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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Omaha, Nebraska)

For Immediate Release

June 8, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT MAD DADS POINT OF LIGHT SALUTE

30th and Spencer Street Lot  
North Omaha, Nebraska

2:16 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: First, thank all of you for that warm welcome. And thank you, John Foster. And to the Governor of this state, Governor Orr, and to the Mayor of this great city, P.J. Morgan, and, course to Eddie Staton, and Robert Tyler, George Garrison, Lafayette Nelson, and all of you wonderful, inspiring MAD DADS, MAD MOMS, MAD KIDS, MAD everything. (Applause.) I'm glad to be here with you today to meet you; and we've just had a wonderful visit with these men -- these MAD DADS that I've just clicked off their names, right next door here, briefing me on how this organization is coming together, and what it's doing to help the kids of Omaha -- not just this neighborhood -- but through its example, the kids of America. All the kids across this country.

And so I will carry back with me to Washington the story of this extraordinary war for decency waged in a parking lot. And on this street, and across the streets of this community -- and you are truly what I call a Point of Light, a beacon for others to turn to in the grim and lonely darkness of their despair. And we are grateful to each and every one of you that are involved in this program. (Applause.)

Reverend Tyler -- your Reverend Tyler put it this way about drugs and gangs and emptiness used to be, here's what he'd call it: "a cancer festering in the heart of North Omaha". Well, you've done some radical surgery, my friends, on that cancer. And you've ripped it out and you've replaced it with the healing balm of love; caring about the other guy. (Applause.)

And, of course, I'll take back with me to Washington, in a few minutes, the lesson of how this revolution began -- how you transformed tragedy into hope. And I'll tell others of last May, when Sean Foster -- a college student with no ties to gangs or drugs -- was beaten viciously by the member of a gang. And of how his father, John, took one look at his bloodied son and something inside him exploded.

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Your MAD DADS' logo behind me tells the story. The

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And these good, strong men, who talk with pain in their hearts about pain on the streets, take action. They paint over gang graffiti to proclaim that they're reclaiming the city. Nightly, they patrol the killing grounds of their streets, going out, as one said, with nothing but "a radio, a conversation and a prayer." They speak to schools; they provide protection from gang threats; they sponsor events; counsel and I guess most of all, they care. They are fathers to a neighborhood desperately in need of family. In the shifting shadows of midnight streetcorners, they reach out to the lost sons of other men.

But, most importantly, they're there. They are simply there. And they care. And they are voices crying in the dark -- "see us and fear, see us and believe, see us and hope."

The handful of determined neighbors who formed MAD DADS were those voices. They shouted out against this meaningless violence that they saw leading today's young men and women into self-destruction. And one by one, others joined them in their cry of protest. And now their world is filled with a lion's roar -- supremely strong, fiercely proud, challenging and redeeming.

And so we are today witnessing the wonder of a rebirth. It's more than a rebirth of community. It is a rebirth of hope, of respect for life, and of the future.

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The government wants to help. The federal government. The state government. The city government. But far more important -- and we will, we will do our level best -- but far more important is that spirit exemplified by the men that we honor here today.

Thank you for all that you do in the name of love. God bless you and God bless these wonderful children. Thanks for giving them a chance, and God bless the future of the United States of America. Thank you all very, very much. Thank you. Good luck to you, kids. Thank you all. (Applause.)

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2:24 P.M. CDT

**MAD DADS POINT OF LIGHT SALUTE / OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1990 / 1:55 P.M.**

**THANK YOU JOHN FOSTER, GOVERNOR ORR, MAYOR MORGAN,  
EDDIE STATON (STATE-UN), ROBERT TYLER, GEORGE GARRISON,  
LAFAYETTE "CAP" NELSON, AND ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL,  
INSPIRING MAD DADS, MAD MOMS, AND MAD KIDS. I'M GLAD  
I'M HERE TODAY TO MEET YOU AND TO VISIT YOUR NEW  
HEADQUARTERS.**

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**I'LL CARRY WITH ME BACK TO WASHINGTON THE STORY OF  
THIS EXTRAORDINARY WAR FOR DECENCY WAGED IN THIS  
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STREETS OF YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU TRULY ARE A POINT OF  
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**YOUR REV. TYLER SAID THAT DRUGS AND GANGS AND  
EMPTINESS USED TO BE A "CANCER FESTERING IN THE HEART  
OF NORTH OMAHA".**

WELL, YOU HAVE DONE RADICAL SURGERY ON THAT CANCER. YOU'VE RIPPED IT OUT AND REPLACED IT WITH THE HEALING BALM OF LOVE. //

AND I WILL ALSO TAKE BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH ME THE LESSON OF HOW YOUR REVOLUTION BEGAN -- HOW YOU TRANSFORMED TRAGEDY INTO HOPE. I WILL TELL OTHERS OF LAST MAY, WHEN YOUR OWN SEAN FOSTER -- A COLLEGE STUDENT WITH NO TIES TO GANGS OR DRUGS -- WAS BEATEN VICIOUSLY BY MEMBERS OF A GANG.

OF HOW HIS FATHER JOHN TOOK ONE LOOK AT HIS BLOODIED SON AND SOMETHING INSIDE HIM EXPLODED.

HE TOOK TO THE STREETS TO TRY TO FIND HIS SON'S ATTACKERS. HE NEVER DID. BUT WHAT HE DID FIND SERVES HIS COMMUNITY -- AND ALL OF US -- MUCH BETTER.

