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(Smith/Grossman)
September 5, 1991
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MAYFLOWER HOTEL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

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 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
 SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

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RESPONSE:

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 Assistant to the President
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(Hinchliffe/Blymire)
September 5, 1991 7 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: 91 SEP 6 00:20
DRUG TREATMENT CENTER VISIT
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 12, 1991

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 distance we have come -- and the victories that seem within sight. The most recent National Institute of Drug Abuse figures show that, over 18 months, overall drug use in the United States has fallen 11 percent. Cocaine use has fallen even more dramatically: 29 percent of occasional users stopped using the drug entirely, and 23 percent of frequent users gave it up.

But much of our most difficult work still lies ahead. We continue trying to disrupt the drug flow through interdiction efforts, but no such effort can ever control borders as vast as ours. 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 the men and women who have fallen prey to this plague.

While we try to persuade those who do not use drugs to remain clean, drug treatment programs can help save those who have fallen victim to the plague of drug abuse.

But there's really nothing I can tell you about treating the victims of drugs. Day in and day out, you live this war for human life and dignity. You win the fights -- one soul at a time. Your hands give 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 abuse threatens everyone. It robs us of the feeling of safety; it dissolves our moral strength; it destroys people 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 300,000 drug-addicted babies born each year.

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.

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. 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.

But of course, 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 work, because you develop new programs likely to work -- and because it represents a wise and profitable use of taxpayer money. No one who comes here will ever complain of waste, fraud or mismanagement.

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 slots and the range of treatment methods available. I'm proud that, based on the FY 92 budget I sent to Congress, federal funding for drug treatment has increased by 855 million dollars -- 85 percent -- during the three years of our Administration. Programs funded by the federal government treat 2.25 million people each year -- up from

1.5 million. In those same 3 years, our total annual spending against drugs has nearly doubled -- from 6 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 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 worse, 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 can prove more

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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.

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I wish I could tell you that we stand ready to unleash a domestic Desert Storm, but as you know, the Constitution wisely balances the President's domestic powers. The President can propose -- but only Congress can legislate. /

As a result, a president cannot govern without cooperation from Congress. Unfortunately, many people in Congress have no desire to help us advance our domestic agenda. // Their agenda is to block ours. //

It has been said that "a politician thinks of the next election -- a statesmen thinks of the next generation." Today,

Congress has too few statesmen and too many politicians. If Congress can't clean up its act, we must act to clean up the Congress. //

Let's face it. There's something wrong when it's easier to get foreign forces out of Kuwait than it is for the Administration to get domestic programs through Congress. / It's not a question of fault. It is a question of philosophies. // Liberal Democrats measure progress by dollars spent and bureaucracies built. If you don't spend money or create new bureaucracies, they accuse you of doing nothing. But let me tell you: It takes a lot of gall to describe the 1.1 trillion dollars that Americans pay in federal taxes as "nothing" -- or not enough. We don't need more spending or taxes. We need a better return on our tax dollars.

And that's where you come in. Republicans don't measure results in terms of greenbacks. They measure it by lives enriched and families helped. Remember: GOP means growth, opportunity, and prosperity. //

We have tried for more than two years to promote the causes of growth, opportunity and prosperity. Yet each initiative has run into a blockade manned by the same liberal Democrats who moaned when we went into Panama / when we liberated Kuwait. / Too often it seems that we have a Congress that would rather investigate than legislate. They don't understand that the American people didn't elect me to enact their agenda.

Remember the capital gains tax cut? This simple initiative could unleash a new wave of entrepreneurship -- and hand power to the powerless. Senate leaders wouldn't even permit a vote on it.

Look at transportation. We want a bill that works. Some in the House of Representatives want a bill longer than a conga line of diesels. / They want a nickel gas tax increase. We want to stop nickle and diming our workers. //

Liberal Democrats believe in paternalism -- where government makes decisions for people. We believe in potential -- giving people freedom, and letting them make decisions for themselves.

