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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: JUNE 22, 1991

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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

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In recent months, we've all felt a bracing surge of American optimism and determination. We look at our schools and say: Let's make them better. We look upon our neighborhoods and say: Let's make them even safer. We see opportunities around us and say: Let's go for it.

In many ways, we have regained a sense of ourselves and our values. For the past quarter-century, politicians in Washington have acted as if the federal government could solve every problem from chigger bites to earthquakes. No more: We all realize that government has real limits. You can't replace values with regulations. You can't replace parents with caseworkers. You can't replace the dedication to service with mandates.

Over the years, a number of well-meaning laws have thrown up barriers to individual action. Gradually, they have begun to transform government from the guardian of individual liberty into a weed that chokes off freedom and strangles initiative.

I'd like to ask your help in pruning this creeping weed so

that we can take on problems that concern us all. Our Administration's domestic agenda strives to build a more effective, compassionate government / to encourage service to others / and to give Americans the elbow room they need to do great deeds.

Several months ago, I challenged Congress to pass two bills in 100 days. One was a comprehensive crime package. It includes measures to help law enforcement officials defend the peace / to let citizens live without fear of neighborhood terror / to compensate victims / and to punish victimizers swiftly and firmly.

The American people are tired of watching hoodlums walk; of seeing criminals mock our justice system with endless technicalities. They want to bring order to streets shaken by chaos and crime. Yet for more than two years, Congress has failed to act on my proposals to fight crime and strengthen the rule of law.

The second 100-days bill is a transportation package that would give states the freedom to build the highways and transit systems they want -- and not just those Washington dictates. It encourages innovation -- such as private efforts to improve our transportation system. It tries to put federal dollars where they belong -- on national needs, not pork barrel projects. Some in Congress want to weaken the bill's focus, shun innovation, pretend that our transportation needs and challenges haven't changed. As a result, no bill has yet reached my desk.

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Administration's agenda includes much more. We have submitted a civil rights package aimed at punishing discrimination and building a new atmosphere of brotherhood and trust. We have proposed a revolution in education / a dramatic reform of public housing / and a banking package that would restore the health of our financial system. While there has been some movement, Congress still has not passed any of these bills.

We have made progress, however. Our education strategy has caught fire in communities from coast to coast. And to help our families, we have just completed a major reorganization of the Department of Health and Human Services -- giving unprecedented attention to children's needs.

Think of this when someone claims that we don't spend enough money to "have a vision." Dollars don't make visions; deeds do. When government spends your money, it shouldn't do so for appearances. It should spend your money on programs that work.

This philosophy lies at the heart of our domestic agenda. We want to restore proportion to government by letting government do what it does best -- and freeing you to do what you do best. We want to restore faith in government by making real commitments, not impossible promises.

But while we Americans demand more effective government, we also must demand more of ourselves. Entrepreneurs should be free to pursue their visions boldly, knowing that our future depends upon their success. Neighbors should seize the chance to help one another -- to settle disputes over a cup of coffee, rather than in

a courtroom; to commit the little acts of kindness that turn rows of houses into neighborhoods. Let's stop seeking excuses, and find opportunities to serve, to help one another, to become sources of wealth and points of light.

John Kennedy was right when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

While government can't do everything, it ought to do its job. So today I urge Congress to join us in doing the nation's business. Unshackle our initiatives on crime / transportation / banking / economic growth / education / energy / housing / and civil rights. There is no shame in acting -- and there's plenty of time between now and Congress's August recess to get the job done.

We know we can do great things.

Together, let's do them.

Thank you. May God bless you and our great nation.

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This is a Bush quote

From his inaugural address!

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*No way!
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RADIO ADDRESS
BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATION

The Cabinet Room

June 21, 1991

12:03 P.M. EDT

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Thank you, and may God bless you and our great nation.

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12:10 P.M. EDT

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 6:00 p.m., TODAY, THURSDAY JUNE 20, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

No legal objection - great speed!

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While government can't do everything, it ought to do its job.

Today I urge Congress to join us in building a better future.
Unshackle our crime package / our economic growth package / our
education package / our defense package / our housing package /
our banking package / our civil rights package. There is no shame
in acting -- and there's plenty of time between now and Congress's
August recess to get our nation moving.

We know we can do great things.

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(Bundy
x4844)*

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Andy
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Martin
X4864
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X3120
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for children
(Taylor)
X4790

We hear accusations that Americans have "~~more will than wallet,~~" as if \$1.4 trillion -- this year's federal budget -- was pocket change.

