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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton *JP*  
Subject: Draft Address To U.S. Attorneys

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This speech is incisive, the way our crime speeches should be, and has some terrific lines. Our most fundamental comment is that the speech does not say anything new, and for this reason, may miss a chance to get attention on the most salient domestic issue -- an issue, moreover, where the public is foursquare on our side.

As it stands now, our method in crime speeches is to repeat, in a tone of bravado, the themes of the President's crime package. This is effective, but we need to do more.

Our greatest comparative advantage on the crime issue is the traditional moral and ethical principles that form the basis of our policy: our belief that crime is based in evil; that criminals are to blame, not society; that individual character has everything to do with whether a person is criminal or not.

On this score, we suggest three trenchant themes, with suggested language, that speak to our principles. They are salient, "wedge" issues that resonate with the public, and will lend drama and draw attention to the President's remarks and program:

1) Stopping The War Against Women

- o "A good and just society must protect all its citizens. The war against woman must stop. A kinder and gentler nation must watch over its most vulnerable."

2) Crime As Evil

- o "Crime is not the punishment for our society's evils. Crime is itself evil."
- o "Crime is committed by persons acting out of evil motives."

(more)

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Crime as  
evil line?  
(at "crime &  
punishment" R  
on p. 2)*

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- o "The word "evil" is one that causes many to blush, as if it were an idea that died as civilization became more tolerant. But it is apparent everyday to the elderly woman who has to cross the gang-controlled streets from the bus stop to her front door."
- o "The solution is as much enabling people to do good, as it is preventing them from doing evil."

### 3) Investing In Character

- o "We must do a better job of investing in character. We hear a lot about what our rights are, but not about our duties. We need to rekindle a spirit of duty, decency, and personal responsibility."
- o "Only people can make this investment in character. We won't do it by looking to the government. And we certainly won't do by blaming injustice on abstract social forces. But parents and teachers and civic and religious leaders can do it. They, and probably only they, can teach our kids right from wrong."
- o As the great criminologist, James Q. Wilson, has said: 'In the long run, the public interest depends on private virtue.'"
- o "I'm not one who believes we can -- like some sort of technocrat or clinician -- separate crime from broader questions about society and society's values. For me, the starting point in any anti-crime program is the values that form your view of criminals and society."  
-- Fort Worth, 10/6/88
- o "I am hopeful about the effects that families, churches and synagogues, and schools can have on our children by raising them with a decent respect for their own duties and the rights of others."
- o "What I have called the "Thousand Points of Light" -- the small units of society that exist to serve others, can serve just as much in preventing crime at the neighborhood level, and investing in the character of our children."

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Some additional comments:

Pg.1, paras. 5-6 First, the obvious risk in this dramatic beginning, is that the President could be mistaken as saying these words as a defendant in a criminal trial. If the "My name..." sentence and the following sentence, "With words like these, a federal criminal trial begins," are taken alone as a sound-bite, which is entirely possible, then the risk of misunderstanding is probably not worth taking. If there is some other way that the point could be made, we suggest that as the safer course.

1,6,2-3 Second, is it true in the strict sense that the President and U.S. Attorneys are the only officials entitled to utter these words? What about the Solicitor General and the Attorney General? -- not to mention the Secretary of State and the Ambassador to the UN. Again, caution is dictated.

4,8 The Dirty Harry quote goes just beyond the acceptable bounds of bravado. We cannot appear to be merely chest-beating on an issue about which the public is genuinely outraged and demanding of actions, not words. This, and the fact that quoting Dirty Harry looks derivative, given President Reagan's famous "Make my day," argues heavily for omitting it here.

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CW disagrees

→ re-worked as per Council office

CW agrees

rework idea

CW agrees ✓  
omit Dirty Harry

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
FROM:               EDWARD E. McNALLY *EMW*  
SUBJECT:            EAST ROOM REMARKS TO THE 94  
                      UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

I.    SUMMARY

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 1989, you are scheduled to address the nation's 94 United States Attorneys.

II.   DISCUSSION

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for your address to the U.S. Attorneys -- who have been summoned to Washington to hear about their important role in your comprehensive initiative to combat violent crime.

The meeting is unprecedented in modern times. Although past Presidents (e.g., Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Reagan) have often addressed this group during their annual Washington conferences, this appears to be the first time in anyone's memory that they have been summoned to the White House for the sole purpose of receiving marching orders from the President.

