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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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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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RESPONSE:

Is it possible to highlight some people in the audience who had their lives changed?

BT for SP
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 9:29
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 12, 1991

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RESPONSE: from O 71 DCP per Bill Smith, Dep. chief of Staff, via Jean Balustrin attached; 2992

① Herewith suggest page by page edits AND ② general commentary re speech.

Call for 2nd Clearance if necessary

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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GENERAL COMMENTS

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.

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(drug addicts are not victims.)

Those who are dependent upon

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(really? Families should be like drug treatment centers?)

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Drug Treatment Center
Visit

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have noted several suggested changes on the draft.

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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We cannot continue producing generations born numbly into despair, finding solace in a needle or a vial. If as President I had the power to give just one thing to this country -- it would be the return of an inner moral compass, nurtured by the family and valued by society. A strong conscience can prove more

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.

We need to ask ourselves why modern society -- which has the tools to be the most enlightened society of human history -- has instead become one devoted to personal gratification. Why do we give our children everything -- everything except conscience?

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.

As you know, the solution begins not 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.

But we can all help in restoring people's belief in themselves. Your model -- working together, sharing skills, creating hope -- it works.

Too many people treat 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 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.

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. Thank you.

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**DRUG TREATMENT CENTER \ PHILADELPHIA, PA
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1991 \ 4:15 P.M.**

**THANK YOU, DR. O'BRIEN FOR THE INTRODUCTION. IT'S
GREAT TO SEE SECRETARY DERWINSKI; DIRECTOR MARTINEZ;
CONGRESSMAN COUGHLIN.**

**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. \ **

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**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 ON DRUG ABUSE FIGURES SHOW
THAT OVER AN 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, AND THE NUMBER OF COCAINE-
RELATED CASUALTIES IN EMERGENCY ROOMS FELL 23 PERCENT.**

NO QUESTION THIS IS GOOD NEWS, BUT LET'S FACE IT -- 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, DISABILITY AND DEATH; THE ENERGY DRAINED FROM OUR SOCIETY; THE WRETCHED FATE OF THE 100,000 DRUG-EXPOSED 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.

**THEY CAN REDUCE THE TOLL THAT DRUGS EXACT. DAY IN AND DAY OUT, DRUG TREATMENT PROFESSIONALS LIKE 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 EASILY -- 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. \\\

BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO AS A COUNTRY -- BECAUSE WE MUST MEASURE OUR SUCCESS NOT IN DOLLARS SPENT, BUT IN LIVES RECLAIMED. 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 JUST AT THE FEET OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

**WE CAN'T WIN THIS GRUELLING 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 NO LONGER CARES. **

**PEOPLE THINK THE PROBLEM IN OUR WORLD IS CRACK, OR SUICIDE, OR BABIES HAVING BABIES. THOSE ARE SYMPTOMS. THE DISEASE IS MORAL EMPTINESS. **

**WE CANNOT CONTINUE PRODUCING GENERATIONS BORN NUMBLY INTO DESPAIR, FINDING SOLACE IN A NEEDLE OR A VIAL. IF AS PRESIDENT I HAD THE POWER TO GIVE JUST ONE THING TO THIS COUNTRY -- IT WOULD BE THE RETURN OF AN INNER MORAL COMPASS, NURTURED BY THE FAMILY AND VALUED BY SOCIETY. **

A STRONG CONSCIENCE IS MORE IRRESISTIBLE THAN A CRACK PIPE.

AND A NATIONAL CONSCIENCE WOULD HAUNT US IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT EVERY LIFE LOST TO DRUGS OR DESPAIR KILLS A PART OF EACH OF US. \\\

HERE WE SEE HOPE. WE SEE A BEGINNING. YOUR PATIENTS COME IN DESPERATION AFTER THEIR DESCENT INTO THE MORAL DEGRADATION OF DRUG ABUSE. THEY LEARN THAT THE ROAD OUT OF THE ABYSS BEGINS BY TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERCOMING ADDICTION. \\\

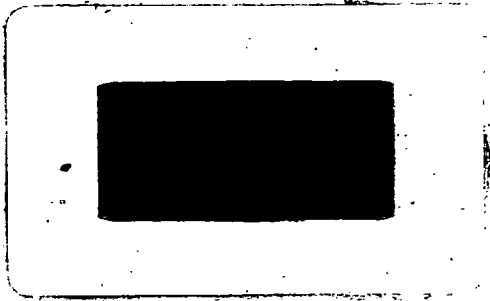
WE CAN ALSO LEARN FROM YOUR MODEL OF WORKING TOGETHER, SHARING SKILLS, CREATING HOPE. TOO MANY PEOPLE VIEW THIS COUNTRY AS A VAST SEA IN WHICH THEY WANT TO BE AN ISOLATED ISLAND -- SELF-CONTAINED, SEEKING INDIVIDUAL PLEASURE.

BUT NO ONE CAN FUNCTION ALONE -- PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, OR SPIRITUALLY. WE CANNOT LIVE FULL LIVES WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF FAMILIES, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORHOODS, PLACES OF WORSHIP.

**THIS CENTER RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF BELONGING TO A SOCIETY -- OF BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO CARE -- PEOPLE WHO REACH OUT, AND THOSE WHO REACH BACK. **

**GOD BLESS YOU IN THE WORK YOU DO HERE AS GUARDIANS OF THE PHOENIX -- THAT MYTHOLOGICAL BIRD THAT ROSE TO GLORY FROM THE DUST OF ITS OWN ASHES. \\
INSPIRATION, HOPE, AND A GLIMPSE OF HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE AMERICAN DREAM. THANK YOU.**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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September 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *B*

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.
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**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.

No question this is good news, but lets face it /
~~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.

But we still have a long way to go as a country -- because we must measure our success not in dollars spent, but in lives reclaimed. 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 health professionals. We cannot win this gruelling 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 no longer cares.

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Here we see hope. We see a beginning. Your patients came here in desperation after their descent into the moral degradation of drug abuse. They learn that the road out of the abyss begins by taking personal responsibility for overcoming addiction.

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

alone -- physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We cannot live full lives without the support of families, friends, neighborhoods, places of worship. This center recognizes the importance of belonging to a society -- of building a community of people who care; people who reach out, and those who reach back.

God bless you in the work you do here as guardians of the Phoenix -- that mythological bird that rose to glory from the dust of its own ashes. You give us inspiration, hope, and a glimpse of how to strengthen the American dream. Thank you.

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