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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Institutes of Health

The draft remarks for delivery at the National Institutes of Health provide a sound statement of our support for biomedical research and the relationship of that research to our overall health agenda. We have several comments and suggestions:

- Within the biomedical research community, the article "the" frequently precedes "NIH." Use of "the" would be appropriate, for example, in the third paragraph on the first paragraph and the third paragraph on the second page.
- On page three, first paragraph, the reference to curing genetic disease could suggest the endorsement of therapeutic abortion. Another parenthetical to follow "human genome --" would be "building a body of knowledge that will be forever useful."
- In the second paragraph, "steps toward a healthier America" better states our health agenda than "health-care reform," a phrase more associated with an agenda that is not the Administration's.
- On page 4, the relationship between the reorganization and our prevention agenda is not as direct as the remarks now suggest; "this plan will help us create" could be replaced with "we have proposed."

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/19/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURS. 6/20/91 5:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH ADDRESS - MONDAY, June 24

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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 p.m., THURSDAY, JUNE 20, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
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NIHPRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH ADDRESS
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1991
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Dr. Louis Sullivan -- let me salute what a magnificent job you are doing as Secretary of Health and Human Services. / Dr. [Bernadine] Healy -- whose career shows what biologist Lewis Thomas meant when he talked of "the capacity to do something unique, imaginative, useful and altogether right." / Ladies and gentlemen, friends. //

I am delighted to be with members of the National Institutes of Health family on a very special day. In becoming director of the NIH, Dr. Healy not only joins a long and noble tradition -- she assumes a post from which she can help us build a better, healthier, more prosperous America. //

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NIH researchers have produced some of the most important biomedical advances of the past century -- in heart disease / cancer / and other disorders. //

Now, we must build on these beginnings. Today, you help lead us toward a new age of biotechnology. NIH-supported researchers have developed virtually all the tools used in biotechnology. They have created training and education programs to enlarge the pool of talented researchers. //

Here at NIH, you know that education makes great futures possible. Inspired scholarship has produced procedures and products that enable us to live longer, more creative lives. Your labors will enrich the next American Century. //

For example, NIH researchers are working to develop gene therapy, to create synthetic drugs designed by supercomputers, and to pioneer new cancer treatments. / NIH employees are working on new drugs that can limit the damage from heart attacks / on techniques for identifying hidden injuries by means of painless computerized images of the body / on medicines to save victims of accidents from permanent spinal cord injury. //

These NIH initiatives reflect our commitment to biomedical innovation. Our Council on Competitiveness is developing recommendations for streamlining the drug approval process -- cutting regulation's red tape so that healing drugs get to those who need them. // We're working to ensure that government-sponsored research -- and private research -- will make its way more quickly into the marketplace of ideas. //

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I am proud of our commitment to cures that even Ripley would not believe. Scientists have begun learning how to read the human genome -- giving hope to those afflicted by genetic disease. ^{Building a base of knowledge that will be} Researchers throughout our country work day and night to create vaccines -- and other ^{interventions} [measures] -- that prevent disease before it strikes. // These advances show, as Emerson said, how "in the hands of the discoverer, medicine becomes a heroic art."

Still, heroism starts in the human heart. Each American bears responsibility for doing whatever possible to live a long and healthy life. // Our administration has promoted ^{steps} [health-care reform] based on solid research and individual responsibility. ^{toward a healthier America} // We know that we can keep people healthier by preventing disease than by trying to deal with it after it sets in.

Americans should drink less, exercise more, stop smoking, and get immunization shots regularly. Unwise decisions by the individual can unmake the wisest government policy. //

Yes, we must -- and are -- improving the health of women by focusing on cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis, and other problems -- I know this is a special interest of Dr. Healy's. / Yes, we should -- and will -- commit government to further scientific and biomedical education. // But remember: Without the individual, government can do nothing. With the individual bent on reducing risk factors -- we can make America not only the world's wealthiest Nation -- but its healthiest Nation, too. //

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In that spirit, I was pleased to learn that Dr. Healy has begun a major initiative -- developing a strategic plan for NIH.

