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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: ADDRESS TO PHILADELPHIA DRUG TREATMENT CENTER

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

91 SEP 10 11:42

September 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *D*

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*

SUBJECT: ADDRESS TO PHILADELPHIA DRUG TREATMENT CENTER

On Thursday, September 12, you will be addressing an audience of approximately 250 at the V.A./Penn Addiction Treatment Center in Philadelphia. Secretary Derwinski and Director Martinez are expected to attend. The audience will consist primarily of health professionals involved in drug research and treatment at this center.

Your remarks (10 minutes, cards) begin with a reflection on the Administration's progress since the National Drug Strategy was released. They then focus on the ways to deal with drug abuse -- treatment at centers like this for the already-addicted; and prevention through the development of a national moral conscience.

(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
September 10, 1991 11 a.m.  
DRUGS.TS3 Draft Four

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DRUG TREATMENT CENTER VISIT  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
September 12, 1991**

[Introductory acknowledgments]

In September 1989 we introduced this nation's first National Drug Control Strategy. At the time the drug epidemic had incited fear, despair, even rage among Americans. The strategy set forth clear goals, and it called upon Americans to fight back.

We look back now on two years of intense work. We can survey with pride the accomplishments we have made -- and look forward to the victories ahead. Recent National Institute of Drug Abuse figures show that in the most recent 18-month reporting period, overall drug use in the United States fell an estimated 11 percent. Cocaine use fell even more dramatically: occasional use dropped 29 percent; the number of cocaine-related casualties in emergency rooms fell 23 percent.

But much of our most difficult work still lies ahead. We continue to disrupt the drug flow through interdiction efforts, but we can never fully control our long borders. We have discouraged drug use by imposing tough penalties on those who use and distribute drugs. But in the end, we can win the drug war only by winning the wars that rage within the hearts of those who abuse drugs.

We can't move too soon: Drug abuse threatens everyone. It robs us of the feeling of safety; it dissolves our moral

strength; it destroys people and families from within -- and thus destroys the very fabric of our society.

No one can tally the costs that hard-core drug users impose upon us all -- the violent crime; the shattered families; the accidents; the disease, the disability and death; the energy drained from our society; the joy destroyed; the wretched fate of the approximately 100,000 drug-addicted babies born each year.

While we urge those who do not use drugs not to start, drug treatment programs can help save those who have been overcome by their addiction. It can reduce the toll that drugs exact. Day in and day out, you fight this war for human life and dignity. You win the battles -- one soul at a time.

Here in this center, you show us that drug treatment can work. Drug use falls by more than 70 percent among those treated here. Your patients are three times more likely to be employed than are drug abusers who receive no treatment; and only one-fourth as likely to commit crimes. The human stories tell even more. They tell of the long, arduous, agonizing journey back to a whole life -- a journey that not everyone completes. These stories show that only those who take responsibility for their actions and lives can enjoy real dignity.

Nothing here comes easy -- to you or your patients. But you ought to be proud. You combine the best in treatment -- medical, social and psychological -- with innovative research. You have created precisely the kind of treatment center we talk about in

our Drug Control Strategy -- stressing personal responsibility, determining "what works," and building a record of success.

This clinic began working years before this nation had such a strategy -- before people considered drugs a major problem. For 20 years you have developed new information about the nature and treatment of addiction, and hundreds of thousands of patients across this country have benefitted as a result. For the last three years, the federal government has been able to give you additional research funds -- all from the budget for the war against drugs. We support you because your programs work -- but we support you also because of what you stand for -- giving people the opportunity to work to rebuild themselves.

Grants constitute only a part of our efforts to build new treatment programs and improve those already in operation. We've worked to expand the number of treatment openings and the range of treatment methods available. I'm proud that, based on the FY'92 budget I sent to Congress -- since 1989, federal funding for drug treatment has increased by \$778 million -- 89 percent. Programs funded with the help of the federal government treat 2.2 million people each year -- up from 1.5 million. In those same three years our total annual spending against drugs has nearly doubled -- from \$6.4 billion to \$11.7 billion.

