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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1992

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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*from Jeanne
Barnhart
C/PYF*

The road to dependency is paved with good intentions but the road to self-sufficiency takes work.

Americans are a compassionate people, always have been and always will be. And that sense of compassion is what guided our nation to establish federal welfare programs as a source of short term cash assistance to provide for needy children and families.

But Americans also have a strong sense of justice and fair play. We believe in the work ethic and we don't believe in free rides. So we feel a strong sense of anger and frustration when we see able-bodied and able-minded Americans who choose welfare as a way of life rather than working to support their families. It's nothing less than a tragedy when as a nation, we continue to promote a system of benefits that allows and even encourages able-bodied Americans to remain on the dole.

For the last 30 years or so, our welfare system has operated under a benefit mentality. If you were eligible for welfare, you got it. But just as the proverbial free lunch isn't really free, welfare benefits have cost us all. In addition to the untold billions of tax dollars that have been spent...welfare benefits have taken their toll on the attitudes and outlooks of poor Americans.

Welfare has left a legacy of dependency by allowing capable people to become trapped in a system that treats them as if they have nothing to offer. And when parents pass that legacy on to their children, the waste of human creativity and potential through the generation is staggering.

The end of the cold war has signaled our need to change certain assumptions about national defense. And, already, we have begun the changes in our defense posture that are necessary to keep pace with the new realities in Eastern Europe and the new CIS. We must not accept less from our social programs. We can't expect a welfare system built on faulty assumptions to meet the needs of those American children and families affected by poverty in the 21st century. Our theories, our programs and our mindset must change to reflect the way things really are if we ever hope to change them. Our welfare system needs reform and I'm sure that comes as no surprise to you.

In the last several months, there has been a growing ferment in the States to do more to increase self-sufficiency and support parental responsibility. I've heard from States wishing to take on the challenge of improving the system for the families and children it serves.

I've pledged my support to the Governors in their efforts to strengthen the family and promote self-sufficiency and I have encouraged States to continue making innovative proposals to reform the welfare system.

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Yesterday, I was pleased to announce the approval of the Wisconsin Parental and Family Responsibility Demonstration. This is concrete evidence of the commitment I made in my State of the Union message to pave the way for State innovations by making the process for applying for waivers of Federal law quicker and easier. More importantly, it is evidence of my commitment to test new ideas to help families build a better future.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *ABP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Radio Program on Welfare Reform

We have reviewed the attached presidential address and have noted a few suggested comments on the attached draft.

If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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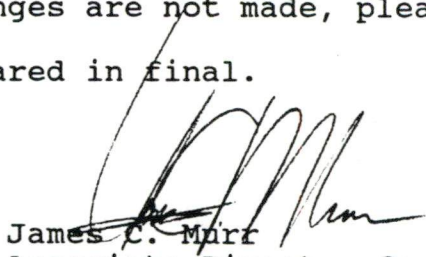


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RESPONSE:

See Comments

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The mark-up below is intended to remove
apparent inconsistencies with policies and positions
the Administration has held. However, it probably
would be better to allow more time for
changes of a more fundamental kind.

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(W.B. We should not
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Over the past few weeks I have been talking about five fundamental areas in which America must ~~change~~ for the ~~future~~ in change to ensure our prosperity for the future. We must reform our legal system, ^{revamp} ~~improve~~ our education system, improve our health care ~~system~~, and open new markets.

~~And perhaps most importantly~~ we must overhaul the way we run our government. ~~Nowhere~~ ^{nowhere} is this more evident than in our welfare system.

Most Americans would agree that is

And last week in Philadelphia, I stressed perhaps the most necessary area of reform:

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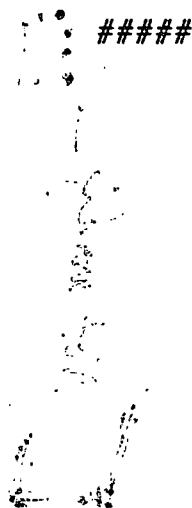
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM:

JAY LEFKOWITZ *jl*

SUBJECT:

Radio Address on Welfare Reform

In order to put an education focus on the welfare reform radio address, I suggest adding the following insert:

Shorben { Teenagers are on the threshold of adulthood, and teen parents have already accepted a great personal and social responsibility by having children. By requiring disadvantaged teen parents to participate in the educational activities which they desperately need while helping them to support their families, Wisconsin is doing its part to reach another of my educational goals for the nation -- that by the year 2000, every adult American will be literate.

