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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 07/19/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. Friday 07/20

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RESPONSE:

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Ext. 2702

Senators Heinz, Specter
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(Hinchliffe/Simon)

July 19, 1990 4:00 p.m.

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Together, you have formed anti-drug Olympics and after-school activities as an alternative to drugs -- and as a source of pride and reward. You've stood on street corners all night long, bearing witness by your presence to the victory being won. And when drug dealers see you coming, they scatter before you like cockroaches in a sudden burst of light.

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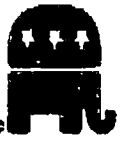
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NO COMMENTS. THANKS,
HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
7-20-90

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RESPONSE:

from ONDCP -
Please see markings on ~~page~~ pages 3 & 4 — and attached suggested insert.

Thanks —
for Daniel Case, James Balistreri

James W. Cicconi
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe/Simon)
July 19, 1990 4:00 p.m.
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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Washington, D.C. 20500

July 20, 1990

MEMO TO CHRISS WINSTON
Director of Speechwriting

FROM: Daniel Casse
ONDCP

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks, Philadelphia Anti-Drug Rally

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As it stands now, drug treatment is conspicuous by its absence from the speech. By including a mention of the white paper on drug treatment, the President can show how his Administration has been active on every front of the war on drugs.

Please call me if you have any further questions (673-2512).

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90 JUL 20 A 8:28

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WEST PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY CENTER

SUBJECT: TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1990, 1:20 PM
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1990 JUL 20 PM 8:14

July 20, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *WJ*
FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*
SUBJECT: PENNSYLVANIA ANTI-DRUG SPEECH

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, July 24, you will address about 300 young people (aged 13-25) at the West Philadelphia Community Center. They are youngsters whose lives have been touched by the Philadelphia Anti-Drug Coalition -- a collection of inner-city and suburban neighborhood groups committed to saving their streets and their children by chasing away drug dealers and by offering positive alternatives to drug use.

Other children and adults will be listening to your remarks via a loudspeaker across the street.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (8 minutes) praise the specific accomplishments of these neighborhood volunteers. They also describe your administration's efforts and proposals for fighting drugs and crime.

(Hinchliffe/Simon)
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And when our Crime Bill finally passes Congress, we will have in place ~~two new, mighty fronts where we will~~ ^{strong new tools to} fight this war on drugs. Together, they give us new initiatives in prevention; education; treatment; interdiction; and enforcement. \\

America has waited too long. Congress must move quickly on the Crime Bill: to give us immediately ALL the tools we need to get this job done -- for the sake of this country's future.\\

You are already getting your job done here -- in efforts like the all-night bonfire vigil one rainy night when 300 of you in white hard hats closed down drug action on Indiana Avenue.\\

When you lit that first bonfire, you were lighting more than just one flame against the cold. You were setting up a beacon of hope against evil: a symbol to other communities in despair. \\

In the Westerns of my youth, the good guys wore white hats and stood firmly and proudly for morality. I'm glad to see that in the Philadelphia of my Presidency, the good guys still wear white hats and still stand firmly and proudly for the same virtues.

Herman has said that he'll take off his hat "only when we win this war." I know I will return one day and find you bare-

headed, with your neighbors strong and drug-free at your side.

It has been a privilege to be with you today. God Bless Philadelphia, and all of you.

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PHILADELPHIA ANTI-DRUG RALLY / COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1990 / 1:20 P.M.

THANK YOU, AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU GREAT KIDS OUT THERE FOR THAT TERRIFIC WELCOME. AND HELLO TO ALL OF YOU ACROSS THE STREET, LISTENING ON LOUDSPEAKERS. WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE.

THANK YOU HERMAN WRICE, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. BUT I'M REALLY HERE TO THANK REDS BAGNELL, AL WILSON, AND HERMAN, FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK YOU'VE DONE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS. \\\

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I SEE SENATOR HEINZ AND MAYOR WILSON GOODE OVER THERE; THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS FIGHT TOO. \\\ AND LET'S GIVE ANOTHER HAND TO CEDRICK WARD -- WHAT AN INSPIRATIONAL SONG.

I'M SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU. \\\ YOU MIGHT NOT REALIZE IT, BUT WHILE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AWAY UP HERE, AMERICA HAS BEEN HEARING YOU.

