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REMARKS:

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To be asked by Carolyn Long Banks, Councilmember, Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. President, more than 20 years ago former President Nixon declared a federal war on drugs. Three years ago you announced a similar war. Today, the problem of drugs and drug-related violence is as pervasive as ever. During this entire 20-year period, the federal government has been unwilling to send a dime directly to the front lines where we must wage the war. In the Gulf War, you went to the front lines to meet with the troops to ensure that they had the tools and the support to win. Can we count on you in your new budget and legislative agenda to provide direct assistance to cities and towns to fight the war on drugs?

[Councilmember Banks is a former member of the NLC Board and serves as chair of NLC's new Task Force on the Future of Youth in America's Cities and Towns which was established by NLC President Sidney Barthelemy at the beginning of his term.]

To be asked by Mayor William Hudnut of Indianapolis, Indiana

Mr. President, many central cities and small rural towns are facing severe fiscal distress today. Their tax bases have eroded while poverty, crime, and health care needs and demands have accelerated. We believe the causes of this fiscal distress are structural, demographic, and institutional. ~~Last year you included in your budget a federalism proposal which would have ended all direct assistance to cities and towns.~~ Can we prevail upon you to consider an opposite proposal this year, such as the House Republican leadership is considering -- to put together a package of federal relief for unfunded mandates and targeted fiscal assistance to cities and towns?

[Mayor Hudnut is leaving public office after serving four terms as Mayor of Indianapolis. Before becoming Mayor of Indianapolis, he served as Indiana's eleventh district Congressman. He is a former NLC President and is attending his last Congress of Cities as an elected official.]

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___ **Headtable Enters and Remains Standing.**

___ **Commissioner Hood:**

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I am Glenda Hood, City Commissioner from Orlando, Florida, and First Vice President of the National League of Cities. Welcome to the opening general session for the 1991 Congress of Cities. I ask you to please stand for the presentation of the colors by the the Basic High School drill team and the singing of the National Anthem."

___ **High School drill team enters the hall carrying State flags followed by Color Guard.**

___ **Lights will dim, ^{American} flag and singer will be spotted while National Anthem is sung.**

___ **Commissioner Hood:**

"Please remain standing while the Reverend Thomas Unmacht of The Lakes Lutheran Church delivers the invocation."

___ **Reverend Unmacht delivers Invocation.**

___ **Commissioner Hood thanks Reverend Unmacht.**

As Color Guard and Flag Bearers exit, Commissioner Hood thanks soloist Julie Harris, Personnel Assistant in the City of Las Vegas Human Resources Department and the "Marching Cowboys" from Chapparel ("shapparel") High School who provided entertainment before the session began.

Color Guard and Youth Exit. Lights come up.

Commissioner Hood:

"Please be seated. We have a very exciting program this morning to kick off this 68th Annual Congress of Cities. We will hear from NLC President Sidney Barthelemy as he wraps up his year at the helm of NLC, followed by a keynote speech from Lamar Alexander, secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The session will conclude with President Bush addressing the delegates by live teleconference from the White House. I would like to begin by introducing the headtable. I ask that you hold your applause until each group has been introduced."

See Headtable Introduction Cards

1. Introduce Officers and Past Presidents.
2. Introduce the NLC Board of Directors.
3. Introduce Special Guests (3).
4. Introduce Don Borut, Executive Director.
5. Introduce Reverend Unmacht.

(Note: Mayor Jones of Las Vegas, Governor Miller of Nevada, and Secretary Alexander will not be introduced here.)

3**____ Commissioner Hood introduces Mayor Jan Jones for Host City Welcome****Commissioner Hood:**

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the Mayor of Las Vegas, Jan Laverty Jones, who is NLC's host for 1991 Congress of Cities. Mayor Jones was elected in May of this year -- her first attempt at running for public office. During her six months as Mayor of Las Vegas, she has been a strong, committed, and outspoken leader of her city. Despite her short tenure as an elected official, she has also been a strong supporter of NLC in general and of this conference in particular. Please join me in welcoming Mayor Jan Jones.

