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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications

FROM:

BRENT O. HATCH *BOH*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks -- Dedication of North County
Correctional Facility

This is to confirm that the Counsel's office has reviewed the
above-referenced Presidential remarks, and we have no legal
objections.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/28/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2/28/90 5:00 PM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEDICATION OF NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FAC.

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REMARKS:
 Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 PM TODAY, Wednesday, February 28, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

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McGroarty/Dooley
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*LA Admin
Bd of Sup
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James Madison Fed. 51
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RESPONSE:

See comments from Cabinet Affairs staff and Dept. of Justice.

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

McGroarty/Dooley
February 27, 1990
6:00 pm
[LAPRISON]

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 1, 1990
10:35 A.M.

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technically, it's a jail. People
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And I'm here to tell you -- citizens and law enforcement officials of Los Angeles County -- that the federal government is going to do its part to combat crime.

Our own (federal) system still is not up and running. Do we want to say this?

we've allocated

\$374 is for construction and renovation

Only \$291 of the \$374 million is for more Federal cell space (from the Budget)

That means more federal prisons. This year alone, ~~we'll~~ spend \$1.4 billion dollars for prison construction. That's over 24,000 new beds -- an increase in federal prison capacity of almost eighty percent. And that's just this year. I've urged Congress to add another \$374 million dollars for more federal cell-space in 1991.

SEE DMB

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But I know something more: I know that ~~that~~ if a "Bad Apple" turns up -- if an officer abuses our trust by doing wrong

see comment on last page

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what about indictments?



Please see editorial from LA Times from last day or so that says Sheriff Block should take part of the blame for lack of supervision.

Do people in this Sheriff's office realize that the President is going to say this? There may be potential landmines.

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**Meeting With Japanese Prime Minister
Kaifu**

Q. Are you going to get something with Kaifu tomorrow, Mr. President?

The President. I'm looking forward to visiting with the Prime Minister in a very important relationship. I look forward to it.

Nicaragua

Q. Mr. President, are you worried that the *contras* are not going to lay down their arms?

The President. No, I'm not worried. They will.

Note: The President spoke at 9:40 a.m. at the Century Plaza Hotel, prior to his departure for the North Los Angeles County Correctional Facility. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

**Remarks at the Dedication Ceremony
for the North Los Angeles County
Correctional Facility in Santa Monica,
California**

March 1, 1990

Thank you all very much, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you, Sheriff Block. Thank you all for that warm welcome back. And, Sherm, let me just say once again, the respect that I feel in my heart for you and others that are serving with you in this important work. I understand your daughter, Barbara, is here—Sergeant Persten, I believe, of the sheriff's department. If it's not inappropriate, I'd like to see her as long as I'm talking about her. There she is, right there—sorry to embarrass you. And, of course, to all the members of the sheriff's department, and to Mike Antonovich—and old friend, Pete Schabarum—and all the supervisors, delighted to be here. Sybil Brand was introduced to me as our Points of Light lady. And I know that all interested in law enforcement are grateful for all she's done.

And now, I'm going to offend others by being exclusive, except I want to single out my friend, the Congressman, Elton Gallegly, from this area, doing a superb job in Washington. I wish we had more like him

when it comes to support for law enforcement. And to all the other members of the Los Angeles law enforcement community that are here today, it is my view that all too often, you are the unsung heroes on the war on crime, of our assault on drugs. And, yes, it is my honor to visit you here today. I've visited, as President, many education programs, rehabilitation programs, Head Start programs designed to, through education, help kids from the very beginning. And now, I've just completed the tour of Super Max, the 900-block maximum security prison. And I'll tell you, it does concentrate the mind.

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Fighting to win against crime and drugs means tougher laws. I've called on Congress to pass a tough, no-nonsense anticrime package. I'll tell you something. I feel deep in my heart that I owe that to each and every law enforcement officer that's here today and those that are serving all across this country. And so, today, though, let me call on you: Keep working with us and with all the elected officials at every level of government so that every American citizen can have faith that the law is on their side, not the criminal's. And that does mean tougher State and Federal laws, stiffer penalties for crime and violence—more for crimes of violence, and more certainty in sentencing; an end to easy parole; no deals for criminals carrying a gun; and for anyone who murders an officer of the law, justice means nothing less than the death penalty.