[[A note about the opening jokes: Following the successful White House Photographers dinner "model," they employ inside jokes about popular characters among the U.S. Attorneys themselves. Alabama's Frank Donaldson is so well-known for his constant joke-telling that, during one speech, a recent Attorney General called Donaldson up to the podium to do the opening jokes for him. Similarly, Wyoming's Richard Stacy apparently begins every comment at meetings and conferences with his signature line -- "I'm here to represent rural America, and..."]] ]]

(McNally/Simon)  
June 15, 1989, 12:30 p.m.  
Draft Six (ATTYS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ADDRESS TO U.S. ATTORNEYS  
THE EAST ROOM  
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989, 10:00 A.M.

[[Thank you, Dick [[THORNBURGH]], for that warm introduction. You know, it's become standard at gatherings such as this to open with a few humorous observations. And I know you rarely get a chance to hear any "lawyers jokes."]]

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[[You may know I flew to Wyoming Monday. When I got off Air Force One, Richard Stacy was there to shake my hand. He said: "I'm here to represent rural America..."]] [[PAUSE]]

Simple words. Dramatic words.

**"My name is George Bush, and I represent the United States."**

With words like these, you and your Assistants begin a federal criminal trial. It is a great and rare honor to represent the United States, and I am honored to share that distinction with you.

200 years ago -- a few months after becoming President -- George Washington signed the Act that gave birth to the offices you hold. It is a distinguished tradition. And -- in the words of a former Attorney General -- you represent "one of the most powerful peace time forces known" to man.

Peace time? Not exactly. The situation in our streets has been aptly compared to a shooting war. That's why you've been

The first link is some tough new laws. Everyone here is familiar with Title 18's Section 924(c). Well, we have asked Congress to do for dangerous firearms what it has wisely done for dangerous drugs -- **double the mandatory penalties.**

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And I'm asking each of you to see that this message is brought to life in the streets and courtrooms of your cities and towns. Because for these laws to be effective, **we can't plea bargain away the lives of our cops and kids.**

I want and expect that, when suspects are arrested with **serious weapons -- they will face serious weapons charges.**

And so, last month, I directed the Attorney General to issue guidelines to insure that -- in all but the most exceptional cases -- all firearms offenders are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Those guidelines are being distributed today. And you have been summoned to Washington to hear it from the top: **No more loopholes. No conditional surrender. No more rolls of the dice. If a criminal carries a gun -- all deals are off.**

**And when a criminal carries a gun -- and someone dies -- he should pay with his own life.**

We're going to up the stakes for those who calculate that our criminal justice system is a crapshoot where the risks are

worth the rewards. When criminals think about reaching for a gun, they are going to know -- they are going to learn -- that they will do time. Hard time.

Yes, this policy may mean more trials. And I understand that firearms cases, like narcotics cases, are not always very popular with some on the bench. But it can be done -- and, in fact, already is being done -- even in districts with busy dockets like the Southern District of New York, where plea bargains for 924(c) violations have been banned since 1987.

And yes, we recognize that more offenders serving longer sentences means more prison space. And here again we've matched rhetoric with resources -- an unprecedented \$1.5 billion building program for federal prisons -- boosting present capacity by 80 percent.

And finally, yes, we also know how understaffed and overworked most of your offices already are. And we've called in the cavalry -- federal reinforcements are on the way. If Congress will move -- and move quickly.

In addition to 825 new agents to investigate violent crime, I have asked Congress to provide funding for 800 new Assistants for your districts -- the largest one-time expansion in U.S. history -- bolstered by an equal number of new support staff. And we're also seeking over 150 new attorneys at this end, adding more muscle to the Department's Criminal Division.

These forces must be marshalled effectively. And the Attorney General is proposing to consolidate the Strike Forces so

that they are led not from distant Washington, but by you -- the commanders at the front lines.

Of course, new laws and new manpower aren't the only tools at your disposal. Your leadership on the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees has already produced new initiatives to meet the challenge of violent crime. In Chicago, Tony Valukas [[U.S. ATTY.]] has led a cooperative effort to rid the community of dangerous offenders -- by charging gang leaders and other repeat offenders under tough federal armed career criminal laws.

In the last two years, working together, we've jammed the revolving door on 27 such criminals -- all are now serving life without parole in federal prisons. And one of Tony's counterparts, the Director of the Illinois State Police, responded to the federal initiative by launching a Violent Crime Task Force. Similar partnerships on violent crime are being led by U.S. Attorneys like Benito Romano up in New York, Jay Stephens right here in D.C., and Rob Bonner in L.A., whose promotion to the federal district court was recently confirmed by the Senate.

And there are other innovations. To attack the profusion of gang and street violence, you may use some of your new slots to recruit seasoned ADA's or others trained in prosecuting gunshot crime. In those states where police are not protected by death penalty provisions, we should make full use of those federal laws that permit the death penalty for cop-killers.