____ Mayor Jones gives Host City Welcome and introduces Nevada Governor Robert Miller for a brief welcome.**____ Commissioner Hood thanks Mayor Jones and Governor Miller.****____ Commissioner Hood presents NLC President's Awards to two NLC Past Presidents who are leaving office.**

Attachment 1: Introduction of Mayor William Hudnut who will receive his award first. (Note: Mayor Hudnut will give brief thank you.)

Attachment 2: Introduction of John Rousakis who will receive his award after Mayor Hudnut. (Note: Mayor Rousakis will give brief thank you.)

____ Commissioner Hood introduces President Barthelemy.

Attachment 3: Introduction of Mayor Barthelemy.

____ Mayor Barthelemy gives the President's Address.

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____ **Commissioner Hood thanks Mayor Barthelemy for his remarks and for his leadership this year.**

____ **Commissioner Hood introduces Education Secretary Lamar Alexander.**
Attachment 4: Introduction of Lamar Alexander.

____ **Secretary Alexander speaks.**

____ **Commissioner Hood thanks Secretary Alexander.**

→ *[NOTE TIME ESTIMATE -- LIVE TELECONFERENCE TO BEGIN AT 10:15 A.M. STAFF WILL MONITOR THE TIME/HOOK UP. SECRETARY ALEXANDER IS AWARE OF THE SCHEDULE AND WILL TAILOR HIS REMARKS TO WORK WITHIN THE SCHEDULE.]*

____ **Commissioner Hood introduces live teleconference.**

Commissioner Hood:

"It is my privilege to introduce The President of the United States who will address this group by live teleconference from the White House. Mr. President, we welcome you by satellite to the opening session of our 68th Annual Congress of Cities. We have nearly 4,000 officials from cities and towns throughout the country here this morning who are looking forward to your remarks. Mr. President...

____ **President Bush speaks for approximately 15 minutes.**

____ **President responds to two prepared questions from representatives of NLC:**
(Note: questions will be delivered from separate podium on the left side of the stage. Questioners will introduce themselves to the President.)

• Carolyn Long Banks, Councilmember from Atlanta, GA, will ask the first question.

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- Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut will ask the second question.

Commissioner Hood thanks the President on behalf of the delegates.

Commissioner Hood provides closing announcements.

Commissioner Hood:

The first set of concurrent workshops will begin in the convention center in about 15 minutes after this session adjourns. I encourage all of you to attend as many of these workshops as possible during the next three days to gain new ideas and new perspectives. I also encourage you to take time to get to know elected officials from other parts of the country while you are here. The member program committee that planned this conference for you wanted to place particular emphasis on welcoming newcomers to the NLC family. All first time attendees are wearing green ribbons -- so be sure to extend a warm welcome. Thank you very much.

Do you want to mention awards lunches briefly?

Headtable Exits and Session Adjourns.

Revised 12/10/91

ATTACHMENT 1: INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR WILLIAM HUDNUT

I HAVE THE VERY UNIQUE PRIVILEGE TODAY OF ACKNOWLEDGING TWO OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES WHO ARE LEAVING PUBLIC OFFICE AND, THEREFORE, ENDING THEIR "OFFICIAL" RELATIONSHIP WITH NLC. THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW THESE TWO LEADERS, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WILL NEVER LEAVE THE NLC FAMILY BECAUSE OF THE ENORMOUS IMPACT THEY HAVE HAD ON ALL OF US AND ON THE ORGANIZATION.

WILLIAM P. HUDNUT III IS COMPLETING HIS FOURTH TERM AS MAYOR OF INDIANAPOLIS, WHERE HE IS KNOWN TO MOST EVERYONE AS "MAYOR BILL." UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, MORE THAN \$4 BILLION HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE 1990s. DURING A PERIOD OF ENORMOUS GROWTH IN HIS CITY, BILL HAS HELPED INDIANAPOLIS MAINTAIN A "SMALL TOWN" FEEL BY PLACING EQUAL EMPHASIS ON NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS. HE HAS DESCRIBED HIS VISION FOR INDIANAPOLIS AS A CITY THAT IS BOTH ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE AND COMPASSIONATE TOWARD URBAN AND HUMAN PROBLEMS."

