN OF CONSIDERABLE DIGNITY, SHE PUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MR. HATCHER'S DEATH SQUARELY ON THOSE ONCE NAIVELY EXCUSED AS "CASUAL" USERS OF COCAINE.

WELL, COCAINE USERS CAN NO LONGER CLAIM NON-COMBATANT STATUS. THERE'S BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS.

AND -- THANKS IN PART TO THE DEMAND-SIDE PROGRAMS LIKE THOSE YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT LATER THIS MORNING -- THIS MESSAGE HAS BEGUN TO SEAR THE CONSCIENCES OF THE STOCKBROKERS AND STUDENTS, THE LAWYERS AND THE HOMEMAKERS AND ATHLETES WHO FINANCE OUR COMMON ENEMY.

THERE ARE MANY IRONIES. DRUG ADDICTION DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION OR FINANCIAL STATUS.

IT'S THE GREAT EQUALIZER, SNARING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE RICH, THE POOR, THE MIDDLE CLASS.

SOMETIMES THE OPPOSITE OCCURS, AND KINGPINS ARE REDUCED TO PAUPERS. THE OPULENCE OF CARLOS LEHDER'S LIFESTYLE IS BUT MEMORY NOW AS HE BEGINS HIS JOURNEY TO THE GRAVE -- LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE -- IN AN ILLINOIS PENITENTIARY.

THE NOTORIOUS FELIX GALLARDO -- ONCE BOASTING OF HIS POWER AND WEALTH -- IS ALSO BEHIND BARS IN MEXICO. STRIPPED OF BLOOD MONEY, THEY ARE NOBODIES, NO LONGER THE STUFF OF MYTH.

YOUR BUSINESS, THEN -- OUR BUSINESS -- IS TO PURSUE THESE OUTLAWS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. TO CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT REFUGE, TO LEAVE NO SANCTUARY, IN YOUR COUNTRIES OR IN MINE.

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE: THE WAR ON DRUGS IS NO METAPHOR. WE'VE BEEN SLOWER TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS ALSO A WORLD WAR, LEAVING NO NATION UNSCATHED, ONE IN WHICH HONG KONG BANKERS, BOLIVIAN GROWERS, MIDDLE EASTERN COURIERS AND WEST COAST WHOLESALERS ALL PLAY INSIDIOUS ROLES. IT IS ESPECIALLY ACUTE IN THIS HEMISPHERE, WHERE AN EXPLOSIVE CYCLE OF DRUGS, DEPENDENCY AND DOLLARS HAS ESCALATED CLEAR OUT OF CONTROL.

THE TIME FOR BLAME IS BEHIND US. FOR TOO LONG, A SHARP DIVIDE HAS BEEN DRAWN BETWEEN "PRODUCING" AND "CONSUMING" NATIONS. WELL, "DENIAL" IS A NATURAL PART OF HUMAN NATURE, AND PROBABLY PART OF A COUNTRY'S NATURE AS WELL. BUT LET'S FACE IT. AMERICANS CANNOT BLAME THE ANDEAN NATIONS FOR OUR VORACIOUS APPETITE FOR DRUGS. ULTIMATELY, THE SOLUTION TO THE U.S. DRUG PROBLEM LIES WITHIN OUR OWN BORDERS -- STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT.

AND OUR LATIN AMERICAN COUSINS CANNOT BLAME THE UNITED STATES FOR THE VORACIOUS GREED OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHO CONTROL SMALL EMPIRES AT HOME. ULTIMATELY, THE SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM LIES WITHIN YOUR BORDERS.

AND YET, GOOD NEIGHBORS MUST STAND TOGETHER. A WORLD WAR MUST BE MET IN KIND.

AND SO TODAY, AS THIS CONFERENCE CONCLUDES, WE ARE PRESENTED WITH A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY.

ALLIES IN ANY WAR MUST CONSULT -- AS PARTNERS. AND JUST AS YOU HAVE GATHERED ON SEVEN OCCASIONS FOR IDEC, I ASK THAT THE LEADERS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WHOSE NATIONS ARE AFFLICTED BY THIS SCOURGE, JOIN WITH ME TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A HEMISPHERIC COMPACT ON DRUGS -- A MUTUAL COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES AND ENERGY TO ENSURE A BRIGHTER DAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAS. AND I HAVE DIRECTED THAT OUR NATION'S NEW DRUG CZAR, WILLIAM BENNETT, TAKE THE LEAD IN COORDINATING THIS VITAL INITIATIVE.

IDEC DEMONSTRATES THAT WE WILL PUT ASIDE NATIONAL DIFFERENCES TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE. TOGETHER YOU HAVE PUT CARTELS OUT OF BUSINESS, REDUCED THE SUPPLY OF COCAINE, AND, INCREASINGLY, EDUCATED OUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG USE AND TRAFFICKING. I COMMEND JACK LAWN, AND EACH OF YOU, FOR HAVING THE FORESIGHT TO ESTABLISH THIS ORGANIZATION AND FOR DEMONSTRATING THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO WORK TOGETHER.

I'VE SPOKEN OFTEN ON THE HORRORS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. WELL, CHEMICAL ABUSE IS ALSO CHEMICAL WARFARE. POISONING OUR STREETS. AS DEADLY AS MUSTARD GAS. AND TODAY WE'RE OPENING A NEW CAMPAIGN TO RID THE WORLD OF THESE TOXINS.

WE'RE GOING TO START RIGHT HERE -- IN THE UNITED STATES. BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN THAT'S THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE BASIC INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS NEEDED TO PRODUCE COCAINE.

Now, U.S. CHEMICAL COMPANIES ARE JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR PRODUCTS THAT VASTLY IMPROVE AND EXTEND LIFE HERE AND ABROAD. BUT FEW AMERICANS ARE AWARE THAT ILLEGALLY DIVERTED BARRELS OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS -- CLEARLY MARKED WITH U.S. CORPORATE LOGOS -- ARE ROUTINELY SEIZED IN THE JUNGLES OF COLOMBIA.

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ANYONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEGACY OF DEFOLIATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OUGHT TO GO SEE WHAT ILLEGALLY DIVERTED CHEMICALS ARE BEGINNING TO DO TO THE ANDES RIGHT NOW.

