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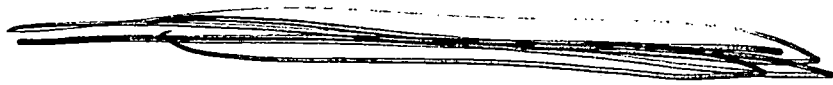
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

[ACKNOWLEDGMENTS]

Let me first thank the people of Los Angeles for all they have done during my visit. With all that has transpired these last few days, I can imagine the headaches our visit has caused, but I can assure you we do plan to leave on schedule. The police, the community groups, the Mayor's office, the Governor: Everyone has been tremendously helpful.

It was vitally important that I come here. The Los Angeles Community has been the site of a terrible tragedy. Not just for you, but for our country -- and everyone around the world who looks to America as a model of freedom and justice. That's why I want to say a few things about my visit, to speak with you about what I've seen in this city -- and most importantly -- about where we must go as a nation. For as I said yesterday at Mt. Zion Church we are one people -- one-family -- one nation under God.

[Anecdote(s) from tour and meetings.] When people terrorize one another and burn each others property, I can hardly imagine the volume of fear and anger people must feel. In sum, on the same city block -- I saw tragic signs of hatred but remarkable signs of hope.

*If POTUS
used JAG's
remarks,
this is true.
He did
say it.*

This tragedy seemed to come suddenly but it has been many, many years in the making. I know it will take time to put things right. I could have said "put things right again", but that would miss the point. ~~It~~ Things weren't right before a week ago Wednesday. Things aren't right in too many cities across America. We must not return to the status quo -- not here -- not in any city where the system perpetuates failure, hatred, poverty, and despair.

Let me tell you a little story about Rudy Campbell. I saw him on TV. He looked to be about eight. His father was murdered a few years back. I didn't see his mother. Rudy is raised by his twenty-two year old sister who has five kids of her own. He lives in South Central. Think about what he has already been through. And that now he says he fears that things will only get "badder and badder and badder." It breaks your heart. But we can't stop there. Our children need more than sympathy.

What went wrong in L.A. -- what were the "underlying causes", the "root problems" -- that can all be debated. And it should be -- but not to assign blame. Casting blame gets us nowhere. Honest talk and principled actions will get us a lot further -- will move us forward. That's what we must do for our children.

We must start with some unpleasant realities that most Americans now recognize. Let me spend just a minute on those. Since the 1960's, we have tried lots of different programs --

ained at stemming the tide of urban violence, drugs, crime, and social decay.

Lots of different programs and policies -- all with noble intentions -- have tried to address the need for adequate housing, education, jobs and job training. Everything from child care to welfare to health care has been the subject of some commission, report, or study.

NOTE: KEMP HAS USED THIS STAT.

We have spent huge amounts of money -- some estimates are as high as two and a half trillion dollars over twenty-five years. Much of this effort went to construct a safety net -- to provide some security and hopefully some stability. Even in the last decade, federal spending went up for these kinds of efforts. But when we look where this path has taken us, it is not where we wanted to go.

Still waiting for OMB to clear the numbers

Now put away the studies and just look around our cities. Some quick facts: in 1960 the percentage of births to unwed mothers was 5%. Now it is 27%. If you read about a young black male dying, odds are that he was murdered. In fact, the odds are almost 1 out of 2. Kids used to carry just their lunches to school. Today some carry guns. Between 1987 and 1991, 129 guns were seized here in L.A. -- and that was just in the elementary schools. Drug and alcohol abuse are serious problems almost everywhere. ~~The chances that an 8th grader has ever used alcohol is 70%, and there's a 1 in 10 chance that he or she has used marijuana.~~

129 is correct figure.

Statisticians are nervous about orig. language

According to a recent national survey, 70% of 8th graders have used alcohol at least once. One in 10 have used marijuana. (-- WE'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MANY INHALED...)

In the wake of the L.A. riots -- in the wake of the crack epidemic sweeping our cities -- in the wake of a lost generation of inner-city lives: can any of us argue that we've solved the problems of poverty, racism, and crime? No!

Thanks to a great civil rights revolution, we removed many of the legal barriers to discrimination and equality of opportunity. [(But you don't need to look further than the graffiti on the next street to see that hate, bigotry and racism still plague our society.)]

Some programs -- I'm thinking of programs like Head Start or programs under the Older Americans Act ~~Aid to the Elderly~~ -- have shown time-tested positive results.

But many simply have not worked. Our welfare system doesn't get people off welfare -- it keeps people trapped there.

The statistics are indeed sobering. The sum and substance is this: our cities are in serious trouble.

We in government have an absolute responsibility to help solve these problems. Our first responsibility is to preserve order -- not the order of a prison yard -- but an ^{WC?} enabling order.

One where families can flourish, children can learn, and jobs can be created.

I have taken a hard look at what the government can do and how it can help communities with the concerns that really matter:

how people can own property, own their own home, start a business, create jobs, ensure that people not government make the big decisions that affect the health, education and care of one's own family.

Have you seen graffiti? We haven't seen the area where he's speaking.

No such program exists per Hans Kuttner

OR suggestion: decapitalize "aid to the elderly"?

Enabling has negative co-dependent connotation; also sounds like piece of legislation.

Think of the way the world looks right now to the single mother on welfare. Government provides you just enough cash for the bare necessities. Government tells you where you can live - - where your kids go to school. When you're sick -- government tells you what kind of care you get, and when. If you find a job, the government cuts your welfare benefits. If you save, if you manage to put some money away -- towards a home or maybe to help your kid through college -- the government comes after you for welfare fraud.

Hans Kuttner has objection to this line. See his Staffing comments.

Every one of those things happens with the system we've got right now. And then we wonder: why can't folks on welfare take control of their lives -- where's their sense of responsibility? If we had set out to devise a system that would perpetuate dependency -- a system that would strip away dignity and personal responsibility -- we could hardly have done better than the system we have today.

Every American knows it's time we tried something different. A fresh approach -- a radical change in the way we look at welfare and the inner city economy.

