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working mother in a low-wage job could receive financial assistance for courses that would qualify her for better paying, high-skilled jobs.

- *Extend new opportunities for education and training to all U.S. citizens.* Additional student loan eligibility would be available for full- or part-time students. The Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae) would be authorized to originate up to \$25,000 in loans, in addition to current GSL loan limits, through the Lifelong Learning Line of Credit for those borrowers who want the option of repaying loans on a basis tied to their actual income. The concept of basing student loan repayment on a borrower's future earnings has long been attractive to the Administration and to many in the Congress. However, a program of this type presents unique and complex design issues that demand careful analysis and structuring. This Act would call upon Sallie Mae, a leader in student loan administration, to offer \$100 million per year in loans and to work with the Secretary of Education to devise actuarially and fiscally sound loan options that would be widely available.
- *Explore the use of high-quality education and training programs offered by non-school based providers.* The Secretaries of Education and Labor would be authorized to develop regulations under which students attending programs offered by nontraditional types of providers could be eligible for the Lifelong Learning Line of Credit. Community-based organizations, public or private agencies, and private employers are some examples of the types of providers that might participate. These providers could participate only if the high quality of the programs could be ensured and if these funds do not replace funds already being spent for this training.

I believe that all Americans should have an opportunity to pursue education and training throughout their lives. I look forward to working with the Congress on this legislation and welcome your recommendations on

how this legislation can best secure this opportunity for all Americans.

I urge the Congress to give the Lifelong Learning Act of 1992 prompt and favorable consideration.

George Bush

The White House
May 14, 1992.

Nomination of Donald Herman Alexander To Be United States Ambassador to The Netherlands May 14, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Donald Herman Alexander, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of The Netherlands. He would succeed C. Howard Williams, Jr.

Since 1987, Mr. Alexander has served as president of the private investment firm of Don H. Alexander & Associates, Inc., in Kansas City, MO. Prior to this, he served as president of Perkins Industries, Inc., 1982-87, and as executive vice president of the Commerce Bank of Kansas City, 1966-82.

Mr. Alexander graduated from Washburn University (B.B.A., 1962). He was born July 11, 1938, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Mr. Alexander has three children and resides in Kansas City, MO.

Remarks at the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony May 15, 1992

Thank you, Cyndi, very much. Thank you all. Cyndi, thank you. And may I salute our Attorney General who is doing an outstanding job for law enforcement, Bill Barr; the Members of Congress who are with us today; Adolph South; an old friend, Dewey Stokes; John Walsh; Suzie Sawyer; Barbara Dodge; Dave Derevere.

Ten years ago the FOP auxiliary began this nationally recognized service for law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty, and I salute you from the bottom

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Police work has been described as a thankless job. Well, I am here to say thank you on behalf of each American. We need you. We depend on you, and we cannot do without you. Yours is the priceless task of upholding good against evil. All of us saw sickening sights in Los Angeles of criminals breaking windows and burning buildings and looting businesses. But even worse was the looting of something harder to replace than merchandise, the stealing of something precious, stealing hope, promise, the future. This we cannot allow.

You know better than anyone, it is not just a privilege to support our law enforcement officers. Standing in Mt. Zion church right in the heart of south central L.A. just a few days ago, I spoke out there in support of law enforcement, and the place erupted into spontaneous applause. The people were applauding, those most severely affected—but those were the ones that were doing this, were most severely affected by the rioting and by the looting, and they were supporting the police officers. And that's the way it should be.

So, today I pledge this to you, to that thin blue line that separates good people from the worst instincts of our society, I pledge my continuing and full support. We must show less compassion for the criminal and more for the victims of crime. That is why we reauthorized the 1984 Victims of Crime Act and boosted its annual crime victims compensation assistance fund to \$150 million. These dollars did not come from the taxpayers but from the criminals' fines and penalties. After all, crime should not pay; the criminals themselves should. And my administration has also acted to punish the hardened criminals, career criminals, under the Federal Career Criminal Act. No seasoned criminal should walk free because we didn't take the law and our law enforcement officers seriously.

