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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
 Assistant to the President  
 and Staff Secretary  
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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March 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM:               ED McNALLY *JMW*  
SUBJECT:            ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW CRIME BILL

I.    SUMMARY

On Monday, March 11, at 11:15 a.m., you will announce the Administration's new crime bill. The event will take place in the East Room, with an audience consisting of most of the 50 state Attorneys General, local D.A.'s, police and other law enforcement officials (including many who worked hard for your crime bill last year) and selected community leaders.

II.   DISCUSSION

Seizing on your address to the Joint Session of Congress last week, this speech is designed to launch a crime bill that can be enacted in 100 days. The remarks outline the goals of the proposed legislation -- including passage of sections that were contained in the earlier crime bill but not enacted by Congress; and new laws aimed at protecting people and police, rather than criminals.

(McNally/Simon)  
March 8, 1991  
Draft Three (B:CRIME)

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**MONDAY, MAR. 11, 1991, 11:15 A.M.**

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Last week I went before the United States Congress, and the American people, to salute a group of hometown heroes -- the finest combat force this Nation has ever assembled -- the brave men and women of the United States military! \\\

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Last month we launched an innovative package designed to ensure real opportunity for all Americans. Our veterans deserve to come home to an America of improved schools, better jobs, stronger laws against discrimination, increased home ownership, and families that are healthy and together. And most of all, our veterans deserve to come home to an America where it's safe to walk the streets. \\\

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quite simply -- the right to be free from fear. \\\

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Two months later, on that rainy day on Capitol Hill, we launched an effort to pass our crime legislation, legislation designed to help protect our cops by giving them the tools they need to do their job. We proposed stiff new penalties for criminals using semi-automatic weapons; an improved exclusionary rule designed to protect the truth and punish the guilty; and habeas corpus reform that would stop frivolous appeals and ensure that punishment was not only just, but also swift and certain. Most of all, it would have finally given us a Federal law to uphold a simple rule of justice: Those who kill must be prepared to pay with their own life. \\\

And today, two years later, the Congress has still failed to act on these critical core provisions. And today, two years later, another 294 policemen and women are dead -- 294 -- almost three times the number of precious American lives lost during the entire Gulf War. The killing must stop. And it must stop now.\\

Today, it's time to stand up and be counted. It's time to

**stand up for what's right. We stood by America's troops. Today it's time to stand up for America's police! \\\**

Last week, many of you joined together with the Attorney General and me in an unprecedented Crime Summit -- America's first. For three days you freely traded ideas, insights, suggestions and support. When I visited you Tuesday the mood was contagious -- powerful, confident, and most of all -- driven by a sense of urgency. And so when it was over, we wasted no time. I told the A.G. we wanted the Crime Bill ready in final form before another week was out. And today, five days later, I have it here in my hand. \\\

Of course, we had a head start -- the truth is, the vast majority of these core proposals are identical to those we sent to Congress two years ago. These fundamental, badly-needed reforms have been argued over for years. But the American people are not clamoring for more debate. Today they're demanding action -- action to stop violent crime -- action that translates to a straight up-or-down vote on these core, common-sense proposals. As I said Wednesday night: If our forces could win the ground war in 100 hours -- then surely the Congress can pass this legislation in 100 days. \\\

Our core proposals have also been strengthened by some potent new additions. These include new laws to protect women and children against violence and abuse. And most important of all, they include tough new laws that will protect our people and our police by helping prosecutors put away America's most violent

offenders. One of the most important of these provisions recognizes that reducing firearms violence must mean exclusionary rule reform. I am not a lawyer. But I put great stock in common sense. And it never did make sense that, because a policeman has made a mistake -- a dangerous criminal can get off scot-free.

The Supreme Court has invited legislative experimentation with direct action to prevent illegal searches and seizures. And so today I am announcing that we are accepting that invitation -- in conjunction with a serious gun control initiative. Our plan would authorize the A.G. to develop alternative, administrative sanctions for any federal agent who improperly seizes a gun in violation of the 4th Amendment. Once these protections were in place, firearms in serious drug, violent and certain other cases would always be admissible in certain federal cases involving armed felons. It is simply intolerable that these armed criminals should go free when good, solid evidence is available.