We must start with policies that foster personal responsibility, policies that refocus entitlement programs to serve those who are most needy, and increase the effectiveness of government services through competition and choice. I believe in policies that keep power close to the people -- and that use states as laboratories for innovation. I believe in policies that encourage entrepreneurship -- increase investment -- create

jobs. My agenda for economic opportunity flows from these principles:

One, we must spark an economic revival in urban America. That's why I want to see Enterprise Zones, with a zero capital gains rate for entrepreneurs and investors who locate businesses and create jobs in America's inner cities. We must break the perverse dis-incentives that discourage work and encourage welfare. We've got to reform our AFDC rules -- stop penalizing people who want to work and save -- people who must the individual initiative to leave welfare behind.

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Two, we must reclaim neighborhoods now ravaged by crime and drugs. We're doing that through a new initiative called Weed and Seed -- to "weed out" the gang leaders, the drug dealers and career criminals, and "seed" those neighborhoods with expanded educational opportunities and social services.

Three, safe neighborhoods are places where our children can learn. But that's not enough. We've got to revolutionize our schools. We do it through choice and competition -- two key ideas at the heart of the strategy I call American 2000. We must give parents in our nation's hardest-hit communities the same choices. ^{as who?} Parents, not the government, should be free to choose who cares for their children -- and where their children go to school.

Four, we must promote new hope through home ownership. That's the aim of our HOPE initiative, to give people a real stake in their communities -- something of value they can pass

along to their kids -- by turning public housing tenants into homeowners.

Redundant - choose one or the other.

Finally, fifth, we must assure all Americans access to basic health care -- and we can do it without compromising choice and quality, through my comprehensive plan for health care reform.

Some will say, "you've proposed all this before." They are right. And I am proposing it again. Because I am right. Some will say, "Where is the new money, the new programs, the new bureaucracy?" I will say, government doesn't create wealth, free enterprise and free people do. I will say, a government program does not raise children, families do. A government program does not dispense spiritual and moral guidance, churches, synagogues and parents do. A government program does not build neighborhoods, people do.

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I'm not a social scientist. I have never pretended to be. I look at things from my own experience.

"THE DOGMAS OF THE QUIET PAST ARE INADEQUATE TO THE STORMY PRESENT." We've tried the old ways of thinking. Now as Lincoln said *ACT ANEW* ~~WE MUST~~ "it is time to think anew." Our approach is a radical break

with the policies of the past. It is new because it's never been tried before. If ever the Congress needed a reason to try something new it is Los Angeles, California.

Duh.

When I ^{heard} saw the verdict in the Rodney King case, my reaction was not much different than the rest of America, as I said to the American people last Friday. I was stunned, but I remain confident in our system of justice. And when I saw the violence and rage erupt on your streets, my reaction was the same as most

other people. We all knew we had to restore order. A civilized society cannot tackle any of the really tough problems in the midst of chaos. It's as simple as that. We must never condone violence and brutality, and I am confident we never will.

When I saw and read about the heroic acts, the responsible acts, the selfless acts, of so many of the citizens of Los Angeles, my reaction was one of relief -- and hope for the future.

So far I have spoken about what government can do. Now let me talk about what society must do. I have said we can agree on several things. For ²⁵thirty years we've tried many solutions, spent a lot of money, and haven't solved the problems. But we are not a morally, spiritually, or intellectually bankrupt nation. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have the spirit and the gumption to go at this problem again and again until we beat it. And we will -- if we try the right things -- things we haven't tried before.

Even in the short time I've been here, I could sense that the real anguish of the people in the hardest hit areas is about their kids. People are worried sick about the children. I believe all agree that whatever we do must be about the children -- they are our future. Our actions in the wake of this tragedy are for them -- not just here in Los Angeles, but all across the country.

Your own Mayor Bradley was among a group of mayors who came to see me last January. I have repeated often what he and others

Top of pg 10 we say 25 years as reference point. We should be consistent either way.

1 or 2 mayors did mention money. Bradley mentioned need for new programs. Almost exact quote by Bradley: the old stuff just doesn't work anymore. We need new ideas, new innovative programs that center on the family. (Quietly hits Great Soc. issue.)

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said to me that day. ~~They didn't ask for more programs or more money.~~ They said that the most important problem facing our cities is the dissolution of the family. They're right. What's the determining fact right now for whether a child has hope -- stays in school, stays away from drugs? It's not the level of federal aid. It's not a HUD grant or an SBA loan. It's whether a child lives in a loving home with a mother and a father.

History tells us that societies cannot succeed without some fundamental building blocks in place. The state of our nation is the state of our communities. Good communities are safe and decent. They care for their young people -- instill them with character and values and good habits for life. They have good schools. Good communities provide opportunity and hope, rooted in the dignity of work and reward for achievement.

So this is obviously not a crisis just of economics. This is about rebuilding our spirit. It's about rebuilding bonds among individuals, and among ethnic groups, between races. We must not let our diversity destroy us. It is central to our strength as a country. Our ability to live and work together has made America the inspiration of the world.

That's why guaranteeing a hopeful future for the children of our cities is about a lot more than rebuilding burned out buildings. It's about building a new American community. And history shows us that government alone cannot come close to creating the scale and energy needed to transform the lives of

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people in need. Anyone who believes otherwise has been living in
a cave for the last twenty-five years. ^{FOR "MUST HAVE"}

In every city in America, tens of thousands of groups, and
hundreds of thousands of individuals, who have never been
involved before, and who will never be paid one nickel for their
efforts, must become partners in solving our most serious social
problems. One need not look far for the evidence that this is
central to the solution. ^{there actually are 100 of them.}

Right now, this community has many of the answers within
itself. For example, there are four Cities in Schools programs,
there are ~~xx~~ members of One Hundred Black Men mentoring boys in
South Central Los Angeles. ^{2,000 CHILDREN} If instead there were Ten Thousand
^{CHILDREN}

Black Men working with ~~boys~~ ^{children}, and twenty-five Cities in Schools
programs helping ^{why hispanic? ALL AT RISK CHILDREN} [hispanic] children learn -- and so on with the
hundreds of people and groups that work with kids -- there is no
question that what happened last week would have been much, much
less severe. So it only makes sense that a large part of our
challenge is to dramatically expand the scale of what we already
know works in community after community.

