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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 21, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: EDWARD MCNALLY *EM*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE RED MASS LUNCHEON IN BOSTON

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for Saturday's address at the luncheon sponsored by the Catholic Lawyers' Guild in Boston.

II. DISCUSSION

At 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 1989, you and Governor Sununu are scheduled to arrive at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, to address a luncheon gathering following the annual Red Mass sponsored by Cardinal Law and the Catholic Lawyers' Guild.

You will be introduced by Judge Joseph Nolan, the Guild's President. Approximately 300-400 lawyers and judges are expected to attend the luncheon, which is open to members of all faiths. The event will also be attended by various government and religious officials, including Governor Dukakis, Chief Justice Liacof, and several area Bishops.

The suggested theme of these remarks -- echoing Thomas Jefferson's challenge to work to extend "peace, liberty, and safety" to all our citizens -- was originally proposed in the draft remarks submitted by Cardinal Law, which you reviewed on Air Force One while returning from Spokane Tuesday afternoon. An extensive call for community service and "1,000 Points of Light" has been incorporated to complement this theme.

(Grant/McNally/Martin)
September 21, 1989
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILD LUNCHEON
PARK PLAZA HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1989

Thank you. And thank you, Judge [[JOSEPH]] Nolan
[[PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILD]] for those warm
words, and for inviting us to join this fine gathering.

It's good to see Governor Dukakis here today, as well as the
Chief Justice [[JUSTICE LIACOF, OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF
MASSACHUSETTS]]. And we're especially pleased to be here with my
good friend, Cardinal Law.

For those of you in the back of the room, I'll try to speak
up. [[PAUSE]] Cardinal Law warned me that the agnostics in this
room are very bad.

We've enjoyed visits by the Cardinal to both Kennebunkport
and the White House in recent months, and we were happy to accept
when he conveyed your kind invitation to lunch. I told my staff
to set it up for any Saturday this fall -- so long as Holy Cross
wasn't playing B.C. [[BOSTON COLLEGE]]. [[PAUSE]]

One aide noticed that "Red, [[PAUSE]] Mass." was on the trip
schedule. He pulled out a map and asked: "Is that anywhere near
Boston?" [[PAUSE]]

This is quite a gathering. I hear F. Lee Bailey told one TV
show that there hasn't been so much legal talent assembled in one
room in Boston since the time he played solitaire. [[PAUSE]]

We're pleased Governor Sununu is here with us today. Like many young Catholics, as a boy John dreamed of one day becoming Pope. It was only after having eight kids that we got him to settle for Chief of Staff. [[PAUSE]]

Yesterday marked the first day of autumn. It is the season of harvest, the season of change, the season of "back-to-school" and new beginnings. And it is with great respect and reverence that I come to you this day, the day of the Red Mass, a stirring and deeply spiritual tradition.

Today and tomorrow, men and women of the bar will join in solemn prayer, across America and around the world, gathering wherever civilization has been graced with the twin blessings of rule of law and faith in God.

The ancient roots of the Red Mass are so intertwined with the earliest days of the law that its precise origins are, quite literally, lost in time.

Some say this beautiful and inspiring ritual was first observed in 13th century Rome. Others say it began in King Edward's London, beneath the gothic arches of the Inns of Court. Still others support the theory that it began in Paris.

Wherever the Red Mass was first observed, we can be sure of one thing. A tradition that spans seven centuries was started when one man with an idea -- one lawyer, or one priest -- stepped forward to act with conviction.

The Red Mass is a celebration and a renewal, a reminder to every lawyer and judge -- Catholic or Jew, Protestant or Moslem

-- that yours is a profession dedicated not merely to practical results or material progress, but to a higher duty, and to the public good.

Many years ago, one of my predecessors, a man trained and accomplished in the same profession as yourselves, found himself facing a crisis of conviction. Many Americans had come to doubt the very foundations upon which this nation was laid.

It was widely suggested that the early success of the United States was an accident of natural wealth. People said that the sophisticated problems of modern times required a re-thinking of the democratic institutions of our nation's youth.

The President was burdened by a troubling question: Do the founders of our nation have anything to say to the present day -- or is it necessary to start over on a new basis?

The man was Thomas Jefferson. The occasion, his inaugural address. And the response he made to that crisis is as forceful today as it was in his own age.

For Jefferson understood that the essence of America lies not in shared real estate -- but in shared values. Not in a common ancestry -- but in a common vision.

Jefferson spoke of the rights and responsibilities of free citizens. "Every difference of opinion," he warned, "is not a difference of principle."

And he singled out one such unyielding principle as fundamental to our continued life as a nation -- "equal and exact

justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political."

The challenge that Thomas Jefferson delivered to his fellow citizens, I deliver to you this afternoon.