Our message is simple: The time to act is now. The time to schedule Congressional hearings is now. The Attorney General is ready to testify now. And most of the other experts needed are probably here in the East Room now. now

Looking out here today, I see a group of principled, all-American heroes whose dedication at home matches that of our brave men and women overseas. Heroes like Mississippi A.G. Mike Moore, who stood with us in the Rose Garden last fall and described the terrible ordeal -- due to current habeas rules -- in which victims and their families can never draw the curtains

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Mike and Richard -- we're on a hundred-day clock -- and we hope you and your colleagues are ready to roll up your sleeves again today. And Dan -- we're hoping you can lend your magic to the cause once more. Because this week marks the anniversary of the F.B.I.'s "10 Most Wanted" list. And I'm here to tell you that this new crime bill is on America's "most wanted" list of pressing national business. And as I said last fall: America's prosecutors will not accept a phony crime bill that is tougher on law enforcement than it is on criminals. \\\

No more loopholes. No more rolls of the dice. I urge the Congress to heed the voices of our people, our police, and our prosecutors -- and help us take back the streets. \\\ Together, let's act on this crime bill now. \\\

Thank you. Good luck. And God bless the United States.

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comments)

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WASHINGTON

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March 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NELSON LUND *NL*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Crime Bill Announcement

At the request of Phillip D. Brady, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned draft remarks. We have marked suggested changes on the attached hard copy of the draft.

Counsel's office appreciates having had the opportunity to review these draft remarks.

cc: / Phillip D. Brady  
Ed McNally

Note: This is the  
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for all reconciliation.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 TODAY, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

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(McNally/Simon)  
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Members of Congress  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW CRIME BILL  
THE ROSE GARDEN <sup>EAST ROOM</sup>  
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Stronger laws against discrimination

Last month we launched an innovative package designed to ensure real opportunity for all Americans. Our veterans deserve to come home to an America of improved schools, better jobs, increased home ownership, and families that are healthy and together. ~~Our veterans deserve to come home to an America without discrimination.~~ And most of all, our veterans deserve to come home to an America where it's safe to walk the streets. \\\

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Two months later, on that rainy day on Capitol Hill, we <sup>an effort to pass our crime legislation, legislation</sup> launched a ~~Crime Bill~~ designed to help protect our cops by giving them the tools they need to do their job. We proposed stiff new penalties for criminals using semi-automatic weapons; an improved exclusionary rule designed to protect the truth and punish the guilty; and habeas corpus reform that would stop frivolous appeals and ensure that punishment was <sup>not only just, but also</sup> both swift and certain. ✓  
 Most of all, it would have ~~provided constitutionally sound provisions in federal cases that support~~ a simple rule of justice: ✓  
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RESPONSE:

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff concurs on the above-referenced matter, subject to the changes noted.

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

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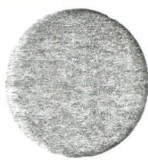
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RESPONSE: *See Comments. Thanks.  
Holly Williamson  
3-8-91*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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General - (Justice + OCA): A little heavy on "cops" - <sup>is it</sup> the group ~~is~~ primarily State Attorneys General etc.? Also what about the clip playing on television of LA cops beating that man?

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Justice Dept. The cops' solution is gun control.

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Justice  
Serial Killers is stretching a bit. Use racial killers provisions for mail bombings etc.

deleted as per Biden

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*that  
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*Rejected in favor of Biden's language  
✓ Searching for evidence.*

*Justice*

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*real gun control means taking guns out of the hands of the r.c. and felons*

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he will ck. w/  
Gov. Sumner  
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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
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FROM: NELSON LUND   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

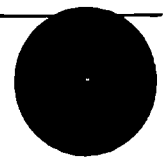
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At the request of Phillip D. Brady, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned draft remarks. We have marked suggested changes on the attached hard copy of the draft.

Counsel's office appreciates having had the opportunity to review these draft remarks.

cc: Phillip D. Brady  
Ed McNally

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Made a mistake

Direct action to prevent illegal searches and seizures

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks on the New Crime Bill

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*Rejected in favor of Boyden's language for this sentence*

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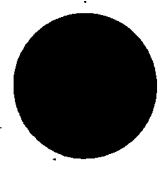
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WASHINGTON

March 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER B. PORTER

FROM: MARIANNE MCGETTIGAN

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks on the New Crime Bill

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This responds to your request for comments on the proposed Presidential remarks on the new crime bill. I think the speech sets just the right tone. I have only a few comments:

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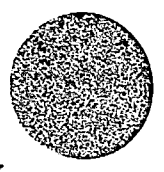
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REMARKS: Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 TODAY, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff concurs on the above-referenced matter, subject to the changes noted.

