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REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONVENTION  
JIM NORICK ARENA, STATE FAIRGROUNDS  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989 -- 10:30 A.M.

THANK YOU. I AM PLEASED THAT DICK THORNBURGH, OUR  
ABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IS WITH US TODAY -- AND WITH THE  
FINE SOONER HOSPITALITY WE'VE ENJOYED FROM GOVERNOR  
BELLMON AND MAYOR NORICK. HENRY AND RON -- WE'RE  
THRILLED TO BE BACK WITH MY HOME-STATE NEIGHBORS IN THE  
GREAT LAND THEY CALL OKLAHOMA. [[PAUSE]]

AND THANK YOU -- ALL 10,000 OF YOU -- NOT FOR  
STANDING UP TO GREET US TODAY -- BUT FOR STANDING UP  
FOR AMERICA EVERY DAY. [[PAUSE]]

[[STANDING HERE SURROUNDED BY SO MANY VETERAN  
OFFICERS OF THE LAW -- THIS IS POSSIBLY THE SINGLE  
SAFEST MOMENT OF MY ADULT LIFE. [[PAUSE]] BUT THAT  
DOESN'T MEAN YOU ALL GET TO PUT IN FOR OVERTIME.]]

ACTUALLY, DICK THORNBURGH REMINDED ME THAT --  
SINCE LAST SUMMER ALONE -- THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME I'VE  
ATTENDED GATHERINGS THAT INCLUDE THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF  
POLICE. DICK WARNED ME THAT -- ONE MORE CONVENTION AND  
YOU'LL MAKE ME START PAYING DUES.

NOW BARBARA'S TRYING TO GET AROUND IT -- BY HAVING  
MILLIE CERTIFIED FOR A K-9 SQUAD. [[PAUSE]]

[[IN TRUTH, ALL THIS GOOD PRESS HAS GONE TO  
MILLIE'S HEAD. YESTERDAY WE SET OUT HER BOWL OF  
ALPO -- AND SHE ASKED TO SEE THE WINE LIST.]]  
[[PAUSE]]

EARLIER THIS SUMMER -- ON A DISMAL, DRIZZLY,  
WASHINGTON AFTERNOON -- I STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER  
WITH MANY OF YOU HERE, GATHERED THAT DAY IN A SALUTE TO  
THOSE POLICE OFFICERS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

TO HONOR THAT SACRIFICE, WE INVITED CONGRESS TO  
JOIN US IN A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICA'S CITIES AND  
STATES -- A NEW, NATIONAL STRATEGY -- A STRATEGY TO  
"TAKE BACK THE STREETS" -- BY TAKING CRIMINALS OFF THE  
STREETS.

THAT MEANS PUNISHING THOSE WHO DO EVIL.

TO SOME EARS, THE VERY WORD "EVIL" IS AN EMBARRASSMENT, AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO OLD-FASHIONED ATTITUDES. WE'VE ALL HEARD THE SUPPOSEDLY SOPHISTICATED ARGUMENTS THAT TURNS "RIGHT" AND "WRONG" INTO EMPTY CONCEPTS -- WORDS WITHOUT MEANING.

BUT THE NEARLY 10,000 MEN AND WOMEN IN THIS ARENA -- THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND THE BADGE -- KNOW BETTER. YOU KNOW THAT CRIME -- AND ESPECIALLY VIOLENT CRIME -- IS NOT AN ACADEMIC EXERCISE FOR DISPASSIONATE OBSERVATION.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU SEE IT CLOSE-UP AND FIRST-HAND. YOU KNOW THAT CRIME -- AND CRIME FIGHTING -- IS USUALLY A QUESTION OF RIGHT AND WRONG. GOOD AND EVIL. AND YOU KNOW THAT A NATION THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG WILL NEVER PROTECT ITSELF.

THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE INTENT ON DOING WICKED THINGS. THESE STREET GANG MEMBERS AND COP KILLERS ARE SOCIETY'S SCAVENGERS -- AS COWARDLY AND AMORAL AS WILD DOGS. AND WHEN THEY SPOT SOMEONE VULNERABLE -- THE ELDERLY WOMAN WHO HAS TO CROSS THE GANG-CONTROLLED STREETS FROM THE BUS STOP TO HER FRONT DOOR -- THEY SEE THEIR FELLOW MAN THE WAY A JACKAL SEES A WOUNDED DOE.