We hope Congress will act on another part of our domestic agenda -- education. The plain truth is that schools are failing the grade -- and by delaying action to help them, Congress is flunking the test. / You know the story. We are twelfth among industrialized nations in math and science -- dead last. Two weeks ago, SAT scores were released -- down for the fourth straight year. Verbal scores have never been lower. //

What you may not know is that for two years we have prodded Congress to pass our Educational Excellence Act. We've asked it to help make America No. 1 in education by the year 2000. Congress has responded by playing hooky. // ((In all fairness, I've tried playing hooky from my homework wordprocessing lessons. // No luck. // It's hard to convince anybody that Millie ate the computer.)) //

Dodging homework won't help this generation and the generations to come. // We need better discipline, better

schools, and greater choice in schools. We need less finger-pointing -- and more parental involvement. //

The bad news for Congress: This revolutionary reform doesn't cost much money. The good news for Americans: It can produce revolutionary results. //

Our domestic agenda includes civil rights. // I want to sign a civil rights bill that invites all Americans to join the battle for true equality of opportunity, that tries to create the atmosphere of trust and brotherhood that enabled this nation to do great things in the 1960s. // We need to restore civility to civil rights. This doesn't mean that we want to sweep discrimination beneath a rug. It means that we want to build a coalition that no bigot can defeat -- and that no decent American can resist.

We also have devoted a great deal of energy to fighting crime. I am happy to report that after 2-1/2 years, we finally have made progress toward enacting a comprehensive crime bill that helps police take criminals off the street -- so that Americans have take back the streets.

Nearly two and a half 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. // We proposed stiff penalties for criminals using semi-automatic weapons, an improved exclusionary rule, and reforms that prevent sharp lawyers from

using technicalities to prevent our justice system from punishing criminals who already have been convicted. /

These proposals tell criminals: You will serve the time. /
They tell law-abiding citizens: We will reclaim our neighborhoods. //

Our package also says: Let's give our law officers the respect they deserve -- by imposing the death penalty on those who kill a law enforcement officer -- by punishing drug kingpins who threaten a Federal witness, a juror, or a judge. We want a good-faith exception to the exclusionary rule. There's no reason that good police officers should be penalized and criminals freed because a lawyer or judge bungled a search warrant. //

In short, the time has come to show less compassion for the architects of crime and more compassion for its victims. I'm very happy that a bipartisan coalition in the Senate has passed a bill that includes most of the features in our original legislation. We look for the House Judiciary Committee to act with equal responsibility, so the full House may follow suit. /

Our domestic agenda cannot be enacted through Presidential vetoes alone. So far I've used the veto 21 times -- it's been upheld every time -- and I'll continue to use it as often as it's needed. The veto is a useful power, and often enables me to work with Congress to improve legislation -- to give the American people laws they want, laws that advance their interests.

Even better is the power of the people. If you like what we've done abroad, elect more Republicans and let us mount a long

overdue Domestic Desert Storm. // Help me, as Teddy Roosevelt said, help government "be representative of the people as a whole." //

TR was perhaps my favorite President. Once, he wrote a letter to Henry Cabot Lodge. In it, he talked about his philosophy of the Presidency. "I think it should be a powerful office," he said, "and I think the President should use without hesitation every power the position yields."

I have -- I intend to -- but I can do so only with your support. For the President draws strength only from the people - - and to this President, you are the real strength of the Presidency. You care. / You work. / You give. / You dream.

You helped elect me President. You can help elect a Congress that wants to make a difference. Not for any special interest -- but for the general interest of "this last best hope of earth."

Thank you for what you've done, and will do in the future. And God bless the United States of America.

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Let me thank Larry Bathgate, RNC Finance Chairman. Thanks, Larry -- and now, Raise More Money! // I want to also salute my good friend Bobby Holt. / Bill McManus, Jeanie Austin. A special thanks to RNC Chairman Clayton Yeutter, who could be not be with us. But most of all, my appreciation to you Republican Eagles whose generosity of spirit helps America soar. //

((It's great to be here. I think this hotel was named after the ship that some of my ancestors sailed to America on. They were easy to spot. / They were the ones who spent the whole trip fishing without catching anything.)) //

((It's also a pleasure to be with you after a tumultuous month. Someone told me that visitors to Lenin's tomb haven't been able to get a good look at him since Communism's collapse. He's still spinning.)) /

((It's funny. I remember the days when news of a sudden overthrow in August just meant the New York Yankees had changed managers again.)) //