BEFORE TAKING THE HELM IN INDIANAPOLIS, BILL SERVED AS INDIANA'S ELEVENTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN. HE ALSO HAD A LONG CAREER AS A MINISTER SERVING CHURCHES IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND BEFORE COMING TO INDIANAPOLIS IN 1963.

HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NLC IN 1980. HE HAS GIVEN HIS TIME AND ENERGY TO THIS ORGANIZATION IN THE SAME WAY HE COMMITTED

HIMSELF TO THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS. WE HAVE ALL BENEFITTED FROM HIS DEDICATION AND HIS VISION.

BILL, PLEASE JOIN ME AT THE PODIUM AS I READ THE INSCRIPTION ON THIS NLC PRESIDENT'S AWARD:

(attached)



National League of Cities

President's Award

WILLIAM H. HUDNUT, III

*His energy and spirit
 Reflect the extraordinary vitality
 He has kindled and cultivated
 Throughout his city.
 He has found and fashioned solutions
 That combine the leadership of a mayor,
 The compassion of a minister,
 And the persuasiveness of an entrepreneur.
 He has championed participation,
 Giving attention and opportunity to diversity.
 His commitment to Hometown America
 Has infused countless others
 With a vision of what is possible
 And the courage to attempt it.*

*Presented on the occasion of the
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Johnny Bartel
 President

Donald H. Faust
 Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 2: INTRODUCTION OF JOHN ROUSAKIS Revised 12/7/91

JOHN P. ROUSAKIS IS COMPLETING HIS FIFTH TERM AS MAYOR OF HIS HOMETOWN -- SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. SAVANNAH HAS EXPERIENCED DRAMATIC ECONOMIC GROWTH UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, AND THE CITY HAS IN FACT BECOME A TEXTBOOK ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT FOR AMERICAN CITIES.

IN ADDITION TO HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, JOHN HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO SERVING THE NATION'S CITIES AND TOWNS THROUGH LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN BOTH THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES. DURING HIS TENURE AS GMA PRESIDENT, HE WAS A LEADING FORCE BEHIND THE ADOPTION OF THE ORIGINAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX LEGISLATION WHICH HAS PROVIDED WELCOME PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR MANY OF GEORGIA'S TAXPAYERS. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NLC IN 1979 AND PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL POLICIES DEALING WITH URBAN PROBLEMS .

HE HAS SERVED NLC IN ALMOST EVERY LEADERSHIP CAPACITY FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. DURING THOSE YEARS, WE HAVE COME TO KNOW JOHN FOR HIS EASY GOING STYLE, HIS SOUTHERN CHARM, AND HIS DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR. I KNOW MANY OF YOU CAN RECALL EVENTS DURING THE PAST 20 YEARS MARKED BY THE JOHN ROUSAKIS TOUCH. HE CARES ABOUT NLC AND WE CERTAINLY CARE ABOUT HIM AND APPRECIATE THE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAS MADE.


JOHN, WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME AT THE PODIUM AS I READ THE INSCRIPTION ON THIS NLC PRESIDENT'S AWARD: (attached)



**National League of Cities
President's Award
JOHN P. ROUSAKIS**

*By regarding no challenge
As too great
And considering no injustice
As too trivial,
He has defined the essence
Of leadership in public office.
With a vision that has
Fostered rejuvenation and preserved the heritage
Of his vibrant and historic city,
He has demonstrated the concept
Of Urban Conservation.
His deep love for his city and its people
Is matched by his service to Hometown America
As a leader, mentor, and steadfast friend.*

*Presented on the occasion of the
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President


Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 3: INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR BARTHELEMY

IT IS NOW MY DISTINCT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER NLC LEADER -
- OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT SIDNEY BARTHELEMY. AFTER A YEAR OF
OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS
THE COUNTRY, HE REALLY NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION TO THIS GROUP.