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We can also learn from your model of working together, sharing skills, creating hope. Too many people view this country as a vast sea in which they want to be an isolated island -- self-contained, seeking individual pleasure. No one can function

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(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
September 10, 1991 11 a.m.  
DRUGS.TS3 Draft Four

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 SEP 9 P3:19

DATE: 9/6/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00PM, MONDAY, SEPT 9

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DRUG TREATMENT CENTER VISIT  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments/edits on the attached directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 3:00PM, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9. Thank you.

**MASTER**

RESPONSE:

Comments from Cabinet Affairs are attached. Please note suggested changes to the text of the speech as well as general comments attached. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call at x6630.

Sig <sup>to</sup> <sup>Barrie</sup> - Is it possible to highlight some people in the audience who had their lives changed?

Thanks,  
Elizabeth Luttig

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

(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
September 5, 1991 7 p.m.  
DRUGS.TS Draft Two

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: 91 SEP 6 A.O. 29  
DRUG TREATMENT CENTER VISIT  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
September 12, 1991**

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We look back now on two years of intense work. We can survey with pride the <sup>accomplishments (PHETER) made (OPD)</sup> ~~distance~~ we have ~~come~~ -- and <sup>Look forward to (OPD)</sup> the victories that <sup>Lie over the horizon. OPD</sup> ~~seem within sight~~. The most recent National Institute of Drug Abuse figures show that, <sup>in the past (OPD)</sup> ~~over~~ 18 months, overall drug use in the United States has fallen 11 percent. Cocaine use has fallen even more dramatically: <sup>occasional use dropped 29% (HHS)</sup> ~~29 percent of occasional users stopped using the drug entirely, and 23 percent of frequent users gave it~~

<sup>and there has been a 23 percent drop in cocaine-related casualties coming to our nation's emergency rooms. (ONDCP)</sup>

But much of our most difficult work still lies ahead. We continue <sup>(OPD)</sup> ~~trying~~ to disrupt the drug flow through interdiction efforts, but no such effort can ever <sup>fully (Gardner x 2702)</sup> control borders as vast as ours. We have discouraged drug use by imposing tough penalties on those who use and distribute drugs. <sup>However, the key to winning</sup> ~~But in the end, we can~~

~~the drug war is~~  
~~win the drug war only by winning the wars that rage within the hearts of the men and women who have~~ <sup>made the wrong decision to use drugs (OPD)</sup> ~~fallen prey to this plague.~~

<sup>urge and encourage</sup> While we ~~try to persuade~~ those who do not use drugs <sup>not to start (OPD)</sup> ~~to~~ remain clean, drug treatment programs can help save those who

<sup>impulsive / habitual drug users should not be portrayed as "victims" (CA) (ONDCP)</sup> have ~~fallen victim to the plague of drug abuse.~~ <sup>addiction (CA)</sup> ~~been overcome by their~~ <sup>(ONDCP)</sup>

~~But there's really nothing I can tell you about treating the~~  
~~those who are dependent upon (ONDCP) (OPD)~~  
~~victims of drugs.~~ Day in and day out, you ~~live~~ <sup>fight (DE) battle (OPD)</sup> this war for  
 human life and dignity. You win the ~~fight~~ <sup>battles (D<sup>2</sup>)</sup> one soul at a  
 time. Your hands give <sup>help (ONDCP)</sup> ~~sustenance~~ -- your words give strength --  
 your presence gives hope.

Today I come to thank you and tell you that no matter how  
 grim or anonymous your work may seem, people notice: Your country  
 will never forget what you are doing. Drug <sup>addiction (CA)</sup> ~~abuse~~ threatens  
 everyone. It robs us of the feeling of safety; it dissolves our  
 moral strength; it destroys people <sup>and their families (ONDCP)</sup> from within -- and thus  
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~~approximately 100,000 (HHS)~~  
~~the 300,000~~ drug-addicted babies born each year.  
~~thousands of (ONDCP)~~ <sup>VA Medical (VA)</sup> <sup>good (ONDCP)</sup>

Here in this center, you show us that drug treatment can  
work. Drug use falls by more than 70 percent among those treated  
 here. Your patients are three times more likely to be employed  
 than drug abusers who receive no treatment -- and one-fourth as  
 likely to commit crimes.