NOR ARE THESE CHEMICAL TIMEBOMBS UNIQUE TO SOUTH AMERICA. THE PROBLEM HERE IS SO SEVERE THAT LAST YEAR'S DRUG BILL AUTHORIZED FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS WASTE AT CLANDESTINE U.S. DRUG LABS.

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TODAY, I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT SHIPMENTS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS. AND I HAVE ASKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN THIS NEW EFFORT.

BY AND LARGE, THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY HAS SUPPORTED US. AS A RESULT OF LAST YEAR'S OMNIBUS DRUG LAW, REGULATIONS ARE NOW BEING DRAFTED TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS ON THE CHEMICALS NEEDED TO REFINE COCAINE.

AND WE ARE DEDICATING THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO THE TASK. WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE, WILL BE DONE.

OF COURSE, UNILATERAL ACTION BY US IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. THAT'S WHY WE COMMEND THOSE GOVERNMENTS, LIKE COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA, THAT HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED STRICT CHEMICAL CONTROLS. AND WE URGE OTHER NATIONS TO DO SO QUICKLY -- AS WELL AS TO APPROVE THE LANDMARK UN CONVENTION, WHICH INCLUDES PRECURSOR CHEMICAL CONTROLS.

MANY U.S. COMPANIES, INCLUDING SOME CHEMICAL COMPANIES, HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED HOW DRUG ABUSE THREATENS PRODUCTIVITY, CORPORATE IMAGE AND, ULTIMATELY, PROFITS. MANY IN THE AMERICAN CORPORATE COMMUNITY HAVE DONATED COUNTLESS HOURS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO STOPPING DRUG ABUSE. MY SON JEB TALKS ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL "BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS" PROGRAM HERE IN MIAMI. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF THESE EFFORTS, AND GRATEFUL.

BUT INDUSTRY MUST DO MORE. AND I HOPE THAT PARENTS' GROUPS AND STOCKHOLDERS ARE LISTENING TODAY. WE SHOULD DEMAND THAT U.S. CORPORATIONS ACT RESPONSIBLY, AND THAT THEY NOT TOLERATE THEIR CHEMICALS ENDING UP IN CRIMINAL HANDS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE U.S. CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR COURAGE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY BY ENTERING INTO A TRUE PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR GOVERNMENT AS WE TRY TO STOP NARCOTICS AT THE SOURCE.

THESE COMPANIES CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR NATION'S FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS. THEY SHOULD MAKE IT THEIR JOB TO JOIN IN. NO ONE -- NOT PARENTS, NOT CHURCHES, NOT BANKERS -- AND CERTAINLY NOT CHEMICAL MAKERS -- CAN AFFORD TO BE AWOL IN THE WAR ON DRUGS.

WITH SO MANY CULTURES REPRESENTED IN THIS ROOM, IT'S INEVITABLE THAT THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES. BUT WE SHARE AT LEAST ONE COMPELLING EXPERIENCE.

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HERE IN MIAMI LAST MONTH ONE ELEMENTARY TEACHER TOLD OF A WRITING ASSIGNMENT SHE GAVE HER SIXTH-GRADERS: "THE TOPIC WAS: 'IF I WERE IN CHARGE OF THE WORLD.' EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE 36 CHILDREN WROTE THAT THEY WOULD GET RID OF THE DRUGS.

THEY WOULD GET RID OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE BREAKING THE LAW. THEY WOULD PUT MORE EFFECTIVE POLICEMEN ON THE STREETS."

MY FAVORITE SPEECHWRITER IS A BASEBALL GREAT NAMED YOGI BERRA. HE'S BEEN KIDDED FOR DESCRIBING THE 1969 METS AS "OVERWHELMING UNDERDOGS." WELL, MAYBE THAT'S NOT SUCH A BAD DESCRIPTION FOR THE GOOD GUYS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS. TOUGH CHALLENGES REMAIN.

BUT THE CHILDREN ARE WITH US, AND THE TIMES ARE BEGINNING TO CHANGE. AND YOGI'S UNDERDOGS DID WIN THE WORLD SERIES.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE TELL YOUR LEADERS WE ARE ANXIOUS TO WORK WITH THEM. GOD BLESS YOU. AND GODSPEED IN YOUR NOBLE WORK.

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REMARKS: The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

CHRISS WINSTON *G for CW*

FROM:

EDWARD McNALLY *EMW*

SUBJECT:

REMARKS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT
CONFERENCE IN MIAMI

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration are draft remarks for your address to the International Drug Enforcement Conference (IDEC) in Miami, scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 1989, at 9:10 a.m.

II. DISCUSSION

Initiated in 1983, each year IDEC brings together the DEA Administrator's drug enforcement counterparts from throughout the Americas. Several European and Caribbean "observer" nations also participate. Jack Lawn is currently serving as IDEC VII's president. The Miami gathering marks the first time the U.S. is hosting IDEC.

The attached draft includes two elements that may be of particular interest to the public and news media.

The first is the announcement (in fulfillment of a campaign promise) that Bill Bennett will seek to "organize" a special Summit of hemisphere leaders to address the scourge of drugs. The relevant paragraph is on page four, and is bracketed because Director Bennett will be advising on Monday, April 24th, whether the suggested timetable (to "organize" the Summit "... before the year is out") permits adequate preparation for such an announcement this week. (Alternative sets of cards will be prepared to allow for either contingency.)

The other area of interest concerns U.S. efforts to stem the flow of "precursor chemicals" -- essential for refining cocaine. Although the chemical and environmental issues are well understood by IDEC (it's on the conference agenda) they have not yet received much attention from America's "bully pulpits."

(McNally/Dooley)
April 21, 1989
2:00 p.m.
Draft two
(IDEC)

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Nor are these chemical timebombs unique to South America. The problem here is so severe that last year's drug bill authorized funds for the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up hazardous waste at clandestine U.S. drug labs.

In January, DEA Task Force agents busted a heavily armed houseboat lab on California's Sacramento River. The lab had been dumping hydrochloric acid and other raw waste directly into the water, within splashing distance of swimming kids and within casting distance of those fishing for salmon and stripers.