The phrase I have repeated perhaps more often than any other
is worth repeating here "From now on in America, any definition
of a successful life must include serving others". That goes for
institutions as well as individuals.

When we look to ensure a decent and hopeful future for our
children, I mean this about every community: First, every group
and institution in America -- schools, businesses, churches --

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"THIS AREA" OR "THE LOS ANGELES AREA."

- Programs are in:
- Englewood
 - Compton
 - Long Beach
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- Nickerson Gardens

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must do its part. We must praise what works and share what works. Second, all leaders -- all leaders must mobilize and inspire their people to take action. Third, community centers must link those that care with those ^{IN} who need the help. Fourth, the media must cover what is working, so we can share and repeat our successes many times over. Finally, we must change our liability laws that frighten good people away from helping others.

But there's something society must cultivate that government cannot provide. Something we can't legislate -- or establish by government order. I'm talking about the moral sense that must guide us all. In the simplest terms -- I'm talking about knowing right from wrong.

Let me come back again to that little boy I spoke about earlier -- Rudy Campbell. There's a lesson he learned that survived the horror and the hate. In the midst of all the chaos -- in the midst of so much that's gone wrong -- he knows what's right. When he was asked about the violence, here's what he said, "They should know what's right and wrong, because when I was four... that's when I learned."

That's got to give us hope. God bless Rudy Campbell. And God bless the person who cared enough to teach him right from wrong. Now, it's up to us -- everyone of us in this room -- to guarantee that Rudy and all the millions of kids like him have a shot at a better life.

I believe we are right about family. We are right about freedom and free enterprise. We are right about faith. And most of all, we are right about America's future. We have the capacity in our government, in our communities, and in ourselves to transform America into the nation we have dreamed of for generations.

Thank you for the conviction you have to act on your beliefs. Thank you for all you have done. God bless the United States of America.

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Dan - we're still working on
these two speeches.
Please give input.

(Smith/Aarhus)
May 6, 1992
Draft One
CHILE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR CHILEAN
PRESIDENT AYLWIN
SOUTH LAWN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1992

Friends of Chile and the United States, ladies and gentlemen. / President Aylwin, I am honored to welcome you to the White House -- an opportunity not only to exchange views, but to return hospitality. //

I remember visiting Santiago with my daughter Doro in December of 1990. I will never forget how warmly you, Dona Leonor, your family, and the Chilean people received us. //

[Anecdote].

Mr. President, you once described Chile's success as "the reflection of a mature country that knows what it wants and is able to achieve it by means of the democratic process." / That maturity has been hard-won: Americans shared your pain during Chile's dark years -- when democracy was a fading dream and peace, a faded hope. / But it has been won. Today, your government serves its people -- and serves as a model to others.

The same may be said of your leadership: since taking office, you have revived Chilean democracy. / In 19__, Theodore Roosevelt visited Chile and spoke of a "democratic experiment on a far vaster scale than has ever been attempted anywhere else in

the world." / As proof, look to next month. Your people will vote in Chile's first local elections in twenty years.

Look, too, to the economy -- where you have married free people with free markets: a union of economic growth -- growth faster than any other economy in Latin America. / Today, your trade barriers are falling -- your exports rising -- largely because as a member of the Cairnes Group, you led the way against agricultural subsidies and protectionism. //

I salute these achievements. So did the Inter-American Development Bank -- turning first to Chile to implement its investment policy program. And under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, Chile was also first to have official debt to the United States forgiven. // The reason is not only that our peoples share what your government called the "community of ideas, of feelings and needs" -- we share this land. We share more than the New World -- we share a responsibility to keep our world new. //

So, last February, we signed an agreement helping Chile create an environmental project fund with money which would have otherwise serviced debt -- though we'll continue to address economic concerns under our 1990 trade and investment framework agreement. // Our challenge now is to build on those beginnings -- and show why Bernardo O'Higgins, the father of your independence, wrote that "the Americas [give] great hopes to philosophers and patriots alike." //

Today, Chile gives hope to an entire hemisphere. / With market-oriented reforms, you've led by example. In international relations, you're leading through integrity: Other nations count on Chilean leadership in the Organization of American States / in the United Nations / and in the community of nations. Your people did the hard work of freedom in Kuwait, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Cambodia. You joined your neighbors to defend democracy -- first at last year's OAS General Assembly, then most recently in Haiti and Venezuela. //

There's a poem I learned when I was in Chile. Doro especially likes it. It's called Machado's "Caminante." / There's one line I remember: "Traveler, there is no road, you make a road in traveling." //

Mr. President, I believe Chile is that traveler. Traveling the road of history -- a history made one step at a time. Chile offers an eloquent rebuke to those enemies of democracy -- far left or right -- who try to mislead and confuse the people. Chile shows how liberty can shape not only a nation of great promise -- but a people of promises kept. //

Traveling together, Mr. President, we will keep our promises, and make that road to a better tomorrow. / We are honored to welcome to welcome to Washington, as our guest, one of our hemisphere's greatest leaders.

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(Smith/Aarhus)
May 7, 1992
Draft Two
TOAST

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER TOAST TO PRESIDENT
 AYLWIN OF CHILE
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1992

President Aylwin, I am pleased to welcome you and Donna
Leonor to the White House -- and to return the warm reception you
gave me during my visit to your country. / I learned many things
on that trip -- including a Chilean proverb. It goes: "The
shrimp that falls asleep, it is taken by the current." I use it
to scare Ranger. //

Among my memories of my trip was a lunch we shared at your
home in Santiago. In particular, I recall the pride and delight
you took in your children and your grandchildren. / Mr.
President, it has been said that "the greatest glory of a free-
born people is to transmit that freedom to their children." Your
country's bright future lies in the hands and hearts of a free-
born people, determined to see their children born free --
passing liberty from mother to daughter, from father to son. //

Today, I was reminded how your father, an esteemed Supreme
Court Justice, passed his love of law and liberty to his son:
you, yourself a revered legal scholar. And I thought of, how
over sixty years ago, our Louis Brandeis observed that "the final
end of the State was to make men free to develop their
faculties." He added that those who love freedom know "liberty

to be the secret of happiness / and courage to be the secret of liberty." //

Mr. President, Justice Brandeis could find no better example of courage in pursuit of liberty than the Chilean people and their leader. Today, Chileans are "free to develop their faculties" to the fullest -- having inherited the political and economic rights their parents worked to achieve. They've also assumed liberty's responsibilities: the knowledge that freedom taken for granted can become freedom taken away. / Chile continues the hard work of freedom: defending democracy in Haiti and Venezuela -- promoting peace in Central America and the Middle East. //

My friend President Alywin and I first met nearly two years ago at the White House. Today, I have again had the chance to observe his insight and eloquence. ((The President, of course, is fluent in both English and French. / I'm jealous. / Some say English is my only foreign language.)) //

Talking to him today, I knew that Chile will continue to export its material goods. I know also it will export its dreams: the courage, hope, and imagination of free markets and free peoples. Chile teaches others that political differences never excuse indifference to the law -- and that social needs are better met by the invisible hand of the free market than by the iron fist of bureaucracy.

