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REMARKS: AMERICAN ASSOC. OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
WASHINGTON SHERATON HOTEL
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1989, 11:15 A.M.

THANK YOU, SARAH HARDER, FOR THAT GRACIOUS
INTRODUCTION. AND CONGRATULATIONS AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR
DISTINGUISHED TERM AS PRESIDENT OF AAUW. YOU AND I
KNOW IT CAN BE FUN TO BE PRESIDENT. BUT I HEAR FROM
CALIFORNIA THAT EX-PRESIDENT IS NOT SUCH A BAD JOB,
EITHER.

AND CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO YOUR SUCCESSOR, SHARON
SCHUSTER.

AND THERE'S ANOTHER AAUW PRESIDENT -- A PAST
PRESIDENT -- THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY HELLO TO TODAY. FROM
DES MOINES, IOWA -- AND NOW HEAD OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION -- MARY GREFE.

IN AMERICA TODAY, THERE IS NO GREATER IMPERATIVE -- MORAL OR PRACTICAL -- THAN PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD. THIS MEANS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING AND JOBS -- AND FLEXIBILITY AND PARENTAL CHOICE IN CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION. IT MEANS EQUAL PROTECTION FROM HOSTILE ELEMENTS, WHETHER CRIMINAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL -- AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ACTION, WHETHER THROUGH PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

AND TODAY, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT TWO ISSUES IN PARTICULAR: EDUCATION -- AND PUBLIC SAFETY. BOTH ARE IMPORTANT TO THIS ASSOCIATION -- AND TO ANY THINKING PERSON WHO CARES ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA. AND BOTH ARE THE SUBJECT OF MAJOR ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

AND THERE'S A THIRD ISSUE THAT I KNOW YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH -- COMMUNITY ACTION -- WHAT I HAVE CALLED "A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT."

LAST WEEK I TRAVELED UP AND DOWN THE EASTERN SEABOARD -- ISSUING A CALL TO ACTION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE. WE CARRIED THE MESSAGE FROM MAIN STREET TO WALL STREET -- ENLISTING YOUNG AND OLD -- BLACK, WHITE AND BROWN -- AMERICA'S DIVERSITY -- TO JOIN A MOVEMENT PREDICATED ON ONE SIMPLE IDEA:

"FROM NOW ON, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVICE TO OTHERS."

FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS, YOUR PREDECESSORS -- AND NOW YOU IN THIS ROOM -- HAVE BUILT SUCCESSFUL LIVES THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION. YOU WERE AHEAD OF THE CURVE -- BY ABOUT A CENTURY. AND OFTEN YOUR SERVICE HAS ADDRESSED THE VERY ISSUES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY -- EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE AAUW FOUNDATION THAT MARY GREFE NOW DIRECTS BEGAN HANDING OUT EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS IN 1888. IT IS A GREAT TRADITION, AT ONCE COMBINING AMERICA'S VALUES OF SERVICE AND EDUCATION.

AND THE SCHOLARSHIPS YOU PROVIDE ARE MORE THAN JUST MONEY IN THE HANDS OF DESERVING STUDENTS. THEY ARE MONEY IN THE BANK FOR THE FUTURE OF AMERICA.

AND TODAY OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM REPRESENT AN ENDEAVOR WHERE NOTHING LESS THAN THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY IS AT STAKE. AND YOUR ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS 140,000 REASONS WHY AMERICA WILL SUCCEED.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IMPORTANT. AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE RECENT AND RENEWED COMMITMENT TO AN OLD-FASHIONED AMERICAN IDEA -- PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN SEEKING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

GOVERNMENT -- AND ESPECIALLY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- CANNOT PROVIDE ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT IT HAS AN OBLIGATION TO LEAD.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, I SENT TO CONGRESS THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT OF 1989. IT PROPOSES SOLUTIONS BASED ON FOUR SIMPLE IDEAS -- REWARDING EXCELLENCE, HELPING THOSE IN NEED, ACCOUNTABILITY -- AND ONE THAT'S CLOSE TO THE TRADITIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION -- PARENTAL CHOICE AND FLEXIBILITY.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, MY NEW INITIATIVE PROPOSES A SEVEN-POINT PLAN. TWO OF THESE POINTS CALL FOR MERIT AWARDS -- CASH INCENTIVES FOR OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS AND THE TOP TEACHERS IN EVERY STATE.