Whether at home or abroad, we're not about to let the proud label "Made in the USA" become a badge of shame. Today, I pledge to you that the United States will lead the fight against illicit shipments of precursor chemicals. And I have asked the Attorney General to take a principal role in this new effort.

By and large, the chemical industry has supported us. As a result of last year's Omnibus Drug law, regulations are now being drafted to tighten controls on the chemicals needed to refine cocaine. And we are dedicating the resources necessary to the task. Whatever needs to be done, will be done.

We also commend those governments, like Colombia and Venezuela, that have already adopted strict chemical controls. And we urge other nations to do so quickly -- as well as to approve the landmark UN Convention, which includes precursor chemical controls.

Many U.S. companies, including some chemical companies, have long recognized how drug abuse threatens productivity, corporate image and, ultimately, profits. Many in the American corporate community have donated countless hours and millions of dollars to stopping drug abuse. My son Jeb talks about the successful "Business Against Drugs" program here in Miami. The American people are proud of these efforts, and grateful.

But industry must do more. And I hope that parents groups and stockholders are listening today. We should reward responsible corporations. And not do business with those who -- as of today's warning shots -- permit their chemicals to end up in criminal hands.

We would like to see U.S. chemical manufacturers demonstrate their courage and civic responsibility by entering into a true partnership with our government as we try to stop narcotics at the source. Perhaps you've seen the advertisements of one such company, encouraging idealistic young Americans to sign on because it "lets you do great things." Well, these companies have the potential answers to a big part of our nation's drug problem. They should make it their job to provide them. No one

-- not parents, not churches, not bankers -- and certainly not chemical makers -- can afford to be AWOL in the war on drugs.

With so many cultures represented in this room, it's inevitable that there will be differences. But we share at least one compelling experience. Wherever you call home -- whether Bonn or Bogota or Boston -- people around the world are beginning to hear the cries of our children, pleading with us to stop the drugs.

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Thank you for coming to the United States. Please tell your leaders we are anxious to work with them. God bless you. And Godspeed in your noble work.

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April 23, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EMW*
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
SUBJECT: "SOUND BITE" VERSION OF THE IDEC REMARKS

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration is a clean copy -- with suggested "sound bites" underlined in bold type -- of the text you approved for the IDEC address in Miami on Thursday.

II. DISCUSSION

Of all the events during this week's travels, your address in Miami holds some of the greatest potential for making real news.

The first set of sound bites suggested here addresses the crises in drug enforcement ("Drug trafficking is the world's second-most dangerous profession") and demand reduction ("...explosive cycle of drugs, dependency and dollars").

Beginning at page four, the second set of "underlined" sound bites addresses the two substantive areas most likely to make news:

- (1) The announcement that planning has begun for a hemispheric Summit on drugs. (p. 4).
- (2) A call to action for chemical companies to help stem the flow of precursor chemicals to cocaine source countries. (pp. 5, 6 and 8 -- "No one can be AWOL in the war on drugs").

[Note: Two sets of cards have been prepared for your trip. One includes the "sound bite" underlining suggested above. The other contains only sparse underlining, tracking the original, approved text exactly.]

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April 24, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM; DENISE SCHWARZ
OFFICE OF CABINET AFFAIRS

SUBJECT; PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNATIONAL DRUG
ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

LOG #029287SS

Attached are late comments that came in from the agencies about the remarks. Thank you for trying to incorporate them as you see fit.

Attachment

cc: Jim Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/21/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 SATURDAY 4/22/89

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INT'L DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

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REMARKS: Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with an info copy to my office by 12:00 SATURDAY, April 21. Thank you..

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INT'L DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE
MARRIOTT HOTEL, MIAMI, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1989
9:00 A.M.

((PAUSE)) "This scourge will stop."

((PAUSE)) Those were the words with which I opened my presidency. And it is the continuation of that promise that brings me to Miami today.

((PAUSE)) Good morning. I am honored to be here to talk with you. And I am thankful to Jack Lawn and the distinguished enforcement chiefs who have come from throughout the Americas -- along with our friends and observers from Europe -- to join forces in a new tradition of international cooperation.

I am here today to talk about war. First, to see cocaine trafficking for what it is: an attack aimed at enslaving and exploiting the weak. Second, to confront what's become a World War. And third -- I hope -- to help end a nasty chapter in the annals of chemical warfare.

America's Civil War was our worst and bloodiest. It came in a century when slavery was the scourge of the Americas, a struggle of good and evil, in which some sought to enrich themselves by enslaving the most downtrodden of their countrymen.

Today the scourge of this hemisphere is called cocaine.

As commanding officers, you know the havoc of which we speak. You see it every day on the streets of your cities and in mountain villages, in the haunted eyes and broken dreams of a generation of youth -- of children -- who have fallen victim to a seductive, nightmarish new form of dependency and slavery.

Our countries have suffered a terrible toll, many far worse than the United States. Drug trafficking is called the world's second most dangerous profession. The most dangerous is yours -- drug enforcement.

Earlier this year, I had a glimpse of what must be all too familiar to many of you. I joined Mrs. Everett Hatcher to grieve the death of her husband, a veteran DEA agent who was executed by cocaine cowards in the back streets of New York. A woman of considerable dignity, she put responsibility for Hatch's death squarely on those once naively excused as "casual" users of cocaine.

Well, these users can no longer claim non-combatant status. There's blood on their hands. And -- thanks in part to the demand-side programs like those you'll hear about later this morning -- this message has begun to sear the consciences of the stockbrokers and students, the lawyers and the homemakers and athletes who finance our common enemy.

There are many ironies. Drug addiction does not discriminate against a person because of race, religion or financial status. It's the great equalizer, snaring sons and daughters of the rich, the poor, the middle class.

Sometimes the opposite occurs, and kingpins are reduced to paupers. The opulence of Carlos Lehder's lifestyle is but memory now as he begins his journey to the grave -- life without parole -- in an Illinois penitentiary. Mexico's notorious Felix Gallardo -- once boasting of his power and wealth -- is also behind bars. Stripped of blood money, they are nobodies, no longer the stuff of myth.

