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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1991  
9:45 A.M.

Dewey Stokes, thank you for that introduction. Attorney General Thornburgh, Members of the Fraternal Order of Police, ladies and gentlemen. I want to thank you -- all 3,000 of you -- for the warmth of your greeting. //

((Now I know how Barry Bonds and Bobby Bonilla [Bo-NEE-a] feel over at Three Rivers Stadium. // I don't think so many great defenders have gathered in Pittsburgh since the last reunion of the Steelers' Super Bowl teams.)) //

Two years ago, I was scheduled to address you -- but I could not -- because of the tragic death of an American hostage, Colonel William Higgins, ~~who was hanged by brutal terrorists.~~ Today, I am delighted to be here at a time when hostages are being released from the Middle East. //

[ This is a difficult time for the families of those still held hostage. For years they have endured the cruel water torture of occasional vague promises followed by crushing disappointment. They have seen their loved ones used as political puppets, but they haven't been able to identify the puppeteers.

We cannot tell what lies ahead -- but this Administration will never rest until every hostage is freed to rejoin his loved ones -- and return to the America that loves them. //

I am here today because here, as in the Middle East, our entire Administration opposes chaos and lawlessness, and stands shoulder to shoulder with those who strive for law and order. //

As you well know, there are no magic, one-step solutions to the complex problems of crime and drugs. In some cases, education, employment, and career counseling sometimes can help turn prisoners into productive citizens. Drug rehabilitation can direct ex-drug users toward useful lives. /

But sometimes, these means don't work -- and we must remember that the first obligation of a penal system is to punish those who break our laws. //

Today, I want to discuss ways in which we can help free America from the fear of crime and drugs. //

I am proud of our Administration's domestic agenda -- and especially proud of our war on crime. Our outgoing Attorney General, Dick Thornburgh, has played a tremendous role in this fight. // Dick has taken his job as America's chief law enforcement officer seriously. Relentlessly, tenaciously, he has pursued those who prey on our society. //

Dick, on behalf of all Americans I want to thank you in your home town of Pittsburgh for your superb service to our country as Attorney General. //

We come here armed with some good news. Last year the percentage of American households affected by crime fell to an estimated 24 per cent -- the lowest rate since the Federal government introduced this indicator in 1975. / But as good as that news may sound, it is hard to celebrate the fact that nearly one in every four households feels the touch of crime each year.

So today, let's talk about building an America even more deeply committed to the values that make law and order possible.

One good step would be to ensure that Clarence Thomas becomes the next Justice on the United States Supreme Court. //

Clarence Thomas knows, as Teddy Roosevelt said, that America will not be a good place for any of us to live in until it is a good place for all of us to live in. He has lived the values we hold dear -- duty, decency, and personal responsibility -- and he has promoted them through his career in public service. // His personal story cannot help but move people, inspire them. //

I nominated Judge Thomas because he has the brains and background -- the character -- to promote fidelity to the Constitution and to uphold our commitment to equal opportunity. // I ask you to help support those values by urging the Senate to confirm Clarence Thomas as our next Supreme Court Justice. //

We can't underestimate the importance of these values since, as you know, police cannot maintain the peace without the help, the support and the respect of the people they serve.

When you deal with crime's victims and its perpetrators, you know that our citizens want and deserve to feel safe -- to live

in communities in which they are safe. But no one should underestimate the difficulty of bringing order to streets decimated by lawlessness and chaos.

1 First, Our administration is committed to rewarding good police work, ~~with convictions and punishment.~~ // By the end of this year, we will have 50 per cent more Federal prosecutors than in 1988. / We are on our way to doubling the capacity of Federal prisons. That will help us house more than 2,500 dangerous criminals convicted since 1989 under tough Federal laws that require a mandatory 5-year sentence for using a gun in a violent crime or a drug trafficking offense. //

We have acted to curb potential furlough abuses. Under Dick Thornburgh, we tightened the furlough review process for inmates -- further restricting the already limited furlough opportunities for Federal offenders. // In April 1989 the furlough rate was 1.2 per 100 inmates -- this April it was less than half that.

~~We've cut furlough escapes from 12 in 1989 to four last year.~~ And there'll be no let-up. Furlough is a privilege -- not a right. /

*And of course, no furloughs for anyone serving a sentence of life or without parole.*

Our administration has acted to punish hardened criminals - - career criminals -- under the Federal Armed Career Criminal Act. / You shouldn't have to endure the frustration of watching a seasoned criminal walk free because we didn't have the facilities or the prosecutors or the will to take the law -- and our law enforcement officers -- seriously.