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But if more wallet were the key to success,

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Federal
spending
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Our agenda strives to do just that. It can restore proportion ^{and balance} to government through realistic legislation. It can restore faith in government by making commitments, not impossible promises.

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* "We need more dollars." (George Bush's own phrase!) (Grady X4844)
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RESPONSE:

Add one short paragraph on Education as an example of learning w/ congress, moving forward to year 2000 - just this week working w/ dem gov - together we designated first Colorado 2000 -

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP/Amg*
SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Radio Address to the Nation

We have reviewed the attached presidential remarks and have noted several suggested changes on the draft. Particularly important is the change in the fourth paragraph of page two concerning the transportation bill. It is incorrect to state that the Senate has passed a bill that "keeps states under Washington's thumb."

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may help in any other way.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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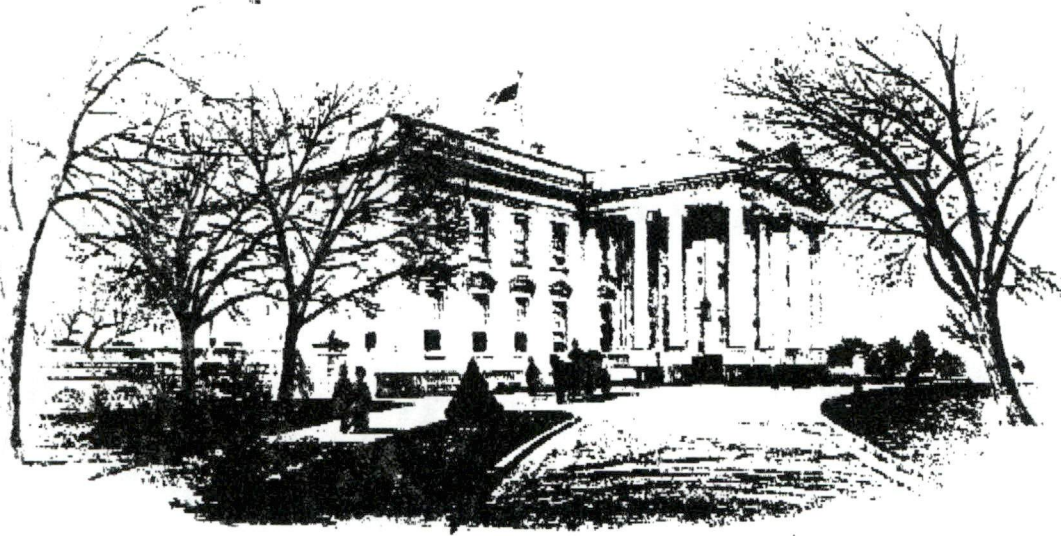
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→ But Congress is only part of the answer. You can also help your country by helping your community - mentoring a troubled teen, teaching a man to read and write, feeding the hungry or comforting an AIDS patient. (Peterson).

DOJ - The debate on the Crime bill has started now -- need to make sure this language is still accurate -- just a flag for you.

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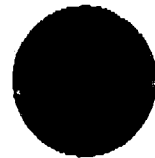
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Fax 6218

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*See comments. Thanks
Holly Williamson
6-20-91*

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(DJS) ✓
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Radio Address ✓

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↳ Gov't Affairs doesn't like this language; may suggest substitution.

(rather than "apron string" charge by DOT)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

91 JUN 20

Date:

16 (20/9)

TO:

Tony Snow

FROM:

CLARK KENT ERVIN
Office of National Service
Room 100, OEOP
x6266

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- Action
- Your Comment
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Attached are our comments
on the POTUS radio
address.

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But Congress is only part of the answer.

You can also help your country by helping ~~the~~ helping your community — mentoring a troubled teen, teaching a man to read and write, feeding the hungry or comforting an AIDS patient.

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RESPONSE:

OK with changes as outlined above

T. Snow

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 21, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: GENE SCHAERR *CS*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Radio Address to the Nation

Counsel's Office has no legal objection to the Presidential Address referenced above.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phillip D. Brady
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 JUN 21 P4:19



DATE: 6/20/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TODAY 6/20 6:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 6:00 p.m., TODAY, THURSDAY JUNE 20, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: *Comments FAX'd to Speechwriting on 6/20/91 at 7:00 p.m.*

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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