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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1991 \ 11 A.M.

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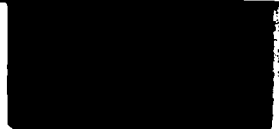
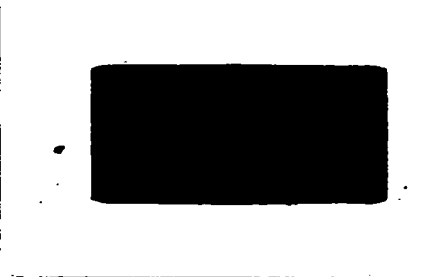
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*
SUBJECT: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICKOFF EVENT

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your review are brief remarks for the National Night Out kickoff, to be held on Tuesday, August 6 at 11 a.m. in the D.E.A. Auditorium. You will address an audience of local law enforcement officials, Neighborhood Watch coordinators, community leaders and several hundred children.

II. DISCUSSION

In your remarks (5 minutes/cards), you salute the good work of local community activists in the fight against drugs and crime, and highlight the events of the evening of August 6 -- when approximately 23 million people take part in "National Night Out."

Grant / Dooley
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**BRIEF REMARKS: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT KICKOFF
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[Good morning. Acknowledgements: Attorney General Dick Thornburgh; DEA Administrator Robert Bonner; Matt Peskin, Director of the National Association of Town Watch.]

Speaking of the Hall of Fame, this is my first visit to this DEA headquarters, where some of America's biggest heroes work every day. I know quite a few DEA agents have joined us this morning, along with a class of D.C. Metro Police recruits, and DEA Basic Agent Class 81. Let's thank them for the courageous work they're doing. It's also great to see all of you kids here.

What a pleasure it is to join you this morning, for the Kickoff Ceremony of the 8th Annual National Night Out.

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This evening, 23 million people in fifty states, the U.S. territories, and military bases all over the world will say "Goodbye to Crime." They'll turn on outside lights, sit on porches, and visit with neighbors and local police officers. They'll host block parties, cookouts, parades and contests. They'll organize the most effective crime-fighting force known to anyone -- communities that care.

We want to turn back the clock to the old days ... when all the kids knew the cop on the beat ... when people looked out for

their neighbors ... when we felt safe in our communities. Too many times today, neighbors and police are perfect strangers. As a result, too many crimes go unobserved or unreported -- and too many criminals go free.

We have a chance to change all that. Tonight will be the biggest Night Out ever -- 8,300 communities -- nearly every major American city will join in. Hundreds of suburban and rural communities will join the festivities.

In Minneapolis -- last year's biggest Night Out city -- concerned citizens will gather at over 700 block parties. At the Minneapolis Youth Kickoff Dance, more than a thousand young people will give crime the "twist," the "pretzel" and the "bump."

In Memphis, people will rejoice at a mock funeral. Community Watch groups there will bury crime.

In New Orleans, a Mardi-Gras style Jazz Festival for Crime will promote the day when criminals will sing the blues.

And in Buffalo, New York police agencies and government officials from the U.S. and Canada will join in a "Hands Across the Border" ceremony -- while crimefighters aboard the USS Little Rock say "bon voyage" to crime.

Forest Hills, Texas will host an "Olde West Shoot Out" against the "bad guys" in black hats.

The 7276 U.S. Air Base Group in Crete, Greece will sponsor a "Spot the Burglar" contest. ((Unfortunately, the only burglar I know isn't named Spot, she's named Millie.))

In cities and towns across America and at our military bases overseas, law abiding citizens want criminals to know that there are more of us than them. Neighborhood Watch programs and other community patrols will serve notice that we plan to deploy our most powerful weapons against drugs and crime: **our eyes and ears.**

Because crime affects every one of us -- on the streets, in our schools and playgrounds, even in our homes -- we all have a stake in helping our law enforcement officers fight against crime and drugs.

Our comprehensive crime bill would strengthen the relationship between law enforcement officials at the local, state and federal level. Right now, that legislation is on Capitol Hill -- and I'd like to have a comprehensive crime bill that I can sign into law by the end of this year.

We've proposed reforms that let local prosecutors and judges do their jobs. They're the ones who know how to fight crime in your community, not some so-called expert in Washington.