Thirty years ago, President Eisenhower spoke to your people, saying: "We in the Western Hemisphere are still young nations,

still growing, still experimenting." / I believe that's still true today -- because democracy is as young as our children -- as all the children of the world. //

Mr. President, I am honored to lift my glass to you, to Chile, and to the bonds of friendship between our two peoples.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY.

FROM:

JOHN HERRMANN *JH*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: To the Community of Los Angeles

Several members of the Office of Policy Development staff have reviewed the attached presidential remarks and noted suggested changes on the draft. Roger Porter is travelling with the President and has not reviewed these suggestions.

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/6/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00AM, THURS MAY

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 11:00AM, THURSDAY, MAY 7. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

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Let me first thank the people of the City of Los Angeles for all they have done to make this visit so ~~successful~~ ^{PRODUCTIVE}. With all that has transpired these last few days, I can't imagine the headaches we've probably caused, but I can assure you we do plan to leave on schedule. The police, the community groups, the Mayor's office, the Governor: Everyone has been tremendously helpful.

It was important that I come here. Los Angeles has been the site of a terrible tragedy. Not just for you, but for all of us. ~~That's why it's important that I say a few things about this~~ ^{TODAY I'D LIKE} visit, to speak with you about what I've seen in this city -- and about where we must now go as a country.

[Anecdote(s) from tour and meetings.] ~~In sum,~~ on the same city block -- I saw shocking signs of hatred and remarkable signs of hope.

This tragedy has been many, many years in the making. It will take a long time to put things right. I could have said "put things right again", but that would miss the point. Things weren't right before a week ago Wednesday. The status quo here, and in too many cities across America is not right. We must not return to the status quo -- not here -- not in any city where the status quo perpetuates failure, hatred, and despair.

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Let me tell you a little about Rudy Cambell. Saw him on TV. Looks to be about eight. Father? Murdered a few years back. Mother? Didn't see her. Rudy is raised by his twenty-two year old sister who has five kids of her own. Lives in a tough neighborhood. Think about what he has already been through. And that now he says he fears that things will only get "badder and badder and badder." It breaks your heart.

What went wrong in L.A. -- what were the "underlying causes", the "root problems" -- that can all be debated. And it should be. Not to assign blame. Casting blame gets us nowhere. Honest talk and principled actions will get us ~~a lot~~ ^{MUCH} further ~~AND~~ ^{AND} will move us forward.

I believe there are some facts that most Americans can agree with. Let me spend just a minute on those. Since the sixties, ~~lots of~~ ^{MANY} different programs have been tried -- aimed at stemming the tide of urban violence, drugs, crime, and social decay.

Lots of different programs have tried to address the need for adequate housing, ~~for~~ ^g health care, ~~for~~ ^g education, ~~for~~ ^{AND} job training. Everything from child care to welfare to health care has been the subject of some commission, report, or study.

Huge amounts of money have been spent -- some estimates are as high as two and a half trillion dollars over twenty-five years. ~~check the numbers. Even in the last decade,~~ ^{AND CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME MIGHT HAVE YOU BELIEVE} federal

~~spending went up~~ ^g for these kinds of efforts. ~~RESOURCES ARE IMPORTANT, BUT THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF A PROGRAM MUST BE MEASURED BY RESULTS.~~ ^{HAS INCREASED OVER THE LAST} ~~Put away the studies and look around our cities.~~ Some quick facts: in 1960 the percentage of births to unwed mothers was 5%.

Now it is 27% -- 5 times as great. If you read about a young black male dying, odds are that he was murdered. In fact, odds are 4 out of 10. Our young black men are at a crisis: If you're a black male between 15-25 here in California, you're three times more likely to be murdered than to enter the University of California. Kids used to carry just their lunches to school. Between 1987 and 1991, 134 guns were seized here in L.A. -- and that was in our elementary schools. Numbers for high schools are 10 times as great. The chances that an 8th grader has ever used alcohol is 70%, and there's a 1 in 10 chance that he or she has used marijuana.

In the wake of the L.A. riots -- in the wake of the crack epidemic -- in the wake of the lost generation of inner-city youth: can any of us argue that we've solved the problems of poverty, racism, and crime?

We have made progress^{IN} removing many of the legal barriers to discrimination and equality. [[But you don't need to look further than the graffiti on the next street to see that hate, bigotry and racism still plagues⁹ our society.]]

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- have shown time-tested positive results. But many, many more simply have not ~~worked~~^{BEEN EFFECTIVE.}. Our welfare system doesn't get people off welfare -- it keeps them there. Our safety net -- as essential as it is -- stops short of providing the people it serves a ~~way~~^{MEANS TO BREAK} out of a dehumanizing and inefficient cycle of poverty.

WHAT STATISTICS?
POVERTY?

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We know all too well the sobering statistics -- severest in our nation's urban areas. The summary fact is this: our cities are in serious trouble.

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Every one of those things happens with the system we've got right now. And then we wonder: why can't these people take control of their lives -- where's their sense of responsibility?

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Good communities are safe and decent. They care for their young people -- instill them with character and values and good habits for life. They have good schools. And good communities provide opportunity and hope, rooted in the dignity of work and reward for achievement.

