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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/30/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LAW DAY

SUBJECT: FRIDAY, MAY 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THOUGH: DAVE DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: ANDY FERGUSON *AF*

SUBJECT: LAW DAY

On Friday, May 1st, at 2:30 p.m. you will deliver brief remarks (4 minutes/cards) in the Roosevelt Room, commemorating Law Day. Your remarks talk about the relationship between law and liberty, and stress the need to reform our legal system.

(Ferguson/Grossman)
April 29, 1992
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ROOSEVELT ROOM
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RESPONSE:

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 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

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SUBJECT: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1992 - ROOSEVELT ROOM

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REMARKS:

CLERK

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY, 4/30 with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

N/C *Manuel Angel*
for DS

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Ferguson/Grossman)
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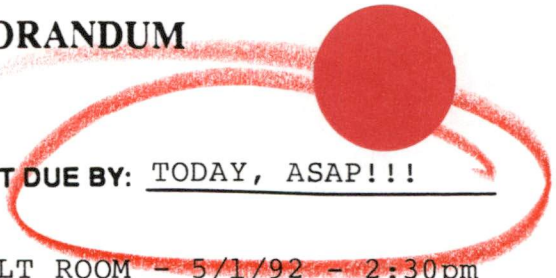
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RESPONSE:

*See comments from Justice. Thanks.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LAW DAY
ROOSEVELT ROOM
MAY 1, 1992
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This breakdown touches the American people in the deepest, most personal ways. We hear of parents reluctant to coach Little League teams -- doctors unwilling to deliver babies -- volunteers wary of helping those in need -- all from fear that a small act of kindness might produce the nightmare of a meritless lawsuit.

That's wrong. In many parts of the country over the past several months, I have said, "We must sue each other less and start helping each other more." From Colorado to the Carolinas, this sentiment never fails to strike a chord with the people I speak to.

That should tell us something important on this Law Day. I again call on Congress to pass the Access to Justice Act, as well ^(Justice) as our product liability ~~reform~~ ^{and medical liability reform bills.} The American people want and deserve a civil justice system based on fairness, proportionality, timeliness, and an ethic of personal responsibility. We must restore these principles to our system of civil justice.

Over the past 48 hours, the rule of law has been challenged in the most profound way. A verdict, reached by a jury ~~of~~ ^(Justice) appointed for the task, has been viewed by a large number of Americans as indefensible -- not a consummation of justice but a miscarriage of it. Those frustrated and angered by this outcome must understand: our system of law provides the peaceful, orderly

(Justice)
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means of ~~addressing~~ your concern. Yesterday, I instructed the Attorney General to accelerate the federal government's investigation of this case, to see the matter through as the law demands.

At the same time, let us resist the easy temptation to rationalize the horror we have seen on the streets of Los Angeles. There is a difference between frustration with the law and direct assaults upon it. In a civilized society, there can be no excuse -- no excuse -- for the murder, arson, theft, and vandalism that have terrorized the law-abiding citizens of Los Angeles. The wanton destruction of life and property is not a legitimate expression of outrage with ^{what one considers} injustice; it is itself injustice. It is barbarism. And no rationalization, no matter how heart-felt and eloquent, can make it otherwise. (Justice)

Our sympathies must rest with all victims of lawlessness: the men and women who have seen their livelihoods destroyed, their homes burned to the ground, and in too many horrifying cases, the lives of loved ones brutally taken from them. And let us honor the citizen-heroes of Los Angeles, who bravely stood against the mob to save the lives and property of friends and strangers alike.

The rule of law, the belief in freedom under the law, is the most precious legacy that Americans possess, for it is our only means of preserving fairness and equality and justice. We are called to defend it in troubling and tragic times. Now is such a time. On this Law Day 1992, I urge all Americans to recommit

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themselves to the rule of law, so that from the ashes of this
tragedy may arise a new faith in our country, and in our heritage
as Americans.

Thank you. I will now sign the Law Day proclamation.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 32 APR 30 1992 P 4: 52 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURS. 4/30/92 10:00 ar

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 SUBJECT: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1992 - ROOSEVELT ROOM

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REMARKS:

CLERK

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY, 4/30 with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Seems odd to me to make these remarks w/out reference to L.A. Pick up some of Pres. remarks from this a.m.?