We would like every State to have tough laws to deal with violent criminals. But we're not waiting for those who don't.

Project Triggerlock, started just in April, already has produced 850 indictments against persons for firearms offenses. /

Together, we have seized criminals' assets -- using them to fund law enforcement and build new prisons. More than \$700 million of the assets seized have been returned to state and local law enforcement agencies for use in fighting crime. Talk about poetic justice. //

But this is just a beginning. // We have a very good chance this year of passing the Administration's Comprehensive Package to combat violent crime. Nearly 2-1/2 years ago I announced our Violent Crime Act legislation -- asking Congress to back up our law enforcement officials with laws that are fair, fast, and final. /

That package starts with a common-sense proposition: Don't send police into battle wearing handcuffs.

So: We proposed stiff penalties for criminals using semiautomatic weapons, an improved exclusionary rule, and habeas corpus reforms. These proposals tell criminals: You will serve the time. They also tell police and law-abiding citizens: We will reclaim our neighborhoods and streets.

Our package also says: Let's give our law officers the respect they deserve, in part by imposing the death penalty on those who kill a law enforcement officer.

Our proposals impose tough punishment on drug kingpins who threaten a Federal witness, juror, or judge. //

We want a good faith exception to the exclusionary rule. There's no reason good police officers should be penalized and criminals freed because a judge or lawyer bungled a search warrant.

We want habeas corpus reform that will prevent criminals and lawyers from using technicalities to gum up our justice system.

In short, the time has come to show less compassion for the architects of crime and more compassion for its victims. And no group suffers more from violent crime than the poor -- a group most heavily victimized by lawlessness. //

Working with Congress, we reauthorized the 1984 Victims of Crime Act -- and boosted its annual Victims Compensation and Assistance Fund to \$150 million. These dollars came not from taxpayers but from criminals' fines and penalties. After all, crime shouldn't pay. Criminals should. //

We stepped up efforts to implement the Victim-Witness Protection Act and the new Victims' Rights and Restitution Act. // And let me note how our Violent Crime Control Act of 1991 gives further aid to innocent victims of crime. It includes new protections for witnesses and abused kids. It provides rules that make it easier to prosecute those who commit sexual violence against children. It imposes mandatory HIV testing of accused sex offenders, and it guarantees a victim's right to address the court at sentencing. //

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE  
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1991  
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DEWEY STOKES, THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION.  
ATTORNEY GENERAL THORNBURGH, MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNAL  
ORDER OF POLICE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I WANT TO THANK  
YOU -- ALL 3,000 OF YOU -- FOR THE WARMTH OF YOUR  
GREETING. //

((NOW I KNOW HOW BARRY BONDS AND BOBBY BONILLA  
[BO-NEE-A] FEEL OVER AT THREE RIVERS STADIUM. // I  
DON'T THINK SO MANY GREAT DEFENDERS HAVE GATHERED IN  
PITTSBURGH SINCE THE LAST REUNION OF THE STEELERS'  
SUPER BOWL TEAMS.)) //

TWO YEARS AGO, I WAS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS YOU --  
BUT I COULD NOT -- BECAUSE OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF AN  
AMERICAN HOSTAGE, COLONEL WILLIAM HIGGINS. / TODAY, I  
AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AT A TIME WHEN HOSTAGES ARE  
BEING RELEASED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. //

[THIS IS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR THE FAMILIES OF THOSE STILL HELD HOSTAGE. FOR YEARS THEY HAVE ENDURED THE CRUEL WATER TORTURE OF OCCASIONAL VAGUE PROMISES FOLLOWED BY CRUSHING DISAPPOINTMENT. THEY HAVE SEEN THEIR LOVED ONES USED AS POLITICAL PUPPETS, BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PUPPETEERS.