Your business, then -- our business -- is to pursue these outlaws to the ends of the earth. To create a world without refuge, to leave no sanctuary, in your countries or in mine.

I've said it before: The war on drugs is no metaphor. We've been slower to recognize that it is also a World War, leaving no nation unscathed, one in which Hong Kong bankers, Bolivian growers, Middle Eastern couriers and West Coast (what)? wholesalers all play insidious roles. It is especially acute in this hemisphere, where an explosive cycle of drugs, dependency and dollars has escalated clear out of control.

The time for blame is behind us. For too long, a sharp divide has been drawn between "producing" and "consuming" nations. Well, "denial" is a natural part of human nature, and probably part of a country's nature as well. But let's face it. Americans cannot blame the Andean peoples for our voracious appetite for drugs. Ultimately, the solution to the U.S. drug problem lies within our own borders -- stepped up enforcement, education and treatment.

And our Latin American cousins cannot blame the United States for the voracious greed of the drug traffickers who control small empires at home. Ultimately, the solution to that problem lies within your borders.

And yet, good neighbors must stand together. A World War must be met in kind. ^(see attached suggested replacement) And ~~so~~ today, as this historic conference concludes, I present you with an invitation that we ask be conveyed to your respective capitals. Just as you have gathered on seven occasions for IDEC, I ask that the leaders of the Americas join me in a special summit to address the scourge of our times. I have asked America's new Drug Czar, William Bennett, to organize such a Summit before the year is out.

Bennett will address on Monday

IDEC demonstrates that we will put aside national differences to do what must be done. Together you have put cartels out of business, reduced the supply of powder, and, increasingly, educated our children about the dangers of drug use and trafficking. I commend Jack Lawn, and each of you, for having the foresight to establish this organization and for demonstrating the collective commitment to work together.

I've spoken often on the horrors of chemical warfare. Well, chemical abuse is also chemical warfare. Poisoning our streets. As deadly as mustard gas. And today we're opening a new campaign to rid the world of these toxins.

~~It starts in an unlikely source country. We're standing in it. The source country is America.~~ That's right -- America.

The United States is the world's leading producer of three of the key chemicals needed to produce cocaine.

Now, American chemical companies are justly proud of their products that vastly improve and extend life here and abroad. But few Americans are aware that swollen barrels of dangerous U.S. chemicals -- clearly marked with American corporate logos -- are routinely seized in the jungles of Colombia. To paraphrase Madison Avenue, and to state a simple fact: Without these chemicals, cocaine itself would be impossible.

IDEC held a panel discussion on this Tuesday. Those gathered here understand its importance. Traffickers have hit us where it hurts. Now we're going to exploit their vulnerabilities, crimping the flow of the chemicals without which they cannot produce.

We know it works in the field. Many of you participated in the "IDEC Six" operations last August, when the combined efforts of 30 nations saw the seizure of 155,000 pounds of highly flammable ether, almost 450,000 pounds of acetone, over 50,000 pounds of hydrochloric acid and nearly 14,000 pounds of MEK.

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BISCAYNE BAY MARRIOTT HOTEL
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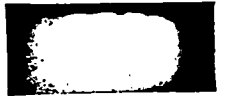
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AND -- THANKS IN PART TO THE DEMAND-SIDE PROGRAMS LIKE THOSE YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT LATER THIS MORNING -- THIS MESSAGE HAS BEGUN TO SEAR THE CONSCIENCES OF THE STOCKBROKERS AND STUDENTS, THE LAWYERS AND THE HOMEMAKERS AND ATHLETES WHO FINANCE OUR COMMON ENEMY.

THERE ARE MANY IRONIES. DRUG ADDICTION DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION OR FINANCIAL STATUS.

IT'S THE GREAT EQUALIZER, SNARING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE RICH, THE POOR, THE MIDDLE CLASS.

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YOUR BUSINESS, THEN -- OUR BUSINESS -- IS TO PURSUE THESE OUTLAWS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. TO CREATE A WORLD WITHOUT REFUGE, TO LEAVE NO SANCTUARY, IN YOUR COUNTRIES OR IN MINE.

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE: THE WAR ON DRUGS IS NO METAPHOR. WE'VE BEEN SLOWER TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS ALSO A WORLD WAR, LEAVING NO NATION UNSCATHED, ONE IN WHICH HONG KONG BANKERS, BOLIVIAN GROWERS, MIDDLE EASTERN COURIERS AND WEST COAST WHOLESALERS ALL PLAY INSIDIOUS ROLES. IT IS ESPECIALLY ACUTE IN THIS HEMISPHERE, WHERE AN EXPLOSIVE CYCLE OF DRUGS, DEPENDENCY AND DOLLARS HAS ESCALATED CLEAR OUT OF CONTROL.

THE TIME FOR BLAME IS BEHIND US. FOR TOO LONG, A SHARP DIVIDE HAS BEEN DRAWN BETWEEN "PRODUCING" AND "CONSUMING" NATIONS. WELL, "DENIAL" IS A NATURAL PART OF HUMAN NATURE, AND PROBABLY PART OF A COUNTRY'S NATURE AS WELL. BUT LET'S FACE IT. AMERICANS CANNOT BLAME THE ANDEAN NATIONS FOR OUR VORACIOUS APPETITE FOR DRUGS. ULTIMATELY, THE SOLUTION TO THE U.S. DRUG PROBLEM LIES WITHIN OUR OWN BORDERS -- STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT.

AND OUR LATIN AMERICAN COUSINS CANNOT BLAME THE UNITED STATES FOR THE VORACIOUS GREED OF THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHO CONTROL SMALL EMPIRES AT HOME. ULTIMATELY, THE SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM LIES WITHIN YOUR BORDERS.

AND YET, GOOD NEIGHBORS MUST STAND TOGETHER. A WORLD WAR MUST BE MET IN KIND.