I challenge you, as Catholic lawyers, not to give in to the dismay of those today who, in error or alarm, have wandered from the basic convictions to which our nation is pledged. I challenge you to rekindle and foster a love of justice. American justice. A justice that knows no boundaries of race, sex, income, or age. [[PAUSE]]

We're all born with certain talents and abilities, and part of growing up Catholic in America is being reminded of each person's obligation to use the gifts that God gave them.

Perhaps some of you saw this amazing Notre Dame sophomore last Saturday -- Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. Not once but twice he returned kickoffs for record-breaking touchdowns -- the best use of speed since Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier.

Well, as lawyers, as advocates, part of your task is to use your talents -- to speak for those unable to speak for themselves.

I challenge you to re-articulate those principles that are deeper than our differences. The principles of equal and exact justice, and that vision of free and responsible citizenship which forms our common heritage.

Now, we may be preaching to the converted. None of the judges I've spoken to ever complained of difficulty in getting a group of Boston lawyers to speak their minds. [[PAUSE]]

And it's clear you appreciate the power of communication. We've heard about the archdiocese's new T.V. recruiting ads. [[PAUSE]] It was Cardinal Law who said: "If he were here today, Saint Paul would be on Madison Avenue." [[PAUSE]]

Everyone here is uniquely suited for the task. By virtue of your profession and your faith, you are alive to the fact that -- if we are indeed "one nation, under God" -- then our responsibilities do not end with simply obeying the law. We must actively work to extend peace, liberty and safety to all our fellow citizens.

As Saint Augustine said: "While law makes us obedient to justice, God... makes us agents of justice, doers of justice, creators of justice."

I challenge you, as men and women of faith, to give voice to this justice. Do it proudly, with the courage of conviction. And carry justice to all our citizens -- especially to those who know it least.

We must devote special attention to the problems of those on the margins, those lacking adequate food or shelter, those addicted or mentally ill, those whose neighborhoods have been decimated by crime.

We must remember the unremembered. Protect the unprotected. And stand up for those who live in a world of pain: The hungry and the homeless, the haunted and the hurting.

It's not enough to give them justice. We must also give them hope.

Part of this effort belongs in the courtroom, where prosecutors and judges fight to preserve justice, and where private attorneys perform untold good through pro bono [[PRO BONE-OH]] efforts.

Consider, for example, "Operation Uplift," begun by lawyers in Minneapolis and now spreading across the country.

Its premise is simple. When an attorney represents a client pro bono, the client is asked to do volunteer work in the neighborhood or community, pledging one hour of service for every hour the attorney spends working on their case. It costs nothing, and doubles the good done by pro bono efforts.

But ultimately, to succeed, this effort can't end with the working day. The grassroots movement we've called "A Thousand Points of Light" must reach out to America's hurting where they are, in the classroom as well as the courtroom, and in church basements, street corners and lonely apartments. The bottom line is this: From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include service to others.

This room is rich with shining examples of good men and women who have devoted their lives to service -- in private, in public, and in the pulpit.

Make community service central to your life and work.

Somewhere, in your own community, there is an illiterate man yearning for the gift most of you have enjoyed since childhood -- the ability to read.

Somewhere, in your own community, there is a homeless family that needs food, clothing and shelter.

And somewhere, in your own community, there is a scared little boy, tempted to buy crack or join a gang, who needs the love and guidance of a Big Brother.

There are countless unmet needs, countless ways in which you can make a difference for the better. For you who are senior partners, I urge you to consider community service by your associates in hiring and promotion decisions.

At the end of the day, let it be said about you that -- more than your record in court or the hours you've billed -- this was the way in which you touched the life of someone in need.

Finally, with particular concern, we challenge you to even greater efforts toward the protection of human life at its most fragile, life in the womb. [[PAUSE]] Use your talents, your energy, and your professional resources to reaffirm the right to life as the most fundamental freedom.

Your contribution to this cause in recent years has been very great indeed. Progress has been made, but it is clear that there is much more work to be done.

The Jeffersonian vision of justice -- of peace, liberty and safety for all -- has permeated our American understanding of

rights, of responsibilities, of life itself. It is evident in one of our symbols, the American flag, but I want to look at something more common than the flag -- a single dime.

[[It is more easily carried than a flag, although as many of your profession know particularly well, it is not as flammable.]]

There are three emblems on the back of a dime. An olive branch, a torch, and the limb of an oak.

The olive branch symbolizes our longing for peace, our willingness to live by righteousness, not simply by military might. Next to the olive branch is a torch, the lamp of liberty. And beside the torch lies the oak, the symbol of safety, of security, and of the strength which guarantees them.

Finally, in the midst of the three reads the motto, "E Pluribus Unum." "From the many, one." We are a diverse people, with many backgrounds, many challenges, and many hopes.

I call upon you today, the Guild of Catholic Lawyers, to give voice to the consensus, the oneness of values which lives beneath the diversity. I call upon you, as agents and creators of justice, to help us bring about the peace, liberty and safety we seek for every human being.

God bless you, and God bless the United States. Thank you.