HE IS NOW SERVING HIS SECOND TERM AS MAYOR OF NEW ORLEANS --
THE CITY WHERE HE WAS BORN, HAS LIVED HIS ENTIRE LIFE, AND BEEN
INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN LEADERSHIP ROLES FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN A DEDICATED LEADER WITHIN NLC FOR MANY YEARS
INCLUDING SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS CO-CHAIR OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE, AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE.

SINCE HIS ELECTION AS NLC PRESIDENT LAST YEAR IN HOUSTON, HE HAS
BEEN A VIGILANT AND VISIBLE LEADER DURING WHAT HAS BEEN A
DIFFICULT YEAR FOR THE NATION'S CITIES AND TOWNS. TODAY HE WILL
REFLECT ON THE RESULTS OF HIS YEAR AND SHARE WITH US HIS
CONTINUING VISION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR PRESIDENT SIDNEY J. BARTHELEMY.

ATTACHMENT 4: INTRODUCTION OF LAMAR ALEXANDER

I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THIS MORNING'S OPENING SESSION: THE HONORABLE LAMAR ALEXANDER, WHO IS SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SECRETARY ALEXANDER IS RELATIVELY NEW TO THIS CURRENT POST, HAVING BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE U.S. SENATE IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT NEW TO EDUCATION.

BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1988, HE SERVED THREE YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WHERE HE RECRUITED STRONG NEW LEADERS TO ASSIST HIM AND WHERE HE LAUNCHED AN AMBITIOUS FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

FROM 1979 TO 1987 SECRETARY ALEXANDER WAS GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION, HE LED THE 50-STATE SURVEY, "TIME FOR RESULTS." IN 1988, THE EDUCATION COMMISSION GAVE HIM THE JAMES B. CONANT AWARD FOR "DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION."

SECRETARY ALEXANDER IS A PHI BETA KAPPA GRADUATE OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY AND WAS A LAW REVIEW EDITOR AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL.

BESIDES HIS VOCATION IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, HE IS A CLASSICAL AND COUNTRY PIANIST AND THE AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS INCLUDING "SIX MONTHS OFF," THE STORY OF HIS FAMILY'S 'ESCAPE' TO AUSTRALIA AFTER EIGHT YEARS IN THE TENNESSEE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

WE, AS LOCAL OFFICIALS, KNOW THAT EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IS VITAL TO THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW, AS THE NLC TASK FORCE ON CITIES' ROLES IN EDUCATION SAYS, THAT 'EDUCATION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS.' THEREFORE, WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THE NATION'S TOP EDUCATOR IS HERE TODAY TO SHARE HIS PLANS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND TO ENCOURAGE US IN OUR EFFORTS TO BE INVOLVED IN EDUCATION.

PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO SECRETARY ALEXANDER.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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December 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: League of Cities
Teleconference

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have noted several suggested changes on the draft. In particular, we recommend deleting the paragraph at the bottom of page two and the top of page three as well as the first two sentences of the second full paragraph on page three.

While we fully support the Executive Order on Federalism and limiting Federal mandates, we have already advanced some initiatives, such as in medical malpractice, food safety, and product liability that involve forms of Federal preemption. Moreover, we will likely include other measures along similar lines, as part of our health reform initiatives. The text reads smoothly with these deletions.