And we should always use our unique federal resources and expertise to wipe out the kind of violent crime that operates

beyond the reach of any one state -- like the notorious El Rukn [[ROO-kin]] street gang, whose members were convicted of conspiring with Libya to acquire military weapons for terrorist operations in America.

And in addition to my directive on plea bargaining, there's a second important message that I ask you to bring home to your districts: Your colleagues in state and local law enforcement need the same tools we've proposed for you. Mandatory time for weapons offenders. No plea bargaining on guns. The death penalty for heinous crimes. And the kind of increased resources -- police, prosecutors, and prisons -- that ensure these vicious thugs will be pursued, prosecuted and put away for good.

United States Attorneys are a breed 'apart. Invariably bright, committed, tenacious public servants.

And your efforts against violent crime are important. But no less important than the other law enforcement priorities that you have so ably addressed.

And over the years, America has watched in admiration, and sometimes awe, as the accomplishments of your offices roll across America's television screens.

We will not tolerate the corruption of labor by organized crime -- as the landmark Teamsters settlement proved.

And crime is crime whether committed with a briefcase or a gun. We will not tolerate greed over honest business. Whether the business is defense contracting -- Operation "Ill Wind". Wall Street -- where you're owed congratulations on last week's

convictions. Banking -- "Polar Cap" was the largest money laundering case in history. Or Savings and Loans -- where the legislation we've proposed will give you the tools you need to wipe out the financial fraud that has devastated that industry.

Nor will we tolerate civil rights violations -- as the recent Klan convictions in Alabama prove.

And -- as the recent indictments against two major drug gangs right here in Washington show -- we will not tolerate the corruption of our youth by the poison they call cocaine. This scourge will stop.

It is easy to understand why our people are so grateful to those of you who have sacrificed to serve on the firing line -- whether in court or on the streets. Day and night your "sky-pagers" and mobile phones are active, as those you command monitor court-authorized intercepts, or move undercover into the breach.

It is exciting and principled work, an integral link in a system of justice that remains the envy of the world. In today's new effort -- and in all your efforts -- you have the gratitude, the respect, and the support -- of the American people -- and of me.

For your kids, for mine, for America's kids: **Take back the streets.**

Thank you for coming. Godspeed in the challenges ahead. And God bless you, your families, and the nation you work to protect.

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summoned to the White House for an assembly unprecedented in modern times.

And I wanted you to know how strongly I feel about violent crime in America -- and how firmly I support your efforts.

The problem today is violent crime -- what some call "blood and thunder" -- involving high-powered weapons in the hands of a new class of criminals who impose the law of the jungle out of the barrel of a gun.

The fundamental responsibility for protecting America's streets and neighborhoods from violent crime must remain with our cities and states. But there is an increasing and important federal role in fighting violent crime. And when leadership is called for, we must seize the day.

One month ago, on a somber, rainy afternoon, I stood before the U.S. Capitol to commemorate police officers slain in the line of duty. Many were agents or officers who had worked with you or the prosecutors you supervise. And to honor their sacrifice, I called upon Congress to join me in launching a new, national strategy -- a new partnership with America's cities and states -- to "take back the streets."

But to do that, we must raise our voices to correct an insidious tendency: the tendency to blame crime on society rather than on the criminal. Let me be extra clear on my own beliefs:

We are here today talking about crime and punishment. Good and evil. Society doesn't cause crime. Criminals cause crime. We must hold people accountable for their actions. I said it at the Capitol. A common sense approach to crime means criminals must know that:

- o If they commit a crime -- they will be caught.
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Nowhere is this precept more critical than in combatting violent crime. The killing must stop. And it must stop now.

I'm here to ask your help -- to ask you to take a leadership role in your districts -- in helping to put away our nation's "Most Wanted" -- the privileged class of violent, repeat and fugitive offenders hellbent on proving that crime really does pay.

The comprehensive plan we will send to Congress seeks to take violent criminals off the streets with an attack on four fronts. New laws to punish them. New agents to arrest them. New prosecutors to convict them. And new prisons to hold them.

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 TODAY, June 14, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*See comments attached  
6/14/89*

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff  
Ext. 2702

(McNally/Simon)  
June 14, 1989, 11:00 a.m.  
Draft Three (ATTYS)

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Other than the President -- you/ ~~and your assistants~~ are the only officials entitled to utter them on American soil.

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In the first Dirty Harry movie, Clint Eastwood holds his .44 magnum on a San Francisco punk. The kid's lost count of whether Harry's already fired six shots -- or only five. And as the kid debates whether to reach for his own gun, Harry cocks the hammer and asks the million dollar question: [[PAUSE]]

"Do you feel lucky?" [[PAUSE]]

The message from the White House today, is that the luck of armed criminals is about to take a very bad turn for the worse. When criminals think about reaching for a gun, they are going to know -- they are going to learn -- that they will do time. Hard time.