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WARM WORDS, AND FOR INVITING US TO JOIN THIS FINE
GATHERING.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE GOVERNOR DUKAKIS HERE TODAY, AS
WELL AS THE CHIEF JUSTICE [[JUSTICE LIACOF, OF THE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS]].

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AND WE'RE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH MY GOOD
FRIEND, CARDINAL LAW.

FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM, I'LL TRY
TO SPEAK UP. [[PAUSE]] CARDINAL LAW WARNED ME THAT
THE AGNOSTICS IN THIS ROOM ARE VERY BAD.

WE'VE ENJOYED VISITS BY THE CARDINAL TO BOTH
KENNEBUNKPORT AND THE WHITE HOUSE IN RECENT MONTHS, AND
WE WERE HAPPY TO ACCEPT WHEN HE CONVEYED YOUR KIND
INVITATION TO LUNCH.

I TOLD MY STAFF TO SET IT UP FOR ANY SATURDAY THIS FALL -- SO LONG AS HOLY CROSS WASN'T PLAYING B.C. [[BOSTON COLLEGE]]. [[PAUSE]]

ONE AIDE NOTICED THAT "RED, [[PAUSE]] MASS." WAS ON THE TRIP SCHEDULE. HE PULLED OUT A MAP AND ASKED: "IS THAT ANYWHERE NEAR BOSTON?" [[PAUSE]]

WE'RE PLEASED GOVERNOR SUNUNU IS HERE WITH US TODAY. LIKE MANY YOUNG CATHOLICS, AS A BOY JOHN DREAMED OF ONE DAY BECOMING POPE.

IT WAS ONLY AFTER HAVING EIGHT KIDS THAT WE GOT HIM TO SETTLE FOR CHIEF OF STAFF. [[PAUSE]]

YESTERDAY MARKED THE FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN. IT IS THE SEASON OF HARVEST, THE SEASON OF CHANGE, THE SEASON OF "BACK-TO-SCHOOL" AND NEW BEGINNINGS. AND IT IS WITH GREAT RESPECT AND REVERENCE THAT I COME TO YOU THIS DAY, THE DAY OF THE RED MASS, A STIRRING AND DEEPLY SPIRITUAL TRADITION.

TODAY AND TOMORROW, MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BAR WILL JOIN IN SOLEMN PRAYER, ACROSS AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD, GATHERING WHEREVER CIVILIZATION HAS BEEN GRACED WITH THE TWIN BLESSINGS OF RULE OF LAW AND FAITH IN GOD.

THE ANCIENT ROOTS OF THE RED MASS ARE SO INTERTWINED WITH THE EARLIEST DAYS OF THE LAW THAT ITS PRECISE ORIGINS ARE, QUITE LITERALLY, LOST IN TIME.

SOME SAY THIS BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRING RITUAL WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN 13TH CENTURY ROME. OTHERS SAY IT BEGAN IN KING EDWARD'S LONDON, BENEATH THE GOTHIC ARCHES OF THE INNS OF COURT. STILL OTHERS SUPPORT THE THEORY THAT IT BEGAN IN PARIS.

WHEREVER THE RED MASS WAS FIRST OBSERVED, WE CAN BE SURE OF ONE THING.

A TRADITION THAT SPANS SEVEN CENTURIES WAS STARTED WHEN ONE MAN WITH AN IDEA -- ONE LAWYER, OR ONE PRIEST -- STEPPED FORWARD TO ACT WITH CONVICTION.

THE RED MASS IS A CELEBRATION AND A RENEWAL, A REMINDER TO EVERY LAWYER AND JUDGE -- CATHOLIC OR JEW, PROTESTANT OR MOSLEM -- THAT YOURS IS A PROFESSION DEDICATED NOT MERELY TO PRACTICAL RESULTS OR MATERIAL PROGRESS, BUT TO A HIGHER DUTY, AND TO THE PUBLIC GOOD.

MANY YEARS AGO, ONE OF MY PREDECESSORS, A MAN TRAINED AND ACCOMPLISHED IN THE SAME PROFESSION AS YOURSELVES, FOUND HIMSELF FACING A CRISIS OF CONVICTION. MANY AMERICANS HAD COME TO DOUBT THE VERY FOUNDATIONS UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS LAID.

IT WAS WIDELY SUGGESTED THAT THE EARLY SUCCESS OF THE UNITED STATES WAS AN ACCIDENT OF NATURAL WEALTH.

PEOPLE SAID THAT THE SOPHISTICATED PROBLEMS OF MODERN TIMES REQUIRED A RE-THINKING OF THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH.

THE PRESIDENT WAS BURDENED BY A TROUBLING QUESTION: DO THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATION HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO THE PRESENT DAY -- OR IS IT NECESSARY TO START OVER ON A NEW BASIS?