HE FOUND THAT THE STREETS BELONGED NOT TO FAMILIES, BUT TO THE GANGS. NOT TO HOPE, BUT TO DRUG DEALERS.

NOT TO A BRIGHT FUTURE, BUT TO A BRUTAL CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME. AND JOHN FOSTER FOUND THE VOICE WITHIN HIM TO SHOUT: "THIS MADNESS MUST STOP."//

SO THIS ANGRY FATHER AND HIS FRIENDS FORMED MAD DADS. IN THE LAST YEAR, ALONG WITH MORE THAN 550 OTHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THEM, THEY HAVE BECOME THE DOMINANT PRESENCE ON THEIR PREVIOUSLY DEVASTATED STREETS.

THEY ARE FATHER FIGURES WHO TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST THE DRUGS AND GANGS WHICH ARE THE PREDATORS; BUT SPEAK SOFTLY TO THE KIDS WHO ARE THE VICTIMS.

YOUR MAD DADS' LOGO BEHIND ME TELLS YOUR STORY. THE OUTSTRETCHED, CARING HAND OF THE LOVING FATHER WHO EMBRACES POSITIVE CHANGE. AND THE FIST OF DETERMINATION OF THE STRONG FATHER WHO RESOLVES TO BE THE FORCE BEHIND THAT CHANGE.

AND THESE GOOD, STRONG MEN, WHO TALK WITH PAIN IN THEIR HEARTS ABOUT PAIN ON THE STREETS, TAKE ACTION. THEY PAINT OVER GANG GRAFFITI TO PROCLAIM THAT THEY'RE RECLAIMING THE CITY. NIGHTLY, THEY PATROL THE KILLING GROUNDS OF THEIR STREETS: GOING OUT, AS ONE SAID, WITH NOTHING BUT "A RADIO, A CONVERSATION AND A PRAYER." THEY SPEAK TO SCHOOLS; PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM GANG THREATS; SPONSOR EVENTS; COUNSEL AND CARE. THEY ARE FATHERS TO A NEIGHBORHOOD IN DESPERATE NEED OF FAMILY.

IN THE SHIFTING SHADOWS OF MIDNIGHT STREET CORNERS, THEY REACH OUT TO THE LOST SONS OF OTHER MEN.

BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE SIMPLY THERE. AND THEY CARE. THEY ARE VOICES CRYING INTO THE DARK -- "SEE US AND FEAR, SEE US AND BELIEVE, SEE US AND HOPE." //

THE HANDFUL OF DETERMINED NEIGHBORS WHO FORMED MAD DADS WERE THOSE VOICES. THEY SHOUTED OUT AGAINST THE MEANINGLESS VIOLENCE THEY SAW LEADING TODAY'S YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN INTO SELF-DESTRUCTION.

ONE BY ONE, OTHERS JOINED THEM IN THEIR CRY OF PROTEST.  
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SUPREMELY STRONG, FIERCELY PROUD, CHALLENGING AND  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *cw*  
FROM:                BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS TO THE MAD DADS

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II.   DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (6 minutes, speechcards) applaud the Mad Dads for their courage and dedication in trying to take back their streets from the gangs. From counseling children to painting over graffiti and patrolling the neighborhood at night, the Mad Dads act as surrogate fathers for the children in North Omaha.

(Hinchliffe/Blessey)  
MADDAD  
May 30, 1990  
Draft two

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MAD DADS POINT OF LIGHT SALUTE  
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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Mention mothers. They've been backbone

time 1:55 p.m.  
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(Hinchliffe/Blessey) MADDAD  
May 30, 1990 4:15 p.m.

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*Tracy Taylor  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/1/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 AM, TUES., JUNE 5  
 PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MAD DADS POINT OF LIGHT SALUTE  
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1990  
(5/30 - 4:15 pm draft)  
 SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REMARKS:

Please provide comments/edits on the attached directly to  
 Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930 by 10:00 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 5,  
 with a copy to my office. Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

*minor  
comments*  


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

(Hinchliffe/Blessey) MADDAD  
May 30, 1990 4:15 p.m.

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**THANK YOU JOHN FOSTER, GOVERNOR ORR, MAYOR MORGAN,  
EDDIE STATON (STATE-UN), ROBERT TYLER, GEORGE GARRISON,  
LAFAYETTE "CAP" NELSON, AND ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL,  
INSPIRING MAD DADS, MAD MOMS, AND MAD KIDS. I'M GLAD  
I'M HERE TODAY TO MEET YOU AND TO VISIT YOUR NEW  
HEADQUARTERS.**

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**I'LL CARRY WITH ME BACK TO WASHINGTON THE STORY OF  
THIS EXTRAORDINARY WAR FOR DECENCY WAGED IN THIS  
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LONELY DARKNESS OF THEIR DESPAIR.**

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IN THE SHIFTING SHADOWS OF MIDNIGHT STREET CORNERS, THEY REACH OUT TO THE LOST SONS OF OTHER MEN.

BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE SIMPLY THERE. AND THEY CARE. THEY ARE VOICES CRYING INTO THE DARK -- "SEE US AND FEAR, SEE US AND BELIEVE, SEE US AND HOPE." //

THE HANDFUL OF DETERMINED NEIGHBORS WHO FORMED MAD DADS WERE THOSE VOICES. THEY SHOUTED OUT AGAINST THE MEANINGLESS VIOLENCE THEY SAW LEADING TODAY'S YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN INTO SELF-DESTRUCTION.

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NOW THEIR WORLD IS FILLED WITH A LION'S ROAR --  
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