I WANT THE BEST TEACHERS OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM CAN ATTRACT. BECAUSE TEACHERS SHAPE THE MINDS THAT SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY.

LAST YEAR -- AT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST AAUW EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIP -- JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR RECEIVED THE AAUW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT MERIT SCHOOLS AND MERIT TEACHERS, THERE COULD HARDLY BE A BETTER EXAMPLE THAN THIS YEAR'S WINNER -- THE FOUNDER OF WESTSIDE PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN CHICAGO'S INNER CITY -- MARVA COLLINS.

SAYS MARVA: "ANY CHILD CAN LEARN -- IF THEY ARE NOT TAUGHT SO THOROUGHLY THAT THEY CANNOT."

SHE GOT RESULTS. WORKING WITH STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN OFF BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 98 PERCENT OF HER STUDENTS GO ON TO HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN COLLEGE.

AND HER STUDENTS GOT RESULTS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT ONE OF MARVA'S SIX-YEAR-OLDS COULD RECITE JESSE JACKSON'S 1988 CONVENTION ADDRESS FROM MEMORY. NOW MARVA -- JESSE'S A VERY GIFTED SPEAKER -- AND YOU'RE BEING TOO TOUGH ON THOSE KIDS. GIVE THEM MY CONVENTION SPEECH AND I BET THEY CAN DO IT AT AGE THREE.

I'VE ALSO HEARD OF ONE YOUNG GIRL WHO BEGAN POUNDING HER LUNCH BOX ON THE DESK IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS. MARVA TOLD THE GIRL: "DARLING, NO ONE IS GOING TO BE HANDING OUT GOOD JOBS TO PEOPLE WHO POUND THEIR LUNCHBOXES ON THEIR DESKS. PRESIDENT BUSH DOES NOT POUND HIS LUNCHBOX ON THE DESK." [[PAUSE]] OBVIOUSLY, MARVA'S NEVER BEEN TO ONE OF MY CABINET MEETINGS.

WELL, AMERICA NEEDS RESULTS, TOO. SO ANOTHER PART OF MY EDUCATION PLAN CALLS FOR A SIMILAR KIND OF NEW INCENTIVE -- SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS OF UP TO \$40,000 FOR MORE THAN 500 OF OUR BEST HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.

AND THIS IS AN IDEA THAT ALSO RESONATES IN YOUR ASSOCIATION. LAST YEAR YOU FOUNDED THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND --WHAT YOU CALL "AN INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIP" -- TO ADDRESS THE UNDERREPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MATH AND SCIENCE.

AND I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH "WORKFORCE 2000," WHICH CONCLUDES THAT ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THE NEW ENTRANTS TO THE LABOR FORCE IN THE NEXT ELEVEN YEARS WILL BE WOMEN. TO STAY COMPETITIVE IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD, WE MUST PROVIDE INCENTIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS NEW GENERATION OF WOMEN --TO GET THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING THEY NEED TO BE SECOND TO NONE.

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MORE WOMEN IN THIS COUNTRY THAN THERE ARE PEOPLE IN JAPAN. AND SUCCESS FOR AMERICA IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION BEGINS WITH SUCCESS IN OUR SCHOOLS. IF WE CANNOT COMPETE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE CLASSROOM, WE CANNOT COMPETE WITH THEM IN THE BOARDROOM.