THE MAN WAS THOMAS JEFFERSON. \ \ THE OCCASION, HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS. AND THE RESPONSE HE MADE TO THAT CRISIS IS AS FORCEFUL TODAY AS IT WAS IN HIS OWN AGE.

FOR JEFFERSON UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ESSENCE OF AMERICA LIES NOT IN SHARED REAL ESTATE -- BUT IN SHARED VALUES. NOT IN A COMMON ANCESTRY -- BUT IN A COMMON VISION.

JEFFERSON SPOKE OF THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FREE CITIZENS.

"EVERY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION," HE WARNED, "IS NOT A DIFFERENCE OF PRINCIPLE."

AND HE SINGLED OUT ONE SUCH UNYIELDING PRINCIPLE AS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR CONTINUED LIFE AS A NATION -- "EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE TO ALL MEN, OF WHATEVER STATE OR PERSUASION, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL."

THE CHALLENGE THAT THOMAS JEFFERSON DELIVERED TO HIS FELLOW CITIZENS, I DELIVER TO YOU THIS AFTERNOON.

I CHALLENGE YOU, AS CATHOLIC LAWYERS, NOT TO GIVE IN TO THE DISMAY OF THOSE TODAY WHO, IN ERROR OR ALARM, HAVE WANDERED FROM THE BASIC CONVICTIONS TO WHICH OUR NATION IS PLEDGED. I CHALLENGE YOU TO REKINDLE AND FOSTER A LOVE OF JUSTICE. AMERICAN JUSTICE. A JUSTICE THAT KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES OF RACE, SEX, INCOME, OR AGE.
[[PAUSE]]

WE'RE ALL BORN WITH CERTAIN TALENTS AND ABILITIES, AND PART OF GROWING UP CATHOLIC IN AMERICA IS BEING REMINDED OF EACH PERSON'S OBLIGATION TO USE THE GIFTS THAT GOD GAVE THEM.

PERHAPS SOME OF YOU SAW THIS AMAZING NOTRE DAME SOPHOMORE LAST SATURDAY -- RAGHIB "ROCKET" ISMAIL. NOT ONCE BUT TWICE HE RETURNED KICKOFFS FOR RECORD-BREAKING TOUCHDOWNS -- THE BEST USE OF SPEED SINCE CHUCK YEAGER BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER.

WELL, AS LAWYERS, AS ADVOCATES, PART OF YOUR TASK IS TO USE YOUR TALENTS -- TO SPEAK FOR THOSE UNABLE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

I CHALLENGE YOU TO RE-ARTICULATE THOSE PRINCIPLES THAT ARE DEEPER THAN OUR DIFFERENCES. THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL AND EXACT JUSTICE, AND THAT VISION OF FREE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP WHICH FORMS OUR COMMON HERITAGE.

NOW, WE MAY BE PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. NONE OF THE JUDGES I'VE SPOKEN TO EVER COMPLAINED OF DIFFICULTY IN GETTING A GROUP OF BOSTON LAWYERS TO SPEAK THEIR MINDS. [[PAUSE]]

AND IT'S CLEAR YOU APPRECIATE THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION. WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE'S NEW T.V. RECRUITING ADS. [[PAUSE]] IT WAS CARDINAL LAW WHO SAID: "IF HE WERE HERE TODAY, SAINT PAUL WOULD BE ON MADISON AVENUE." [[PAUSE]]

EVERYONE HERE IS UNIQUELY SUITED FOR THE TASK. BY VIRTUE OF YOUR PROFESSION AND YOUR FAITH, YOU ARE ALIVE TO THE FACT THAT -- IF WE ARE INDEED "ONE NATION, UNDER GOD" -- THEN OUR RESPONSIBILITIES DO NOT END WITH SIMPLY OBEYING THE LAW. WE MUST ACTIVELY WORK TO EXTEND PEACE, LIBERTY AND SAFETY TO ALL OUR FELLOW CITIZENS.

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AS SAINT AUGUSTINE SAID: "WHILE LAW MAKES US OBEDIENT TO JUSTICE, GOD... MAKES US AGENTS OF JUSTICE, DOERS OF JUSTICE, CREATORS OF JUSTICE."

I CHALLENGE YOU, AS MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH, TO GIVE VOICE TO THIS JUSTICE. DO IT PROUDLY, WITH THE COURAGE OF CONVICTION. AND CARRY JUSTICE TO ALL OUR CITIZENS -- ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO KNOW IT LEAST.

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WE MUST DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THOSE ON THE MARGINS, THOSE LACKING ADEQUATE FOOD OR SHELTER, THOSE ADDICTED OR MENTALLY ILL, THOSE WHOSE NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE BEEN DECIMATED BY CRIME.

WE MUST REMEMBER THE UNREMEMBERED. PROTECT THE UNPROTECTED. AND STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN A WORLD OF PAIN: THE HUNGRY AND THE HOMELESS, THE HAUNTED AND THE HURTING.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO GIVE THEM JUSTICE. WE MUST ALSO GIVE THEM HOPE.