/ And last week, Secretary Sullivan announced a reorganization plan that would bring three more institutes to NIH -- the national institutes for mental health, drug abuse, and alcoholism and alcohol abuse. This plan would expand NIH's scientific mission to ^{build on ~~find~~ on realize the tremendous potential in} find ways to stop drug and alcohol abuse and cure ^{possible in research on the human brain.} mental illness. //

I support -- unequivocally -- this excellent idea of Secretary Sullivan's. It will ^{advance the scientific base for} allow NIH to deal with the most important health challenge we face -- ^{behaviors} [bad habits] that lead to ill health. // ^{we have improved} [This plan will help us create] an aggressive program of prevention initiatives -- for infants, for children, for adults, and for the elderly. These will promote a healthier America; they will help keep costs from spiralling further. //

I challenge the biomedical research community to join this crusade. After all, we're talking -- literally -- about the life of a nation. We're talking about our future and our children's future. //

Let me close with a story that typifies the dedication of NIH researchers and staff. It concerns a woman who came up to the world-famous violinist, Fritz Kreisler, after a concert.

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So it is here, with you, the people of NIH -- the scientists, health care workers, grants administrators, animal caretakers, laboratory technicians, support staff, and the new director. / You all commit your professional lives to the public / and to the future. //

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 24, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF
DR. BERNADINE HEALY AS NIH DIRECTOR

NIH Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland

9:46 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. It is nice to be back here at NIH on this beautiful day. And may I salute Dr. Sullivan, a former researcher and NIH grant recipient. And let me salute, Lou, what a magnificent job you're doing as Secretary of HHS. It isn't easy, and he's doing a first class job. (Applause.)

And over my right shoulder, Connie Horner, the Deputy Secretary of HHS. And Dr. Mason, Assistant Secretary of HHS for Health, a great member of this team. Dr. Healy, who we're out here to honor and salute, whose career shows what scientist Louis Thomas meant when he talked of the capacity to do something unique, imaginative, useful and altogether right. I also would like to single out Dr. Broder, the head of the Cancer Institute; my friend Dr. Tony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. I think Congressman Early is with us. Congresswoman Morella was to be. I haven't spotted her out there -- there she is, right here in the front row. (Laughter.) Art Modell and so many others. Ladies and gentlemen.

Before we get into what I assure you will be mercifully brief remarks, I do want to single out two people that came out here with me from the White House -- one, my own doctor, Burt Lee, who came to me and us from Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York and who is doing a superb job. And he keeps telling me and reminding me of the fantastic asset that this country has in NIH. Burt Lee over here -- Burt, stand up so they can see you. (Applause.) And with him Dr. Allan Bromley, who is the head of our scientists. He's the top scientist at the White House. Doesn't have much challenge for that job, I might add -- (laughter) -- but nevertheless, it's through him that I first saw Bernadine Healy in action. And he's doing a superb job in many aspects of science. Allan, would you please stand up. (Applause.)

And let me just say that I'm delighted to be with members of the National Institutes of Health family on this very special day.

In becoming director of NIH, Dr. Healy not only joins a long and noble tradition, she assumes a post from which she can help us build a better, healthier, more prosperous America.

Let's consider results that the NIH has already achieved. Growing in 104 years from a one-room laboratory on Staten Island to an organization with 13 institutes, four centers and the National Library of Medicine.

Before the turn of the century, the "microbe hunters" who founded the NIH risked their lives to fight cholera and yellow fever. And then in the '50s, Director James Shannon urged the nation to spend money on research as well as on iron lungs to defeat the scourge of polio.

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cancer and other disorders. And now we must build on these beginnings. And that's why we have requested that the NIH's funding for Fiscal '92 be increased to almost \$9 billion -- the largest increase ever requested by any President -- and we want to help you lead us toward a new age of biotechnology.