I have discussed this with Dick Darman who concurs. If you have any questions, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

JMH

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Ⓐ ~~Community members.~~

to be members of every community themselves.
When I speak about Points of Light transforming
our cities, I am referring to the ~~the~~ actions which
~~any~~ ^{all} business, churches, schools, groups, and
associations can take to lead their members
toward solving social problems through
community service. ~~In a cor~~ - - -

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WASHINGTON

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December 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTOR OF
SPEECHWRITING

FROM: NELSON LUND *NL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: League of Cities
Teleconference

At the request of Phillip D. Brady, I have reviewed the captioned remarks. I telephoned Jennifer Grossman with the changes marked on page 3 of the attached hard copy of the draft remarks.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

Attachment

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*Curt: Have Jennifer call Kathy Super -
I've heard that they may want
POTUS to show up in Las Vegas for
this meeting.*

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*My opinion:
POTUS has gotten whacked for his sock-binding spree. I'm not sure this will fly.*

tighten - more direct pts of big city mayors are more forward than POTUS.

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What is true in his time -- is even more true in ours. //

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? ~~was it~~ denounce directly. Don't raise the question: when was it relevant?

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clique - pump admin policy - real power & real responsibility in local hands: Trans. bill; bloc grants. AM. 2000, etc.

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to some good & ...

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RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT A. SNOW
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: ROBERT T. SWANSON *RTS/LBL*
ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Proposed :30 TV Public
Service Announcement NCAA Foundation

The Counsel's Office has no legal objection to the above-
subject.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/11/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES
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December 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW /

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES TELECONFERENCE

On Friday, December 13th, at 1:15 p.m., you will participate in a teleconference with the National League of Cities' Annual Congress of Cities in Las Vegas, Nevada. Your brief remarks (six minutes) acknowledge the hard work of America's locally elected officials; recognize the economic difficulties many communities are now experiencing; and emphasize your belief in local solutions to local problems over federally mandated bureaucratic responses.

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alone. ~~The problems of our cities will never be solved unless every individual and every institution claim those problems as their own and make it their mission to solve them.~~ //

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Also, because each additional billion dollars in manufactured goods and trade means another 20,000 American jobs, I'll continue fighting to crack open foreign markets to create domestic jobs. I'll take that message with me on my upcoming trip to Asia. //

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Thank you for what you've done, and are doing. God bless you, and your families and this great nation. Now, I'll be glad to answer your questions.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 13, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN TELECONFERENCE WITH
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 1991 CONGRESS OF CITIES

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

1:17 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Commissioner Hood. And I understand you're the incoming president of the wonderful organization, the National League of Cities. Thank you for inviting me to be with you. To President Sidney Barthelemy, the Mayor of one of my favorite cities, New Orleans, welcome to you, sir. I look forward to your help, most of all, officials who have enriched our cities and helped our cities enrich America; I greet all of you.

I am very pleased that Lamar Alexander was able to address you this morning. A former governor, a great Secretary of Education; he's doing a great job. And we are on to something with this America 2000. And I hope when he finished that you had a feel for this marvelous program.

Our mayors are doing a great job in helping make American education number one. I was hoping today to be with you in person, but at least I can say America has produced two Presidents in a row who have made it to the big screen. This is a good way to do it if you can't be there in person.

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And when I deliver my State of the Union address in a few weeks, I'm going to ask the Congress to lay aside partisan interest just long enough to focus on America's interest, and to enact a common-sense series of economic growth measures. Also, because each additional billion dollars in manufactured goods and trade means another 20,000 American jobs, I'm going to continue fighting to crack open foreign markets to create domestic jobs. And that's the message I'm going to be taking with me on my upcoming trip

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And I'm especially proud of the transportation bill which I'll be signing in just a few days that will keep our traffic on the move and our economy on the rise, building roads and fixing bridges and creating jobs.

And still, it isn't enough. We have to build on these beginnings. So I hope our other initiatives are also helping you. For example, our administration has boosted state and local law enforcement funding to \$495 million -- that's in addition to the \$250 million in cash and property seized last year from drug dealers through what we call the Asset Forfeiture Program. Overall, federal aid to states and localities to fight drugs has grown under this administration to nearly \$3 billion a year. I think the total spending I jotted down here is \$11.7 billion.