PART OF THIS EFFORT BELONGS IN THE COURTROOM, WHERE PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES FIGHT TO PRESERVE JUSTICE, AND WHERE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS PERFORM UNTOLD GOOD THROUGH PRO BONO [[PRO BONE-OH]] EFFORTS.

CONSIDER, FOR EXAMPLE, "OPERATION UPLIFT," BEGUN BY LAWYERS IN MINNEAPOLIS AND NOW SPREADING ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

ITS PREMISE IS SIMPLE. WHEN AN ATTORNEY REPRESENTS A CLIENT PRO BONO, THE CLIENT IS ASKED TO DO VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY, PLEDGING ONE HOUR OF SERVICE FOR EVERY HOUR THE ATTORNEY SPENDS WORKING ON THEIR CASE. IT COSTS NOTHING, AND DOUBLES THE GOOD DONE BY PRO BONO EFFORTS.

BUT ULTIMATELY, TO SUCCEED, THIS EFFORT CAN'T END WITH THE WORKING DAY.

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THE GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT WE'VE CALLED "A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT" MUST REACH OUT TO AMERICA'S HURTING WHERE THEY ARE, IN THE CLASSROOM AS WELL AS THE COURTROOM, AND IN CHURCH BASEMENTS, STREET CORNERS AND LONELY APARTMENTS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: FROM NOW ON IN AMERICA, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVICE TO OTHERS.

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THIS ROOM IS RICH WITH SHINING EXAMPLES OF GOOD MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO SERVICE -- IN PRIVATE, IN PUBLIC, AND IN THE PULPIT.

MAKE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRAL TO YOUR LIFE AND WORK. SOMEWHERE, IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY, THERE IS AN ILLITERATE MAN YEARNING FOR THE GIFT MOST OF YOU HAVE ENJOYED SINCE CHILDHOOD -- THE ABILITY TO READ.

SOMEWHERE, IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY, THERE IS A HOMELESS FAMILY THAT NEEDS FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER.

AND SOMEWHERE, IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY, THERE IS A SCARED LITTLE BOY, TEMPTED TO BUY CRACK OR JOIN A GANG, WHO NEEDS THE LOVE AND GUIDANCE OF A BIG BROTHER.

THERE ARE COUNTLESS UNMET NEEDS, COUNTLESS WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE BETTER.

FOR YOU WHO ARE SENIOR PARTNERS, I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY SERVICE BY YOUR ASSOCIATES IN HIRING AND PROMOTION DECISIONS.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, LET IT BE SAID ABOUT YOU THAT -- MORE THAN YOUR RECORD IN COURT OR THE HOURS YOU'VE BILLED -- THIS WAS THE WAY IN WHICH YOU TOUCHED THE LIFE OF SOMEONE IN NEED.

FINALLY, WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN, WE CHALLENGE YOU TO EVEN GREATER EFFORTS TOWARD THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE. [[PAUSE]] USE YOUR TALENTS, YOUR ENERGY, AND YOUR PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES TO REAFFIRM THE RIGHT TO LIFE AS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM.

THE JEFFERSONIAN VISION OF JUSTICE -- OF PEACE, LIBERTY AND SAFETY FOR ALL -- HAS PERMEATED OUR AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTS, OF RESPONSIBILITIES, OF LIFE ITSELF.

IT IS EVIDENT IN ONE OF OUR SYMBOLS, THE AMERICAN FLAG, BUT I WANT TO LOOK AT SOMETHING EVEN MORE COMMON THAN THE FLAG -- A SINGLE DIME.

THERE ARE THREE EMBLEMS ON THE BACK OF A DIME. AN OLIVE BRANCH, A TORCH, AND THE LIMB OF AN OAK.

THE OLIVE BRANCH SYMBOLIZES OUR LONGING FOR PEACE, OUR WILLINGNESS TO LIVE BY RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT SIMPLY BY MILITARY MIGHT. NEXT TO THE OLIVE BRANCH IS A TORCH, THE LAMP OF LIBERTY.

AND BESIDE THE TORCH LIES THE OAK, THE SYMBOL OF SAFETY, OF SECURITY, AND OF THE STRENGTH WHICH GUARANTEES THEM.

FINALLY, IN THE MIDST OF THE THREE READS THE MOTTO, "E PLURIBUS UNUM." "FROM THE MANY, ONE." WE ARE A DIVERSE PEOPLE, WITH MANY BACKGROUNDS, MANY CHALLENGES, AND MANY HOPES.

I CALL UPON YOU TODAY, THE GUILD OF CATHOLIC LAWYERS, TO GIVE VOICE TO THE CONSENSUS, THE ONENESS OF VALUES WHICH LIVES BENEATH THE DIVERSITY. I CALL UPON YOU, AS AGENTS AND CREATORS OF JUSTICE, TO HELP US BRING ABOUT THE PEACE, LIBERTY AND SAFETY WE SEEK FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING.

GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES.

THANK YOU.

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But to succeed, this effort can't end with the working day. The grassroots campaign we've called "A Thousand Points of Light" must reach out to America's hurting where they are, in the classroom as well as the courtroom, and in church basements, street corners and lonely apartments. The bottom line is this: **From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include service to others.**

This room is rich with shining examples of good men and women who have devoted their lives to service -- in private, in public, and in the pulpit. And it does inspire.

We hear of one public-spirited volunteer who has this recurring nightmare. He is standing in line before the gates of Heaven, just a few persons behind the Pope. Up ahead, St. Peter is slowly shaking his head, and says to the Holy Father: "Now if only you had performed just a few more good deeds..." [[PAUSE]]

In all these volunteer efforts, there must be priorities. I am especially concerned that we protect the most defenseless among us, our children. We urge you today to speak out on behalf of our kids. [Not as the agenda of yet another special interest group, but as part of our American birthright.] ?

Finally, with particular concern, we challenge you to even greater efforts toward the protection of human life at its most fragile, life in the womb. [[PAUSE]] Use your talents, your energy, and your professional resources to reaffirm the right to life as the most fundamental freedom.

Your contribution to this cause in recent years has been

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a homeless family that needs food, clothing and shelter. Somewhere, in your own community, there is a lonely little boy who's tempted to try crack or join a gang, who needs the love and guidance of a Big Brother. There are countless unmet needs, countless ways in which you can make a difference for the better in your community. At the end of the day, let it be said about you that ~~is~~ more important than ~~the~~ your win-loss record in the courtroom or the number of multimillion dollar deals you've documented, ~~is~~ was the way in which you touched the life of someone in need.

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People who will be seated at the Head table are as follows:

President and Mrs. Bush
Governor and Mrs. John Sununu

* Cardinal Law

Bishop Robert J. Banks
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, Vicar General

Bishop Lawrence J. Reily
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston

Bishop Daniel A. Cronin

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Cabinet Secretary of the Archdiocese of Boston

Fr. Dennis Burns

Chaplain of Catholic Lawyers Guild

* Judge and Mrs. Joseph Nolan

President of Catholic Lawyers Guild

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson D. Roger, Jr.

General Counsel of Catholic Lawyers Guild

* Chief Justice Liacof

Supreme Court of Boston

* Gov. Michael Dukakis

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/20/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 a.m. Thursday 09/21

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILD LUNCHEON
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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 09/21, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILD LUNCHEON
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For those of you in the back of the room, I'll try to speak up. [[PAUSE]] Cardinal Law warned me that the agnostics in this room are very bad.

We've enjoyed visits by the Cardinal to both Kennebunkport and the White House in recent months, and we were happy to accept when he conveyed your kind invitation to lunch. I told my staff to set it up for any Saturday this fall -- so long as Holy Cross wasn't playing B.C. [[BOSTON COLLEGE]]. [[PAUSE]]

One aide noticed that "Red, Mass." was on the trip schedule. He pulled out a map and asked: "Is that anywhere near Boston?" [[PAUSE]]

This is quite a gathering. I hear ^{Harvard's} Arthur Miller [[HARVARD LAW SCHOOL'S TV LAWYER]] told one TV show that there hasn't been so much legal talent assembled in one room in Boston since the time he played solitaire. [[PAUSE]]

We're pleased Governor Sununu is here with us today. Like many young Catholics, as a boy John dreamed of one day becoming Pope. It was only after having eight kids that we got him to settle for Chief of Staff. [[PAUSE]]

Today marks the first day of autumn. It is a season of change, a season of harvest, a season of ~~new beginnings~~ ^{new beginnings?} hope. And it is with great respect and reverence that I come to you this day, the day of the Red Mass, a stirring and deeply spiritual tradition.

Today and tomorrow, men and women of the bar will join in solemn prayer, across America and around the world, gathering wherever civilization has been graced with the twin blessings of rule of law and faith in God.

The ancient roots of the Red Mass are so intertwined with the earliest days of the law that its precise origins are, quite literally, lost in time.

Some say this beautiful and inspiring ritual was first observed in 13th century Rome. Others say it began in King Edward's London, beneath the gothic arches of the Inns of Court. Still others support the theory that it began in Paris.

Wherever the Red Mass was first observed, we can be sure of one thing. A tradition that spans seven centuries was started when **one man with an idea -- one lawyer, or one priest -- stepped forward to act with conviction.**

The Red Mass is a celebration and a renewal, a reminder to every lawyer and judge -- Catholic or Jew, Protestant or Moslem -- that yours is a profession dedicated not merely to practical results or material progress, but to a higher duty, and to the public good.

Many years ago, one of my predecessors, a man trained and accomplished in the same profession as yourselves, found himself

facing a crisis of conviction. Many Americans had come to doubt the very foundations upon which this nation was laid.