Already, NIH-supported researchers have developed many of the tools used in biotechnology. They've created training and education programs to enlarge the pool of talented researchers. And here at NIH you know that education makes great futures possible. Inspired scholarship has produced procedures and products that enable us to live longer, more creative lives. And your labors will enrich the next American century.

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Still, heroism starts in the human heart. Each American bears responsibility for doing whatever he or she can do to live a long and healthy life. We know that we can keep people healthier by preventing disease rather than by waiting to deal with disease or illness after it sets in.

Americans need to drink less, smoke less and exercise more. And they need to take preventive measures, such as getting immunized early and regularly, to ensure future health. Unwise decisions by the individual can undo the wisest government policy. And, yes, we should and will commit government to further scientific and biomedical advancement. But remember, without the individual our nation cannot accomplish its goals. With the individual bent on reducing risk factors, we can make America not only the world's wealthiest nation, but its healthiest nation, too.

And in that spirit, I want to take this chance to praise a national campaign that our administration has begun against infant mortality. We know that good health requires the best possible start in life, and so we've launched the Healthy Start Program -- a pilot project that will bring early prenatal care to thousands of low-income mothers while helping to identify which government programs work best. We're also improving the health system of all women by focusing on cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis and other problems.

I know this is a very special interest of Dr. Healy's. And let me also say how pleased I am that Dr. Healy has also begun a major initiative for health by developing a strategic plan for NIH.

And last week, Secretary Sullivan announced a reorganization plan that would bring three more institutes to the NIH: The National Institutes for Mental Health, Drug Abuse, and Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. This plan will make it easier to find ways to treat drug and alcohol abuse and to cure mental illness.

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I challenge the biomedical and behavioral research community to join this crusade. After all, we're talking, literally, about the life of a nation. We're talking about our future and our children's future.

Let me close with a story that typifies the dedication of NIH researchers and staff, whom I salute today. It concerns a woman who came up to the world-famous violinist, Fritz Kreisler, after he just finished a concert. She said, "I'd give my life to play as beautifully as you did." And Kreisler replied, "My dear Madam, I did."

Lives of dedication are exemplified here at NIH. Buildings full of unsung heroes. Health care workers, grants administrators, animal caretakers, laboratory technicians, support staff, and the new Director -- all of you commit your professional lives to the public and to the future.

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(The oath is administered.) (Applause.)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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June 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW TS
FROM: CURT SMITH S
SUBJECT: NIH ADDRESS

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MASTER

RESPONSE:

See comments. Thanks.
Nolly Williamson
6-20-91

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

3 general comments (from OCA):

- 1) mention the '92 increase in NIH funding
- 2) mention that Sullivan was a former researcher & NIH grant recipient
- 3) mention that biomedical research is the key to transforming the practice of medicine

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(X) OCA

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(HHS) Mention Dr. Mason -- he will be in attendance & is Healy's boss.

(X)

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- Too many quotes - (A. Card) - only have 2 quotes and one story - not too much.
X Use "the" in front of NIH - (Porter)

(X)

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(CACA) (X) abuse + alcoholism. (Porter)

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(CACA)
(CMTS + CACA)
(McClure)
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(X) Reverend

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Dr. Bernadine Healy as the Director of the National ^{of Health} Institutes of Health.

Fyzi note: These remarks will occur immediately before Peter witnesses the swearing-in ceremony.

Note: Report on children due out this day may want to add something on healthy start or a P that endorses our position vis à vis the report.

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

91 JUN 21 9:45

June 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM:

STEVE OLSON *SO*

SUBJECT:

REVIEW OF PRESIDENT'S NIH SPEECH

I got a copy of the President's NIH speech from your office earlier today, but OSTP's staffing copy evidently got lost in the mail, so I'm writing to tell you that we have no changes to suggest. Curt did a great job with it, and everyone up here who's read it thinks it very good.

cc: Phillip Brady
Allan Bromley
Ken Yale

(Smith/Grossman)
June 20, 1991
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH ADDRESS
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1991
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

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Alex Glenn

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Natl. Commission on Children

(Rockefeller Report)

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Institutes of Health

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE: Report on children due out this day
 may want to add something on
 health status or a 4 that
 endorses our position vis a vis
 the report.