Today, I want to talk not of managers but leadership -- including the leadership you help provide through your support of the RNC. / You are Republicans because you believe in hard work and family / in religious faith and private enterprise / in

freedom and democracy -- in America. // You support the kind of leadership that can make those ideals a reality. //

Let me briefly mention a man who reflects these ideals. I hope you saw Judge Clarence Thomas' opening statement to Congress this week. I am so proud of the job he did. It was powerful -- captivating -- there was not a dry eye in the house. // This independent man will help maintain a strong, fair, and impartial judiciary. I am confident Judge Thomas will become the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. //

Clarence Thomas shows the wisdom of our Founding Fathers in creating a form of government that diversifies the task of leadership -- while respecting the fact that America's real leaders are America's people. //

The Constitution grants the President considerable authority in the area of foreign relations -- and imposes equally awesome responsibilities to foster peace and prosperity. // If you doubt what this has meant, look at the record. I think we have done all right in recent years. //

When a dictator crushed hopes for democracy in his homeland and endangered the Western Hemisphere -- we helped the Panamanian people restore free elections and the rule of law. //

When a brutal tyrant invaded and plundered Kuwait -- we helped build an international coalition that rolled back his aggression and liberated a land. /

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As a result, a president cannot govern without cooperation from Congress. Last March 6, I said we could pass a crime bill and a transportation bill in 100 days. It's now 190 days later, and Congress still hasn't acted. / Unfortunately, many people in Congress have no desire to help us advance our domestic agenda. //

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We have tried for more than two years to promote ~~the causes~~ of growth, opportunity and prosperity. Yet too many initiatives have run into a blockade manned by the same Democrats who moaned when we went into Panama / when we sought the ongoing liberation of Kuwait. / You can see why much of the 1992 Campaign will be about the Congress -- the status quo is unacceptable. Too often Congress doesn't understand that the American people didn't elect me to enact a liberal Democratic agenda. //

Let me talk about our agenda ~~our~~ domestic agenda, ^{wh/} ~~that~~ hasn't seen the light of day because of one-party control of Congress. // Remember the capital gains tax cut? This simple initiative could unleash a new wave of entrepreneurship -- ~~and~~ hand power to the powerless. The Democratic leadership wouldn't even permit a vote on it.

Look at transportation. Congress will soon begin debating the five-year re-authorization of America's transportation system. We want a system that spends money to address local needs -- and not just support politicians' careers. // Sadly, Congress wants to enact a nickel a gallon tax increase -- so that over 40 percent of the current gas tax will go for Congressional pork-barrel projects. / ~~More than half of all Congressional transportation projects don't even show up on state and local priority lists. So:~~ If Congress sends me a transportation bill with a gasoline tax, I will veto it. We can't let Congress raise the gas tax for projects communities don't even want. //

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 "America 2000" -- involves four tracks: accountable schools for today; a new generation of schools for tomorrow; a nation of students committed to a life-time of education; and communities where learning can happen. / The bad news for Congress: This revolutionary reform doesn't cost much money, and most of the fighting will take place beyond the federal government's reach. The good news for Americans: It can produce revolutionary results. //

Our domestic agenda can do the same in drugs. America's first National Drug Control strategy has already made progress. According to the most recent 18-month reporting period, overall

drug use in America fell an estimated 11 percent. // We are moving ahead on the environment. Recently, I signed into law the Clean Air Act -- the heart of our commitment to preserve our national resources without harming the economy. [Now, I challenge Congress to give the EPA full Cabinet status, and fund our America the Beautiful Program to clean up Superfund sites and restore our wetlands.]

Our domestic agenda includes civil rights. // I want to sign a civil rights bill that invites all Americans to join the battle for true equality of opportunity. // We need to restore civility to civil rights. And one way to begin is by having Congress give my civil rights bill a fair hearing. I will not sign a quota bill like the one I vetoed last year. // I'm still hopeful we can get a decent civil rights bill that moves against discrimination within the workplace. //

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legislation. We look for the House Judiciary Committee to act with equal responsibility, so the full House may follow suit. //

As you know, I've had to veto some bad legislation. But our domestic agenda cannot be enacted through Presidential vetoes alone. So far I've used the veto 22 times -- and not a single one has been overridden. I'll continue to use it as often as it's needed. The veto is a useful power, and often enables me to work with Congress to improve legislation -- to give the American people laws they want, laws that advance their interests.

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