AS SUCH BARBAROUS ACTS REVEAL, A CRIMINAL THINKS IN A WAY SIMPLY UNLIKE THAT OF ANY OTHER PERSON. SOME WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT SOCIETY IS MORE TO BLAME FOR CRIME THAN THE CRIMINAL.

SOME SAY CRIME IS CAUSED BY PARENTS WHO ARE TOO DISTANT -- OTHERS SAY IT'S PARENTS WHO PAMPER THEIR CHILDREN TOO MUCH. SOME SAY CRIME IS CAUSED BY AMERICA'S POVERTY -- OTHERS SAY IT'S AMERICA'S PROSPERITY THAT'S TO BLAME. TV VIOLENCE, BOREDOM, PASSIONATE IMPULSES -- EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE IS BLAMED. EVERYONE -- EXCEPT THE CRIMINAL.

YOU WHO WORK THE STREETS KNOW OTHERWISE. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THE CRIMINAL CHOOSES HIS WAY OF LIFE, HIS COMPANIONS, THE KINDS OF CRIME HE COMMITS. HE REJECTS SOCIETY AND ITS VALUES. HE IS NOT THE VICTIM -- HE IS THE VICTIMIZER. AND IT'S ABOUT TIME TO DRIVE THAT POINT HOME. [[PAUSE]]

THE LAW-ABIDING SOCIETY YOU REPRESENT HAS A DUTY TO PUNISH WRONGDOERS. PUNISHMENT IS NOT -- AS SOME MAY SEE IT -- AN UNSEEMLY INDULGENCE IN REVENGE. JUST PUNISHMENT IS A CIVILIZED RESPONSE TO WRONG. PUNISHMENT IS NECESSARY NOT ONLY AS A DETERRENT TO FUTURE CRIMES, BUT FOR ITS OWN SAKE. WHICH IS TO SAY -- FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE. [[PAUSE]]

THIS TRADITION OF JUSTICE SPEAKS NOT OF A SOCIETY THAT DISPARAGES HUMAN LIFE, BUT RATHER, ONE THAT TREASURES INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE AS PRECIOUS AND UNIQUE. IN LARRY MCMURTRY'S CLASSIC WESTERN, LONESOME DOVE, TWO PIONEERING LAWMEN FINALLY PUT AN END TO A BRUTAL GANG'S DEADLY RAMPAGE THROUGH THE OKLAHOMA TERRITORY. ONE OF THE OUTLAWS TURNS OUT TO BE JAKE SPOON, THE LAWMEN'S OLD PARTNER.

"IT'S A BAD SITUATION," SAYS CAPTAIN CALL, IN THE MOMENTS BEFORE ARRESTING HIS OLD FRIEND. "BUT THERE HE IS... HE PUT HIMSELF IN IT."

MCMURTRY'S SAGA -- LIKE THE LIVES OF THE REAL-LIFE PIONEERS WHO INSPIRED IT -- REVEALS SOME SIMPLE TRUTHS. MOST AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT EACH OF US HAS AN INNATE CAPABILITY OF SUCCUMBING TO EVIL -- BUT ALWAYS THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE INSTEAD TO DO GOOD. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CHARACTER.

WE MUST DO A BETTER JOB OF CULTIVATING CHARACTER. WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT WHAT OUR RIGHTS ARE -- BUT NOT ENOUGH ABOUT OUR DUTIES. AS ALWAYS, HARRY TRUMAN SPOKE THE TRUTH WHEN HE SAID: "WE MUST NOT PERMIT THE EXISTENCE OF CONDITIONS WHICH CAUSE OUR CHILDREN TO BELIEVE THAT CRIME IS INEVITABLE AND NORMAL." SO LET US REKINDLE THAT SPIRIT OF DUTY, DECENCY AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

ONLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN MAKE THIS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE, THIS CULTIVATION OF CHARACTER. IT IS NOT A FEDERAL PROBLEM FOR WHICH THERE IS A SIMPLE FEDERAL SOLUTION. WE WON'T DO IT BY LOOKING TO THE GOVERNMENT. AND WE CERTAINLY WON'T DO IT BY BLAMING INJUSTICE ON ABSTRACT SOCIAL FORCES.