WE CANNOT TELL WHAT LIES AHEAD -- BUT THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NEVER REST UNTIL EVERY HOSTAGE IS FREED TO REJOIN HIS LOVED ONES -- AND RETURN TO THE AMERICA THAT LOVES THEM. //]

I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE HERE, AS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, OUR ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES CHAOS AND LAWLESSNESS, AND STANDS SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR LAW AND ORDER. //

AS YOU WELL KNOW, THERE ARE NO MAGIC, ONE-STEP SOLUTIONS TO THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF CRIME AND DRUGS. IN SOME CASES, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND CAREER COUNSELING SOMETIMES CAN HELP TURN PRISONERS INTO PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. DRUG REHABILITATION CAN DIRECT EX-DRUG USERS TOWARD USEFUL LIVES. /

BUT SOMETIMES, THESE MEANS DON'T WORK -- AND WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST OBLIGATION OF A PENAL SYSTEM IS TO PUNISH THOSE WHO BREAK OUR LAWS. //

TODAY, I WANT TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP FREE AMERICA FROM THE FEAR OF CRIME AND DRUGS. //

I AM PROUD OF OUR ADMINISTRATION'S DOMESTIC AGENDA -- AND ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR WAR ON CRIME. OUR OUTGOING ATTORNEY GENERAL, DICK THORNBURGH, HAS PLAYED A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN THIS FIGHT. // DICK HAS TAKEN HIS JOB AS AMERICA'S CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERIOUSLY. RELENTLESSLY, TENACIOUSLY, HE HAS PURSUED THOSE WHO PREY ON OUR SOCIETY. //

DICK, ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS I WANT TO THANK YOU IN YOUR HOME TOWN OF PITTSBURGH FOR YOUR SUPERB SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. //

WE COME HERE ARMED WITH SOME GOOD NEWS. LAST YEAR THE PERCENTAGE OF AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY CRIME FELL TO AN ESTIMATED 24 PER CENT -- THE LOWEST RATE SINCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED THIS INDICATOR IN 1975. / BUT AS GOOD AS THAT NEWS MAY SOUND, IT IS HARD TO CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT NEARLY ONE IN EVERY FOUR HOUSEHOLDS FEELS THE TOUCH OF CRIME EACH YEAR.

SO TODAY, LET'S TALK ABOUT BUILDING AN AMERICA EVEN MORE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE VALUES THAT MAKE LAW AND ORDER POSSIBLE.

ONE GOOD STEP WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT CLARENCE THOMAS BECOMES THE NEXT JUSTICE ON THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. //

CLARENCE THOMAS KNOWS, AS TEDDY ROOSEVELT SAID, THAT AMERICA WILL NOT BE A GOOD PLACE FOR ANY OF US TO LIVE IN UNTIL IT IS A GOOD PLACE FOR ALL OF US TO LIVE IN. HE HAS LIVED THE VALUES WE HOLD DEAR -- DUTY, DECENCY, AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY -- AND HE HAS PROMOTED THEM THROUGH HIS CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE. // HIS PERSONAL STORY CANNOT HELP BUT MOVE PEOPLE, INSPIRE THEM. //

I NOMINATED JUDGE THOMAS BECAUSE HE HAS THE BRAINS AND BACKGROUND -- THE CHARACTER -- TO PROMOTE FIDELITY TO THE CONSTITUTION AND TO UPHOLD OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. // I ASK YOU TO HELP SUPPORT THOSE VALUES BY URGING THE SENATE TO CONFIRM CLARENCE THOMAS AS OUR NEXT SUPREME COURT JUSTICE. //

WE CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE VALUES SINCE, AS YOU KNOW, POLICE CANNOT MAINTAIN THE PEACE WITHOUT THE HELP, THE SUPPORT AND THE RESPECT OF THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE.

WHEN YOU DEAL WITH CRIME'S VICTIMS AND ITS PERPETRATORS, YOU KNOW THAT OUR CITIZENS WANT AND DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE -- TO LIVE IN COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY ARE SAFE. BUT NO ONE SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTY OF BRINGING ORDER TO STREETS DECIMATED BY LAWLESSNESS AND CHAOS.

FIRST, OUR ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO REWARDING GOOD POLICE WORK. // BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE 50 PER CENT MORE FEDERAL PROSECUTORS THAN IN 1988. / WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO DOUBLING THE CAPACITY OF FEDERAL PRISONS. THAT WILL HELP US HOUSE MORE THAN 2,500 DANGEROUS CRIMINALS CONVICTED SINCE 1989 UNDER TOUGH FEDERAL LAWS THAT REQUIRE A MANDATORY 5-YEAR SENTENCE FOR USING A GUN IN A VIOLENT CRIME OR A DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSE. //

WE HAVE ACTED TO CURB POTENTIAL FURLOUGH ABUSES.  
UNDER DICK THORNBURGH, WE TIGHTENED THE FURLOUGH REVIEW  
PROCESS FOR INMATES -- FURTHER RESTRICTING THE ALREADY  
LIMITED FURLOUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL OFFENDERS.  
// IN APRIL 1989 THE FURLOUGH RATE WAS 1.2 PER 100  
INMATES -- THIS APRIL IT WAS LESS THAN HALF THAT.