REWARDING SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOLS IS ONE WAY TO ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE. BUT IT ALSO REQUIRES ELEMENTS OF FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE. AND THAT'S WHY OUR PACKAGE ALSO REQUESTS NEW FUNDING FOR BOTH MAGNET SCHOOLS AND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. AND IT CALLS FOR ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION -- TO EXPAND THE POOL OF TALENTED TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS -- BY OPENING THE DOOR TO DIVERSE AND ACCOMPLISHED PEOPLE, SUCH AS THE WOMEN HERE IN THIS ROOM.

AND SPEAKING OF THE WOMEN IN THIS ROOM -- I'VE COME HERE TODAY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THESE PLANS -- AND TO TELL YOU THAT MY ADMINISTRATION VALUES YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR VIEWS. I MET WITH SARAH HARDER IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING MY ELECTION AS PRESIDENT. AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR HER COMMITMENT AND HER COUNSEL.

THE LAST OF OUR EDUCATION INITIATIVES CALLS FOR DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS. WE'VE ASKED CONGRESS TO FINANCE URBAN EMERGENCY GRANTS -- TO HELP OUR HARDEST-HIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS. IF WE WANT TO STOP OUR KIDS FROM PUTTING DRUGS IN THEIR BODIES, WE MUST FIRST PUT CHARACTER IN THEIR HEARTS AND COMMON SENSE IN THEIR HEADS.

AND, AS WITH EDUCATION, THE SUBJECT OF DRUGS AND CRIME -- AND ESPECIALLY VIOLENT CRIME -- HAS BEEN MUCH ON MY MIND IN RECENT WEEKS. LAST MONTH, I STOOD BEFORE THE U.S. CAPITOL ON A SOMBER, RAINY AFTERNOON TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO JOIN ME -- IN A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICA'S CITIES AND STATES -- TO "TAKE BACK THE STREETS."

THIS COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE IS DIRECTED AT VIOLENT CRIME -- AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE EXPLOSION OF URBAN GUNFIRE THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANIES DRUG TRAFFICKING. BUT ALL TOO OFTEN, VIOLENT CRIME ALSO MEANS CRIME AGAINST WOMEN.

I AM ANGERED AND DISGUSTED BY THE CRIMES AGAINST AMERICAN WOMEN -- AND BY THE ARCHAIC AND UNACCEPTABLE ATTITUDES THAT ALL TOO FREQUENTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THOSE CRIMES.

WHETHER IT INVOLVES SPOUSE ABUSE AT HOME -- OR VIOLENCE IN THE STREET -- THESE ARE EVIL ACTS THAT TRANSCEND RACIAL AND CLASS LINES. THIS WAR AGAINST WOMEN MUST STOP.

OUR CITIES AND STATES MUST STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN -- AND TO TREAT VICTIMS WITH COMPASSION AND RESPECT. AND THEY MUST FOLLOW OUR FEDERAL EXAMPLE OF ENACTING TOUGHER LAWS -- BACKED UP BY MORE POLICE, PROSECUTORS, AND PRISONS -- TO PUT AWAY EVERY VIOLENT OFFENDER.

AND, FUNDAMENTALLY, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WON'T SUBSIDE UNLESS PUBLIC ATTITUDES CHANGE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO EDUCATE POLICE AND PROSECUTORS, JUDGES AND JURIES. AND WE MUST ENGENDER A CLIMATE WHERE THE MESSAGE OUR CHILDREN GET -- FROM TELEVISION AND FILMS, FROM SCHOOLS AND PARENTS -- IS THAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS WRONG.

A KINDER AND GENTLER NATION MUST PROTECT ALL ITS CITIZENS. AND NO MATTER HOW EQUAL THE OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS AND THE WORKPLACE, WOMEN WILL NEVER HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS MEN IF A CLIMATE OF FEAR LEAVES THEM JUSTIFIABLY CONCERNED ABOUT WALKING TO THE CAMPUS LIBRARY AT NIGHT -- OR RELUCTANT TO WORK LATE HOURS, FOR FEAR OF GETTING OUT OF THE PARKING LOT SAFELY.