So this is obviously not a crisis just of economics. This is about rebuilding our spirit. It's about rebuilding the bonds between individuals, and between ethnic groups, between races. We must not let our diversity destroy us. Our diversity is central to our strength as a country.

That's why guaranteeing a hopeful future for the children of our cities is about a lot more than rebuilding burned out buildings. It's about building a new American community. And history shows us that government cannot come close to creating the scale and energy needed to transform the lives of people in need. Anyone who believes otherwise has been living in a cave for the last twenty-five years.

The simple fact is that in every city in America, tens of thousands of groups, and hundreds of thousands of individuals, who have never been involved before, and who will never be paid one nickel for their efforts, must become partners in solving our most serious social problems. One need not look far for the evidence that this is part of the solution.

Right now, this community has many of the answers within itself. For example, there are four Cities in Schools programs, there are xx members of One Hundred Black Men mentoring boys in

South Central Los Angeles. If instead there were Ten Thousand Black Men working with boys, and twenty-five Cities in Schools programs helping young people learn -- and so on with the hundreds of people and groups that work with kids -- there is no question that what happened last week would have been much, much less severe. So it only makes sense that a large part of our challenge is to expand the scale of what we already know works in community after community.

Perhaps the phrase I have repeated more often than any other is "Any definition of a successful life must include service to others". That goes for institutions as well as individuals.

When we look to ensure a decent and hopeful future for our children, I mean this: First, we must praise what works and share what works. Second, our leaders must mobilize and inspire their communities to take action. Third, community centers must link those that care with those who need ~~the~~ help. Fourth, the media must cover what is working, so we can share and repeat our successes many times over. Finally, we must change our laws that frighten good people away from helping others. Finally, there's something society must cultivate that government cannot provide. Something we can't legislate -- or establish by government order. I'm talking about the moral sense that must guide us all. In simplest terms -- I'm talking about knowing right from wrong.

Let me come back again to ~~that~~^{THE} little boy I spoke about earlier -- Rudy Campbell. There's a lesson he's learned that survived the horror and the hate. In the midst of all the chaos

-- in the midst of so much that's gone wrong -- he knows what's right. When he was asked about the violence, here's what he said, "They should know what's right and wrong, because when I was four... that's when I learned."

That's got to give us hope. God bless Rudy Campbell. And God bless the person who cared enough to teach him right from wrong. Now, it's up to us -- everyone of us in this room -- to guarantee Rudy and all the millions of kids like him have a ^{CHANCE} ~~shot~~ _{for} at a better life.

I believe we are right about family. We are right about faith, about America's future. We must take these steps to reclaim the American Dream for the people of our cities.

Thank you for the conviction you have to act on your beliefs. Thank you for all you have done. God bless the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/6/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00AM, THURS, MAY
 PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES
 SUBJECT: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 11:00AM, THURSDAY, MAY 7. Thank you.

RESPONSE: *Partial comments from OMB and Boskin*
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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Let me first thank the people of Los Angeles for all they have done during my visit. With all that has transpired these last few days, I can imagine the headaches our visit has caused, but I can assure you we do plan to leave on schedule. The police, the community groups, the Mayor's office, the Governor: Everyone has been tremendously helpful.

It was vitally important that I come here. The Los Angeles Community has been the site of a terrible tragedy. Not just for you, but for our country -- and everyone around the world who looks to America as a model of freedom and justice. That's why I want to say a few things about my visit, to speak with you about what I've seen in this city -- and most importantly -- about where we must go as a nation. For as I said yesterday at Mt. Zion Church we are one people -- one-family -- one nation under God.

[Anecdote(s) from tour and meetings.] When people terrorize one another and burn each others property, I can hardly imagine the volume of fear and anger people must feel. In sum, on the same city block -- I saw tragic signs of hatred but remarkable signs of hope.

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This tragedy seemed to come suddenly but it has been many, many years in the making. I know it will take time to put things right. I could have said "put things right again", but that would miss the point. Things weren't right before a week ago Wednesday. Things aren't right in too many cities across America. We must not return to the status quo -- not here -- not in any city where the system perpetuates failure, hatred, poverty, and despair.

Let me tell you a little story about Rudy Campbell. I saw him on TV. He looked to be about eight. His father was murdered a few years back. I didn't see his mother. Rudy is raised by his twenty-two year old sister who has five kids of her own. He lives in South Central. Think about what he has already been through. And that now he says he fears that things will only get "badder and badder and badder." It breaks your heart. But we can't stop there. Our children need more than sympathy.

What went wrong in L.A. -- what were the "underlying causes", the "root problems" -- that can all be debated. And it should be -- but not to assign blame. Casting blame gets us nowhere. Honest talk and principled actions will get us a lot further -- will move us forward. That's what we must do for our children.

We must start with some unpleasant realities that most Americans now recognize. Let me spend just a minute on those. Since the 1960's, we have tried lots of different programs --

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aimed at stemming the tide of urban violence, drugs, crime, and social decay.

Lots of different programs and policies -- all with noble intentions -- have tried to address the need for adequate housing, education, jobs and job training. Everything from child care to welfare to health care has been the subject of some commission, report, or study.

We have spent huge amounts of money -- some estimates are as high as two and a half trillion dollars over twenty-five years. Much of this effort went to construct a safety net -- to provide some security and hopefully some stability. Even in the last decade, federal spending went up for these kinds of efforts. But when we look where this path has taken us, it is not where we wanted to go.

Now put away the studies and just look around our cities. Some quick facts: in 1960 the percentage of births to unwed mothers was 5%. Now it is 27%. If you read about a young black male dying, odds are that he was murdered. In fact, the odds are almost 1 out of 2. Kids used to carry just their lunches to school. Today some carry guns. Between 1987 and 1991, 134 guns were seized here in L.A. -- and that was just in the elementary schools. Drug and alcohol abuse are serious problems almost everywhere. The chances that an 8th grader has ever used alcohol is 70%, and there's a 1 in 10 chance that he or she has used marijuana.

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In the wake of the L.A. riots -- in the wake of the crack epidemic sweeping our cities -- in the wake of a lost generation of inner-city lives: can any of us argue that we've solved the problems of poverty, racism, and crime? No!