AND OF COURSE, NO FURLOUGHS ARE GRANTED FOR ANYONE  
SERVING A SENTENCE OF LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE. THERE'LL BE  
NO LET-UP. FURLOUGH IS A PRIVILEGE -- NOT A RIGHT. /

OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS ACTED TO PUNISH HARDENED  
CRIMINALS -- CAREER CRIMINALS -- UNDER THE FEDERAL  
ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL ACT. / YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO  
ENDURE THE FRUSTRATION OF WATCHING A SEASONED CRIMINAL  
WALK FREE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE FACILITIES OR THE  
PROSECUTORS OR THE WILL TO TAKE THE LAW -- AND OUR LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS -- SERIOUSLY.

WE WOULD LIKE EVERY STATE TO HAVE TOUGH LAWS TO  
DEAL WITH VIOLENT CRIMINALS. BUT WE'RE NOT WAITING FOR

PROJECT TRIGGERLOCK, STARTED JUST IN APRIL, ALREADY HAS PRODUCED 850 INDICTMENTS AGAINST PERSONS FOR FIREARMS OFFENSES. / TOGETHER, WE HAVE SEIZED CRIMINALS' ASSETS -- USING THEM TO FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BUILD NEW PRISONS. MORE THAN \$700 MILLION OF THE ASSETS SEIZED HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR USE IN FIGHTING CRIME. TALK ABOUT POETIC JUSTICE. //

BUT THIS IS JUST A BEGINNING. // WE HAVE A VERY GOOD CHANCE THIS YEAR OF PASSING THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME. NEARLY 2-1/2 YEARS AGO I ANNOUNCED OUR VIOLENT CRIME ACT LEGISLATION -- ASKING CONGRESS TO BACK UP OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH LAWS THAT ARE FAIR, FAST, AND FINAL. /

THAT PACKAGE STARTS WITH A COMMON-SENSE PROPOSITION: DON'T SEND POLICE INTO BATTLE WEARING HANDCUFFS.

SO: WE PROPOSED STIFF PENALTIES FOR CRIMINALS USING SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AN IMPROVED EXCLUSIONARY RULE, AND HABEAS CORPUS REFORMS. THESE PROPOSALS TELL CRIMINALS: YOU WILL SERVE THE TIME. THEY ALSO TELL POLICE AND LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS: WE WILL RECLAIM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND STREETS.

OUR PACKAGE ALSO SAYS: LET'S GIVE OUR LAW OFFICERS THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE, IN PART BY IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON THOSE WHO KILL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

OUR PROPOSALS IMPOSE TOUGH PUNISHMENT ON DRUG KINGPINS WHO THREATEN A FEDERAL WITNESS, JUROR, OR JUDGE. //

WE WANT A GOOD FAITH EXCEPTION TO THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE. THERE'S NO REASON GOOD POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD BE PENALIZED AND CRIMINALS FREED BECAUSE A JUDGE OR LAWYER BUNGLED A SEARCH WARRANT.

WE WANT HABEAS CORPUS REFORM THAT WILL PREVENT CRIMINALS AND LAWYERS FROM USING TECHNICALITIES TO GUM UP OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.

IN SHORT, THE TIME HAS COME TO SHOW LESS COMPASSION FOR THE ARCHITECTS OF CRIME AND MORE COMPASSION FOR ITS VICTIMS. AND NO GROUP SUFFERS MORE FROM VIOLENT CRIME THAN THE POOR -- A GROUP MOST HEAVILY VICTIMIZED BY LAWLESSNESS. //

WORKING WITH CONGRESS, WE REAUTHORIZED THE 1984 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT -- AND BOOSTED ITS ANNUAL VICTIMS COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE FUND TO \$150 MILLION. THESE DOLLARS CAME NOT FROM TAXPAYERS BUT FROM CRIMINALS' FINES AND PENALTIES. AFTER ALL, CRIME SHOULDN'T PAY. CRIMINALS SHOULD. //