I HAVE A DAUGHTER -- AND FOUR DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT KIND OF SCHOOLS AND THE KIND OF SOCIETY WE ARE SHAPING FOR THE NEXT CENTURY, I THINK ABOUT MY ELEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. SEVEN ARE GIRLS. AND IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT ANY OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO YOUNG GEORGE P. THAT ISN'T ALSO OUT THERE FOR HIS COUSIN JENNA BUSH.

ONE OPPORTUNITY THAT SOME WOMEN IN THIS ROOM SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK IS RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO. IT IS CHALLENGING AND ENORMOUSLY SATISFYING WORK.

OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH MANY TALENTED LEADERS LIKE CARLA HILLS, LIDDY DOLE, SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR AND NANCY KASSEBAUM. AND THEIR RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE -- LIKE THE WORK OF SO MANY IN YOUR ASSOCIATION -- CONFIRMS THE LONG-AGO OBSERVATION OF ONE OF THE PATRON SAINTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE -- ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE.

HE WROTE: "IF I WERE ASKED TO WHAT THE SINGULAR PROSPERITY AND GROWING STRENGTH OF [THE AMERICAN PEOPLE] OUGHT MAINLY TO BE ATTRIBUTED, I SHOULD REPLY: TO THE SUPERIORITY OF THEIR WOMEN."

I AM PLEASED TO BE THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS AAUW, AND VERY HONORED TO BE AWARDED AN OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP. AND I GUESS THAT, TECHNICALLY, THAT MAKES ME THE FIRST AAUW MEMBER TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT I KNOW I WON'T BE THE LAST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME. GOOD LUCK IN
YOUR EFFORTS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC GOOD. AND GOD BLESS
YOU -- AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

89 JUN 22 P2:11

June 21, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: American Association of University Women

The draft remarks for the AAUW speech are excellent and emphasize two themes that deserve repetition -- our education initiatives and our violent crime proposals. Both should have appeal to this audience.

I have two comments: one stylistic and the other policy-related.

1. The reference on page one to blaming things on one's predecessor should, in my view, be eliminated. George Bush has gone a long way not to criticize or countenance criticism by staff of the previous administration. It is an administration of which he was an integral part and of which he is proud. He has no interest in blaming things on his predecessor.

2. Much more substantively and importantly, the two paragraphs at the bottom of page five should be eliminated. We are not in a position to make any commitments for membership on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee. Moreover, when we are ready, we will want to announce the committee all at once rather than dribbling it out.

There has been much interest in the membership of this advisory committee and making any public mention of its membership is not what we need right now.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 22, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston
From: Jim Pinkerton
Subject: AAUW Draft Speech

The device of developing more than one issue can be very effective if we synthesize those issues under a common theme. In this speech, the issues of community service, education, and crime suggest a common theme of the importance of "investing in character," values, and public virtue.

I very much approve of the President edging closer to the Susan Baker/Tipper Gore school of focusing on a wholesome common culture. This is in essence a focus on the common sense values of most Americans. The President should not hesitate to line up with those conservative values.

For example, the language at pg. 7, para. 2, referring to the message that our children are getting from popular culture, peers, and parents addresses this point. We should amplify this theme, and from this, string out the three issues of the speech.

The press easily tires of our speaking to one issue. The Bully Pulpit should be used more for gathering otherwise disparate issues under a common philosophical message. Thus, for purposes of this speech we should beef up the community service language, making it more than the transition it serves as now; and, as mentioned, amplifying the values/character theme to tie the three strings of service, crime, and education together.

Incidentally, on the crime issue, I am especially pleased to see "The War Against Women Must Stop" language.

2,2 In order to help beef up the community service section, we offer a quote on women in America by the patron saint of community service, de Tocqueville, from Democracy In America: "If I were asked to what the singular prosperity and growing strength of that people [the Americans] ought mainly to be attributed, I should reply: To the superiority of their women."