[[AND SO TODAY, AS THIS HISTORIC CONFERENCE CONCLUDES, I PRESENT YOU WITH AN INVITATION THAT WE ASK BE CONVEYED TO YOUR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. JUST AS YOU HAVE GATHERED ON SEVEN OCCASIONS FOR IDEC, I ASK THAT THE LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS JOIN ME IN A SPECIAL SUMMIT TO ADDRESS THE SCOURGE OF OUR TIMES. I HAVE ASKED OUR NATION'S NEW DRUG CZAR, WILLIAM BENNETT, TO ORGANIZE SUCH A SUMMIT BEFORE THE YEAR IS OUT.]]

IDEC DEMONSTRATES THAT WE WILL PUT ASIDE NATIONAL DIFFERENCES TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE. TOGETHER YOU HAVE PUT CARTELS OUT OF BUSINESS, REDUCED THE SUPPLY OF COCAINE, AND, INCREASINGLY, EDUCATED OUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG USE AND TRAFFICKING. I COMMEND JACK LAWN, AND EACH OF YOU, FOR HAVING THE FORESIGHT TO ESTABLISH THIS ORGANIZATION AND FOR DEMONSTRATING THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO WORK TOGETHER.

I'VE SPOKEN OFTEN ON THE HORRORS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. WELL, CHEMICAL ABUSE IS ALSO CHEMICAL WARFARE. POISONING OUR STREETS. AS DEADLY AS MUSTARD GAS. AND TODAY WE'RE OPENING A NEW CAMPAIGN TO RID THE WORLD OF THESE TOXINS.


IT STARTS IN AN UNLIKELY SOURCE COUNTRY. WE'RE STANDING IN IT. THE SOURCE COUNTRY IS THE UNITED STATES. THAT'S RIGHT -- THE UNITED STATES.

OUR COUNTRY IS THE WORLD'S LEADING PRODUCER OF THREE OF THE KEY CHEMICALS NEEDED TO PRODUCE COCAINE.

NOW, U.S. CHEMICAL COMPANIES ARE JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR PRODUCTS THAT VASTLY IMPROVE AND EXTEND LIFE HERE AND ABROAD. BUT FEW AMERICANS ARE AWARE THAT SWOLLEN BARRELS OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS -- CLEARLY MARKED WITH U.S. CORPORATE LOGOS -- ARE ROUTINELY SEIZED IN THE JUNGLES OF COLOMBIA.

TO PARAPHRASE MADISON AVENUE, AND TO STATE A SIMPLE FACT: WITHOUT THESE CHEMICALS, COCAINE ITSELF WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

IDEC HELD A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THIS TUESDAY. THOSE GATHERED HERE UNDERSTAND ITS IMPORTANCE. TRAFFICKERS HAVE HIT US WHERE IT HURTS. NOW WE'RE GOING TO EXPLOIT THEIR VULNERABILITIES, CRIMPING THE FLOW OF THE CHEMICALS WITHOUT WHICH THEY CANNOT PRODUCE.



WE KNOW IT WORKS IN THE FIELD. MANY OF YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE "IDEC SIX" OPERATIONS LAST AUGUST, WHEN THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF 30 NATIONS SAW THE SEIZURE OF 155,000 POUNDS OF HIGHLY FLAMMABLE ETHER, ALMOST 450,000 POUNDS OF ACETONE, OVER 50,000 POUNDS OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID AND NEARLY 14,000 POUNDS OF MEK.

THIS PAST JANUARY, COLOMBIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS OFFICERS UNDER GENERAL MUNOZ-SANABRIA -- WHO I UNDERSTAND IS HERE TODAY -- CONGRATULATIONS, GENERAL -- DESTROYED 25 COCAINE LABORATORIES AND ENOUGH CHEMICALS TO MAKE APPROXIMATELY 83 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE.

THE DAMAGE THAT'S DONE WHEN 83 TONS OF COKE HITS U.S. STREETS IS PRETTY OBVIOUS.

WHAT'S NOT SO WELL UNDERSTOOD IS THE WIDESPREAD ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THAT U.S. PRECURSOR CHEMICALS WREAK IN THE FORESTS OF THE AMAZON BASIN. PERU'S UPPER HUALLAGA ((WHY-AH-GA)) VALLEY IS AWASH IN U.S.-MADE CHEMICALS. COUNTLESS ACRES ARE BARREN. TODAY ONCE-BLUE WATERS RUN YELLOW, AND LOCAL VILLAGERS ARE LEFT TO BATHE IN THE TOXIC SOUP.

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NOR ARE THESE CHEMICAL TIMEBOMBS UNIQUE TO SOUTH AMERICA. THE PROBLEM HERE IS SO SEVERE THAT LAST YEAR'S DRUG BILL AUTHORIZED FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS WASTE AT CLANDESTINE U.S. DRUG LABS.

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TODAY, I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT SHIPMENTS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS. AND I HAVE ASKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN THIS NEW EFFORT.

BY AND LARGE, THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY HAS SUPPORTED US. AS A RESULT OF LAST YEAR'S OMNIBUS DRUG LAW, REGULATIONS ARE NOW BEING DRAFTED TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS ON THE CHEMICALS NEEDED TO REFINE COCAINE.

AND WE ARE DEDICATING THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO THE TASK. WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE, WILL BE DONE.

WE ALSO COMMEND THOSE GOVERNMENTS, LIKE COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA, THAT HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED STRICT CHEMICAL CONTROLS. AND WE URGE OTHER NATIONS TO DO SO QUICKLY -- AS WELL AS TO APPROVE THE LANDMARK UN CONVENTION, WHICH INCLUDES PRECURSOR CHEMICAL CONTROLS.

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((PAUSE)) **"This scourge will stop."**

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((PAUSE)) Good morning. I am honored to be here to talk with you. And I am thankful to Jack Lawn and the distinguished enforcement chiefs who have come from throughout the Americas -- along with our friends and observers from Europe -- to join forces in a new tradition of international cooperation.

I am here today to talk about war. First, to see cocaine trafficking for what it is: an attack aimed at enslaving and exploiting the weak. Second, to confront what's become a World War. And third -- I hope -- to help end a nasty chapter in that war -- the diversion of precursor chemicals.

In the 19th Century, the scourge of the Americas was slavery. A struggle of good and evil, in which some sought to enrich themselves by enslaving the most downtrodden of their countrymen.