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

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RESPONSE: *See comments.*


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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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James C. Mufr
Associate Director for
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TO: MARLIN FITZWATER

FROM: CURT SMITH 

RE: NIH SPEECH

DATE: JUNE 20, 1991

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10:00 A.M.

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NIH ADDRESS \ BETHESDA, MARYLAND
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1991 \ 10:00 A.M.

DR. LOUIS SULLIVAN, A FORMER RESEARCHER AND NIH-
GRANT RECIPIENT -- AND LET ME SALUTE WHAT A MAGNIFICENT
JOB YOU ARE DOING AS SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES. / MRS. CONSTANCE HORNER, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF
HHS. / DR. JIM MASON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HHS FOR
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A GREAT MEMBER OF THIS TEAM -- DR. [BERNADINE] HEALY
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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE WITH MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FAMILY ON A VERY SPECIAL DAY.

IN BECOMING DIRECTOR OF THE NIH, DR. HEALY NOT ONLY JOINS A LONG AND NOBLE TRADITION -- SHE ASSUMES A POST FROM WHICH SHE CAN HELP US BUILD A BETTER, HEALTHIER, MORE PROSPEROUS AMERICA. //

LET US CONSIDER RESULTS THE NIH HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED -- GROWING IN 104 YEARS FROM A ONE-ROOM LABORATORY ON STATEN ISLAND TO AN ORGANIZATION WITH 13 INSTITUTES, FOUR CENTERS, AND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE.

BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE "MICROBE HUNTERS" WHO FOUNDED THE NIH RISKED THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT CHOLERA AND YELLOW FEVER.

IN THE 1950s, DIRECTOR JAMES SHANNON URGED THE NATION TO SPEND MONEY ON RESEARCH AS WELL AS ON IRON LUNGS TO DEFEAT THE SCOURGE OF POLIO. /

NIH-SUPPORTED RESEARCH HAS LED TO SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BIOMEDICAL ADVANCES OF THE PAST CENTURY -- IN HEART DISEASE / CANCER / AND OTHER DISORDERS. //

NOW, WE MUST BUILD ON THESE BEGINNINGS. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE NIH'S FUNDING FOR FY '92 BE INCREASED TO ALMOST \$9 BILLION -- THE LARGEST INCREASE EVER REQUESTED BY ANY PRESIDENT. WE WANT TO HELP YOU LEAD US TOWARD A NEW AGE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY. ALREADY, NIH-SUPPORTED RESEARCHERS HAVE DEVELOPED MANY OF THE TOOLS USED IN BIOTECHNOLOGY. THEY HAVE CREATED TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO ENLARGE THE POOL OF TALENTED RESEARCHERS. //

HERE AT THE NIH, YOU KNOW THAT EDUCATION MAKES GREAT FUTURES POSSIBLE. INSPIRED SCHOLARSHIP HAS PRODUCED PROCEDURES AND PRODUCTS THAT ENABLE US TO LIVE LONGER, MORE CREATIVE LIVES. YOUR LABORS WILL ENRICH THE NEXT AMERICAN CENTURY. //