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4,1,2 We need to check any recent stories on Marva Collins to guard against the possibility that her ideas have been debunked. That aside, the President, in quoting Ms. Collins, uses her faulty diction: it is idiomatic to say "if they are not taught so thoroughly that they cannot" and not, as in the quote, "if they are not taught too thoroughly that they cannot." [emphasis added] We suggest taking the liberty of correcting the diction and using "so" instead of "too."

7,2,3 Changing this sentence to read: "We must continue to educate Police and presecutors, judges and juries, and all the public," would make the idea behind this sentence stronger.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, Thursday, June 22, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

All comments

RESPONSE:

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(McNally/Simon)
June 20, 1989, 9:00 p.m.
Draft Three (AAUW)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN ASSOC. OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
WASHINGTON SHERATON HOTEL
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1989, 11:15 A.M.

Thank you, Sarah Harder, for that gracious introduction. And congratulations as you complete your distinguished term as president of AAUW. You and I know it can be fun to be President. But I hear from California that ex-President is not such a bad job, either.

And congratulations also to your successor, Sharon Schuster. Sharon, you have a big advantage over me. [[PAUSE]] You can still blame things on your predecessor.

And there's another AAUW president -- a past president -- that I'd like to say hello to today. From Des Moines, Iowa -- and now head of your Educational Foundation -- Mary Grefe.

In America today, there is no greater imperative -- moral or practical -- than providing equal opportunity to every man, woman and child. This means equal opportunity in housing, jobs, and education -- flexibility and choice in child care and health care. It means equal protection from hostile elements, whether criminal or environmental -- and equal opportunity in service and community action, whether through public, private, or non-profit organizations.

And today, I'd like to talk about two issues in particular: Education -- and public safety. Both are important to this association -- and to any thinking person who cares about the

quality of life and opportunity in America. And both are the subject of major Administration proposals now pending before the Congress.

And there's a third issue that I know you're familiar with -- community action -- what I have called "a thousand points of light."

Last week I traveled up and down the Eastern seaboard -- issuing a call to action for community service. We carried the message ~~to Wall Street~~ ~~and to the youth of a suburban high school.~~ ~~from Main Street to Wall Street - either young and old, black, white and brown - America's diversity - to form a movement~~

"From now on, any definition of a successful life must include service to others." ^{For over a hundred years} ~~And members of the American Association of University Women~~ ^{you in this room and your predecessors and now you in this room} ~~have built successful lives through community action.~~ ~~for over a hundred years.~~ You were ahead of the curve -- by about a century. And often your service has addressed the very two needs we're talking about today -- education and public safety. *predicated on the following statement*

The AAUW foundation that Mary Grefe now directs began handing out educational fellowships in 1888. It is a great tradition, at once combining America's values of service and education.

And the scholarships you provide are more than just money in the hands of deserving students. They ~~are money in the bank~~ ^{roll} ~~for the future of America's future.~~

And today our efforts to improve the education system represent an endeavor where nothing less than the future of our

country is at stake. And your association represents 140,000 reasons why America will succeed.

Your ~~contributions~~ are important. And equally important is the recent and renewed commitment to an old-fashioned American idea -- partnership between the government and the community in seeking educational excellence.

Government -- and especially federal government -- cannot provide all the answers. But it has an obligation to lead.

Earlier this year, I sent to Congress the Education Excellence Act of 1989. It proposes solutions based on four simple ideas -- rewarding excellence, helping those in need, accountability -- and one that's close to the traditions of this organization -- choice and flexibility.

To achieve these goals, my new initiative proposes a seven-point plan. Two of these points call for merit awards -- cash incentives for our most successful schools and the top teachers in every state.

I want the best teachers our educational system can attract.
You shape the minds that shape the future.
~~We must never lose sight of the fact that teachers shape the minds that will shape the future of the country.~~

Last year -- at the centennial celebration of the first AAUW educational fellowship -- Justice Sandra Day O'Connor received the AAUW Achievement Award. And when we talk about merit schools and merit teachers, there could hardly be a better example than this year's winner -- the founder of Westside Preparatory School in Chicago's inner city -- Marva Collins.