BUT PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND RELIGIOUS AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS CAN DO IT. THEY -- AND PROBABLY ONLY THEY -- CAN TEACH OUR KIDS RIGHT FROM WRONG. AND IT'S TIME OUR KIDS STARTED LEARNING WHAT I LIKE TO CALL THE FOUR "R"S -- READING, WRITING, 'RITHMETIC -- AND RESPECT. [[PAUSE]]

WHAT I HAVE CALLED THE "THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT" -- THAT GALAXY OF SMALL UNITS OF SOCIETY THAT EXISTS TO SERVE OTHERS -- CAN ALSO CULTIVATE THE CHARACTER OF OUR CHILDREN BY WORKING TO PREVENT NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME.

AS THE GREAT CRIMINOLOGIST, JAMES O. WILSON, HAS SAID: "IN THE LONG RUN, THE PUBLIC INTEREST DEPENDS ON PRIVATE VIRTUE."

IT'S BEING DONE RIGHT NOW. BY PEOPLE LIKE KIMI GRAY, WHOSE WASHINGTON TENANTS COMMITTEE INSTILLED SUCH PRIDE THAT THEY TURNED AN OPEN AIR DRUG MARKET INTO THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT TO BE PURCHASED BY ITS OWN TENANTS.

AND BY PEOPLE LIKE FATHER GEORGE CLEMENTS, WHOSE PRIVATE ANTI-DRUG CRUSADE CONVINCED MORE THAN 100 STORES ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE TO STOP SELLING DRUG PARAPHERNALIA. WHEN ONE STORE BALKED -- CLAIMING THE RIGHT TO SELL ANYTHING THAT'S "LEGAL" -- A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN SPOKE UP. "IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO BE LEGAL," HE DECLARED. "YOU MUST BE ETHICAL, TOO."

IN BOTH THESE CASES, THE COMMUNITIES WERE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAD THE GUTS TO COME FORWARD AND THE POLICE HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO MEET THEM HALF-WAY. BUT WE CAN DO MORE, AND WE WILL DO MORE. NEXT WEEK, MANY OF YOU HERE WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER WITH THOSE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS EXPECTED TO JOIN IN OUR NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH DAY.

AND WHEREVER THE POLICE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT AMERICA CAN "TAKE BACK THE STREETS" -- FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL MODELS LIKE NEW YORK'S "TNT'S" -- THE HARD-HITTING TACTICAL NARCOTICS TEAMS -- THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD NEW PARTNERSHIPS, TO BUILD NEW LIVES.

OF COURSE, NOT EVERY COMMUNITY IS A SUCCESS STORY. IN THE SOUTH JAMAICA NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE NEW YORK PATROLMAN EDDIE BYRNE WAS EXECUTED, BARS NOW COVER THE WINDOWS OF BUSINESSES AND HOMES.

WELL, I'VE GOT SOME NEWS. THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE BEHIND BARS. [[PAUSE]]

WHEN WE JOINED YOU AT THE CAPITOL IN MAY TO HONOR EDDIE AND HIS FALLEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE CAME ARMED WITH A PLAN OF ATTACK -- A COMMON SENSE PLAN TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. CRIMINALS HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO KNOW THAT:

IF THEY COMMIT A CRIME -- THEY WILL BE CAUGHT.

AND IF CAUGHT -- THEY WILL BE PROSECUTED.

AND IF CONVICTED -- THEY WILL DO TIME.

THE NATIONAL STRATEGY WE SENT 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.

WE PROPOSE TO DRAMATICALLY CHANGE THE RULES OF THE GAME.

FIRST -- MANDATORY TIME FOR FIREARMS OFFENSES.  
YOU USE A SEMI-AUTOMATIC FOR CRIME -- AND YOU'LL GET A  
FULLY AUTOMATIC SENTENCE. 10 YEARS. NO PROBATION. NO  
PAROLE. NO MATTER WHAT. [[PAUSE]]

SECOND -- WE CAN'T PLEA BARGAIN AWAY THE LIVES OF  
OUR COPS AND OUR KIDS. IF A CRIMINAL CARRIES A GUN --  
ALL DEALS ARE OFF.