I know every law enforcement officer here today wants only one thing: the chance to do his duty, uphold the law. And for that, you deserve our thanks. Now; I know there have been difficulties. I've read the papers and I've seen the stories this past week about the indictments here. Don't let it get you down. Yours is the largest sheriff's department in the world: 11,000 people fighting the good fight. Keep your heads high. If some bad apple turns up, if an officer abuses your trust or ours by doing wrong, we must be that much more dedicated to supporting the countless officers, the millions across this country who honor the law by doing what is right.

You are, as I said a few minutes ago, society's unsung heroes. And I thank you for your service not just to your community but to our country. And I've got to tell you, as I walked through that facility with Sheriff Block just now and met some of the young officers in there who are doing this kind of work, I'm saying to myself: This isn't the

easy way. There would be other ways that they could find to make a living that might be more easy. But it is the dedicated way. It is a way that really upholds the best in America's tradition of service.

Let me close by paraphrasing William Blake: "Prisons are the concrete of justice." Prisons are very much about the real world. There's a tendency, particularly among people of great sensitivity, to think about justice in airy and abstract terms: the idea, for example, that in spite of crime, all people are basically good. But it is unwise to think in the abstract when it comes to crime. Most people are good. But some, let's face it, are not. And today, I've visited perhaps the most modern facility in the country. And to think, I would say to my fellow Americans, to think concretely about crime, you should visit a facility, a prison facility.

I salute you for your work. I appreciate the opportunity to have made this visit. I am grateful to all of you for this warm welcome. And now, Sheriff Block, with your permission, sir, I'll cut the ribbon, and officially open the North County Correctional Facility. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 11:09 a.m. at the facility. In his remarks, he referred to Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block, County Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Peter F. Schabarum, and Institutional Inspection Commissioner Sybil Brand. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks. Following his remarks, the President attended the Republican Governors Association's luncheon in Los Angeles.

**Letter to the Speaker of the House and the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Transmitting a Report on International Agreements
March 1, 1990**

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Chairman:)

Pursuant to subsection (b) of the Case-Zablocki Act (Public Law 95-426; 1 U.S.C.

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**DEDICATION OF NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
LOS ANGELES / MARCH 1, 1990 / 10:35 A.M.**

**THANK YOU, SHERIFF {SHERMAN} BLOCK. I UNDERSTAND
YOUR DAUGHTER BARBARA IS HERE -- SERGEANT PERSTEN OF
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. // MEMBERS OF THE L.A.
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MIKE ANTONOVICH AND HIS
COLLEAGUES ON THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**

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**AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES LAW
ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY HERE TODAY -- ALL TOO OFTEN,
YOU'RE THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE WAR ON CRIME, OF OUR
ASSAULT ON DRUGS. IT'S MY HONOR TO JOIN YOU THIS
MORNING. //**

**I'VE JUST COMPLETED THE TOUR OF SUPER MAX. // THE
900 BLOCK -- MAXIMUM SECURITY. I'LL TELL YOU -- IT
CONCENTRATES THE MIND. //**

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IT WAS A SHORT TOUR, BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET IT. IT WAS LONG ENOUGH TO BRING ANYONE FACE TO FACE WITH THE REALITY OF WHAT INSTITUTIONS LIKE THIS REPRESENT. JAILS AND PRISONS DO TESTIFY TO SOMETHING IN THE NATURE OF MAN THAT MOST PEOPLE PREFER NOT TO THINK ABOUT: THE CAPACITY FOR VIOLENCE; THE POWER OF CORRUPTION; THE ABILITY TO TURN OUR BACK ON WHAT'S RIGHT -- AND DO WRONG.

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BUT THEY ARE ALSO THE ULTIMATE PROOF OF THE COMMUNITY'S DETERMINATION TO PROTECT ITSELF AND SERVE JUSTICE.

ONE OF THIS NATION'S FOUNDING FATHERS SAID: "IF MEN WERE ANGELS, NO GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY." WELL, I'M SURE NO ONE HERE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MEN WERE ANGELS. THAT'S WHY THERE'S GOVERNMENT -- TO WRITE THE LAWS WE LIVE BY -- AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES LIKE THIS ONE FOR THE PEOPLE WHO BREAK THEM. //

WHEN THIS CEREMONY IS OVER, IT'LL BE TIME FOR MANY OF YOU TO GET BACK TO BUSINESS. GO AFTER THE PEOPLE WHO TURN OUR CITIES INTO BATTLEFIELDS -- AND OUR KIDS INTO DRUG USERS. HELP OUR COMMUNITIES FIGHT BACK. ///

THIS FACILITY WAS BUILT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF L.A. COUNTY. EVERY PENNY PRODUCED BY STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING.

