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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 23, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING SIGNING CEREMONY
FOR HATE CRIMES STATISTICS LEGISLATION

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

3:02 P.M. EDT

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MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1990 / 3:00 P.M.**

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WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. WE JOIN TOGETHER TODAY TO CELEBRATE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TO HELP GUARANTEE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF EVERY AMERICAN: THE PASSAGE -- AND NOW THE SIGNING -- OF THE HATE CRIMES STATISTICS ACT.

WHEN I FIRST HEARD THAT THIS BILL HAD PASSED BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS, I THOUGHT OF A PHOTOGRAPH IN THE NEWS RECENTLY. IT IS OF THE PLAZA NEAR THE MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA CHURCH WHERE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PREACHED DURING THE 1955 BUS BOYCOTT.

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AS I SAID IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, "EVERY ONE OF US MUST CONFRONT AND CONDEMN RACISM, ANTISEMITISM, BIGOTRY AND HATE, NOT NEXT WEEK, NOT TOMORROW, BUT RIGHT NOW -- EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US." FOR HATE CRIMES CANNOT BE TOLERATED IN A FREE SOCIETY.

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I'M ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER FOR REPORTING COMPLAINTS OF HATE CRIMES. THOSE INCIDENTS THAT CAN AND SHOULD BE PROSECUTED WILL BE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY FOR ACTION. THE FASTER WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THESE HIDEOUS CRIMES, THE FASTER WE CAN TRACK DOWN THE BIGOTS WHO COMMIT THEM.

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April 20, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*

FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*

SUBJECT: HATE CRIMES STATISTICS BILL SIGNING CEREMONY

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The attached remarks (six minutes, speechcards) applaud the importance of this law as a further step towards ending bigotry and hate in America. This legislation will help the Attorney General assess the pattern and scope of hate crimes in America.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HATE CRIMES BILL SIGNING CEREMONY (04/19 draft six)

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 04/20, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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We appreciate having had the opportunity to review these remarks.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Hate Crimes Bill Signing Ceremony

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Check on vita of Carl Anderson.

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