AND FOR THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMES -- YOU REMEMBER MY  
PROMISE. FOR ANYONE WHO KILLS A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICER -- NO PENALTY IS TOO TOUGH. [[PAUSE]]

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF  
THIS KIND OF TOUGH, ANTI-VIOLENCE LEGISLATION. THERE  
ARE NOT TWO SIDES TO THIS ISSUE. THESE PROPOSALS ARE  
NOW BEFORE CONGRESS AND SHOULD BE PASSED WITHOUT DELAY  
-- THIS YEAR. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE IN NO MOOD TO  
ABIDE TOUGH TALK WHILE SOME PURSUE THE FAILED POLICIES  
OF LIBERAL LENIENCY.

AND TO BE EFFECTIVE -- MY COLLEAGUES IN AMERICA'S CITIES AND STATES -- YOUR MAYORS AND GOVERNORS BACK HOME -- HAVE TO BACK YOU UP WITH THE SAME NEW TOOLS WE'RE PROPOSING FOR THE FEDS. THAT MEANS NOT ONLY TOUGH NEW LAWS -- BUT ALSO NEW RESOURCES -- THE POLICE, PROSECUTORS AND PRISONS YOU NEED NOT JUST TO HOLD YOUR OWN -- BUT TO WIN.

AND THE BATTLE DOESN'T STOP AT OUR NATION'S BORDERS. COCAINE IS THE SCOURGE OF THE AMERICAS. EVERY ACRE ERADICATED IN THE ANDES -- EVERY KILO INTERCEPTED ON THE ATLANTIC -- REPRESENTS THOUSANDS OF POISONOUS VIALS THAT WILL NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO HARM OUR KIDS. AT THE HEMISPHERIC SUMMIT IN COSTA RICA IN OCTOBER -- THE WAR ON DRUGS WILL BE OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.

THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE WITH US ON THAT RAINY DAY AT THE CAPITOL KNOW THAT -- FROM THE DAY I TOOK OFFICE -- EDDIE BYRNE'S BADGE HAS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY DESK IN THE OVAL OFFICE. IT IS YOU, ASSEMBLED HERE, WHO KNOW BEST THE MEANING OF EDDIE'S SACRIFICE AND COMMITMENT -- YOU WHO HAVE GONE TO THE LONELY PLACES, WHERE THE STREETS SOUND WITH THUNDER ON CLOUDLESS DAYS.

AND IN THIS SUMMER OF MEMORIES AND HEROES -- OF MEN WHO WALKED ON THE MOON, PILOTS WHO DEFIED BOTH PHYSICS AND FATE TO SAVE DOZENS OF LIVES, AND AN ENTIRE TOWN IN IOWA THAT ROSE TO THE TASK --- IT'S HARD NOT TO BE REMINDED OF THE EVERYDAY, QUIET HEROISM OF THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND THE BADGE -- YOU WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO BRING GOODNESS INTO THE WORLD.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU, WE STAND BEHIND YOU, AND -- LIKE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR YOU. AND HERE IN THIS ARENA -- AND ACROSS THIS GREAT LAND -- THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE REPRESENTS 200,000 REASONS WHY WE ARE GOING TO SUCCEED. [[PAUSE]]

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE. GOD BLESS YOU AND THOSE YOU  
ARE SWORN TO PROTECT. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES.

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(McNally/Simon)  
July 27, 1989, 9:00 p.m.  
Draft Five (FOP)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONVENTION  
JIM NORICK ARENA, STATE FAIRGROUNDS  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989 -- 10:30 A.M.

✓ Thank you. I am pleased that Dick Thornburgh, our able Attorney General, is with us today -- and with the fine Sooner hospitality we've enjoyed from Governor Bellmon and Mayor Norick. Henry and Ron -- we're thrilled to be back with my home-state neighbors in the great land they call Oklahoma. [[PAUSE]]

✓ And thank you -- all 10,000 of you -- not for standing up to greet us today -- **but for standing up for America every day.**

[[PAUSE]]

✓ [[Standing here surrounded by so many veteran officers of the law -- this is possibly the single safest moment of my adult life. [[PAUSE]] But that doesn't mean you all get to put in for overtime.]]