We have proposed \$15 billion for anticrime policies for fiscal year 1993, and that is up 59 percent in 4 years. We started Project Triggerlock and already thousands of gun-toting criminals have been charged, with

a conviction rate of nearly 90 percent. And yet progress made is not mission accomplished. And so today I again call on the Congress to get with it and to pass our crime legislation. Let us back up our law enforcement officials with laws that are fair, that are fast, and that are final.

For more than 3 years I've asked Congress to pass a comprehensive crime package based on three simple principles: If criminals commit crimes, they will be caught; if caught, they will be tried; and if convicted, they will be punished. We need a crime bill which strengthens, not weakens, your ability to uphold our laws. And so I again appeal to the United States Congress: Send me a tough crime bill, one that will not weaken current law, one like the "Crime Control Act of 1992," and I will sign it right away.

Let me take this opportunity to salute organizations like COPS, that Concerns of Police Survivors, who provide aid when it is most needed. COPS was founded in 1984 to have survivors help other survivors, and today they help 5,000 families nationwide as Good Samaritans to those who have lost a loved one.

Another Good Samaritan can be found right up here on our stage today. I'm talking about John Walsh, host of television's "America's Most Wanted." Last Friday, the show celebrated its 200th capture of a fugitive of the law. Sadly, John knows firsthand about the horrors that crime can inflict upon parents and families and communities. His little boy, Adam, was abducted and murdered, and the killer has never been found. John could have shut himself off from the world. Instead he started "America's Most Wanted," a show that helps law enforcement officers bring criminals to justice. John, we salute both what you are and what you do. Thank you. Thank you very, very much.

Let me close on a personal note. Some have called the Presidency the world's toughest job. Well, I think they're wrong. I believe police officers have the toughest job. Police work is not 9 to 5; it's full time. It is danger. It is fear. It is not knowing whether you will end your shift going home in a car or to the emergency room in an ambulance. It's populated by people willing to risk their lives to save ours, people who are part social worker

and part soldier. It's a job that I sum up in two words: American hero.

Every day of every year you risk your lives so that Americans can proceed with theirs. You truly show what the Bible meant, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." I still have with me this badge. This is the badge of a fallen police officer, a New York cop that many of you all knew, Eddie Byrne. I keep it right there in my desk in the Oval Office. It's there every single day to remind me of this Nation's debt to those who serve. I will never forget, nor will our Nation.

Thank you for what you do for our country. May God bless each and every one of you officers, and especially may God bless those families who have lost loved ones as those loved ones served our great Nation. Thank you all very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 10:15 a.m. at the Sylvan Theater. In his remarks, he referred to Cyndi Calendar, auxiliary president, Fraternal Order of Police; Adolph South, chaplain, National Fraternal Order of Police; Dewey Stokes, president, Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police; Suzie Sawyer, founder, and Barbara Dodge, president, Concerns of Police Survivors; and Dave Derevere, International Police Chaplains. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

White House Statement on the Establishment of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research

May 15, 1992

The President today announced that the United States has joined 10 other countries of the Americas in signing an agreement that will formally establish an Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research. The Institute will bring together the resources and capabilities needed to address important issues of global change in the Western Hemisphere.

The agreement was signed this week by D. Allan Bromley, Assistant to the President

for Science and Technology, at a meeting hosted by President LaCalle of Uruguay in Montevideo.

The President first announced the concept of a network of regional institutes to study global change in his closing remarks to the White House Conference on Science and Economics Research Related to Global Change, which was convened by the President in April 1990. Since then, the United States has actively developed this concept and promoted the establishment of the first of these institutes which will be located in the Western Hemisphere. The United States will continue to work with senior representatives in the areas involved to establish institutes in the European/African region and in the Western Pacific region.