Thanks to a great civil rights revolution, we removed many of the legal barriers to discrimination and equality of opportunity. [[But you don't need to look further than the graffiti on the next street to see that hate, bigotry and racism still plague our society.]]

Some programs -- I'm thinking of programs like Head Start or Aid to the Elderly -- have shown time-tested positive results. But many simply have not worked. Our welfare system doesn't get people off welfare -- it keeps people trapped there.

The statistics are indeed sobering. The sum and substance is this: our cities are in serious trouble.

We in government have an absolute responsibility to help solve these problems. Our first responsibility is to preserve order -- not the order of a prison yard -- but an enabling order. One where families can flourish, children can learn, and jobs can be created.

I have taken a hard look at what the government can do and how it can help communities with the concerns that really matter: how people can own property, own their own home, start a business, create jobs, ensure that people not government make the big decisions that affect the health, education and care of one's own family.

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Think of the way the world looks right now to the single mother on welfare. Government provides you just enough cash for the bare necessities. Government tells you where you can live - - where your kids go to school. When you're sick -- government tells you what kind of care you get, and when. If you find a job, the government cuts your welfare benefits. If you save, if you manage to put some money away -- towards a home or maybe to help your kid through college -- the government comes after you for welfare fraud.

Every one of those things happens with the system we've got right now. And then we wonder: why can't folks on welfare take control of their lives -- where's their sense of responsibility? If we had set out to devise a system that would perpetuate dependency -- a system that would strip away dignity and personal responsibility -- we could hardly have done better than the system we have today.

Every American knows it's time we tried something different. A fresh approach -- a radical change in the way we look at welfare and the inner city economy.

We must start with policies that foster personal responsibility, policies that refocus entitlement programs to serve those who are most needy, and increase the effectiveness of government services through competition and choice. I believe in policies that keep power close to the people -- and that use states as laboratories for innovation. I believe in policies that encourage entrepreneurship -- increase investment -- create

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jobs. My agenda for economic opportunity flows from these principles:

One, we must spark an economic revival in urban America. That's why I want to see Enterprise Zones, with a zero capital gains rate for entrepreneurs and investors who locate businesses and create jobs in America's inner cities. We must break the perverse dis-incentives that discourage work and encourage welfare. We've got to reform our AFDC rules -- stop penalizing people who want to work and save -- people who must the individual initiative to leave welfare behind.

Two, we must reclaim neighborhoods now ravaged by crime and drugs. We're doing that through a new initiative called Weed and Seed -- to "weed out" the gang leaders, the drug dealers and career criminals, and "seed" those neighborhoods with expanded educational opportunities and social services.

Three, safe neighborhoods are places where our children can learn. But that's not enough. We've got to revolutionize our schools. We do it through choice and competition -- two key ideas at the heart of the strategy I call American 2000. We must give parents in our nation's hardest-hit communities the same choices. Parents, not the government, should be free to choose who cares for their children -- and where their children go to school.

Four, we must promote new hope through home ownership. That's the aim of our HOPE initiative, to give people a real stake in their communities -- something of value they can pass

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along to their kids -- by turning public housing tenants into homeowners.

Finally, fifth, we must assure all Americans access to basic health care -- and we can do it without compromising choice and quality, through my comprehensive plan for health care reform.

Some will say, "you've proposed all this before." They are right. And I am proposing it again. Because I am right. Some will say, "Where is the new money, the new programs, the new bureaucracy?" I will say, government doesn't create wealth, free enterprise and free people do. I will say, a government program does not raise children, families do. A government program does not dispense spiritual and moral guidance, churches, synagogues and parents do. A government program does not build neighborhoods, people do.

I'm not a social scientist. I have never pretended to be. I look at things from my own experience.

We've tried the old ways of thinking. Now as Lincoln said "it is time to think anew." Our approach is a radical break with the policies of the past. It is new because it's never been tried before. If ever the Congress needed a reason to try something new it is Los Angeles, California.

When I saw the verdict in the Rodney King case, my reaction was not much different than the rest of America, as I said to the American people last Friday. I was stunned, but I remain confident in our system of justice. And when I saw the violence and rage erupt on your streets, my reaction was the same as most

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other people. We all knew we had to restore order. A civilized society cannot tackle any of the really tough problems in the midst of chaos. It's as simple as that. We must never condone violence and brutality, and I am confident we never will.

When I saw and read about the heroic acts, the responsible acts, the selfless acts, of so many of the citizens of Los Angeles, my reaction was one of relief -- and hope for the future.

So far I have spoken about what government can do. Now let me talk about what society must do. I have said we can agree on several things. For thirty years we've tried many solutions, spent a lot of money, and haven't solved the problems. But we are not a morally, spiritually, or intellectually bankrupt nation. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have the spirit and the gumption to go at this problem again and again until we beat it. And we will -- if we try the right things -- things we haven't tried before.

Even in the short time I've been here, I could sense that the real anguish of the people in the hardest hit areas is about their kids. People are worried sick about the children. I believe all agree that whatever we do must be about the children -- they are our future. Our actions in the wake of this tragedy are for them -- not just here in Los Angeles, but all across the country.

Your own Mayor Bradley was among a group of mayors who came to see me last January. I have repeated often what he and others

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said to me that day. They didn't ask for more programs or more money. They said that the most important problem facing our cities is the dissolution of the family. They're right. What's the determining fact right now for whether a child has hope -- stays in school, stays away from drugs? It's not the level of federal aid. It's not a HUD grant or an SBA loan. It's whether a child lives in a loving home with a mother and a father.

History tells us that societies cannot succeed without some fundamental building blocks in place. The state of our nation is the state of our communities. Good communities are safe and decent. They care for their young people -- instill them with character and values and good habits for life. They have good schools. Good communities provide opportunity and hope, rooted in the dignity of work and reward for achievement.

So this is obviously not a crisis just of economics. This is about rebuilding our spirit. It's about rebuilding bonds among individuals, and among ethnic groups, between races. We must not let our diversity destroy us. It is central to our strength as a country. Our ability to live and work together has made America the inspiration of the world.

That's why guaranteeing a hopeful future for the children of our cities is about a lot more than rebuilding burned out buildings. It's about building a new American community. And history shows us that government alone cannot come close to creating the scale and energy needed to transform the lives of

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people in need. Anyone who believes otherwise has been living in a cave for the last twenty-five years.