WE KNOW THAT BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IS A KEY TO TRANSFORMING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. TODAY, FOR EXAMPLE, NIH SUPPORTS WORK ON NEW DRUGS THAT CAN LIMIT THE DAMAGE FROM HEART ATTACKS / ON TECHNIQUES FOR IDENTIFYING HIDDEN INJURIES BY MEANS OF PAINLESS COMPUTERIZED IMAGES OF THE BODY / ON MEDICINES TO SAVE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS FROM PERMANENT SPINAL CORD INJURY.
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THESE NIH INITIATIVES REFLECT OUR COMMITMENT TO BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION. OUR COUNCIL ON COMPETITIVENESS IS DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STREAMLINING THE DRUG APPROVAL PROCESS -- CUTTING REGULATION'S RED TAPE SO THAT HEALING DRUGS GET TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM. //
WE'RE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED RESEARCH -- AND PRIVATE RESEARCH -- WILL MOVE MORE QUICKLY INTO THE MARKETPLACE. //

I AM PROUD OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CURES THAT NOT EVEN RIPLEY WOULD BELIEVE. SCIENTISTS HAVE BEGUN LEARNING HOW TO READ THE HUMAN GENOME [GEE NOME] -- BUILDING A BODY OF KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL BE FOREVER USEFUL. RESEARCHERS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY WORK DAY AND NIGHT TO CREATE VACCINES -- AND OTHER MEASURES -- THAT PREVENT DISEASE BEFORE IT STRIKES. // THESE ADVANCES SHOW, AS EMERSON SAID, HOW "IN THE HANDS OF THE DISCOVERER, MEDICINE BECOMES A HEROIC ART."

STILL, HEROISM STARTS IN THE HUMAN HEART. EACH AMERICAN BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOING WHATEVER HE OR SHE CAN DO TO LIVE A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE. // WE KNOW THAT WE CAN KEEP PEOPLE HEALTHIER BY PREVENTING DISEASE -- RATHER THAN BY WAITING TO DEAL WITH DISEASE OR ILLNESS AFTER IT SETS IN.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: NIH ADDRESS

On Monday, June 24th, at 10:00 a.m., you will deliver remarks (10 minutes, teleprompted) at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. The 500 attendees consist primarily of NIH researchers and employees. Following your speech, you will witness the swearing-in of Dr. Bernadine Healy, the Director of NIH.

Your remarks focus on the achievements of the NIH, and its future, focusing on biomedical research. You also stress the importance of minimizing health risk factors in overcoming illness. You praise Secretary Sullivan's reorganization plan -- one that would bring more institutes to NIH. You also praise Dr. Healy's initiative to develop a strategic plan for NIH.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NIH ADDRESS
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1991
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
10:00 a.m.

Dr. Louis Sullivan, a former researcher and NIH-grant recipient -- and let me salute what a magnificent job you are doing as Secretary of Health and Human Services. / Mrs. Constance Horner, Deputy Secretary of HHS. / Dr. Jim Mason, Assistant Secretary of HHS for Health. / A great member of this team -- Dr. [Bernadine] Healy -- whose career shows what scientist Lewis Thomas meant when he talked of "the capacity to do something unique, imaginative, useful and altogether right." / Ladies and gentlemen, friends. //

I am delighted to be with members of the National Institutes of Health family on a very special day. In becoming director of the NIH, Dr. Healy not only joins a long and noble tradition -- she assumes a post from which she can help us build a better, healthier, more prosperous America. //

Let us consider results the NIH has already achieved -- growing in 104 years from a one-room laboratory on Staten Island to an organization with 13 institutes, four centers, and the National Library of Medicine.

Before the turn of the century, the "microbe hunters" who founded the NIH risked their lives to fight cholera and yellow fever.

In the 1950s, Director James Shannon urged the nation to spend money on research as well as on iron lungs to defeat the scourge of polio. /

NIH-supported research has led to some of the most important biomedical advances of the past century -- in heart disease / cancer / and other disorders. //

Now, we must build on these beginnings. That is why we have requested that the NIH's funding for FY '92 be increased to almost \$9 billion -- the largest increase ever requested by any president. We want to help you lead us toward a new age of biotechnology. Already, NIH-supported researchers have developed many of the tools used in biotechnology. They have created training and education programs to enlarge the pool of talented researchers. //