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*Tonite everyone turns on light
Neighborhood Crime
Give Drugs a Going Party*

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His personal story impresses me, as it should impress everyone. I nominated him because he has the brains, he has the record, and he has the personal decency Americans should expect in a justice of the Supreme Court -- a fidelity to the Constitution and the rule of law.

As we talk today about values and about taking responsibility for building a better future, Clarence Thomas comes to mind. He certainly exemplifies the very attitudes we want all Americans to adopt as they build better, safer communities.

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HERE TODAY: CAROL HALLETT [U.S. CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER];
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LOOK AT TODAY'S PIECE IN THE WASHINGTON POST BY MARGARET BUSH WILSON, A FORMER CHAIR OF THE NAACP'S NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR NINE YEARS -- AND WHO HAS KNOWN JUDGE THOMAS FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS.

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Draft insert for POTUS on Clarence Thomas 8 - 6 - 91

Judge Thomas has tremendous support ^{from} of a broad ^{cross-section} spectrum of Americans. That ~~across the board~~ support, ^{includes} among minority communities ~~as well~~, is now manifesting itself in measurable ways. So when you hear about opposition to Judge Thomas from one beltway group or another, it's clear that they are simply out of touch with mainstream America.

Look at today's ^{the Judge} piece in the Washington Post by Margaret Bush Wilson, ^a former chair of the NAACP's National Board of Directors. In supporting Clarence she said, "I know that as a Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas will continue to defend and protect the rights of the needy. He does not permit anyone to think for him, and he is intellectually honest."

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TALKING POINTS

SUPREME COURT NOMINATION OF JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS

"Judge Thomas' life is a model for all Americans, and he's earned the right to sit on this nation's highest court."

**President Bush nominating Judge Thomas
July 1, 1991**

- o Judge Thomas was nominated by the President to be a Supreme Court Justice because of his fidelity to the Constitution and the rule of law. These qualities, coupled with his education and experience, will make him an exemplary Justice of the Supreme Court.
- o As President Bush said, Judge Thomas "is a fiercely independent thinker with an excellent legal mind, who believes passionately in equal opportunity for all Americans. He will approach the cases that come before the Court with a commitment to deciding them fairly, as the facts and the law require."
- o The U.S. Senate has already confirmed Judge Thomas four separate times: as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education in 1981, twice as Chairman of the EEOC in 1982 and 1986, and most recently as U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the District of Columbia in 1990. He graduated from Holy Cross College with honors in 1971 and Yale Law School in 1974.
- o As Judge Thomas told the Senate Judiciary Committee: "The reason I became a lawyer was to make sure that minorities, individuals who did not have access to this society, gained access. Now, I may differ with others as to how best to do that, but the objective has always been to include those who have been excluded."
- o He believes firmly in the rights of the individual: that government's role is to protect the rights of the individual without advancing the interests of any particular lobbying group.
- o Thomas would bring to the Court a wealth of experience in government.
- o He compiled an outstanding record at EEOC: while seeking tougher penalties against discriminatory businesses, he pushed for improved voting rights and a strong civil rights agenda.

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- o Senator John C. Danforth has called Judge Thomas "conservative, but a compassionate kind of conservative, not rigid or ideological in his views. His every motive is that he empathizes with ordinary people, he's one of them."
- o R. Gaull Silberman, Vice Chairman of the EEOC when Thomas was chairman, said, "This man made the EEOC. He built it into a first-class law enforcement agency. We took three times as many cases, got more relief for more people than any other time in history."
- o According to Alan Keyes, President of Citizens Against Government Waste, on the basis of Thomas' constitutional philosophy and his character, "it would have been difficult for Mr. Bush to find anyone more qualified than Judge Thomas. Throughout his public career, he has displayed the intellectual honesty, integrity and moral courage that are crucial but all too rare ingredients of great public service."
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DATE: 8/1/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 8/2/91 5:00 pm

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Tony - I've reconsidered. Maybe the Millie joke is too weird. M.K.

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RESPONSE: The comments from Cabinet Affairs are attached.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

DEA Auditorium
Arlington, Virginia

11:10 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Dick -- Mr. Attorney General -- thank you very much. To Judge Bonner, my respects. And I'm just delighted to be here. To Matt Peskin, the Director of the National Association of Town Watch, I was glad to have met him and glad that he's here.