In every city in America, tens of thousands of groups, and hundreds of thousands of individuals, who have never been involved before, and who will never be paid one nickel for their efforts, must become partners in solving our most serious social problems. One need not look far for the evidence that this is central to the solution.

Right now, this community has many of the answers within itself. For example, there are four Cities in Schools programs, there are xx members of One Hundred Black Men mentoring boys in South Central Los Angeles. If instead there were Ten Thousand Black Men working with boys, and twenty-five Cities in Schools programs helping hispanic children learn -- and so on with the hundreds of people and groups that work with kids -- there is no question that what happened last week would have been much, much less severe. So it only makes sense that a large part of our challenge is to dramatically expand the scale of what we already know works in community after community.

The phrase I have repeated perhaps more often than any other is worth repeating here "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others". That goes for institutions as well as individuals.

When we look to ensure a decent and hopeful future for our children, I mean this about every community: First, every group and institution in America -- schools, businesses, churches --

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must do its part. We must praise what works and share what works. Second, all leaders -- all leaders must mobilize and inspire their people to take action. Third, community centers must link those that care with those who need the help. Fourth, the media must cover what is working, so we can share and repeat our successes many times over. Finally, we must change our liability laws that frighten good people away from helping others.

But, there's something society must cultivate that government cannot provide. Something we can't legislate -- or establish by government order. I'm talking about the moral sense that must guide us all. In the simplest terms -- I'm talking about knowing right from wrong.

Let me come back again to that little boy I spoke about earlier -- Rudy Campbell. There's a lesson he learned that survived the horror and the hate. In the midst of all the chaos -- in the midst of so much that's gone wrong -- he knows what's right. When he was asked about the violence, here's what he said, "They should know what's right and wrong, because when I was four... that's when I learned."

That's got to give us hope. God bless Rudy Campbell. And God bless the person who cared enough to teach him right from wrong. Now, it's up to us -- everyone of us in this room -- to guarantee that Rudy and all the millions of kids like him have a shot at a better life.

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I believe we are right about family. We are right about freedom and free enterprise. We are right about faith. And most of all, we are right about America's future. We have the capacity in our government, in our communities, and in ourselves to transform America into the nation we have dreamed of for generations.

Thank you for the conviction you have to act on your beliefs. Thank you for all you have done. God bless the United States of America.

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Put away the studies and look around our cities. Some quick facts: in 1960 the percentage of births to unwed mothers was 5%.

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We have made progress removing many of the legal barriers to discrimination and equality. [[But you don't need to look further than the graffiti on the next street to see that hate, bigotry and racism still plagues our society.]]

Some programs -- I'm thinking of a program like Head Start - - have shown time-tested positive results. But many, many more simply have not worked. Our welfare system doesn't get people off welfare -- it keeps them there. Our safety net -- as essential as it is -- stops short of providing the people it serves a way out of a dehumanizing and inefficient cycle of poverty.

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We in government have an absolute responsibility to participate in solving these problems. Our first responsibility is to create order -- not the order of a prison yard -- but an enabling order. One where families can flourish, children can learn, and jobs can be created.

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It's time we tried something different. A fresh approach. I believe we must start with a set of principles -- principles that give the word opportunity real meaning for people. They are very simple: Order is better than disorder. Tolerance is better than intolerance. Work is better than welfare. Opportunity is better than entitlement. Independence is better than dependence. Ownership is better than tenancy. And traditional family values are better than moral relativism and government paternalism.

I believe in policies that foster personal responsibility, policies that refocus entitlement programs to serve those who are truly needy, and increase choice and competition in delivering government services. I believe in policies that rely on the community for guidance and that use states as laboratories. I believe in policies that encourage entrepreneurship -- increase investment -- create jobs.

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So far I have spoken about what government can do. Now let me talk about what society must do. I have said we can agree on several things. In sum, for thirty years we've tried a lot of solutions, spent a lot of money, and haven't solved the problems. But we are not a morally, spiritually, or intellectually bankrupt nation. In other words, we have the spirit and the gumption to go at this problem again and again until we beat it. Maybe even to try some things we haven't tried before.

Before I arrived I was told that the real anguish of the people in the hardest hit areas is about the children. This we should be able to agree on as well -- whatever we do must be about the children -- they are the future. Our actions in the wake of this tragedy are for them -- not just here in Los Angeles, but all across the country.

Your own Mayor Bradley was among a group of mayors who came to see me last January. I have repeated often what he and others said to me that day. They didn't say more programs or more money. They said that the most important problem facing our cities is the dissolution of the family. They're right. What's the determining fact right now in whether a child has hope -- stays in school, stays away from drugs? It's not the level of federal aid. It's not a HUD grant or an SBA loan. It's whether a child lives in a home with a mother and a father.

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Good communities are safe and decent. They care for their young people -- instill them with character and values and good habits for life. They have good schools. And good communities provide opportunity and hope, rooted in the dignity of work and reward for achievement.

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That's why guaranteeing a hopeful future for the children of our cities is about a lot more than rebuilding burned out buildings. It's about building a new American community. And history shows us that government cannot come close to creating the scale and energy needed to transform the lives of people in need. Anyone who believes otherwise has been living in a cave for the last twenty-five years.

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Right now, this community has many of the answers within itself. For example, there are four Cities in Schools programs, there are xx members of One Hundred Black Men mentoring boys in

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Perhaps the phrase I have repeated more often than any other is "Any definition of a successful life must include service to others". That goes for institutions as well as individuals.

When we look to ensure a decent and hopeful future for our children, I mean this: First, we must praise what works and share what works. Second, our leaders must mobilize and inspire their communities to take action. Third, community centers must link those that care with those who need the help. Fourth, the media must cover what is working, so we can share and repeat our successes many times over. Finally, we must change our laws that frighten good people away from helping others. Finally, there's something society must cultivate that government cannot provide. Something we can't legislate -- or establish by government order. I'm talking about the moral sense that must guide us all. In simplest terms -- I'm talking about knowing right from wrong.