Here at the NIH, you know that education makes great futures possible. Inspired scholarship has produced procedures and products that enable us to live longer, more creative lives. Your labors will enrich the next American Century. //

We know that biomedical research is a key to transforming the practice of medicine. Today, for example, NIH-supported researchers are working to develop gene therapies, to create synthetic drugs designed by supercomputers, and to pioneer new cancer treatments. / NIH supports work on new drugs that can limit the damage from heart attacks / on techniques for identifying hidden injuries by means of painless computerized

images of the body / on medicines to save victims of accidents from permanent spinal cord injury. //

These NIH initiatives reflect our commitment to biomedical innovation. Our Council on Competitiveness is developing recommendations for streamlining the drug approval process -- cutting regulation's red tape so that healing drugs get to those who need them. // We're working to ensure that government-sponsored research -- and private research -- will move more quickly into the marketplace. //

I am proud of our commitment to cures that not even Ripley would believe. Scientists have begun learning how to read the human genome [GEE nome] -- building a body of knowledge that will be forever useful. Researchers throughout our country work day and night to create vaccines -- and other measures -- that prevent disease before it strikes. // These advances show, as Emerson said, how "in the hands of the discoverer, medicine becomes a heroic art."

Still, heroism starts in the human heart. Each American bears responsibility for doing whatever he or she can do to live a long and healthy life. // Our Administration's health-care reform includes reliance as well on solid research and individual responsibility. // We know that we can keep people healthier by preventing disease -- rather than by waiting to deal with disease or illness after it sets in.

Americans need to drink less, smoke less, and exercise more. They need to take preventive measures -- such as getting

immunized early and regularly -- to ensure future health. Unwise decisions by the individual can undo the wisest government policy. // Yes, we should -- and will -- commit government to further scientific and biomedical advancement. // But remember: Without the individual, government can do nothing. With the individual bent on reducing risk factors -- we can make America not only the world's wealthiest Nation -- but its healthiest Nation, too. //

In that spirit, I want to take this chance to praise a national campaign our Administration has begun against infant mortality. We know that good health requires the best possible start in life. So we have launched the "Healthy Start" program, a pilot project that will bring early prenatal care to thousands of low-income mothers while helping to identify which government programs work best. //

We are also improving the health of all women by focusing on cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis, and other problems -- I know this is a special interest of Dr. Healy's. / Let me also say how pleased I am that Dr. Healy has also begun a major initiative for health by developing a strategic plan for NIH. / And last week, Secretary Sullivan announced a reorganization plan that would bring three more institutes to the NIH -- the national institutes for mental health, drug abuse, and alcohol abuse and alcoholism. This plan will make it easier to find ways to treat drug and alcohol abuse and cure mental illness. //

We want to expand drug and alcohol treatment research -- allowing the NIH to help eliminate the tragic health consequences of unwise personal behavior. / We have proposed an aggressive program of prevention initiatives -- for infants, for children, for adults, and for the elderly. Such initiatives will promote a healthier America and may help keep costs from spiralling further. //

I challenge the biomedical and behavioral research community to join this crusade. After all, we're talking -- literally -- about the life of a nation. We're talking about our future and our children's future. //

Let me close with a story that typifies the dedication of NIH researchers and staff. It concerns a woman who came up to the world-famous violinist, Fritz Kreisler [CRY slur], after a concert.

"I'd give my life to play as beautifully as you did!" the woman said. /

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Lives of dedication are exemplified here at NIH. The scientists, health care workers, grants administrators, animal caretakers, laboratory technicians, support staff, and the new director -- all of you commit your professional lives to the public / and to the future. //

The 12th-century physician-philosopher, Maimonides, spoke of "medical practice...inspired with soul and...filled with understanding." // Dr. Healy, you bring to this office the

inspiration, the soul and the understanding necessary for building upon NIH's stirring legacy. / God bless you and our wonderful country -- the United States of America.

It is now my honor to witness the swearing-in of Dr. Bernadine Healy as the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

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