And we've got other key members of our law enforcement team here today. I can't see him, but I'm told Carol Hallett's out there, the U.S. Customs Commissioner; Mike Moore of the Marshals; Steve Higgins, the Director of ATF; Peter Nunez, the Assistant Treasury Secretary for Law Enforcement; and Maurice Turner, who is our nominee, and I'm proud to say that, for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

This is my first visit to the DEA headquarters, this one. And certainly, I'm told, the first visit of a President to come to DEA headquarters. And this one where some of America's biggest heroes work every single day. I know quite a few DEA agents have joined us this morning along with a class of the D.C. Metro Police -- the recruits there -- the DEA Basic Agent Class 81. And let's thank them also for the courageous work they're doing. I am also pleased that so many local neighborhood Town Watch activists could join us here today.

And I really wanted to say that you deserve our thanks for your courageous and selfless work, too. And it's also great to see these kids here in the front, the young kids, I'm told, from the District. I'm delighted to have them here, and I understand one of them is going to come up and help us screw in this light bulb in a little bit.

What a pleasure it is to join with you this morning for the kickoff ceremony of the 8th Annual National Night Out. I admit I told the staff that participating in the Night Out ceremony did not mean they get the morning off ceremony -- (laughter) -- although several are with me and delighted to be here.

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We want to turn back the clock in this area to the good old days when all the kids knew the cop on the beat, when people looked out for their neighbors, and when we felt safe in our own communities.

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And the result: Too many crimes go unobserved or unreported. Too many criminals go free.

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The fight against crime in many ways is a fight to rebuild the institutions from which America has always drawn its strength: families, and schools, and neighborhoods, and places of worship. And our administration believes in building a rule of law by emphasizing the values and virtues that make our land great.

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I think the American people want such legislation. Sometimes you hear of my lack of interest in domestic affairs. Well, here's a good example of something they can move on right now and should have been enacted a long, long time ago. (Applause.)

And we've proposed reforms that let local prosecutors and judges do their job. And they're the ones who know how to fight crime in your community, not some so-called expert back here in Washington, D.C. And what we need are more police officers, prosecutors and judges who understand the rule of law.

Our nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court -- let me just say a word about him -- Judge Clarence Thomas. He not only has lived the values that we hold dear, he's promoted them through his distinguished career in public service. And his personal story -- when you meet him you can't help but be impressed -- in my case, deeply moved. It impresses everybody, everybody that's fair and open-minded.

And I nominated him because he has the brains, he has the record and he has the personal decency that Americans should expect in a Justice of the Supreme Court -- a fidelity to the Constitution and the rule of law.

Judge Thomas has tremendous support from a broad section, a cross-section of America. And that across-the-board support

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includes minority communities, overwhelmingly supported in minority communities, I might add, and is now manifesting itself in measurable ways. So when you hear about opposition to Judge Thomas from one beltway group or another, it's clear that they are simply out of touch with mainstream America.

Look at today's piece in The Washington Post by Margaret Bush Wilson, a former chairman of the NAACP's National Board of Directors for nine years, she was chairman of the Board for nine years, and she's known Judge Thomas for 17 years, known him personally. In supporting the Judge, she said, "I know that as a Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas will continue to defend and protect the rights of the needy. He does not permit anyone to think for him and he is intellectually honest." Maybe some of these groups out there could take a lesson from that distinguished civil rights advocate and look at the facts and the record instead of engaging in ideological attacks.

As we talk today about values and about taking responsibility for building a better future, Clarence Thomas comes to mind. He certainly exemplifies the very attitudes we want all Americans to adopt as they build better, safer communities.

You also understand the front lines -- reporting suspicious activities, identifying these drug dealers, even closing down crack houses. And you play a critical role in building a better future for this nation. I salute you for your faith in America and your hope in a better tomorrow for our children. It was very good for me to walk by this lobby and see those shields of those who have given their lives in your line of work, standing up against crime to the benefit of all Americans. It brought home to me once again, as previous awards ceremonies have, how indebted I am and how indebted this country is to those of you who served in that manner on the front line. Don't sit at the head table, not the heroes receiving the awards, but out there day in and day out trying to make things a little better, a little safer for these kids that are here today and others like them all across the country.

So in addition to saluting this program, I want to tell you from the heart I am very, very grateful to everybody that serves at DEA, the other groups that I mentioned here or those that are going into police work, you have my confidence and you have my gratitude. So, it's a fitting way to start this light bulb ceremony by me just saying from the bottom of my heart, thank you very, very much. And may God bless the United States. Thank you. (Applause.)

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