✓ Actually, Dick Thornburgh reminded me that -- since last summer alone -- this is the fourth time I've attended gatherings that include the Fraternal Order of Police. Dick warned me that -- one more convention and you'll make me start paying dues.

✓ Now Barbara's trying to get around it -- by having Millie certified for a K-9 squad. [[PAUSE]]

✓ [[In truth, all this good press has gone to Millie's head. Yesterday we set out her bowl of Alpo -- and she asked to see the wine list.]] [[PAUSE]]

Earlier this summer -- on a dismal, drizzly, Washington afternoon -- I stood shoulder to shoulder with many of you here, gathered that day in a salute to those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

To honor that sacrifice, we invited Congress to join us in a new partnership with America's cities and states -- a new, national strategy -- a strategy to "take back the streets" -- by taking criminals off the streets.

That means punishing those who do evil.

To some ears, the very word "evil" is an embarrassment, an obsolete reference to old-fashioned attitudes. We've all heard the supposedly sophisticated arguments that turns "right" and "wrong" into empty concepts -- words without meaning.

But the nearly 10,000 men and women in this arena -- the men and women behind the badge -- know better. You know that crime -- and especially violent crime -- is not an academic exercise for dispassionate observation.

That's because you see it close-up and first-hand. You know that crime -- and crime fighting -- is usually a question of right and wrong. Good and evil. And you know that a nation that cannot understand the difference between right and wrong will never protect itself.

There are people out there intent on doing wicked things. These street gang members and cop killers are society's scavengers -- as cowardly and amoral as wild dogs. And when they spot someone vulnerable -- the elderly woman who has to cross the

gang-controlled streets from the bus stop to her front door -- they see their fellow man the way a jackal sees a wounded doe.

↳ As such barbarous acts reveal, a criminal thinks in a way simply unlike that of any other person. Some would like to believe that society is more to blame for crime than the criminal.

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↳ You who work the streets know otherwise. The fact of the matter is, the criminal chooses his way of life, his companions, the kinds of crime he commits. He rejects society and its values. **He is not the victim -- he is the victimizer.** [[PAUSE]]

And the law-abiding society you represent has a duty to punish wrongdoers. Punishment is not -- as some may see it -- an unseemly indulgence in revenge. Just punishment is a civilized response to wrong. Punishment is necessary not only as a deterrent to future crimes, but for its own sake. **Which is to say -- for the sake of justice.** [[PAUSE]]

↳ This tradition of justice speaks not of a society that disparages human life, but rather, one that treasures innocent human life as precious and unique. In Larry McMurtry's classic Western, Lonesome Dove, two pioneering lawmen finally put an end

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And it's about  
time to  
direct that  
power back*

to a brutal gang's deadly rampage through the Oklahoma Territory. One of the outlaws turns out to be Jake Spoon, the lawmen's old partner.

"It's a bad situation," says Captain Call, in the moments before arresting his old friend. "But there he is... He put himself in it."

McMurtry's saga -- like the lives of the real-life pioneers who inspired it -- reveals some simple truths. Most Americans believe that each of us has an innate capability of succumbing to evil -- but always the freedom to choose instead to do good. We're talking about individual responsibility. We're talking about character.

We must do a better job of cultivating character. We hear a lot about what our rights are -- but not enough about our duties.

*bold* } *So let us* } *that*  
We need to rekindle a spirit of duty, decency and personal responsibility. ] As always, Harry Truman spoke the truth when he said: "We must not permit the existence of conditions which cause our children to believe that crime is inevitable and normal."

Only the American people can make this change in attitude, this cultivation of character. It is not a federal problem for which there is a simple federal solution. We won't do it by looking to the government. And we certainly won't do it by blaming injustice on abstract social forces.

But parents and teachers and religious and neighborhood leaders can do it. They -- and probably only they -- can teach

our kids right from wrong. And it's time our kids started learning what I like to call the four "R"s -- reading, writing, 'rithmetic -- and respect. [[PAUSE]]

~~What~~ I have called the "Thousand Points of Light" -- that galaxy of small units of society that exists to serve others -- can also cultivate the character of our children by working to prevent neighborhood crime.