Our Healthy Start program to cut infant mortality got a big boost this year -- from \$21 million to \$65 million. And that's also true for AIDS research and treatment -- under the Ryan White Act, \$200 million in AIDS prevention in Fiscal '92 goes directly to cities. And I also ask your support of something which can help every city -- enterprise zones to unleash a new generation of entrepreneurs, to attract new business to those areas.

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I do want to do my part. To do so, I need your counsel and your wisdom. So let's work together to find new solutions to old problems. Only then can we prepare our cities and our country for the new American century ahead.

It is great to be with you all. I'd be glad to take a couple of questions. But thank you for what you've done. Thank you for what you are doing. And at this special time of year, God bless you all. I just wish that each and every one of you could have been at the White House yesterday as we welcomed home those five hostages. I can only say that Barbara and I count our blessings for family every day of the year. (Applause.) And this was a most-moving occasion. And then we took them out to light the nation's Christmas tree -- we modestly call it -- across from the White House. And I flipped the electric switch and nothing happened. (Laughter.)

But in any event, it was a great and wonderful, moving day for our whole country. And I wish each of you leaders could have been with us in the White House.

And now I'll be glad, Commissioner, to take any questions.

Q Mr. President, more than 20 years ago, former President Richard Nixon declared a federal war on drugs. Three years ago, you announced a similar war. Yet today the problem of drugs and

drug-related violence on our streets is just as pervasive as ever. In fact, murders are at record levels. Mr. President, we have a very enthusiastic audience here -- (laughter) -- I wish you were here to see how wonderful this audience is and how concerned this audience is. However, over the last 20-year period, the federal government has been unwilling to spend one single dime and send it directly to those of us who are on the front lines that you mentioned. (Applause.)

In the Gulf war you went to the front lines to meet with the troops to ensure that they had the necessary tools and support in order to win. Can we count on you, Mr. President, in your new budget and legislative agenda to provide for direct assistance to cities and towns? (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me simply say that from an overall standpoint, fighting the nation's drug war from an overall standpoint, federal funding is up by 80 percent since I've become President -- 80 percent, to \$11.7 billion -- I think it is \$11.7 billion. And nearly \$3 billion will go to state and local governments. I am familiar with the age-old argument as to whether the governors get it or whether the mayors get it. And I've been around the political track long enough to be aware of it. In our program, we are trying to recognize this and trying to get the job done.

Let me just say, though, you had a very pessimistic assessment of where the matter stands. And there's plenty of reason to be pessimistic, but there's also some reason to be somewhat optimistic. Drug use amongst the young people have gone off -- this awful cocaine amongst young people is down over the last two years by something like 11 percent. The war isn't won, but progress is being made.

We're working with a media campaign -- all private -- they're spending \$1 million a day on advertising which gets right into your communities, trying to educate people against the use of drugs. So in addition to the government money -- that means the taxpayers' money -- in addition to the government money, there is a lot going on. And, frankly, if you canvassed that hall, though everyone could use more funds for fighting drugs, I think that you'd find that a lot of people out there in what we call the volunteer sector are doing an awful lot. We've honored a lot of them here at the White House, and I am terribly impressed by how community action is making an enormous contribution to the fight against drugs.

But, yes, in our budget I think you'll see the amount of money I said for state, for local governments, and I also think that you'll see what I would think is pretty full funding in tough financial times, I might add, for the fight against drugs.

Let me give you another side of it that I think is important. We're doing better on the interdiction side as well. Much better on that. And then you mentioned the crime problem. I would like to enlist the support of everybody in that room. You are on the front line, you are on the cutting edge, and I'd like to enlist your support for a tough, a meaningful, tough anticrime bill. We've been trying to get that through Congress for a long, long time. And again, let's put the politics aside and let's give the support that we need to the police officers that are out there on the beat.

But thank you. It was a good question. (Applause.)

Q Thank you for taking time to be with us, and thank you for the tree you planted two years ago in memory of Ryan White. It's still standing in downtown Indianapolis.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it growing, though? (Laughter.)