This agreement reflects the President's commitment to global stewardship and his desire to promote responsible environmental policies. It is consistent with his conviction that major decisions on the environment should be based on a sound, informed understanding of the scientific issues involved.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Reporting on Iraq's Compliance With United Nations Security Council Resolutions

May 15, 1992

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

Consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law 102-1), and as part of my continuing effort to keep the Congress fully informed, I am again reporting on the status of efforts to obtain compliance by Iraq with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council.

Since the events described in my report of March 16, 1992, the U.N. Security Council has rejected Iraq's contention that it was in compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions. On March 19, 1992, Rolf Ekeus, Chairman of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), created pursuant to Resolution 687, received from Iraq additional declarations of weapons of mass destruction, which it claimed to have destroyed

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EDUCATION REFORM, WELFARE REFORM -- AND A STRONG JOBS
PROGRAM FOR CITY YOUTH. / THIS PLAN MAKES A PROMISING
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PASSED. //

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COUNTRY KNOW THAT THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS THAT BREED
POVERTY CAN AND MUST BE CURED. THEY KNOW SOMETHING
ELSE: LAWLESSNESS MUST, AND WILL BE PUNISHED. //

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SO TODAY, I PLEDGE THIS TO YOU -- TO THE "THIN BLUE LINE" THAT SEPARATES GOOD PEOPLE FROM THE WORST INSTINCTS OF OUR SOCIETY. I PLEDGE MY CONTINUING AND FULL SUPPORT.

WE MUST SHOW LESS COMPASSION FOR THE CRIMINAL AND MORE FOR THEIR VICTIMS. THAT IS WHY WE REAUTHORIZED THE 1984 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT -- AND BOOSTED ITS ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE FUND TO \$150 MILLION. THESE DOLLARS DID NOT COME FROM TAXPAYERS BUT FROM CRIMINALS' FINES AND PENALTIES. AFTER ALL, CRIME SHOULDN'T PAY. CRIMINALS SHOULD. ///

MY ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO ACTED TO PUNISH HARDENED CRIMINALS -- CAREER CRIMINALS -- UNDER THE FEDERAL ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL ACT. / NO SEASONED CRIMINAL SHOULD WALK FREE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T TAKE THE LAW -- AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS -- SERIOUSLY. / WE'VE PROPOSED \$15 BILLION FOR ANTI-CRIME POLICIES FOR FY 1993 -- THAT'S UP 59 PERCENT IN FOUR YEARS. WE STARTED PROJECT TRIGGERLOCK -- AND ALREADY THOUSANDS OF GUN-TOTING CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED, WITH A CONVICTION RATE OF NEAR 90 PERCENT. YET PROGRESS MADE IS NOT MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. SO TODAY I AGAIN CALL ON THE CONGRESS TO GET WITH IT -- AND PASS OUR CRIME LEGISLATION. LET'S BACK UP OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH LAWS THAT ARE FAIR, FAST, AND FINAL./

FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS I HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO PASS A COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PACKAGE BASED ON THREE PRINCIPLES. IF CRIMINALS COMMIT CRIMES, THEY WILL BE CAUGHT. IF CAUGHT, THEY WILL BE TRIED. AND IF CONVICTED, THEY WILL BE PUNISHED. / WE NEED A CRIME BILL WHICH STRENGTHENS -- NOT WEAKENS -- YOUR ABILITY TO UPHOLD OUR LAWS. SO I SAY TO THE CONGRESS: SEND ME A TOUGH CRIME BILL -- ONE THAT WON'T WEAKEN CURRENT LAW -- ONE LIKE THE CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1992.

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EVERY DAY OF EVERY YEAR YOU RISK YOUR LIVES SO THAT AMERICANS CAN PROCEED WITH THEIRS. YOU TRULY SHOW WHAT THE BIBLE MEANT: "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." / FOR THAT I THANK YOU WITH A FEELING THAT KNOWS NO WORDS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AND THE LAND YOU SO NOBLY SERVE -- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. [[PROCEED TO FRONT OF STAGE AND PLACE FLOWER IN MEMORIAL WREATH.]]