Today the scourge of this hemisphere is called cocaine.

As commanding officers, you know the havoc of which we speak. You see it every day on the streets of your cities and in mountain villages, in the haunted eyes and broken dreams of a generation of youth -- of children -- who have fallen victim to a seductive, nightmarish new form of dependency and slavery.

Our countries have suffered a terrible toll, many far worse than the United States. Drug trafficking is called the world's second most dangerous profession. The most dangerous is yours -- drug enforcement.

Earlier this year, I had a glimpse of what must be all too familiar to many of you. I joined Mrs. Everett Hatcher to grieve the death of her husband, a veteran DEA agent who was executed by cocaine cowards in the back streets of New York. A woman of considerable dignity, she put responsibility for Hatch's death squarely on those once naively excused as "casual" users of cocaine.

Well, cocaine users can no longer claim non-combatant status. There's blood on their hands. And -- thanks in part to the demand-side programs like those you'll hear about later this morning -- this message has begun to sear the consciences of the stockbrokers and students, the lawyers and the homemakers and athletes who finance our common enemy.

There are many ironies. Drug addiction does not discriminate against a person because of race, religion or financial status. It's the great equalizer, snaring sons and daughters of the rich, the poor, the middle class.

Sometimes the opposite occurs, and kingpins are reduced to paupers. The opulence of Carlos Lehder's lifestyle is but memory now as he begins his journey to the grave -- life without parole -- in an Illinois penitentiary. The notorious Felix Gallardo -- once boasting of his power and wealth -- is also behind bars in Mexico. Stripped of blood money, they are nobodies, no longer the stuff of myth.

Your business, then -- our business -- is to pursue these outlaws to the ends of the earth. To create a world without refuge, to leave no sanctuary, in your countries or in mine.

I've said it before: The war on drugs is no metaphor. We've been slower to recognize that it is also a World War, leaving no nation unscathed, one in which Hong Kong bankers, Bolivian growers, Middle Eastern couriers and West Coast wholesalers all play insidious roles. It is especially acute in this hemisphere, where an explosive cycle of drugs, dependency and dollars has escalated clear out of control.

The time for blame is behind us. For too long, a sharp divide has been drawn between "producing" and "consuming" nations. Well, "denial" is a natural part of human nature, and probably part of a country's nature as well. But let's face it. Americans cannot blame the Andean nations for our voracious appetite for drugs. Ultimately, the solution to the U.S. drug problem lies within our own borders -- stepped up enforcement, education and treatment.

And our Latin American cousins cannot blame the United States for the voracious greed of the drug traffickers who control small empires at home. Ultimately, the solution to that problem lies within your borders.

And yet, good neighbors must stand together. A World War must be met in kind.

And so today, as this historic conference concludes, I present you with an invitation that we ask be conveyed to your respective capitals. Allies in any war must consult -- as partners. And just as you have gathered on seven occasions for IDEC, I ask that the leaders of the Western Hemisphere join together to plan strategy and commit resources. I ask that you work together with our nation's new Drug Czar, William Bennett, toward a Summit on drugs -- and a brighter day for the children of the Americas.

IDEC demonstrates that we will put aside national differences to do what must be done. Together you have put cartels out of business, reduced the supply of cocaine, and, increasingly, educated our children about the dangers of drug use and trafficking. I commend Jack Lawn, and each of you, for having the foresight to establish this organization and for demonstrating the collective commitment to work together.

I've spoken often on the horrors of chemical warfare. Well, chemical abuse is also chemical warfare. Poisoning our streets. As deadly as mustard gas. And today we're opening a new campaign to rid the world of these toxins.

We're going to start right here -- in the United States. Because all too often that's the original source of the basic industrial chemicals needed to produce cocaine.

Now, U.S. chemical companies are justly proud of their products that vastly improve and extend life here and abroad. But few Americans are aware that illegally diverted barrels of dangerous chemicals -- clearly marked with U.S. corporate logos -- are routinely seized in the jungles of Colombia.

IDEC held a panel discussion on this Tuesday. Those gathered here understand its importance. Traffickers have hit us where it hurts. Now we're going to exploit their vulnerabilities, crimping the flow of the materials without which they cannot produce. No chemicals, no cocaine.

We know it works in the field. Many of you participated in the "IDEC Six" operations last August, when the combined efforts of 30 nations saw the seizure of 155,000 pounds of highly flammable ether, almost 450,000 pounds of acetone, over 50,000 pounds of hydrochloric acid and nearly 14,000 pounds of MEK.

This past January, Colombian anti-narcotics officers under General Munoz-Sanabria -- who I understand is here today -- congratulations, General -- destroyed 25 cocaine laboratories and enough chemicals to make approximately 88 metric tons of cocaine.

The damage that's done when 88 tons of coke hits U.S. streets is pretty obvious. What's not so well understood is the widespread environmental damage that precursor chemicals wreak when they are dumped in the forests of the Amazon basin. One of

today's delegates, the director of narcotics enforcement for Peru's national police, has told the DEA that as much as 175,000 pounds of sulfuric acid is dumped into the tributaries of the Upper Huallaga ((WHY-AH-GA)) Valley each year. Anyone concerned about the legacy of defoliation in Southeast Asia ought to go see what illegally diverted chemicals are beginning to do to the Andes right now.

Nor are these chemical timebombs unique to South America. The problem here is so severe that last year's drug bill authorized funds for the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up hazardous waste at clandestine U.S. drug labs.

In January, DEA Task Force agents busted a heavily armed houseboat lab on California's Sacramento River. The lab had been dumping hydrochloric acid and other raw waste directly into the water, within splashing distance of swimming kids and within casting distance of those fishing for salmon and stripers.

Whether at home or abroad, **we're not about to let the proud label "Made in the USA" become a badge of shame. Today, I pledge to you that the United States will lead the fight against illicit shipments of precursor chemicals.** And I have asked the Attorney General to take a principal role in this new effort.

By and large, the chemical industry has supported us. As a result of last year's Omnibus Drug law, regulations are now being drafted to tighten controls on the chemicals needed to refine cocaine. And we are dedicating the resources necessary to the task. Whatever needs to be done, will be done.