Q There's a strong feeling here, Mr. President, that when the cities hurt, America hurts, and when the cities are healthy, America is healthy. Many central cities and small towns are facing severe fiscal distress today. Their tax bases have eroded while poverty, crime and health care needs and demands have accelerated.

We believe the idea of direct assistance to cities and towns from the federal government has merit. And the question I would ask you, sir, is: Can we prevail upon you to consider a proposal this year to put together a package of federal relief for unfunded mandates and targeted fiscal assistance to cities and towns, and would you be willing to meet with a group of local officials to discuss this subject? (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: That was two questions. Bill, you know -- and I don't know whether you helped formulate the general idea of an enormous block grant proposal that we have -- it's about finished. What we've tried to do on this block grant proposal -- I believe it's in the \$15-billion range -- was to work it out in a way that it will get support in the Congress. And we've tried to take into consideration some of the congressional concerns without making this block grant into some other mandated program by having a lot of strings attached.

So we are finalizing now -- and it will be ready in time to send up as soon as Congress goes back -- a substantial block grant program that will go out there without strings attached, and I believe it will get passed. So I'm very interested in this. It's taken a long time to get the legislation drafted in a way to answer some of the -- well, I'd put it this way -- understandable concerns in the Congress, but we're going to be pushing it, and it's going to be a part of our overall economic package.

Inasmuch as you made the request -- and I never say no to Hudnut, that's my motto -- I think it would be useful to sit down with you and a handful of others that you might bring into the White House to talk about these problems.

I wasn't just, as we say, "blowing smoke" when I made my remarks. We are in touch with mayors. We had the Mayor of New York City down here just the other day. Wasn't heralded as a great public relations event, but I learned from that. A long talk with other mayors as we go along. But bring them in here. We may have to wait until after the 1st because we're going off, as you know, coming into this marvelous Christmas season, and we might all need a little bit of rest. But I'd like to do it, and you can consider this a formal acceptance of what I thought was a relatively formalized request. (Applause.)

Q Mr. President, and we accept that, and we will be there to visit with you, and we appreciate the time that you have given us this morning. We want to work with you. We're counting on you, as you're counting on us, and let me, on behalf of all of the delegates here this morning, not only once again thank you, but wish you and Mrs. Bush a very happy holiday. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, same to all of you. And let me end by making one additional comment. These are tough times, and there's a lot of people at work and there's an unsatisfactory number of people out of work. A lot of people are worried. Their confidence is not there. And they worry about tomorrow, even though they have a job today. And I understand all that, and we're going to try, in the State of the Union message, to make a proposal that won't make matters worse out of good intentions, but will make them better, and come forward with a strong program there. I believe we'll have that. I hope it will have the support, enthusiastic support across party lines, not only in the Congress, but out there.

But let me just say this at the end of this year, inasmuch as you were gracious and really kind enough to wish Barbara and me a Merry Christmas. You know, we have a lot to be grateful for in this wonderful country of ours. I touched on the hostage matter. This morning, I had a long conversation with Boris Yeltsin over in Moscow, and there's great and interesting change going on there.

But the underpinning of that change is freedom, and it is democracy, and it is reform. And you look around at the fact that in this very day in Washington Arabs are talking to Israelis, something that might not have happened. You look abroad and you see the newfound credibility of the United States as a result of what your sons and daughters did in Desert Storm. The United States can use that credibility now to get into these foreign markets and create jobs and our voice is more credible around the world.

So I cannot neglect my responsibilities for world peace, for managing on behalf of the only super power in the world that other countries look to not just for that but because of our values. I'm not going to forsake those responsibilities. But I am going to do what is necessary and stay involved with you at that level that I know so well, in order to try to help alleviate the concerns that I mentioned in the very beginning that the American people have.

Having said that, we have a lot to be grateful for in the United States of America. And thank you for your greetings and Barbara will appreciate it. And I hope that you and all your families have the best Christmas ever and a wonderfully prosperous, exciting, forward-moving 1992. Good luck to each and every one of you. And thank you for letting me come in this way. (Applause.)

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