WE STEPPED UP EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE VICTIM-  
WITNESS PROTECTION ACT AND THE NEW VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND  
RESTITUTION ACT. // AND LET ME NOTE HOW OUR VIOLENT  
CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1991 GIVES FURTHER AID TO INNOCENT  
VICTIMS OF CRIME. IT INCLUDES NEW PROTECTIONS FOR  
WITNESSES AND ABUSED KIDS. IT PROVIDES RULES THAT MAKE  
IT EASIER TO PROSECUTE THOSE WHO COMMIT SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
AGAINST CHILDREN. IT IMPOSES MANDATORY HIV TESTING OF  
ACCUSED SEX OFFENDERS, AND IT GUARANTEES A VICTIM'S  
RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE COURT AT SENTENCING. //

I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT A BIPARTISAN COALITION IN  
THE SENATE HAS PASSED A CRIME BILL THAT INCLUDES MOST  
OF THE FEATURES IN OUR ORIGINAL LEGISLATION. WE NOW  
LOOK FOR THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO ACT IN AN  
EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER, SO THAT THE FULL HOUSE MAY  
FOLLOW SUIT. //

TO BUILD UPON THIS NATION'S COMMITMENT TO ORDER, WE MUST ENACT A COMPREHENSIVE CRIME BILL THAT LETS POLICE UPHOLD OUR LAWS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE POLICE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING PEACE EVERYWHERE.

AFTER ALL, THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS. FAMILIES, NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, DRUG SHELTERS, BUSINESSES, THE MEDIA -- EVERYONE MUST JOIN THE FIGHT.

YOU CAN'T DO YOUR JOBS IF CITIZENS DON'T CALL YOU, DON'T TRUST YOU, DON'T WORK WITH YOU. AND YOU CAN'T TURN BAD PEOPLE INTO SAINTS.

FOR 75 YEARS, THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE HAS SUPPORTED THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE THE TOUGH DUTY OF KEEPING THE PEACE. I PLEDGE MY SUPPORT, AND OFFER THIS COMMITMENT: OUR ADMINISTRATION WILL HELP YOU TAKE CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS -- SO THAT AMERICANS CAN TAKE BACK THEIR STREETS.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE. THANKS FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/12/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONVENTION

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

*Tough sentencing  
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can't go in to solve  
the problem  
rehabilitation. ADA research  
not forget your law work.*

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*  
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*  
SUBJECT: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONVENTION

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, August 14, at 9:45 a.m., you will address over 3,000 police officers at the biannual convention of the Fraternal Order of Police in Pittsburgh, Pa.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (10 minutes, on teleprompter) include support for Judge Thomas' nomination, Administration accomplishments on fighting crime, and yet another request for Congress to pass the crime bill.

> Mention 2) Thombough

(Smith/Simon)  
August 12, 1991  
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Members of the Fraternal Order of Police, ladies and gentlemen. Two years ago, I was scheduled to address you ~~but~~ I could not <sup>? Higgins?</sup> because of the death of an American hostage. Today, I am delighted to be here at a time when hostages are being released from the Middle East. //

First, I want to thank you -- all 3,000 of you -- not merely for standing up to greet us today -- but for standing up for America every day. //

((Standing here surrounded by so many veteran officers of the law -- this is possibly the single safest moment of my life. But that doesn't mean you all get to put in for overtime.))

I'm here today because our entire Administration stands shoulder to shoulder with you in the fight for law and order. We know that it makes no sense to send law enforcement troops into battle wearing handcuffs. // You and I know that crime -- and fighting crime -- is usually a question of right and wrong, good and evil. I am here today to discuss how we can cleanse America by freeing it from the fear of crime and drugs. //

At the outset, let me suggest one way to move toward this objective. / Ensure that Clarence Thomas -- a man who has

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 AUG 12 A10: 28

DATE: 08/08/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00a.m. Monday 08/12

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE  
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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any comments directly to Tony Snow no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 08/12, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

**MASTER**

**RESPONSE:** Comments from Cabinet Affairs are enclosed.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Luttig

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
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Accept X  
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-- a man who has devoted his life to law and order

(OCA)

X At the outset, let me suggest one way to move toward this objective. / Ensure that Clarence Thomas becomes the next Justice on the United States Supreme Court. //