It was widely suggested that the early success of the United States was an accident of natural wealth. People said that the sophisticated problems of modern times required a re-thinking of the democratic institutions of our nation's youth.

The President ~~saw himself saddled with~~ ^{was burdened by} a troubling question: "Do the founders of our nation have anything to say to the present day -- or is it necessary to start over on a new basis?"

The man was Thomas Jefferson. The occasion, his inaugural address. And the response he made to that crisis is as forceful today as it was in his own age.

For Jefferson understood that **the essence of America lies not in shared real estate -- but in shared values. Not in a common ancestry -- but in a common vision.**

Jefferson spoke of the rights and responsibilities of free citizens. "Every difference of opinion," he warned, "is not a difference of principle."

And he singled out one such unyielding principle as fundamental to our continued life as a nation -- "equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political."

The challenge that Thomas Jefferson delivered to his fellow citizens, I deliver to you this afternoon.

I challenge you, as Catholic lawyers, not to give in to the dismay of those today who, in error or alarm, have wandered from

the basic convictions to which our nation is pledged. I challenge you to ~~recover and~~ ^{and foster} ~~rekindle~~ a love of justice. American justice. A justice that knows no boundaries of race, sex, income, or age. [[PAUSE]]

We're all born with certain talents and abilities, and part of growing up Catholic in America is being reminded of each person's obligation to use the gifts that God gave them.

Perhaps some of you saw this amazing Notre Dame sophomore last Saturday -- Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. Not once but twice he returned kickoffs for record-breaking touchdowns -- the best use of speed since Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier.

Well, as lawyers, as advocates, part of your task is to use your talents -- to speak for those unable to speak for themselves.

I challenge you to re-articulate those principles that are deeper than our differences. ~~Give voice to voiceless America.~~ ~~Give voice to the American consensus:~~ ^{the} those principles of equal and exact justice, and that vision of free and responsible citizenship ^{which} that form our common heritage. ?

Now, we may be preaching to the converted. None of the judges I've spoken to ever complained of difficulty in getting a group of Boston lawyers to speak their minds. [[PAUSE]]

And it's clear you appreciate the power of communication. We've heard about the archdiocese's new T.V. recruiting ads. [[PAUSE]] It was Cardinal Law who said: "If he were here today, Saint Paul would be on Madison Avenue." [[PAUSE]]

~~Still~~, everyone here is uniquely suited for the task. By virtue of your profession and your faith, you are alive to the fact that -- if we are indeed "one nation, under God" -- then our responsibilities do not end with simply obeying the law. We must actively work to extend peace, liberty and safety to all our fellow citizens.

As Saint Augustine said: "While law makes us obedient to justice, God... makes us agents of justice, doers of justice, creators of justice."

I challenge you, as men and women of faith, to give voice to this justice. Do it proudly, with the courage of conviction. And carry justice to all our citizens -- especially to those who know it least.

We must devote special attention to the problems of those on the margins, those lacking adequate food or shelter, those addicted or mentally ill, those whose neighborhoods have been decimated by crime.

We must remember the unremembered. Protect the unprotected. And stand up for those who live in ~~this~~^a world of pain: The hungry and the homeless, the haunted and the hurting.

It's not enough to give them justice. We must also give them hope.

Part of this effort belongs in the courtroom, where prosecutors and judges fight to ~~protect the innocent~~^{preserve justice?}, and where private attorneys perform untold good through pro bono efforts.

But to succeed, this effort can't end with the working day. The grassroots ^{movement} ~~campaign~~ we've called "A Thousand Points of Light" must reach out to America's hurting where they are, in the classroom as well as the courtroom, and in church basements, street corners and lonely apartments. The bottom line is this: **From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include service to others.**

This room is rich with shining examples of good men and women who have devoted their lives to service -- in private, in public, and in the pulpit. And it does inspire.

We hear of one public-spirited volunteer who has this recurring nightmare. He is standing in line before the gates of Heaven, just a few persons behind the Pope. Up ahead, St. Peter is slowly shaking his head, and says to the Holy Father: "Now if only you had performed just a few more good deeds..." [[PAUSE]]

In all these volunteer efforts, there must be priorities. I am especially concerned that we protect the most defenseless among us, our children. We urge you today to speak out on behalf of our kids. Not as the agenda of yet another special interest group, but as part of our American birthright.

Finally, with particular concern, we challenge you to even greater efforts toward the protection of human life at its most fragile, life in the womb. [[PAUSE]] Use your talents, your energy, and your professional resources to reaffirm the right to life as the most fundamental freedom.

Your contribution to this cause in recent years has been

very great indeed. Progress has been made, but it is clear that there is much more work to be done.