The numbers tell us far less than the smiles, hugs, tears of  
 joy as loved ones lost to drugs begin to emerge again as whole  
 human beings. You restore in people a feeling of responsibility  
 -- and a sense of dignity.

Successful treatment should mean  
 that former addicts are responsible  
 Not just that they feel responsible. (CA)

Nothing here comes easy -- to you or your patients. But you ought to be proud. You combine the best in <sup>(OPD)</sup> treatment -- [medical, social and psychological] -- with innovative research. ~~As a matter of fact, I chose to come here today because~~ you have created precisely the kind of treatment center we talk about in our Drug Control Strategy. <sup>Needs elaboration (see comments attached) (CA)</sup>

But of course, <sup>VA (VA)</sup> you began working years before this nation had such a strategy -- ~~or~~ before people considered drugs a major problem. For 20 years you have developed new information about the nature and treatment of addiction -- and millions of patients across this country have benefitted as a result. For the last three years the federal government has been able to give you additional research funds -- all from the budget for the war against drugs. We support you because your programs <sup>are successful,</sup> ~~work,~~ because you <sup>work to</sup> develop new <sup>treat</sup> programs likely to ~~work~~ -- and because it <sup>(OPD)</sup> represents a wise and ~~profitable~~ use of taxpayer money, <sup>that benefits all of society.</sup> ~~No one who comes here will ever complain of waste, fraud or mismanagement.~~ <sup>(ONDCP)</sup>

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1.5 million. In those same 3 years, our total annual spending against drugs has nearly doubled -- from ~~6.4 billion~~ <sup>6.4 billion (HHS) (ANDCO)</sup> dollars to 11.7 billion dollars.

But don't think for a minute that we intend to measure our success by the number of taxpayer dollars we spend. Only one measure counts, and that's the number of lives we reclaim. And in the final analysis, the most important treatment takes place after patients leave centers like this one and return to their homes.

America must realize that success at staying off drugs depends on the environment from which addicts come and to which they return. We can't lay responsibility for a cure at the feet of selfless health professionals; everyone plays a role. We cannot win this grueling fight without effective local law enforcement; strong families; caring neighborhoods; good schools; and active places of worship. Treatment cannot succeed in a vacuum. It certainly cannot succeed in a society that feels weak -- or worse, no longer cares.

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irresistible than a crack pipe; more uplifting than any fleeting high. ~~And a national conscience would haunt us in the knowledge that each drug death kills a small and vital part of each of us.~~ (ONDCP)

We need to ask ourselves why modern society -- which has the tools to be the most enlightened society of human history -- ~~has~~ <sup>can (ONDCP)</sup> ~~instead become one devoted to personal gratification.~~ <sup>can (D2)</sup> why do we <sup>sometimes</sup> ~~give our children everything -- everything except conscience?~~ <sup>values and the resolve (ONDCP) to adhere to them?</sup>

Our country may not want to face these questions -- but we must. ~~You face them every day -- and you can help us begin struggling to answer them.~~ (D2)

As you know, the solution begins not <sup>just</sup> with you -- but with those you serve. When your patients begin assuming responsibility for their lives, they begin to tell the world: We believe in ourselves; we know we can win this fight.

little unclear (McLure)

But we can all help in restoring people's belief in themselves. Your model -- working together, sharing skills, <sup>can work (ONDCP)</sup> ~~it works.~~ creating hope --

Too many people <sup>view (ONDCP)</sup> ~~treat~~ <sup>country (ONDCP)</sup> ~~this land~~ as a vast sea in which they want to be an isolated island -- self-contained, self-indulgent. But what a lonely fantasy!

