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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INT'L DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE
BISCAYNE BAY MARRIOTT HOTEL
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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1989
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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. 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 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 Summit on drugs -- and 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.

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 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.

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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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

PHILLIP D. BRADY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF CABINET AFFAIRS

As we discussed, please find attached draft remarks for both the President's speech to the Seventh International Drug Enforcement Conference (IDEC VII) and the President's dedication of the new Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Center (C3I) on April 27th in Miami, Florida.

The IDEC remarks were drafted by the State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics Matters, principally by Catherine Shaw (647-6936), in consultation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The draft remarks for the C3I dedication were prepared by the Customs Service, which operates the Center jointly with the U.S. Coast Guard. Kim Bleck in Commissioner Willie von Raab's office (566-2101) would be an appropriate contact for further background on the C3I Center program. Also attached are copies of relevant letters of invitation and "Fact Sheets" which may be helpful in the preparation of the President's remarks for these two events.

Finally, please be advised both sets of draft remarks have been informally reviewed by an ad hoc group which included Dave Miller of the NSC, Robin Ross of the Attorney General's Office, John Walters, Chief of Staff to Director Bennett and DEA Administrator Jack Lawn. It's the consensus of the group that beyond the fine tuning which they may recommend following circulation of your office's work product, our primary comment would be that the rhetoric in the draft remarks for the C3I dedication event could be significantly toned down.

Hope this is timely and please don't hesitate to ask if I can provide further assistance in this matter.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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.

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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 SUMMIT ON DRUGS -- AND 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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THIS PAST JANUARY, COLOMBIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS
OFFICERS UNDER GENERAL MUNOZ-SANABRIA ((MUN-YOAZ SA-NA-
BREE-AH)) -- 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 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.

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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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.

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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.

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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
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(McNally/Dooley)
April 24, 1989
7:30 P.m.
Draft four
(IDECBLD)

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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.]

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(McNally/Dooley)
April 21, 1989
~~2:00 p.m.~~ 11:30 a.m.
Draft ~~two~~ three
(IDEC)

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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.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INT'L DRUG ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE
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Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton

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I especially like the alliterative "drugs, dependency, and dollars" on page 3.

My only nitpick is on the last line of graf 4 on page 6. The correct spelling in this instance is "principal."

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cc: Roger Porter
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Ext. 2702

(McNally/Dooley)
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2:00 p.m.
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Agree w/ Scowcroft JC

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NELSON LUND 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: International Drug
Enforcement Conference

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Apart from this substantive matter, we also noted that the draft remarks uses the word "America" as a synonym for "the United States." We suspect that some Latin Americans would be offended by this usage.

We appreciate having had the opportunity to review these draft remarks.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM; DENISE SCHWARZ
OFFICE OF CABINET AFFAIRS

SUBJECT; PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNATIONAL DRUG
ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

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Attachment

cc: Jim Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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

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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
 Assistant to the President
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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.

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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 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. 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.

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.

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 America's streets is pretty obvious. What's not so well understood is the widespread environmental damage that America's precursor

chemicals wreak on the rain 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 Vietnam 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 provided \$_____ million for the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up hazardous waste at clandestine U.S. drug labs.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW H. CARD, JR.

FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *JWW*

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS ON CHEMICAL DIVERSION

- o In his recent remarks, the President emphasized that:
 - "U.S. chemical companies are justly proud of their products that vastly improve and help to extend life here and abroad."
 - "By and large, the chemical industry has supported [government efforts to reduce chemical diversion]."
 - "Unilateral action by us is not going to solve this problem."
 - He did not just single out chemical companies, but noted that "other nations," "bankers," "churches," "concerned parents" and others all had to do their part.
- o On February 20, 1989, Time reported on "The Chemical Connection" -- replete with a photograph of Dow chemical barrels seized at a jungle drug lab in South America. Time reported that:
 - "[t]he drug trade is a two way street" in which "the drug-consumer nations...[provide] vital raw ingredients for the scourge...that they often blame exclusively on coke-producing countries."
 - The "contraband" seized in February's landmark "Operation Primavera (referred to by the President) included containers marked with the logos of Dow Chemical Co. and Union Chemical Corp."
- o According to DEA, 15 renegade U.S. chemical distributors have recently been put out of business for illegally supplying industrial chemicals to "hundreds" of clandestine

drug laboratories in the United States.

DEA's "Operation Origination" resulted in the seizure of \$17 million in assets, including:

- RJM Laboratories, San Diego, California
- Burrito Brothers Chemical Co., Fort Worth, Texas

[Source: Michael McKinnon, Chief, DEA Dangerous Drugs Investigations Section]

- o Moreover, the U.S. produces approximately 60% of all chemicals worldwide, and ranks number one or two in production of three of the key chemicals needed to refine cocaine (MEK, Toluene, and potassium permanganate).
- o U.S. exports approximately 80% of all MEK (Methyl Ethyl Ketone) global shipments to Latin America.
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- o In the last two years, the U.S. has exported over 10,000 metric tons of MEK to Colombia. But a study of that nation's industrial requirements concluded that there was no legitimate need for MEK in Colombia.
- o Additional U.S. precursor chemical production and export data -- as well as information on the record chemical seizures in Operation Primavera -- is attached.

cc: David Demarest
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