Like us, Clarence Thomas knows that a nation that cannot understand the difference between right and wrong will never protect itself. He has lived the values we hold dear -- duty, decency, and personal responsibility -- and promoted them through his career in public service. // His personal story cannot help but move people, inspire them. It impresses anyone who is fair and open-minded. //

Judicial (Justice)

(Judge Thomas' opinions in the field of criminal law demonstrate a deep understanding of the community's interest in deterring crime. He has resisted efforts to impose unreasonable requirements on police and prosecutors -- or to overturn criminal convictions on technicalities not required by the Constitution. At the same time, he has guarded against infringements of the fundamental rights of criminal defendants.) //

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I nominated Judge Thomas because he has the brains and background -- the character -- to bring to the Supreme Court a fidelity to the Constitution and the rule of law. // He has tremendous support from the real America. ~~He is opposed only by those out of touch with America.~~ I ask you to achieve a safer, better nation by urging the Senate to confirm Clarence Thomas as our next Supreme Court Justice. //

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(~~There is much talk these days about America's law enforcement officials. Some speak of police brutality; others,~~

D2 too. New segue required

Note: Given the name of this event, Justice thought that this should be left out because it is such a Negative.

(CS) Judge Thomas Lewis Lee

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We must reject those who soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. That is why by the end of this year, we will have 50 per cent more Federal prosecutors than in 1988. / And we are on our way to doubling the capacity of Federal prisons. That will help us house more than 2,500 dangerous criminals convicted since 1989 under tough Federal laws that require a mandatory 5-year sentence for ~~drug trafficking or for using a gun in a violent crime~~. <sup>or drug trafficking or a violent crime. //</sup>

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we have not asked for the increases; Congress has provided them (OMB)

C.S. (don't need this in light of new Justice sentence on page next page)

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See Porter's memo  
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Note: Democrats have an identical provision in their bill. (Justice)

Therefore, making this point does not draw any distinctions between the democrats position and ours.

McClure insert is fine - have insert it.

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DATE 8/12/91

TO TONY SNOW

FAX NUMBER 6218

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COMMENTS See Attached Comments on  
FOP Speech - ORIGINAL LANGUAGE  
A little too strong on House.

FROM Steve Hart

FAX NUMBER 6220

OFFICE NUMBER 2230

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*(this include Parker's suggestion)*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1991

91 AUG 12 A10: 24

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Fraternal Order of Police

The draft remarks are hard hitting and appropriately emphasize the comprehensive crime legislation that we first proposed in May 1989.

One modest suggestion. In the second full paragraph on page four, the speech refers to the House's action mocking those who believe in order. Beyond the hyperbole, we have fared well when crime legislation has reached the House floor in the past. The real problem is with the House Judiciary Committee.

It is important to concentrate our criticism on the committee and to express confidence that, as in the past, the sentiment in the full House (on the floor) is for tough crime legislation.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/08/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. Monday 08/12

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REMARKS:  
 Please provide any comments directly to Tony Snow no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 08/12, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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

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(Smith/Simon)  
August 8, 1991  
Draft Two  
POLICE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
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Judge Thomas' opinions in the field of criminal law demonstrate a deep understanding of the community's interest in deterring crime. He has resisted efforts to impose unreasonable requirements on police and prosecutors -- or to overturn criminal convictions on technicalities not required by the Constitution. At the same time, he has guarded against infringements of the fundamental rights of criminal defendants. //

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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August 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*  
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*  
SUBJECT: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONVENTION

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, August 14, at 9:45 a.m., you will address over 3,000 police officers at the biannual convention of the Fraternal Order of Police in Pittsburgh, Pa.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (10 minutes, on teleprompter) include support for Judge Thomas' nomination, Administration accomplishments on fighting crime, and yet another request for Congress to pass the crime bill.

(Smith/Simon)  
August 12, 1991  
Draft Three  
POLICE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE  
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 Bill Smith  
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RESPONSE:

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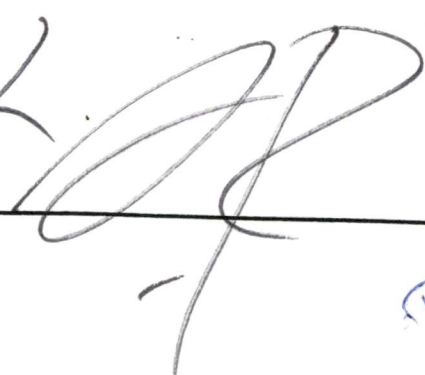
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