~~As~~ the great criminologist, James Q. Wilson, has said: "In the long run, the public interest depends on private virtue."

~~It's~~ being done right now. By people like Kimi Gray, whose Washington tenants committee instilled such pride that they turned an open air drug market into the first public housing project to be purchased by its own tenants.

~~And~~ by people like Father George Clements, whose private anti-drug crusade convinced more than 100 stores on Chicago's South Side to stop selling drug paraphernalia. When one store balked -- claiming the right to sell anything that's "legal" -- a local businessman spoke up. "It's not enough to be legal," he declared. "You must be ethical, too."

~~In~~ both these cases, the communities were successful because the people had the guts to come forward and the police had the ~~good~~ <sup>bold</sup> sense to meet them half-way. ~~And we're pleased that,~~ <sup>But we can do more, and we will do more.</sup> Next week, many of you here will be working together with those millions of Americans expected to join in our National Neighborhood Crime Watch Day.

~~And,~~  
 Whenever the police have demonstrated that America can "take back the streets" -- following successful models like New York's "TNT's" -- the hard-hitting Tactical Narcotics Teams -- there is an opportunity to build new partnerships, to build new lives.

~~Of~~ course, not every community is a success story. In the South Jamaica neighborhood where New York patrolman Eddie Byrne was executed, bars now cover the windows of businesses and homes.

~~Well,~~ I've got some news. **The wrong people are behind bars.**

[[PAUSE]]

~~When~~ we joined you at the Capitol in May to honor Eddie and his fallen brothers and sisters, we came armed with a plan of attack -- a common sense plan to hold people accountable for their actions. Criminals have simply got to know that:

~~If~~ they commit a crime -- they will be caught.

~~And~~ if caught -- they will be prosecuted.

~~And~~ if convicted -- they will do time.

~~The~~ national strategy we sent 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.

~~We~~ propose to dramatically change the rules of the game.

~~First~~ -- mandatory time for firearms offenses. You use a semi-automatic for crime -- and you'll get a fully automatic sentence. 10 years. No probation. No parole. No matter what.

[[PAUSE]]

Second -- we can't plea bargain away the lives of our cops and our kids. If a criminal carries a gun -- all deals are off.

And for the most heinous crimes -- you remember my promise. For anyone who kills a law enforcement officer -- no penalty is too tough. [[PAUSE]]

The American people are overwhelmingly in favor of this kind of tough, anti-violence legislation. There are not two sides to this issue. These proposals are now before Congress and should be passed without delay -- this year. The American people are in no mood to abide tough talk while some pursue the failed policies of liberal leniency.

~~And~~ to be effective -- my colleagues in America's cities and states -- your Mayors and Governors back home -- have to back you up with the same new tools we're proposing for the feds. That means not only tough new laws -- but also new resources -- the police, prosecutors and prisons you need not just to hold your own -- but to win.

~~And~~ the battle doesn't stop at our Nation's borders. Cocaine is the scourge of the Americas. Every acre eradicated in the Andes -- every kilo intercepted on the Atlantic -- represents thousands of poisonous vials that will never get the chance to harm our kids. At the hemispheric summit in Costa Rica in October -- the war on drugs will be our highest priority.

Those of you who were with us on that rainy day at the Capitol know that -- from the day I took office -- Eddie Byrne's badge has had a special place in my desk in the Oval Office. It

is you, assembled here, who know best the meaning of Eddie's sacrifice and commitment -- you who have gone to the lonely places, where the streets sound with thunder on cloudless days.

~~And~~ in this summer of memories and heroes -- of men who walked on the moon, pilots who defied both physics and fate to save dozens of lives, and an entire town in Iowa that rose to the task --- it's hard not to be reminded of the everyday, quiet heroism of the men and women behind the badge -- you who have chosen to bring goodness into the world.

We are proud of you, we stand behind you, and -- like the American people -- we have high expectations for you. And here in this arena -- and across this great land -- **the Fraternal Order of Police represents 200,000 reasons why we are going to succeed.** [[PAUSE]]

Be careful out there. God bless you and those you are sworn to protect. And God bless the United States.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
FROM:               EDWARD E. MCNALLY *EMW*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS -- FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

I.    SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for next Tuesday's keynote address at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) convention in Oklahoma City.