JB 4/30

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

Andy - I have a few comments to your good words. If possible, I'd like you to use #142. I don't feel strongly re: #3

Andy Ferguson
Room 116
(Ferguson/Grossman)
April 29, 1992
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In America, ~~as in any civilized society,~~ the law must be reasonable and predictable to be just. It must be blind to color and class. It must resist enthusiasm and fashion, and it must *be fair.* ~~never be manipulated for purely private gain.~~

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That's not justice; That's wrong. In many parts of the country over the past several months, I have said, "We must sue each other less and start helping each other more." This sentiment never fails to strike a chord with the people I speak to. **3*

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At a time when a growing number of emerging democracies are beginning to follow the American ideal of a society committed to the rule of law, we have become engulfed by a flood of private civil litigation.

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Excessive expenses and long delays in an overburdened legal system not only result in higher economic costs but more importantly, erode civility and our social fabric.

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And that is why Congress should pass our ~~product~~ ^{to} the Access to Justice act and ^{also} reform our product liability bill. ~~It's time for Congress to act in the~~ public interest rather than promote the special interests that feed the litigation frenzy. I say it's time ^{for} Congress ^{to} act in the public interest.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

92 APR 30 P4: 13 April 30, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Law Day

We have reviewed the attached presidential remarks and have noted a few suggested changes on the draft.

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Ferguson/Grossman)
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Simon
Memorandum for Speechwriting Staff

From: Dan McGroarty

Regarding: *Law Day*

**Please return your comments to
Room 122 by:**

9am tomorrow

Today's Date: APR 29 1992

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RESPONSE:

Will turn around at 10:30 AM.

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*H. Moore →
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reference*

Yes, it strains our economy + costs us jobs. It also takes its toll on civility.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

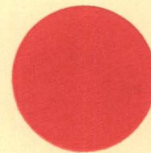
FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LL*

SUBJECT: Law Day Remarks

Counsel's Office has a few small suggestions on the above-captioned remarks. See attached markup.

cc: Phil Brady

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DATE: 4/29/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURS. 4/30/92 10:00a

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LAW DAY

SUBJECT: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1992 - ROOSEVELT ROOM

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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY, 4/30 with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

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Thank you for coming this morning.

I'm pleased to join you in continuing the tradition of Law Day. This occasion offers the chance to reflect on the most basic American principle -- the notion of ordered liberty, freedom under the rule of law. The Founders saw law and liberty as complementary, one guaranteeing the other. Personal liberty could endure only if it was protected by the rule of law, and the rule of law would continue only so long as it respected personal liberty.

In America, as in any civilized society, the law must be reasonable and predictable to be just. It must be blind to color and class. It must resist enthusiasm and fashion, and it must ~~never be manipulated for purely private gain.~~ ^{be fair-}

This week, as you may know, I have been talking about reforming our government's system of regulation -- an essential part of our broad-based reform agenda. This morning I would like to mention another essential component of that agenda -- our plan to reform our country's civil justice system.

Our system today is disorderly, cumbersome, wasteful of time and money. The system ~~too often becomes~~ ^{is too easily manipulated into} an instrument of malice rather than justice. Over the last generation, it has been

crippled by perverse incentives that make a lawsuit preferable to other, less rancorous means of resolving disputes. The result is the "litigation explosion."

This breakdown touches the American people in the deepest, most personal ways. We hear of parents reluctant to coach Little League teams -- doctors unwilling to deliver babies -- volunteers wary of helping those in need -- all from fear that a small act of kindness might produce the nightmare of a meritless lawsuit.

That's wrong. In many parts of the country over the past several months, I have said, "We must sue each other less and start helping each other more." This sentiment never fails to strike a chord with the people I speak to.

That should tell us something profound on this Law Day, [and in the coming weeks I will speak on the issue in greater detail]. The American people want and deserve a civil justice system based on fairness, proportionality, timeliness, and a sense of personal responsibility. Today, on Law Day 1992, let us rededicate ourselves to restoring those principles to our legal system.

Thank you. I will now sign the Law Day proclamation.

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