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WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: FRIDAY, MAY 15 - 10:20 a.m.

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:



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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm 122, X2930, no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 05/13, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE: *See Justice comments and attachment.*
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Faul Korteva
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MASTER
Dorrance Smith - use terminology highlighting our "plan for a New America."
Liberman - Comment to Carol Aarhus

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

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FROM: EUGENE SCALIA
SUBJECT: FRIDAY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT SPEECH

Attached is the draft, with changes.

I am also attaching more extensive possible language on the two crime bills in the Senate. The speechwriters should know -- they probably do already -- that law enforcement groups have drifted toward the Democrats' bill because they very much want gun control, at whatever price. For this reason, briefly contrasting the two bills might be appropriate (though perhaps the nature of the event dictates otherwise). The circled portion of the proposed language makes such a comparison.

Specific explanations and comments:

It's editorial, but the language at the bottom of page 1, top of page 2 is probably a little too dramatic.

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Perhaps you could say in place of the paragraphs I have crossed out: "Now, restoring vitality in the wake of the Los Angeles riots has focused this country's attention on a problem that I have been discussing for some time -- in my State of the Union Address, for instance. I mean the fact that we need to rethink the ways that we assist residents of the inner cities. Several days ago I asked Congressional leaders to join me in enacting a package of programs and reforms that this Administration has been urging to invigorate our inner cities and the people who live there. I hope to work with Congress, united

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Bottom of page 3, reference to Federal Armed Career Criminal Act: it was passed in 1984, and was far more a Sen. Specter initiative than Reagan-Bush.

Middle, page 4, important, if nuanced, substantive changes.

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THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST ~~DAVID DEMAREST~~
FROM: CURT SMITH ~~CURT SMITH~~
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NOTE: Some staffing comments urged the inclusion of a section underlining the importance of equal justice under the law. This section is bracketed on page two.

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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT CEREMONY

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Possible Language Comparing the Crime Bills
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Law Enforcement Ceremony

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Recent days have reminded us that we are one Nation under God -- we must act as one -- must learn to trust one another, not hate one another. / The people in Los Angeles know that the social problems that breed poverty can and must be cured. They know something else: Lawless thugs who claim that poverty excuses crime must, and will, be punished. //

All of us saw sickening sights in Los Angeles of criminals breaking windows, burning buildings, and looting businesses. But even worse was the looting of something harder to replace than merchandise. The stealing of something precious. Stealing hope -- promise -- the future. / This, we will not allow. //

So today, I pledge this to you -- the "thin blue line" that separates good people from the worst instincts of our society. I pledge my support. Across America, we will restore the rule of law. / I pledge my conscience. I intend to stand for decency against indecent. / Finally, I pledge policies to build a

society where citizens are safe -- and feel safe. Last year, our war on crime helped the percentage of American households affected by crime fall to 24 percent -- the lowest rate since the federal government introduced this indicator in 1975. Good -- but not good enough. So by the end of 1992, we will have 50 percent more federal prosecutors than in 1988. We have also acted to curb furlough abuses by further cutting the already limited furlough for federal offenders. In April 1989, the furlough rate was 1.2 per 100 inmates -- last April it was less than half that. Here's a final pledge: Today, no furloughs are granted for anyone serving a sentence of life without parole -- and we're going to keep it that way. Furlough is a privilege -- not a right.///

We must show less compassion for the criminal and more for their victims. That is why we reauthorized the 1984 Victims of Crime Act -- and boosted its annual victims compensation and assistance fund to \$150 million. These dollars did not come from taxpayers but from criminals' fines and penalties. After all, crime shouldn't pay. Criminals should. /////