The Jeffersonian vision of justice -- of peace, liberty and safety for all -- has permeated our American understanding of rights, of responsibilities, of life itself. It is evident in one of our symbols, the American flag, but I want to look at something more ^{common} ordinary than the flag -- a single dime. [[It is more easily carried than a flag, although as many of your profession know particularly well, it is not as flammable.]]

There are three emblems on the back of a dime. An olive branch, a torch, and the limb of an oak.

The olive branch symbolizes our longing for peace, our willingness to live by righteousness, not simply by military might. Next to the olive branch is a torch, the lamp of liberty. And beside the torch lies the oak, the symbol of safety, of security, and of the strength which guarantees them.

Finally, in the midst of the three reads the motto, "E Pluribus Unum." "From the many, one." We are a diverse people, with many backgrounds, many challenges, and many hopes.

I call upon you today, the Guild of Catholic Lawyers, to give voice to the consensus, the oneness of values which lives beneath the diversity. I call upon you, as agents and creators of justice, to help us bring about the peace, liberty and safety we seek for every human being.

God bless you, and God bless the United States. Thank you.

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OPERATION UPLIFT

When Marcy Ellert asked Minneapolis attorney Donald Horton how much she owed him for an hour's worth of advice, he winced. "She was the daughter of a friend of mine and a student so I didn't want to charge her at all. Besides, it's a pain in the neck to open a file for billing a small amount of time. Yet she wanted to pay something so I told her to go down to the food shelf in her neighborhood and volunteer her time for an hour since that's how long I worked for," said Horton.

Horton says he never expected what happened next. "She came back to my office two weeks later and told me that she had spent three hours helping at the food shelf and intended to go back again. She said that what I had done had changed her views about volunteering and lawyers for the better."

This simple exchange started Horton thinking that there may be others who would be interested in doing volunteer or community service work in exchange for legal services. "I talked with other attorneys who do pro bono and they told me that often their clients want to do something for them. Of course, none of the attorneys would accept anything, but they all said that they thought allowing clients to "square the account" by volunteering to help others would give many clients a sense of dignity that they might not otherwise feel." According to Horton that's when he decided to establish Operation Uplift.



The North Carolina Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Programs are supported in part by IOLTA funds.

Operation Uplift's premise is simple. When an attorney decides to represent a client who cannot afford legal representation, the client is asked to do volunteer work in his or her neighborhood or community. Clients are asked to sign Operation Uplift Agreements in which they promise to volunteer their services for the same number of hours as their attorney spends working on their cases. Each month the attorney sends the client a letter telling how much time was spent on the case. Clients then do volunteer work in the community for the same number of hours. Clients can help neighbors or community groups such as food shelves, or they can serve others through their place of worship. When the volunteer work is completed, clients write the attorney a letter telling that they have finished the work.

If clients do not perform the volunteers services there are no consequences. According to Horton, "The important thing is that many clients will live up to the agreement and, nationally, a tremendous number of people will be helped by the ripple effort of Operation Uplift." There is no minimum number of Operation Uplift clients which a lawyer must accept, and pro bono clients do not have to participate. It's recommended, says Horton, but always a matter of free choice.

According to Horton, Operation Uplift Agreements, sample letters and instruction sheets have been sent to all 50 state bar associations and the American Bar Association. He's hoping that the bar association will distribute the materials free to lawyers who are interested.

Horton, who recently restricted his practice in order to return to graduate school to pursue his Ph.D. in counseling psychology, was asked how he chose the name Operation Uplift. "I believe that when you take the time to help or lift-up someone, you are affirming their intrinsic worth as human beings. The message we want to send to people is not only that they are worth helping, but that they have something to give others. Operation Uplift asks people to look at

themselves and ask what they can do to help others. We uplift them and they are encouraged to uplift others. We can get a lot done as that attitude spreads," said Horton.

Horton admits that Operation Uplift may not work in every situation, but if he has his way, the opportunity to do volunteer service for the benefit of the community will be offered to clients who cannot afford to pay for attorneys.

For more information about Operation Uplift and copies of a sample letter and agreement to pro bono clients, contact Mary L. Wilson at 1-800-662-7407. ← *NC Chapter*

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Death Penalty Volunteers Recognized

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The creation of the Death Penalty Resource Center represents a collective effort of concerned lawyers and members of North Carolina's judiciary to create an organization responsible for recruiting competent volunteer lawyers to represent indigent death-sentenced inmates on collateral appeals of their convictions and sentences. Also, DPRC provides a central source of technical assistance for attorneys statewide who are involved in death penalty representation.

For more information on the banquet, how you can become a volunteer with DPRC or how you can get technical assistance in representing individuals sentenced to death or charged with capital crimes, contact Robert S. Mahler, Director of DPRC, or Toni Carter, Administrative Assistant, at (919) 733-9490.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/20/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 a.m. Thursday 09/21

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 09/21, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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Attached are my comments on the President's "Red Cross" speech. The President could ^{use} ~~use~~ Operation Uplift (see attached) in his speech, as an example of what Catholic leaders could do.