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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 20, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EM*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF
 THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for Friday's address commemorating the 200th anniversary of the office of the Attorney General.

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At 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 1989, you are scheduled to arrive at the Departmental Auditorium in Washington, to address a gathering commemorating the bicentennial of the office of the Attorney General. Most of the approximately 650 in attendance will be Justice Department employees or officials.

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(McNally/Simon)
Sept. 20, 1989, 10:00 a.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: 200TH ANNIV. OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1989 -- 9:00 A.M.

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Presidents have particularly turned to their Attorney Generals in times of crisis. Robert Jackson's legal justification of the "bases for destroyers" deal allowed FDR to rush 50 surplus warships to Churchill at a critical time in the Battle for the Atlantic. In 1957, William Rogers advised Ike on his constitutional authority to send federal troops to enforce court-ordered desegregation in Little Rock, Arkansas. And it was Bobby Kennedy's astute advice to respond to the first Khrushchev letter -- ignoring the hard-line letter that followed -- that enabled the President to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

These were bold and effective steps, and a tradition of which you can all be proud. The British destroyers, and the withdrawal of the Cuban missiles, helped preserve America's

freedom. And the desegregation effort helped this nation to honor its promise of equality for all men and women of all races.

The A.G. today continues the honorable tradition of serving as "America's lawyer." Today, the Justice Department stands at the forefront of protecting American's rights and of ensuring fairness throughout society. In matters of business and antitrust, environment and civil rights -- matters which strike at the very core of our sense of right in a nation of free men and women -- your 200 year history stands as a testament to America's spirit, and to the continuing pursuit of a dream.

The great jurist Benjamin Cardozo said: "The process of justice is never finished, but reproduces itself, generation after generation, in ever-changing forms, and today, as in the past, it calls for the bravest and the best."

You are indeed the bravest and the best. Today there are four thousand lawyers in the Justice Department, and Dick tells me that some of you are so clever, you've had loopholes named after you. [[PAUSE]]

And these days more than ever, we're relying on the bravest and the best throughout this Department -- the Marshals, FBI, DEA, and the Bureau of Prisons, in addition to our A.U.S.A.'s and others in the Criminal Division -- to lead the war against the scourge of cocaine and the violent crime it spawns.

In fighting this battle, you know you have my interest and support, and the support of the American people.

You've seen our support in the anti-crime bill we sent to Congress in June. It sends a clear, unmistakable and tough message -- that those who bring blood and thunder to our streets will be brought to justice. I said it on television earlier this month, and I want to emphasize it here today:

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RESPONSE:

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: 200th Anniversary
of the Attorney General

The draft remarks on the 200th Anniversary of the Attorney General for delivery on Friday, September 22nd, look good. They include a large number of interesting anecdotes that should be a real hit.

My only suggestion is that on page 4 in the paragraph which begins "You've seen our support in the anti-crime bill sent to Congress in May," this should be changed to "June," when the legislation was transmitted. The President made his proposals in May, but the actual Crime Control Bill was transmitted in June.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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

SUBJECT: 200th Anniv. of A-G Remarks ✓

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*

FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EM*

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As we stand here today, commemorating 200 years of the Office of the Attorney General, we should look back with pride on the justice we have achieved as a nation. From modest beginnings you stand today as a powerful force for justice in America, and as a powerful example for justice in the world.

I salute this great office, its rich heritage, and all the fine men and women who serve justice under its leadership today. You are indeed the "bravest and the best."

Congratulations on this anniversary. Godspeed you in your service. And God bless the United States.

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