Of course, unilateral action by us is not going to solve this problem. That's why we commend those governments, like Colombia and Venezuela, that have already adopted strict chemical controls. And we urge other nations to do so quickly -- as well as to approve the landmark UN Convention, which includes precursor chemical controls.

Many U.S. companies, including some chemical companies, have long recognized how drug abuse threatens productivity, corporate image and, ultimately, profits. Many in the American corporate community have donated countless hours and millions of dollars to stopping drug abuse. My son Jeb talks about the successful "Business Against Drugs" program here in Miami. The American people are proud of these efforts, and grateful.

But industry must do more. And I hope that parents groups and stockholders are listening today. We should reward responsible corporations. And not do business with those who -- as of today's warning shots -- permit their chemicals to end up in criminal hands.

We would like to see U.S. chemical manufacturers demonstrate their courage and civic responsibility by entering into a true partnership with our government as we try to stop narcotics at the source. These companies can make an important contribution to our nation's fight against illegal drugs. They should make it their job to join in. No one -- not parents, not churches, not bankers -- and certainly not chemical makers -- can afford to be AWOL in the war on drugs.

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With so many cultures represented in this room, it's inevitable that there will be differences. But we share at least one compelling experience. Wherever you call home -- whether Bonn or Bogota or Boston -- people around the world are beginning to hear the cries of our children, pleading with us to stop the drugs.

Here in Miami last month one elementary teacher told of a writing assignment she gave her sixth-graders: "The topic was: 'If I Were In Charge Of The World.' Every single one of those 36 children wrote that they would get rid of the drugs. They would get rid of those people who are breaking the law. They would put more effective policemen on the streets."

My favorite speechwriter is a baseball great named Yogi Berra. He's been kidded for describing the 1969 Mets as "overwhelming underdogs." Well, maybe that's not such a bad description for the good guys in the fight against drugs. Tough challenges remain. But the children are with us, and the times are beginning to change. And Yogi's underdogs did win the World Series.

Thank you for coming to the United States. Please tell your leaders we are anxious to work with them. God bless you. And Godspeed in your noble work.

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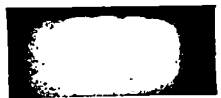
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I AM HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WAR. FIRST, TO SEE COCAINE TRAFFICKING FOR WHAT IT IS: AN ATTACK AIMED AT ENSLAVING AND EXPLOITING THE WEAK.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING IS CALLED THE WORLD'S SECOND MOST DANGEROUS PROFESSION. THE MOST DANGEROUS IS YOURS -- DRUG ENFORCEMENT.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, I HAD A GLIMPSE OF WHAT MUST BE ALL TOO FAMILIAR TO MANY OF YOU. I JOINED MRS. EVERETT HATCHER TO GRIEVE THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, A VETERAN DEA AGENT WHO WAS EXECUTED BY COCAINE COWARDS IN THE BACK STREETS OF NEW YORK.



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AND -- THANKS IN PART TO THE DEMAND-SIDE PROGRAMS LIKE THOSE YOU'LL HEAR ABOUT LATER THIS MORNING -- THIS MESSAGE HAS BEGUN TO SEAR THE CONSCIENCES OF THE STOCKBROKERS AND STUDENTS, THE LAWYERS AND THE HOMEMAKERS AND ATHLETES WHO FINANCE OUR COMMON ENEMY.

THERE ARE MANY IRONIES. DRUG ADDICTION DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION OR FINANCIAL STATUS.

IT'S THE GREAT EQUALIZER, SNARING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE RICH, THE POOR, THE MIDDLE CLASS.

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I'VE SAID IT BEFORE: THE WAR ON DRUGS IS NO METAPHOR. WE'VE BEEN SLOWER TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS ALSO A WORLD WAR, LEAVING NO NATION UNSCATHED, ONE IN WHICH HONG KONG BANKERS, BOLIVIAN GROWERS, MIDDLE EASTERN COURIERS AND WEST COAST WHOLESALERS ALL PLAY INSIDIOUS ROLES. IT IS ESPECIALLY ACUTE IN THIS HEMISPHERE, WHERE AN EXPLOSIVE CYCLE OF DRUGS, DEPENDENCY AND DOLLARS HAS ESCALATED CLEAR OUT OF CONTROL.

THE TIME FOR BLAME IS BEHIND US. FOR TOO LONG, A SHARP DIVIDE HAS BEEN DRAWN BETWEEN "PRODUCING" AND "CONSUMING" NATIONS. WELL, "DENIAL" IS A NATURAL PART OF HUMAN NATURE, AND PROBABLY PART OF A COUNTRY'S NATURE AS WELL. BUT LET'S FACE IT. AMERICANS CANNOT BLAME THE ANDEAN NATIONS FOR OUR VORACIOUS APPETITE FOR DRUGS. ULTIMATELY, THE SOLUTION TO THE U.S. DRUG PROBLEM LIES WITHIN OUR OWN BORDERS -- STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT.

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AND YET, GOOD NEIGHBORS MUST STAND TOGETHER. A WORLD WAR MUST BE MET IN KIND.

[[AND SO TODAY, AS THIS HISTORIC CONFERENCE CONCLUDES, I PRESENT YOU WITH AN INVITATION THAT WE ASK BE CONVEYED TO YOUR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. JUST AS YOU HAVE GATHERED ON SEVEN OCCASIONS FOR IDEC, I ASK THAT THE LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS JOIN ME IN A SPECIAL SUMMIT TO ADDRESS THE SCOURGE OF OUR TIMES. I HAVE ASKED OUR NATION'S NEW DRUG CZAR, WILLIAM BENNETT, TO ORGANIZE SUCH A SUMMIT BEFORE THE YEAR IS OUT.]]

IDEC DEMONSTRATES THAT WE WILL PUT ASIDE NATIONAL DIFFERENCES TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE. TOGETHER YOU HAVE PUT CARTELS OUT OF BUSINESS, REDUCED THE SUPPLY OF COCAINE, AND, INCREASINGLY, EDUCATED OUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG USE AND TRAFFICKING. I COMMEND JACK LAWN, AND EACH OF YOU, FOR HAVING THE FORESIGHT TO ESTABLISH THIS ORGANIZATION AND FOR DEMONSTRATING THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO WORK TOGETHER.

