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(Smith/Grossman)
January 25, 1992
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RELIGION

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1992
12:00 P.M.

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The other day, I was visited by the leaders of the National League of Cities -- mayors from big cities and small, Republican and Democrat, liberal and conservative. // They were unanimous in their view that the major underlying problem in our cities is the decline of the American family. // They are right. Too often the family is under siege. // Each one of us -- parents, preachers, politicians, and teachers -- must do our part to defend it. // I do not want one single action I take as President to weaken the American family. I want to strengthen it in every way I can. Every law that is passed, should guard against weakening the family. //

That is why I insisted that the child-care bill I signed in 1990 allow parents -- not bureaucrats -- to decide how to care for their children. I refused to see the option of religious-based child care restricted or eliminated. // The family is also why our education program -- America 2000 -- insists that choice include both private and public schools. // I do not believe it is unconstitutional to give to school kids the same choice that I got under the GI Bill or that college kids now get under the Pell grant or that ex-servicemen now get under the Montgomery bill. //

Last week, I announced another policy to strengthen the family: Expanding the pre-school program to serve all those who are eligible -- the largest funding increase in the history of Project Head Start. // When this is enacted, we will be much closer to achieving one of our six National Educational goals: "Every school child should start school ready to learn." // Finally, families will stay together only if drugs do not drive them apart. //

Winning the war on drugs means waging a war on crime. We've made the commitment. All together, the new federal budget I'll introduce two days from now will increase spending to combat crime by \$1.2 billion -- to a total of almost \$16 billion dollars. That's nearly 60 percent higher than when I took office in 1989.

My new budget provides a-half-a-billion dollars for an initiative we call "Weed and Seed." Later today, my able Attorney General, Bill Barr -- point man in this new program -- will spell out all its details. // But let me say this much right now. Weed and Seed works this way: First, we join federal, state and local forces to "weed out" the gang leaders, the violent criminals, and the drug dealers who plague our neighborhoods. When we break their deadly grip, we follow up with part two: we "seed" those neighborhoods with expanded educational opportunities and social services. But key to the seed concept will be jobs-generating initiatives such as

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We will triumph through tough enforcement -- and through education: Increasing awareness of the damage drugs do. // In that spirit, let us resolve to treat the victims of AIDS and drug abuse with compassion and caring -- and let us redouble our efforts to help with treatment and with education. That will help eliminate the risks involved. // Over the last four years, more kids talked about drugs with their parents and teachers. Another reason for drug use decline has been America's print and electronic media -- the major source of drug information and the primary "influencer" on drug use, especially among the young. // Together, they have helped reawaken America's conscience --

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS
 MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1992

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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 Paul Koontz
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
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FROM: CURT SMITH

SUBJECT: NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

On Monday, January 27, 1992, at noon, you will deliver remarks (approximately 14 minutes/teleprompted) to the National Religious Broadcasters' annual conference. Roughly 1,500 will attend.

Your speech strives to cut through the political vagaries of campaign season by focusing on values -- the values that sustain America and that this administration shares with our nation's religious broadcasters. You talk about the sanctity of unborn life, opportunity and empowerment, decency and tolerance, family and choice, the war against drugs, and the power of prayer.

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January 23, 1992
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RELIGION

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((First, I'm glad to see Jerry Falwell. I invited Jerry to go jogging with me this morning, but he had his own exercise plans. / He walked across the Potomac.)) //

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Last week, I visited with children in a Head Start program here in the District to announce that next year's budget will include full funding for this important initiative. But if kids can't get to their Head Start center because gangs and drug dealers are lurking on the streets outside, what good is it?

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THANKS VERY MUCH.

More from B. Barr coming...

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WEED AND SEED DESCRIPTION

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SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
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The Sheraton Washington Hotel

11:59 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you for that wonderfully warm welcome. And to President Dave Clark, may I thank you, sir; Brandt Gustafson, the Executive Director. And let me salute your leadership of the NRB. I understand that former Secretary Dole was to be here; I don't know that she is. I know FCC Chairman Sykes is. And I see, of course, two good, respected friends, Jim Dobson and Billy Graham. And ladies and gentlemen.

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But this one is true. The other day I was visited by the leaders of the National League of Cities -- mayors from big cities and small, liberal and conservative, Republican and Democrat. And they were unanimous in their view that the major underlying problem in our cities is the decline of the American family. And they are right. Too often the family is under siege. Each one of us -- parents, preachers, politicians and teachers -- must do our part to defend it. I do not want one single action that I take as President to weaken the American family. And I want to strengthen it in every way that I can. Every law that is passed should guard against weakening the family. (Applause.)

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1992
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President David Clark and Executive Director Brandt Gustafson -- and let me salute your leadership of the NRB. Liddy Dole. FCC Chairman Sykes. I see my good friend Rev. Billy Graham and Jim Dobson. Ladies and gentlemen. Fellow communicators. // This marks the fifth time I have had the honor of addressing the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters.

A year ago we met in the first week of a struggle to protect what is right, and true. I came before you to talk of what was not a Christian or Jewish war -- not a Moslem war. It was a just war. // In the Persian Gulf we fought for good versus evil / right versus wrong / dignity against oppression. America stood fast -- so that liberty could stand tall. //

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