Let me come back again to that little boy I spoke about earlier -- Rudy Campbell. There's a lesson he's learned that survived the horror and the hate. In the midst of all the chaos

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That's got to give us hope. God bless Rudy Campbell. And God bless the person who cared enough to teach him right from wrong. Now, it's up to us -- everyone of us in this room -- to guarantee Rudy and all the millions of kids like him have a shot at a better life.

I believe we are right about family. We are right about faith, about America's future. We must take these steps to reclaim the American Dream for the people of our cities.

Thank you for the conviction you have to act on your beliefs. Thank you for all you have done. God bless the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To Dan McGroarty

Fundamentally a very good speech. As you will see, I've done a lot of editing.

I look forward to seeing the next draft.

Good luck.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DJ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 5/6/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00AM, THURS, MAY

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TO THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES
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REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 11:00AM, THURSDAY, MAY 7. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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[ACKNOWLEDGMENTS]

Let me first thank the people of the City of Los Angeles for all they have done to make this visit so successful. With all that has transpired these last few days, I can't imagine the headaches we've probably caused, but I can assure you we do plan to leave on schedule. The police, the community groups, the Mayor's office, the Governor: Everyone has been tremendously helpful.

It was important that I come here. Los Angeles has been the site of a terrible tragedy. Not just for you, but for all of us. That's why it's important that I say a few things about this visit, to speak with you about what I've seen in this city -- and about where we must now go as a country.

[Anecdote(s) from tour and meetings.] In sum, on the same city block -- I saw shocking signs of hatred and remarkable signs of hope.

This tragedy has been many, many years in the making. It will take a long time to put things right. I could have said "put things right again", but that would miss the point. Things weren't right before a week ago Wednesday. The status quo here, and in too many cities across America, is not right. We must not return to the status quo -- not here -- not in any city where the status quo perpetuates failure, hatred, and despair.

Let me tell you a little about Rudy Cambell. Saw him on TV. Looks to be about eight. Father? Murdered a few years back. Mother? Didn't see her. Rudy is ^{being} raised by his twenty-two year old sister who has five kids of her own. Lives in a tough neighborhood. Think about what he has already been through. And that now he says he fears that things will only get "badder and badder and badder." It breaks your heart.

What went wrong in L.A. -- what were the "underlying causes", the "root problems" -- that can all be debated. And ~~it~~ should be. Not to assign blame. Casting blame gets us nowhere. Honest talk and principled actions will get us a lot further, ~~it~~ will move us forward.

~~I~~ believe there are some facts that most Americans can agree with. Let me spend just a minute on those. Since the sixties, lots of different programs have been tried -- aimed at stemming the tide of urban violence, drugs, crime, and social decay.

~~Lots of different~~ ^{Other} programs have tried to address the need for adequate housing, ~~for~~ health care, ~~for~~ education, ~~for~~ job training. Everything from child care to welfare to health care has been the subject of some commission report, or study, ~~and~~ ^{and} a whole lot of legislation and regulation.

Huge amounts of money have been spent -- some estimates are as high as two and a half trillion dollars over twenty-five

years. Check the numbers: ~~Even in the last decade,~~ Federal

spending went up for these kinds of efforts ^{has} increased during every ~~Administration - Democrat and Republican - since these programs began.~~ ^{put away the studies, and look around our cities.} Some quick

facts: ^{set aside the bureaucracies} in 1960 the percentage of births to unwed mothers was 5%.

Now it is 27% -- 5 times as great. If you read about a young black male dying, odds are that he was murdered. In fact, odds are 4 out of 10. ~~Our young black men are at a crisis:~~ If you're a black male between 15^{and} 25 here in California, you're three times more likely to be murdered than to enter the University of California. Kids used to carry ~~just~~ their lunches to school. Between 1987 and 1991, 134 guns were seized here in L.A. -- and that was in ~~our~~ elementary schools. Numbers for high schools are 10 times as great. The chances that an 8th grader has ever used alcohol is 70%, and there's a 1 in 10 chance that he or she has used marijuana.

In the wake of the L.A. riots -- in the wake of the crack epidemic -- in the wake of the lost generation of inner-city youth: can any of us argue that we've ^{as a nation have} solved the problems of poverty, racism, and crime?

We have made progress removing many of the legal barriers to discrimination and equality. [[But you don't need to look further than the graffiti on the next street to see that hate, bigotry and racism still plagues our society.]]

Some programs -- I'm thinking of a program like Head Start, -
 - have shown time-tested positive results. But many, many more simply have not worked. Our welfare system doesn't get people off welfare -- it keeps them there. Our safety net -- as essential as it is -- ~~stops short of providing the people it~~ ^{Too often fails to} ~~serves~~ a way out of a dehumanizing and inefficient cycle of poverty.

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often discourages them from leaving.

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The Wk program to get nutritious foods to pregnant women and babies

We know all too well the sobering statistics, ~~the severest in~~
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 are in serious trouble.

We in government have an absolute responsibility to
 participate in solving these problems. Our first responsibility
 is to create order -- not the order of a prison yard -- but an
 enabling order. One where families can flourish, children can
 learn, ^{all can walk safely on their sidewalks,} and jobs can be created.

I have taken a hard look at what the government can do ~~and~~
~~its responsibility~~ to help communities with the concerns that
 really matter: how people can ^{have a decent chance to} own property or a home, how ^{they} people
 can start a business and create jobs in the community, ^{in own} ensure
 that the people, ^{some impersonal bureaucracy} not the government, are making the ^{crucial} decisions
 that affect the health, education and care of one's own family.

Think of ^{how} ~~the way~~ it looks right now to the ordinary person
 on welfare. Government provides ~~you~~ the money you live on -- ^{on} the
 1st and 15th of every month. Government tells you where you can ^{afford}
 live -- ^{and, therefore,} where your kids go to school. When you're sick -- ^{the}
 government tells you what doctor you'll see, and when. If you
 find part-time work -- you worry that government may cut your
 welfare benefits. If you save ^{and} manage to put some money away --
 you worry that government may come after you for ^{de} fraud. ^{ing the welfare}
^{program.}

Every one of those things happens ^{under} with the system we've got
 right now. ^{in this country} And then we wonder: why can't these ^{Poor} people take
 control of their lives -- where's their sense of responsibility?

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