II.   DISCUSSION

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 1989 you are scheduled to address the Fraternal Order of Police at the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City, where you be introduced from offstage. An audience of up to 10,000 F.O.P. delegates, police officers and spouses is expected at the Jim Norick Arena (named after the father of Ron Norick -- Oklahoma City's GOP mayor -- who will be onstage). Your remarks are expected to be prepared for TelePrompter.

The suggested remarks not only offer a plug for the nuts and bolts of your crime package -- but also seek to discuss crime and punishment in a thoughtful way -- staking out the fundamental principles that will always distinguish your Administration's anti-crime philosophy from that of its critics.

By "laying down your marker" about the nature of crime and punishment, this address can help underscore the "bright line" distinction between those who believe the problem is with society -- and that great majority of Americans who share your view that the problem is with the criminal.

(McNally/Simon)  
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And thank you -- all 10,000 of you -- not only for your warm greeting today -- but also for the service and sacrifice you in law enforcement contribute every day.

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Now Barbara's trying to get around it -- by having Millie certified for a K-9 squad.

Millie's a good watchdog. But for her to bark, the criminals have to do two things: Number one -- Millie's got to already know them. And number two -- they've got to be coming up the driveway by bicycle. [PAUSE]

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gathered that day in a salute to those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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I am determined to see good protected and right defended.

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July 25, 1989, 6:00 p.m.  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONVENTION  
JIM NORICK ARENA, STATE FAIRGROUNDS  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989 -- 10:30 A.M.

Thank you, Dewey [[STOKES, F.O.P. PRESIDENT]]. I am pleased that the Attorney General is with us today -- and with the fine Sooner hospitality we've enjoyed from Governor Bellmon and Mayor Norick. Henry and Ron -- we're thrilled to be back with my home-state neighbors in the great land they call Oklahoma.

And thank you -- all 10,000 of you -- not only for your warm greeting today -- but also for the service and sacrifice you in law enforcement contribute every day.

Dewey was reminding me that -- since last summer alone -- this is the fourth time I've attended gatherings that include the Fraternal Order of Police. He warned that -- one more convention and they make me start paying dues.

Now Barbara's trying to get around it -- by having Millie certified for a K-9 squad.

Millie's a good watchdog. But for her to bark, the criminals have to do two things: Number one -- Millie's got to already know them. And number two -- they've got to be coming up the driveway by bicycle.

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To honor that sacrifice, we invited Congress to join us in a new partnership with America's cities and states -- a new, national strategy to "take back the streets" -- by taking criminals off the streets.

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To some ears, the very word "evil" is an embarrassment, an arcane reference to old-fashioned attitudes. We've all heard the supposedly sophisticated "socio-babble" that turns "right" and "wrong" into empty concepts -- words without meaning.

But the nearly 10,000 men and women in this arena -- the men and women behind the badge -- know better. You know that crime -- and especially violent crime -- is not an academic exercise for dispassionate observation.

That's because you see it close-up and first-hand. You know that crime -- and crime fighting -- is usually a question of right and wrong. Good and evil. And you know that a nation that cannot understand the difference between right and wrong will never protect itself.

I am determined to see good protected and right defended.

There are people out there intent on doing wicked things. These street gang members and cop killers are society's scavengers -- as cowardly and amoral as wild dogs. And when they

spot someone vulnerable -- the elderly woman who has to cross the gang-controlled streets from the bus stop to her front door -- they see their fellow man the way a jackal sees a wounded doe.

As such barbarous acts reveal, a criminal thinks in a way simply unlike that of any other person. Some would like to believe that society is more to blame for crime than the criminal. Some say crime is caused by parents who are too distant -- others say it's parents who pamper their children too much. Some say crime is caused by America's poverty -- others say it's America's prosperity that's to blame. TV violence, boredom, passionate impulses -- everything and everyone is blamed. Except for the criminal.