My Administration has also acted to punish hardened criminals -- career criminals -- under the Federal Armed Criminal Act. / No seasoned criminal should walk free because we didn't take the law -- and our law enforcement officers -- seriously. / We've proposed \$14.8 billion for anti-crime policies for FY 1993 -- that's up 59 percent in four years. We started Project Triggerlock -- and already the states and federal government have

produced XXX indictments against persons for firearms offenses. /
Yet progress made is not mission accomplished. So today I again
call on the Congress to get with it -- and pass our crime
legislation. Let's back up our law enforcement officials with
laws that are fair, fast, and final. //

You know what I'm talking about. Fair: We want an
exclusionary rule designed to punish guilty criminals -- not good
cops who have acted in good faith. / Fast: We need habeas
corpus reforms to stop frivolous appeals choking our courts. We
must not allow the victims of crime to suffer twice: Once, when
they are victimized by the criminal, and again, when misguided
policies allow criminals to escape scot-free through some
loophole in the law. / We need laws, too, that are final -- and
you know my belief: For anyone who kills a law enforcement
officer -- no penalty is too tough. We want Congress to enact
the steps needed to expand the death penalty. Not some time.
Not some place. But across America -- now. //

For more than three years I have asked Congress to pass a
comprehensive crime package based on three principles. If
criminals commit crimes, they will be caught. If caught, they
will be tried. And if convicted, they will be punished. / We
need a crime bill which strengthens -- not weakens -- your
ability to uphold our laws. So I say to the Congress: Send me a
tough crime bill -- one that won't weaken current law -- one like
the Crime Control Act of 1992. Then, and only then -- will I
also sign the Brady Bill. //

You should understand me well: Some say there are reasons crimes take place. I say: There is never an excuse. // They know that in North Carolina, where a cop helping with a homicide investigation was followed home by suspects he had interrogated. They followed him to his home, then shot him and his wife. His wife is still living. The officer died. // They know that in Florida, too, where a deranged man stole an officer's gun -- then shot him dead with the policeman's own bullets. / Or Minnesota, where two police officers found a man in his car that had plunged into a ditch. They called a tow truck for his car -- then put him in the squad car to take him into town. They never made it: The man pulled out a .357 magnum and shot both officers in the head. Why? He said he didn't want to sit in the backseat. //

There's another seat I want to find for murderers like this. I have said it before: "Better that [criminals] had never been born than to attack one of America's finest. We are going after those who kill or would kill our police officers." // I think the F.O.P. agrees with that: You know the death penalty will help take criminals off the streets -- so that Americans can take back their streets. / So does the group called Concerns of Police Survivors -- C.O.P.S. -- who provide aid when it is most needed. C.O.P.S. was founded in 1984 to have survivors help other survivors. Today, they help 5,000 families nationwide, as Good Samaritans to those who've lost a loved one.

Another Good Samaritan can be found right here on our stage today: John Walsh, host of television's "America's Most Wanted."

Last Friday, the show celebrated its 200th capture of a fugitive of the law. Sadly, John knows first-hand about the horrors that crime can inflict upon parents, families, and communities. // His little boy, Adam, was abducted and hasn't yet been found. John could have shut himself off from the world. Instead, he started "America's Most Wanted" -- a show that helps law enforcement officers bring criminals to justice. John, we salute both what you are -- and what you do. /

Let me close on a personal note. Some have called the Presidency the world's toughest job. They're wrong. Police officers have the toughest job. / Police work isn't a nine to five job, with martini lunches and friendly chats around the water cooler. It's danger. It's fear. It's not knowing whether you'll end your shift going home in a car -- or to the emergency room in an ambulance. / It's populated by people willing to risk their lives to save ours. / People who are part social worker and part soldier. / It's a job I sum up in one word: "Hero." //

Every day of every year you risk your lives so that Americans can proceed with theirs. You truly show what the Bible meant: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." / For that I thank you with a feeling that knows no words. May God bless you, and the land you so richly bless -- the United States of America.

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