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MY ADMINISTRATION HAS CONTINUED TO BUILD ON THIS FOUNDATION. WE'VE BACKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CALL FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VICTIM-WITNESS PROTECTION ACT.

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WE'VE OBTAINED RE-AUTHORIZATION FOR THE 1984 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT, EXTENDING THE INNOVATIVE FUND THAT TURNS THE TABLES ON THE BAD GUYS -- BY TAKING THE CRIMINAL'S MONEY AND USING IT TO ASSIST AND COMPENSATE THE CRIMINAL'S VICTIMS. LAST YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, DEPOSITS INTO THE FUND EXCEEDED THE LEGISLATIVE CAP. AND FOR 1990, \$125 MILLION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VITAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CRIME -- \$30 MILLION OVER THE 1989 LEVEL.

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cu*
FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EM*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR CRIME VICTIMS AWARD CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

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RESPONSE:

N/C 4/23/90

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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Crime Victims
Week

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If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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April 19, 1990
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RESPONSE:

*See comments. 4-23-90
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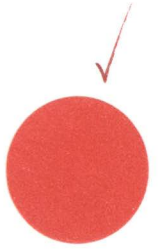
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NELSON LUND 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks: National Crime
Victims Week

At the request of James W. Cicconi, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned remarks. We have no legal objections.

We appreciate having had the opportunity to review these remarks.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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