I'VE SPOKEN OFTEN ON THE HORRORS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. WELL, CHEMICAL ABUSE IS ALSO CHEMICAL WARFARE. POISONING OUR STREETS. AS DEADLY AS MUSTARD GAS. AND TODAY WE'RE OPENING A NEW CAMPAIGN TO RID THE WORLD OF THESE TOXINS.

IT STARTS IN AN UNLIKELY SOURCE COUNTRY. WE'RE STANDING IN IT. THE SOURCE COUNTRY IS THE UNITED STATES. THAT'S RIGHT -- THE UNITED STATES.




OUR COUNTRY IS THE WORLD'S LEADING PRODUCER OF THREE OF THE KEY CHEMICALS NEEDED TO PRODUCE COCAINE.

NOW, U.S. CHEMICAL COMPANIES ARE JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR PRODUCTS THAT VASTLY IMPROVE AND EXTEND LIFE HERE AND ABROAD. BUT FEW AMERICANS ARE AWARE THAT SWOLLEN BARRELS OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS -- CLEARLY MARKED WITH U.S. CORPORATE LOGOS -- ARE ROUTINELY SEIZED IN THE JUNGLES OF COLOMBIA.

TO PARAPHRASE MADISON AVENUE, AND TO STATE A SIMPLE FACT: WITHOUT THESE CHEMICALS, COCAINE ITSELF WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

IDEC HELD A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THIS TUESDAY. THOSE GATHERED HERE UNDERSTAND ITS IMPORTANCE. TRAFFICKERS HAVE HIT US WHERE IT HURTS. NOW WE'RE GOING TO EXPLOIT THEIR VULNERABILITIES, CRIMPING THE FLOW OF THE CHEMICALS WITHOUT WHICH THEY CANNOT PRODUCE.



WE KNOW IT WORKS IN THE FIELD. MANY OF YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE "IDEC SIX" OPERATIONS LAST AUGUST, WHEN THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF 30 NATIONS SAW THE SEIZURE OF 155,000 POUNDS OF HIGHLY FLAMMABLE ETHER, ALMOST 450,000 POUNDS OF ACETONE, OVER 50,000 POUNDS OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID AND NEARLY 14,000 POUNDS OF MEK.

THIS PAST JANUARY, COLOMBIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS OFFICERS UNDER GENERAL MUNOZ-SANABRIA -- WHO I UNDERSTAND IS HERE TODAY -- CONGRATULATIONS, GENERAL -- DESTROYED 25 COCAINE LABORATORIES AND ENOUGH CHEMICALS TO MAKE APPROXIMATELY 83 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE.

THE DAMAGE THAT'S DONE WHEN 83 TONS OF COKE HITS U.S. STREETS IS PRETTY OBVIOUS.

WHAT'S NOT SO WELL UNDERSTOOD IS THE WIDESPREAD ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THAT U.S. PRECURSOR CHEMICALS WREAK IN THE FORESTS OF THE AMAZON BASIN. PERU'S UPPER HUALLAGA ((WHY-AH-GA)) VALLEY IS AWASH IN U.S.-MADE CHEMICALS. COUNTLESS ACRES ARE BARREN. TODAY ONCE-BLUE WATERS RUN YELLOW, AND LOCAL VILLAGERS ARE LEFT TO BATHE IN THE TOXIC SOUP.

ANY MANUFACTURERS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEGACY OF DEFOLIATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OUGHT TO GO SEE WHAT THEIR DIVERTED CHEMICALS ARE DOING TO THE ANDES TODAY.

NOR ARE THESE CHEMICAL TIMEBOMBS UNIQUE TO SOUTH AMERICA. THE PROBLEM HERE IS SO SEVERE THAT LAST YEAR'S DRUG BILL AUTHORIZED FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS WASTE AT CLANDESTINE U.S. DRUG LABS.

IN JANUARY, DEA TASK FORCE AGENTS BUSTED A HEAVILY ARMED HOUSEBOAT LAB ON CALIFORNIA'S SACRAMENTO RIVER. THE LAB HAD BEEN DUMPING HYDROCHLORIC ACID AND OTHER RAW WASTE DIRECTLY INTO THE WATER, WITHIN SPLASHING DISTANCE OF SWIMMING KIDS AND WITHIN CASTING DISTANCE OF THOSE FISHING FOR SALMON AND STRIPERS.

WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD, WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO LET THE PROUD LABEL "MADE IN THE USA" BECOME A BADGE OF SHAME.

TODAY, I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL LEAD THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT SHIPMENTS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS. AND I HAVE ASKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE A PRINCIPAL ROLE IN THIS NEW EFFORT.

BY AND LARGE, THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY HAS SUPPORTED US. AS A RESULT OF LAST YEAR'S OMNIBUS DRUG LAW, REGULATIONS ARE NOW BEING DRAFTED TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS ON THE CHEMICALS NEEDED TO REFINE COCAINE.

AND WE ARE DEDICATING THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO THE TASK. WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE, WILL BE DONE.

WE ALSO COMMEND THOSE GOVERNMENTS, LIKE COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA, THAT HAVE ALREADY ADOPTED STRICT CHEMICAL CONTROLS. AND WE URGE OTHER NATIONS TO DO SO QUICKLY -- AS WELL AS TO APPROVE THE LANDMARK UN CONVENTION, WHICH INCLUDES PRECURSOR CHEMICAL CONTROLS.

MANY U.S. COMPANIES, INCLUDING SOME CHEMICAL COMPANIES, HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED HOW DRUG ABUSE THREATENS PRODUCTIVITY, CORPORATE IMAGE AND, ULTIMATELY, PROFITS. MANY IN THE AMERICAN CORPORATE COMMUNITY HAVE DONATED COUNTLESS HOURS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO STOPPING DRUG ABUSE. MY SON JEB TALKS ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL "BUSINESS AGAINST DRUGS" PROGRAM HERE IN MIAMI. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF THESE EFFORTS, AND GRATEFUL.

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