Says Marva: "Any child can learn -- if they are not taught too thoroughly that they cannot."

She got results.
~~And the results prove it.~~ Working with students who have been written off by the public schools, 98 percent of her students go on to high school and then college.

Her students got results.
~~Amazing results.~~ It was reported that one of Marva's six-year-olds could recite Jesse Jackson's 1988 Convention address from memory. Now Marva -- Jesse's a very gifted speaker -- and you're being too tough on those kids. Give them my Convention speech and I bet they can do it at age three.

I've also heard of one young girl who began pounding her lunch box on the desk in the middle of class. Marva told the girl: "Darling, no one is going to be handing out good jobs to people who pound their lunchboxes on their desks. President Bush does not pound his lunchbox on the desk." [[PAUSE]] Obviously, Marva's never been to one of ~~my~~ Cabinet meetings.

Well, America needs results too.
~~So~~ Another part of my education plan calls for a similar kind of new incentive -- science scholarships of up to \$40,000 for more than 500 of our best high school seniors.

And this is ~~an~~ idea that ~~also finds echoes~~ *resonates* in your association ^{*too.*} Last year you founded the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund -- what you call "an intergenerational partnership" -- to address the underrepresentation of women and girls in math and science.

And I know that many of you are familiar with "Workforce 2000," which concludes that almost two-thirds of the new entrants to the labor force in the next eleven years will be women. To

stay competitive in a competitive world, we must provide incentives and opportunities for this new generation of women -- to get the education and training they need to be second to none.

You know, there are more women in this country than there are people in Japan. And success for America in international competition begins with success in our schools. If we cannot compete with other countries in the classroom, we cannot compete with them in the boardroom.

Rewarding successful students, teachers, and schools is one way to encourage excellence. But it also requires elements of flexibility and choice. And that's why our package also requests new funding for both magnet schools and historically black colleges and universities. And it calls for alternative certification -- to expand the pool of talented teachers and administrators -- by opening the door to diverse and accomplished people, such as the women here in this room.

True?
And speaking of the women in this room -- I've come here today to thank you for your assistance in developing these plans -- and to tell you that my Administration values your experience and your views. Twice since my election as President I have met with Sarah Harder. And I've been grateful for her commitment and her counsel.

In fact, Sarah's contributions have been such that -- I am pleased to announce today -- the new president of AAUW will be invited to serve on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee. AAUW will be heard.

The last of our education initiatives calls for drug-free schools. We've asked Congress to finance urban emergency grants -- to help our hardest-hit school districts. If we want to stop our kids from putting drugs in their bodies, we must first put good ideas in their heads and moral character in their hearts.

And, as with education, the subject of drugs and crime -- and especially violent crime -- has been much on my mind in recent weeks. Last month, I stood before the U.S. Capitol on a somber, rainy afternoon to call on Congress to join me -- in a new partnership with America's cities and states -- to "take back the streets."

This comprehensive initiative is directed at violent crime -- and, in particular, the explosion of urban gunfire that often accompanies drug trafficking. But all too often, violent crime also means crime against women.

I am angered and disgusted by the crimes against American women -- and by the archaic and unacceptable attitudes that all too frequently contribute to those crimes. Whether it involves ~~the violation of a jogger in a park~~ ^{abuse of a wife at home, or} ~~or the brutalization of a~~ ^{on the} ~~Street.~~ ^{Street.} ~~wife and daughter in a high-rent brownstone~~ -- these are evil acts of violence that transcend racial and class lines. ~~The~~ ^{This} war against women must stop.

Our cities and states must step up their efforts to combat violence against women -- and to treat victims with compassion and respect. And they must follow our federal example of

enacting tougher laws -- backed up by more police, prosecutors, and prisons -- to put away every violent offender.