**IT'S LISTENING TO THE TOLLING OF A BRIGHT NEW SOUND:
PHILADELPHIANS SHOUTING FIRMLY AND DEFIANTLY TO THE
TERRORISTS WHO DEAL DRUGS -- "WE'RE BEATING THE ODDS."**

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**I SEE YOU KIDS ARE WEARING T-SHIRTS THAT SAY THAT.
TERRIFIC STUFF. [[YOU IN FRONT, TURN AROUND SO I CAN
SEE WHAT'S ON THE BACK. [READS] "YES TO SPORTS, NO TO
DRUGS." THAT'S ANOTHER WONDERFUL MESSAGE.]]**

**YOU KIDS REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA. NO CRACK IN
PHILADELPHIA EXCEPT FOR THE ONE IN THE LIBERTY BELL.**

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**HERE IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE,
YOU HAVE ANOTHER KIND OF INDEPENDENCE. YOU DON'T HAVE
TO DEPEND ON DRUGS; \\ ON DEALERS; \\ ON CRIME. \\
YOU'RE FREE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES. I SEE YOUR T-
SHIRTS SAY THAT TOO: "I BELIEVE IN ME." WELL, I
BELIEVE IN YOU, TOO. **

IN ALL THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT YOUR PHILADELPHIA ANTI-DRUG COALITION, THERE ARE TWO STORIES THAT REALLY STICK IN MY MIND. IN ONE STORY, YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILIES, NUMBED BY FEAR, ROUTINELY BARRICADED THEMSELVES INSIDE THEIR HOMES WHILE THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE RAGED OUTSIDE: THE BURST OF GUNFIRE IN DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS; THE ECHOING THREATS OF DRUG DEALERS; THE SHUFFLE OF THE ZOMBIE-LIKE PROCESSION TO THE INFESTED CRACK HOUSE NEXT DOOR.

THIS WAS A WAR-ZONE OF DESPAIR. BUT LISTEN: THAT STORY WAS FROM THE PAST. HERE'S A STORY FROM TODAY -- WITH A HAPPY ENDING.

AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY NAMED JAMES USED TO HANG AROUND THE EDGE OF THE CLEAN-UP PROJECTS. HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO HOME TO HIS ALCOHOLIC MOTHER. HE NEEDED MONEY FOR SHOES BUT WAS TOO YOUNG TO EARN ANYTHING BUT THE \$15 DRUG DEALERS WOULD PAY HIM TO BE A LOOKOUT.

WHY DO I LIKE THIS STORY? BECAUSE SOMEONE WHO CARED FOUND JAMES. HE WAS HERMAN WRICE, THE JOHN WAYNE OF PHILADELPHIA, A TOWERING MOUNTAIN OF A MAN WHO STARTED A WHOLE MOVEMENT BY DECLARING WAR ON A CRACK HOUSE WITH A SLEDGEHAMMER. TO JAMES, LIVING DRUG-FREE IN THE SAFETY OF THE WRICE HOME, HE IS NOW "DAD." \\\

MY FRIENDS: YOU SHOW THAT INDIVIDUAL NEIGHBORHOODS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO RESTORE HOPE AND SELF-RESPECT.

YOU SHOW THAT COMMUNITY COMMITMENT CAN EXTINGUISH THE DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE OF CRACK BURNING UP OUR STREETS AND OUR KIDS. \\\

AND YOU SPEAK LOUDLY AND CLEARLY. THE ADULTS ARE SAYING THAT NO MORE CHILDREN WILL BE WON OVER BY THESE DESPERADOS OF DEATH. THEY'RE SAYING: WE'RE NOT GOING TO SURRENDER TO YOU. WE'RE TAKING BACK OUR KIDS AND WE'RE TAKING BACK OUR STREETS. \\\

AND YOU KIDS -- YOU'RE THE ONES WE'RE PROUDEST OF. BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING: HEY, I BELIEVE IN ME. I BELIEVE I'M WORTHWHILE, AND I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE MY LIFE IN THE FILTH OF YOUR CRACK HOUSES. I'M GOING TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THAT: I'M GOING TO BELIEVE IN MY COMMUNITY AND MY LIFE AND MY FUTURE. \\\

TOGETHER, YOU HAVE FORMED ANTI-DRUG OLYMPICS AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRUGS -- AND AS A SOURCE OF PRIDE AND REWARD.