No one can function alone -- physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Humans are social <sup>beings (OMB)</sup> ~~animals~~; We cannot survive without the nurture of families, friends, and fellows. ~~You give us a model for more than just drug treatment -- you give us a model for our lives.~~ (strong reference - true families should be like drug treatment centers) ONDCP

Now, let all of us reach out, and give those in need the blessings of love, of caring, and of faith in their own dignity and power.

God bless you in the work you do here. ~~You give us inspiration, hope, and a glimpse of how to restore the American dream.~~ <sup>(NOCP)</sup> Thank you.

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Comments on Drug Treatment Speech for September 12 from *Cabinet affairs.*

There are a few important points in the current draft that could use some amplification:

- 1) Accountability and Results. At the top of page 3, the draft mentions that Philadelphia VA hospital treatment center is something of a model. It should be added that it is a model because it does what too many treatment centers do not: it insists on individual accountability, it follows the long-term success of its patients, and it tries to determine "what works." Getting addicts off drugs is only the first step of treatment; making sure they stay off is the real test.
- 2) The President's Drug Strategy. More emphasis could be placed on the idea on page 4 that treatment cannot succeed without law enforcement, and that law enforcement alone cannot defeat addiction. The audience at the hospital may know little about the President's drug strategy, and some indication should be given of how comprehensive it is; that is, that it looks to both supply side and demand side strategies to defeat drugs.
- 3) The Nature of Treatment and Addiction. At times, the draft paints too rosy a picture of recovery from drug addiction. It is misleading to describe drug addicts as "victims." As every drug treatment professional knows, a drug addict is a totally selfish, destructive personality -- often a career criminal -- who seeks treatment only when his other choices are prison or death. On this point, it might be worth adding an additional argument: "treatment on demand" -- a favorite Democratic rallying cry -- doesn't reflect the real world of the addict. Few addicts "demand" treatment; in most cases family or legal pressure forces an addict to seek help. The draft should also make clear that successful drug treatment is a long, arduous, often unsuccessful process. The 70 percent success rate at the Philadelphia hospital is at least twice as high as that found at most treatment clinics. (Success, if it comes, often means that a once high-rate criminal and addict, reduces his crime and drug use.)
- 4) Casual Users vs. Addicts. The success of the President's Drug Strategy so far has been largely a dramatic reduction among casual and regular cocaine users and new, younger users. The speech at the drug treatment center might emphasize that the hard work ahead must focus on addicts and career criminals, who are responsible for the bulk of the damage done by drugs and drug dealing. That's why treatment is so important.

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Money Alone Doesn't Improve Treatment. One point that you may wish to make to back up this point is that private treatment centers that cost as much as \$12,000 a month are no more successful than those charging half that amount.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** from ONDCP

The last pages need some work. It begins well by discussing the moral degradation of drug use, but then veers in the general direction of condemning all of American society and all parents for failing to give their children a conscience. It also ends on a confusing note by stressing that all our lives should be dedicated to service like those employed in drug treatment centers. Drug treatment is not, in large measure, a philanthropic enterprise. The end presents treatment centers as providing almost religious inspiration for our lives -- this is a stretch.

I would end on a more optimistic, more upbeat note. I would stress how people can fall into the moral degradation of drug addiction and treatment provides a way back from the abyss. The Administration has funded more of these programs because they can give people the opportunity to work to rebuild themselves. I also would give more a sense in the end that addicts bear some responsibility -- and need to do hard work -- in order to get their lives back on track. Addicts do not really need to be "served" - - they need to build the habits and disciplines of a normal life.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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*See pgs 4 & 5 - No other comment - great speech!*

RESPONSE:

*See comments PGS 4, 5.*

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(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
September 5, 1991 7 p.m.  
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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
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RESPONSE:

*Tony / Beth - I think the 'moral equities' point is great!  
Just one work comment on p. 1.*

*Thanks JB*

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