Yes, this policy may mean more trials. And I understand that firearms cases, like narcotics cases, are not always very popular with some federal judges. But it can be done -- and, in fact, already is being done -- even in <sup>districts with</sup> busy dockets like the Southern District of New York, where plea bargains for 924(c) violations have been banned since 1987.

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Insert to bottom of page 5 of the Proposed Presidential Remarks, to be given on Friday, June 14, to the U.S. Attorneys:

We are also moving to more effectively marshal our forces against organized predators using violence to further their lawless ends in our communities. The Attorney General is proposing to consolidate the Strike Forces with the U.S. Attorneys Offices. This consolidation will assure that the federal law enforcement resources in each district will be coordinated to eliminate the violent criminal organizations disrupting our cities and towns.

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Of course, new laws and new manpower aren't the only tools at your disposal. The Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees -- LECC's -- <sup>is represent</sup> ~~are~~ a federal program that costs very little and is working very well. You each have a vital leadership role in your districts -- as the nation's lawyers, as shapers of public opinion, as champions who speak for untold victims who are often without voices or even names. ✓

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behind bars for life without parole. And the recent indictments against two major drug gangs right here in Washington.

Earlier this week I flew practically across the country and back -- on another mission to protect our citizens -- in that case from acid rain and smog -- and had some quiet time to think about my message to you today.

And as I looked down at the villages and towns and neighborhoods that make up America, it was easy to understand why our people are so grateful to those of you who have sacrificed to serve <sup>on</sup> the firing line -- whether in court or on the streets. While America sleeps your "sky-pagers" and mobile phones are active, as those you command monitor court-authorized intercepts, or move undercover into the breach. It is exciting and principled work, an integral link in a system of justice that remains the envy of the world. In today's new effort -- and in all your efforts -- you have the gratitude, the respect, and the support -- of the American people -- and of me.

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Richard Breedon

[Insert to Justice Speech]  
[June 14, 1989]

Beyond the threat of violent crime, you are also responsible for fighting crimes such as the financial fraud that has been a major element of the catastrophe in the savings and loan industry. The legislation I sent to Congress in February to resolve the S&L problem requests the most stringent penalties in this area for any white collar crime.

Under the Senate's version of the bill, you will be empowered to seek criminal penalties up to four times the amount of fraudulent gain by the defendant or loss to the financial institution, whichever is greater. The proposed civil penalties will provide the strictest retribution available under any civil penalty authority. Criminal and civil sanctions will be cumulative, with each ranging up to \$1 million per day. Courts will also be required to order forfeiture following conviction.

I have also asked for maximum sentences to be raised to twenty years, and for a mandatory minimum sentence for first offenders of at least 51 months in prison. And to those who have committed criminal wrongdoing against insured institutions, let me tell you this -- I have asked Congress to double the personnel devoted to apprehension and prosecution. We will find you, we will prosecute you, and you will go to jail!

U.S. Attorneys are the front line in the battle against financial fraud, and you will have the necessary weapons to defeat it -- substantial fines and long prison terms. Our message must get across to the "high rollers" who gamble others' savings dollars. We will not tolerate reckless speculation, and we will relentlessly pursue those who threaten the financial security of the American people.

Bottom of P. 7 - Breedon says only one of the cases mentioned is violent crime. C. Winston says either add more violent crime cases or rework to say:  
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*needs some punch*

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*For your kids, for mine -- for America's kids take back the streets.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 14, 1989

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NELSON LUND *NL*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Address to U.S. Attorneys

At the request of James W. Cicconi, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned draft remarks. Our comments follow.

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*after receiving copy of guidelines, Counsel's office suggested slight change in this P, which was made.*

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are aware, Counsel's office has not seen the idelines described on page 4. We therefore cannot assess the accuracy of the characterization in the draft remarks.

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*new guidelines now sent to Lund by McCall*

No

✓

✓

*OK - reworked as per Lund (legislative)*

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Counsel's office appreciates having had the opportunity to review these draft remarks.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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*San Diego, CA - (Rob Bonner is in L.A.)*

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89 JUN 14 4:00 PM

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 TODAY, June 14, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: *OK (JW) 6/14*

*Suggest mention of bill President is transmitting as early as Thursday.*

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(McNally/Simon)

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THE EAST ROOM  
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989, 10:00 A.M.

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[[You may know I flew to Wyoming Monday. When I got off Air Force One, Richard Stacy was there to shake my hand. He said: "I'm here to represent rural America..."]] [[PAUSE]]

Simple words. Dramatic words.

"My name is George Bush, and I represent the United States."

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