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And the law-abiding society you represent has a duty to punish wrongdoers. Punishment is not -- as some may see it -- an unseemly indulgence in revenge. Just punishment is a civilized response to wrong. Punishment is necessary not only as a deterrent to future crimes, but for its own sake. Which is to say -- for the sake of justice.

This tradition of justice speaks not of a society that disparages human life, but rather, one that treasures innocent human life as precious and unique. In Larry McMurtry's classic Western, Lonesome Dove, two pioneering lawmen finally put an end

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McMurtry's saga -- like the lives of the real-life pioneers who inspired it -- reveals some simple truths. Most Americans believe that each of us has an innate capability of succumbing to evil -- but always the freedom to choose instead to do good. We're talking about individual responsibility. We're talking about character.

We must do a better job of investing in character. We hear a lot about what our rights are -- but not enough about our duties. We need to rekindle a spirit of duty, decency and personal responsibility. Harry Truman said it plainly: "We must not permit the existence of conditions which cause our children to believe that crime is inevitable and normal."

Only the American people can make this change in attitude, this investment in character. It is not a federal problem for which there is a simple federal solution. We won't do it by looking to the government. And we certainly won't do it by blaming injustice on abstract social forces.

But parents and teachers and religious and neighborhood leaders can do it. They -- and probably only they -- can teach our kids right from wrong.

As the great criminologist, James Q. Wilson, has said: "In the long run, the public interest depends on private virtue."

What I have called the "Thousand Points of Light" -- that galaxy of small units of society that exists to serve others -- can also invest in the character of our children by working to prevent neighborhood crime.

It's being done right now. By people like Kimi Gray, whose Washington tenants committee instilled such pride that they turned an open air drug market into the first public housing project to be purchased by its own tenants.

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In both these cases, the communities were successful because the people had the guts to come forward and the police had the good sense to meet them half-way. Wherever the police have demonstrated that America can "take back the streets" -- following successful models like New York's "TNT's" -- the hard-hitting Tactical Narcotics Teams -- there is an opportunity to build new partnerships, to build new lives.

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We propose to dramatically change the rules of the game. Mandatory time for firearms offenses. No deals when criminals use a gun. And for the most heinous crimes -- you remember my promise. For anyone who kills a law enforcement officer -- no penalty is too tough.

The American people are overwhelmingly in favor of this kind of tough, anti-violence legislation. There are not two sides to this issue. These proposals are now before Congress and should be passed without delay -- this year. The American people are in no mood to abide tough talk while their leaders pursue the failed policies of liberal leniency.

And to be effective -- my colleagues in America's cities and states -- your Mayors and Governors back home -- have to back you

up with the same new tools we're proposing for the feds. That means not only tough new laws -- but also new resources -- the police, prosecutors and prisons you need not just to hold your own -- but to win.

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And in this month of memories and heroes -- of men who walked on the moon, pilots who defied both physics and fate to save dozens of lives, and an entire town in Iowa that rose to the task --- it's hard not to be reminded of the everyday, quiet heroism of the men and women behind the badge -- you who have chosen to bring goodness into the world.

We are proud of you, we stand behind you, and -- like the American people -- we have high expectations for you. And here in this room -- and across this great land -- the Fraternal Order of Police represents 200,000 reasons why you are going to succeed.


Be careful out there. God bless you and those you are sworn to protect. And God bless the United States.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton   
Subject: Fraternal Order of Police

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We believe that this speech will give new energy to the Republican/conservative anti-crime crusade. On the substance and style of this excellent draft, we have two words: Author! Author!, and four comments:

While the phrase "investing in character" is fine, we somewhat prefer "cultivating character." "Investing" has a kind of financial ring to it, while "cultivating," besides being alliterative, gets across the notion of nurturing good behavior.

1,6,1-2 The "federal programs" line seems somewhat gratuitous in its federal government bashing. We suggest simply omitting it.

4,4,4 "Harry Truman said it plainly..." To make it clearer that Truman's plain-spokenness is a virtue, we suggest changing this to read: "As always did, Harry Truman told the truth when he said..."

5,2,1 We particularly like the use of "Thousand Points of Light" here, as being a softer way of articulating the anti-crime message.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 07/25/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. Wednesday 07/26

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK  
(07/25 6:00 p.m. draft three)

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