AND THAT'S A SIGN THAT THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY -- THE LOS ANGELES TAXPAYER -- KNOWS THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS, TOUGH TALK IS NOT ENOUGH.

AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE TOUGH ON CRIME -- YOU'VE GOT TO BE TOUGH ON CRIMINALS. TALK TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER -- THEY'LL TELL YOU WHAT THAT MEANS. NO MORE REVOLVING DOOR. NO MORE CRIMINALS OUT ON THE STREET BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH CELL-SPACE TO HOLD THEM.

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AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU -- CITIZENS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS PART TO COMBAT CRIME. RIGHT NOW.

THAT MEANS MORE FEDERAL PRISONS. THIS YEAR ALONE, OVER \$1.5 BILLION DOLLARS WILL BE DEVOTED TO PRISON CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL BUILD OVER 24,000 NEW BEDS. AND THAT'S JUST THIS YEAR.

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I'VE URGED CONGRESS TO ADD ANOTHER \$374 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MORE FEDERAL CELL-SPACE IN 1991.

FIGHTING TO WIN AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS MEANS TOUGHER LAWS. I'VE CALLED ON CONGRESS TO PASS A TOUGH, NO-NONSENSE ANTI-CRIME PACKAGE. // TODAY, LET ME CALL ON YOU: KEEP WORKING WITH ME, AND WITH ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS -- AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT -- SO THAT EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN CAN HAVE FAITH THAT THE LAW IS ON THEIR SIDE -- NOT THE CRIMINAL'S.

THAT MEANS TOUGHER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS: STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIMES OF VIOLENCE. MORE CERTAINTY IN SENTENCING. AN END TO EASY PAROLE. NO DEALS FOR CRIMINALS CARRYING A GUN. AND FOR ANYONE WHO MURDERS AN OFFICER OF THE LAW -- JUSTICE MEANS NOTHING LESS THAN THE DEATH PENALTY. //

I KNOW EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HERE TODAY WANTS ONLY ONE THING: THE CHANCE TO DO HIS DUTY -- UPHOLD THE LAW. AND FOR THAT, YOU DESERVE OUR THANKS.

NOW, I'VE READ THE NEWSPAPERS -- I'VE SEEN THE STORIES THIS PAST WEEK ABOUT THE TEN INDICTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT. DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN. YOURS IS THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD -- 11,000 PEOPLE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT.

KEEP YOUR HEADS HIGH. IF A "BAD APPLE" TURNS UP -- IF AN OFFICER ABUSES OUR TRUST BY DOING WRONG -- WE MUST BE THAT MUCH MORE DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING THE COUNTLESS OFFICERS WHO HONOR THE LAW BY DOING RIGHT.

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YOU ARE -- AS I SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO -- SOCIETY'S
UNSUNG HEROES. AND, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE --
NOT JUST TO YOUR COMMUNITY, BUT TO OUR COUNTRY. //

LET ME CLOSE BY PARAPHRASING WILLIAM BLAKE:
"PRISONS [GESTURE TOWARD THE PRISON WALLS] ARE THE
CONCRETE OF JUSTICE." PRISONS ARE VERY MUCH ABOUT THE
REAL WORLD.

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GREAT SENSITIVITY -- TO THINK ABOUT JUSTICE IN AIRY AND
ABSTRACT TERMS: THE IDEA, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN SPITE
OF CRIME, ALL PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY GOOD. BUT IT IS
UNWISE TO THINK IN THE ABSTRACT WHEN IT COMES TO CRIME.
MOST PEOPLE ARE GOOD. BUT SOME /// ARE NOT.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN MUCH FOR THE ABSTRACT. I LIKE
WHAT WORKS. I LIKE, SO TO SPEAK, THE CONCRETE.

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**TO THINK CONCRETELY ABOUT CRIME, YOU SHOULD VISIT A
PRISON.**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS WARM WELCOME. NOW, SHERIFF
BLOCK, I'LL CUT THE RIBBON, AND OFFICIALLY OPEN THE
NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

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