YOU'VE STOOD ON STREET CORNERS ALL NIGHT LONG, BEARING WITNESS BY YOUR PRESENCE TO THE VICTORY BEING WON. AND WHEN DRUG DEALERS SEE YOU COMING, THEY SCATTER LIKE COCKROACHES IN A SUDDEN BURST OF LIGHT.

IN AN AMERICA THAT WORSHIPS HEROES, YOU ARE THE REAL THING. \\\

AND WE'RE ALSO EXCITED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY OPERATION PEARL -- AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT TO UNCOVER AND DESTROY THE DARK, DIRTY ROOTS OF DRUG CORRUPTION ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME.

**THIS EXPERIMENT IN COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT COOPERATION COMBINES THE SERVICES OF CITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH LOCAL VOLUNTEERS. AND IT EMBODIES THE SORT OF VISION AND SUCCESS THAT MY DRUG CZAR BILL BENNETT HAS ENCOURAGED SINCE TAKING COMMAND OF OUR DRUG WAR. \ **

LET ME TELL YOU WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN WASHINGTON WHILE YOU'VE BEEN WAGING YOUR OWN BRAVE BATTLES UP HERE.

FOURTEEN MONTHS AGO, I STOOD BEFORE THE STEPS OF THE U.S. CAPITOL AND ANNOUNCED A MAJOR NEW CRIME PACKAGE AND AMERICA'S DETERMINATION TO "TAKE BACK THE STREETS."

IN SEPTEMBER, WE PROPOSED OUR POWERFUL NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY. AS PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO WE RELEASED OUR NEW MODEL DRUG CURRICULUM -- "LEARNING TO LIVE DRUG FREE." IT IS THE FIRST TIME THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE TO EVERY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY ON CLASSROOM-BASED DRUG PREVENTION INSTRUCTION.

THEN, LAST MONTH, DIRECTOR BENNETT AND SECRETARY SULLIVAN RELEASED A WHITE PAPER CALLED "UNDERSTANDING DRUG TREATMENT," WHICH EXPLAINS HOW WE CAN HELP SOMEONE BREAK FREE FROM THE HORRIBLE GRIP OF ADDICTION.

AND WHEN OUR CRIME BILL FINALLY PASSES CONGRESS, WE WILL HAVE IN PLACE STRONG NEW TOOLS TO FIGHT THIS WAR ON DRUGS. TOGETHER, THEY GIVE US NEW INITIATIVES IN PREVENTION; EDUCATION; TREATMENT; INTERDICTION; AND ENFORCEMENT. \\

AMERICA HAS WAITED TOO LONG. CONGRESS MUST MOVE QUICKLY ON THE CRIME BILL: TO GIVE US IMMEDIATELY ALL THE TOOLS WE NEED TO GET THIS JOB DONE -- FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE. \\ \\

YOU ARE ALREADY GETTING YOUR JOB DONE HERE -- IN EFFORTS LIKE THE ALL-NIGHT BONFIRE VIGIL ONE RAINY NIGHT WHEN 300 OF YOU IN WHITE HARD HATS CLOSED DOWN DRUG ACTION ON INDIANA AVENUE. \\

**WHEN YOU LIT THAT FIRST BONFIRE, YOU WERE LIGHTING MORE THAN JUST ONE FLAME AGAINST THE COLD. YOU WERE SETTING UP A BEACON OF HOPE AGAINST EVIL: A SYMBOL TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN DESPAIR. \ **

IN THE WESTERNS OF MY YOUTH, THE GOOD GUYS WORE WHITE HATS AND STOOD FIRMLY AND PROUDLY FOR MORALITY. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT IN THE PHILADELPHIA OF MY PRESIDENCY, THE GOOD GUYS STILL WEAR WHITE HATS AND STILL STAND FIRMLY AND PROUDLY FOR THE SAME VIRTUES.

HERMAN HAS SAID THAT HE'LL TAKE OFF HIS HAT ON THE STREETS OF PHILADELPHIA "ONLY WHEN WE WIN THIS WAR." I KNOW I WILL RETURN ONE DAY AND FIND YOU OUT THERE BARE-HEADED, WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS STRONG AND DRUG-FREE AT YOUR SIDE.

IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO BE WITH YOU TODAY. GOD BLESS PHILADELPHIA, AND ALL OF YOU.

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