Brent Scowcroft

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Our core proposals have also been strengthened by some potent new additions. We're calling for new laws to protect women and children against violence and exploitation. New safe-

guards to ensure due process in every capital case. And most important of all, tough new laws that will protect our people and our police by helping prosecutors put away America's most violent offenders. One of the most important of these provisions recognizes that reducing firearms violence must mean exclusionary rule reform. I am not a lawyer. But I put great stock in common sense. And it never did make sense that, because a policeman has blundered -- a dangerous criminal can just get off scot-free.

The Supreme Court has invited legislative experimentation with alternative ways to punish the cop who blunders. And so today I am announcing that we are accepting that invitation. Our plan would authorize the A.G. to develop alternative, administrative sanctions for any federal agent who improperly seizes a gun in violation of the 4th Amendment. Once these protections were in place, firearms in serious drug, violent and certain other cases would always be admissible in federal court. Never again would a federal jury be denied the most obvious, common-sense opportunity in their pursuit of the truth in a firearms case -- the opportunity to actually see the weapons in question.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM:               ED McNALLY *JM*  
SUBJECT:            ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW CRIME BILL

I.    SUMMARY

On Monday, March 11, at 11:15 a.m., you will announce the Administration's new crime bill. The event will take place in the East Room, with an audience consisting of most of the 50 state Attorneys General, local D.A.'s, police and other law enforcement officials (including many who worked hard for your crime bill last year) and selected community leaders.

II.   DISCUSSION

Seizing on your address to the Joint Session of Congress last week, this speech is designed to launch a crime bill that can be enacted in 100 days. The remarks outline the goals of the proposed legislation -- including passage of sections that were contained in the earlier crime bill but not enacted by Congress; and new laws aimed at protecting people and police, rather than criminals.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW CRIME BILL  
THE EAST ROOM  
MONDAY, MAR. 11, 1991, 11:15 A.M.

Thank you. Mr. Attorney General, State Attorneys General, Members of Congress, other law enforcement officials and community leaders: **It is an honor to welcome you to the White House.**

Last week I went before the United States Congress, and the American people, to salute a group of hometown heroes -- the finest combat force this Nation has ever assembled -- the brave men and women of the United States military! \\\

We honored them with our cheers and with our prayers. **And come this summer, we'll honor them again with the biggest Fourth of July since the Liberty Bell first rang.** But as I said last week, the real way to honor them is to welcome them home to an America that is worthy of their sacrifice -- by joining together with Congress to move forward on the domestic front.

Last month we launched an innovative package designed to ensure real opportunity for all Americans. Our veterans deserve to come home to an America of improved schools, better jobs, stronger laws against discrimination, increased home ownership, and families that are healthy and together. **And most of all, our veterans deserve to come home to an America where it's safe to walk the streets.** \\\

Economic opportunity is impossible for citizens who cannot be safe and feel safe in their homes, schools, jobs and churches. This is what I mean when I say our most basic civil right is --

quite simply -- the right to be free from fear. \\\

Some of you may remember that, shortly after I took office, we met with the 50 A.G.'s at the White House. It was two years ago, almost to the day. And I told you how, a few days earlier, I had gone to New York to meet the family and friends of Everett Hatcher, a brave D.E.A. agent who was gunned down in the street. And they told me that it used to be unthinkable to shoot a cop. But now the culture has changed -- and when the bad guys hear the word "POLICE," they just turn around and start shooting.

Two months later, on that rainy day on Capitol Hill, we launched an effort to pass our crime legislation, legislation designed to help protect our cops by giving them the tools they need to do their job. We proposed stiff new penalties for criminals using semi-automatic weapons; an improved exclusionary rule designed to protect the truth and punish the guilty; and habeas corpus reform that would stop frivolous appeals and ensure that punishment was not only just, but also swift and certain. Most of all, it would have finally given us a Federal law to uphold a simple rule of justice: Those who kill must be prepared to pay with their own life. \\\

And today, two years later, the Congress has still failed to act on these critical core provisions. And today, two years later, another 294 policemen and women are dead -- 294 -- almost three times the number of precious American lives lost during the entire Gulf War. The killing must stop. And it must stop now.\\

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