And, fundamentally, violence against women won't subside unless public attitudes change. We must continue to educate police and prosecutors, judges and juries. And we must engender a climate where the message our children get -- from television and films, from schools and parents -- is that violence against women is wrong.

A kinder and gentler nation must protect all its citizens. And no matter how equal the opportunities in our schools and the workplace, women will never have the same opportunities as men if a climate of fear leaves them justifiably concerned about walking to the campus library at night -- or reluctant to work late hours, for fear of getting out of the parking lot safely.

I have a daughter -- and four daughters-in-law. And when we talk about what kind of schools and the kind of society we are shaping for the next century, I think about my eleven grandchildren. Seven are girls. And it is unthinkable that any opportunity should be available to young George P. that isn't also out there for his cousin Jenna Bush.

One opportunity that some women in this room have probably never thought about is running for public office. I encourage you to do so. It is challenging and enormously satisfying work.

I know because
~~And when you've had the opportunity,~~ *the opportunity* as I have had, to work with leaders like Margaret Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto, and Cory Aquino -- not to mention Carla Hills, Liddy Dole, Sandra Day

O'Connor and Nancy Kassebaum -- ~~you realize that we're long overdue to elect a woman as President of the United States.~~

[[PAUSE]] ~~But do me one favor -- please wait until after 1996.~~

I am pleased to be the first President to address AAUW, and very honored to be awarded an official membership. And I guess that, technically, that makes me the first AAUW member to be President of the United States. But I know I won't be the last.

Thank you for your warm welcome. Good luck in your efforts to serve the public good. And God bless you -- and God bless America.

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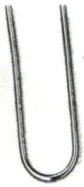
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THE VICE PRESIDENT
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FROM: BILL KRISTOL *wk/zm*

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
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FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LSL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Review of Presidential Remarks to the
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The Counsel's Office has no objection to, or comment on, the
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Attachment

cc: James W. Cicconi
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Thank you, Sarah Harder, for that gracious introduction. And congratulations as you complete your distinguished term as president of AAUW. You and I know it can be fun to be President. But I hear from California that ex-President is not such a bad job, either.

And congratulations also to your successor, Sharon Schuster. Sharon, you have a big advantage over me. [[PAUSE]] You can still blame things on your predecessor.

And there's another AAUW president -- a past president -- that I'd like to say hello to today. From Des Moines, Iowa -- and now head of your Educational Foundation -- Mary Grefe.

In America today, there is no greater imperative -- moral or practical -- than providing equal opportunity to every man, woman and child. This means equal opportunity in housing, jobs, and education -- flexibility and choice in child care and health care. It means equal protection from hostile elements, whether criminal or environmental -- and equal opportunity in service and community action, whether through public, private, or non-profit organizations.

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And today our efforts to improve the education system represent an endeavor where nothing less than the future of our

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And, as with education, the subject of drugs and crime -- and especially violent crime -- has been much on my mind in recent weeks. Last month, I stood before the U.S. Capitol on a somber, rainy afternoon to call on Congress to join me -- in a new partnership with America's cities and states -- to "take back the streets."

This comprehensive initiative is directed at violent crime -- and, in particular, the explosion of urban gunfire that often accompanies drug trafficking. But all too often, violent crime also means crime against women.

I am angered and disgusted by the crimes against American women -- and by the archaic and unacceptable attitudes that all too frequently contribute to those crimes. Whether it involves the violation of a jogger in a park -- or the brutalization of a wife and daughter in a high-rent brownstone -- these are evil acts of violence that transcend racial and class lines. The war against women must stop.

Our cities and states must step up their efforts to combat violence against women -- and to treat victims with compassion and respect. And they must follow our federal example of

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And, fundamentally, violence against women won't subside unless public attitudes change. We must continue to educate police and prosecutors, judges and juries. And we must engender a climate where the message our children get -- from television and films, from schools and parents -- is that violence against women is wrong.

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Thank you for your warm welcome. Good luck in your efforts to serve the public good. And God bless you -- and God bless America.

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