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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/12/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROSECUTORS
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RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 11, 1990 30 SEP 11 P6:18

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

CHRISS WINSTON *em for CW*

FROM:

EDWARD E. McNALLY *EMN*

SUBJECT:

REMARKS TO FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROSECUTORS

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(McNally/Simon)
Sept. 11, 1990
Draft Three (B:NAAG)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROSECUTORS
THE ROSE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1990, 2:00 P.M.

Thank you. Mr. Attorney General, U.S. Attorneys, State Attorneys General, local D.A.'s, and other law enforcement officials: It is an honor to welcome our Nation's prosecutors to the White House.

I know that you have spent the morning with Dick Thornburgh, discussing the legal changes we need to make to help you do your jobs more effectively. And I know that other subjects are preoccupying all of us these days. But I repeat today what I said last week: Drugs and violent crime remain a top priority. And on behalf of all the American people, I want to thank you for working to help us "Take Back The Streets."

We know the life of a prosecutor is not easy. For gifted, hardworking lawyers like yourselves, the financial sacrifice is immense. More importantly, over the past 30 years, America's criminal justice system has become bogged down with technicalities that stymie our prosecutors' simple goals: To see the truth come out, the guilty punished, the law upheld, and justice done.

Too many times, in too many cases, too many criminals go free because the scales of justice are unfairly loaded against dedicated lawmen and women like you.

Since taking office, we've worked with many of you to try steady the scales of justice, to seek a fair balance between

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

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(DOJ/OCA)

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(McNally/Simon)
Sept. 10, 1990
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ROOM 450, O.E.O.B. *The Rose Garden*
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1990, 2:00 P.M. ✓

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RESPONSE:

*See Comments. Thanks.
 Holly Williamson
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Who is this inflammatory to? (Those who do want to invent new rules not found in the Constitution?) I disagree... - Ed

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Federal, State, and Local Prosecutors

I have reviewed the Presidential remarks for the prosecutors. They look fine, but I have these comments:

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2. On page 2, in the last full paragraph, I would strike "our proposals" and insert "key aspects of my proposal". Last fall the Congress did act to fund many of the "money" aspects of the President's crime bill. ✓
3. On page 3, in the last paragraph, I would strike the "s" at the end of "makes" and change the word "cities" to "streets" or "communities". These prosecutors are worried about crime in rural areas as well. ✓

cc: James W. Cicconi

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