X By requiring that young parents set an example for their children, Wisconsin will be a state of not only literate individuals, but a state of literate families as well.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 4/9/92ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP!!!SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: RADIO PROGRAM ON WELFARE REFORM

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Week Ending Friday, April 17, 1992

**Radio Address to the Nation on
Welfare Reform**
April 11, 1992

The American people have always been a people constantly searching for improvement, impatient for change when things need changing. Last week I spoke about the need for a change here in Washington, for Government reform, especially congressional reform. Today I want to focus on reforming our welfare system, especially on our Government's role in that reform process.

After years of trying to help those who are in need, we have found that too often our assistance does not help people out of poverty; it traps them there. It's not that people stopped caring; it's that the system stopped working. We want a welfare system that breaks the cycle of dependency before dignity is destroyed and before poverty becomes a family legacy. But today we must face this fact: Our system has failed.

I have repeatedly called for the forging of Federal-State partnerships that would make welfare reform a powerful, effective reality. Yesterday, at my direction, the Federal Government waived outdated rules to allow Wisconsin to try a new kind of welfare reform. The Wisconsin plan replaces some of the old assumptions of the welfare state and recognizes the importance of personal responsibility, self-respect, independence, and self-sufficiency.

In my State of the Union Address, I made a commitment to make it quicker and easier for States with welfare reform ideas to get the Federal waivers they need. By approving Wisconsin's waivers 24 days after we received their request, that commitment now has the force of action. I want to commend Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, and I want to challenge other States to propose their own reforms.

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Note: This address was recorded at 8:15 a.m. on April 10 in the Oval Office at the White House for broadcast after 9 a.m. on April 11.

Remarks on Signing the Executive Order on Employee Rights Concerning Union Dues

April 13, 1992

Please be seated. And may I just say that we are delighted to see all of you here on this crisp, cool day in the Rose Garden. Before I begin, I'd like to recognize two members of the Cabinet here: Secretary Lynn Martin over here, Secretary of Labor, and then Attorney General Bill Barr, sitting over here in the front. I also want to single out two Congressmen with us today, Bob Walker and Tom DeLay, thank them for being here; Mr. James Stephens, the Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. And also a very special welcome to Harry Beck and his wife, Karan. And fresh from parting the Red Sea, yet again on TV last night—[laughter]—our old friend Charlton Heston. And I'll have more to say about him in a minute. But thank you for coming all this way.

Today happens to be a very special anniversary. Two hundred and forty-nine years ago today, Thomas Jefferson was born. And there is a renewed spirit of Jeffersonian reform sweeping through this Nation today. It is therefore a fitting occasion for putting into effect new reforms that will protect Americans' fundamental rights against political abuse by special interest groups.

For brilliance, for courage, for passion in the cause of freedom and democracy, no one has ever surpassed Thomas Jefferson. He eloquently stated a principle of fundamental fairness in 1779 when he declared, "To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

Now, not long ago in Philadelphia, I spoke of the wisdom of the Founders on the subject

of Government reform. It is this Jeffersonian insight that we reaffirm today with reforms to strengthen the political rights of American workers.

In the Executive order I will sign in just a few minutes, I am directing that companies performing Federal contract work must inform their employees in the clearest possible terms of their legal rights as affirmed in the Supreme Court's landmark *Beck* decision. This placard displayed here today represents the exact words of the notice that will be placed in workplaces around the Nation. And while this order will directly affect American workers employed by Federal contractors, I want to emphasize that the principles affirmed by the *Beck* decision are precious to all Americans.

The *Beck* decision is one of a series of cases protecting American workers from being compelled against their will to pay union or agency dues in excess of what is actually used for collective bargaining purposes and contract administration. Full implementation of this principle will guarantee that no American will have his job or livelihood threatened for refusing to contribute to political activities against his will. The Executive order that I sign today will make it easier for employees of Federal contractors to understand and then exercise their political rights.

The Secretary of Labor is separately proposing a rule clarifying and then bringing up to date requirements for labor organizations to account for how workers' dues are spent. This rule aims to foster union democracy, and it also will have the effect of helping employees protect their *Beck* rights.

The trial court in the *Beck* case found, for instance, that in plaintiff Beck's workplace, Harry Beck's workplace, 79 percent of the compulsory dues collected went to purposes unrelated to collective bargaining and contract administration. Our new rule will assist union members in discovering how their dues are being spent. And perhaps most important of all, I expect the NLRB, the National Labor Relations Board, to carry out its responsibilities to enforce the principles of the *Beck* decision.

One of America's most intrepid fighters for individual rights is Charlton Heston. He's