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WELFARE REFORM EVENT \ APPLETON, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, JULY 27, 1992 \ 1:15 P.M.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR THOMPSON. SENATOR KASTEN, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AGAIN WITH YOU IN A STATE BUILT ON FAITH, FAMILY, AND FREEDOM. WISCONSIN IS AN EXAMPLE TO AMERICA -- JUST AS AMERICA IS TO THE WORLD.

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TODAY I'M GLAD TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE PROGRAMS LIKE LEARNFARE -- WORKFARE -- AND THE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT -- ALL TELL AMERICA: "WATCH WISCONSIN BECAUSE WISCONSIN WORKS." //

GOVERNOR THOMPSON WANTS WISCONSIN TO WORK EVEN BETTER. THAT IS WHY HE HAS JOINED MY CRUSADE TO REFORM OUR WELFARE SYSTEM. LET'S FACE IT. WE KNOW OUR WELFARE SYSTEM HAS FAILED. IT DOESN'T LIFT FAMILIES FROM POVERTY -- IT TRAPS THEM THERE.

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WELFARE ALSO DISCOURAGES FAMILIES FROM STAYING TOGETHER. WHEN A SYSTEM RIPS FAMILIES APART -- IT'S TIME TO RIP APART THAT SYSTEM.

AMERICANS YEARN TO KEEP FAMILIES WHOLE / GIVE OUR KIDS LEARNING SKILLS / AND, YES, TRACK DOWN PARENTS WHO RUN OUT ON THEIR KIDS. THEY KNOW IF AMERICA DOESN'T CHANGE THE WELFARE SYSTEM FOR THE BETTER -- THE WELFARE SYSTEM WILL CHANGE AMERICA FOR THE WORSE. /

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THAT MEANS TRYING NEW PLANS -- TRYING NEW IDEAS -- TRYING A NEW KIND OF REFORM. ONLY THEN CAN WE BREAK THE CYCLE OF DEPENDENCY. //

IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS LAST JANUARY, I MADE A COMMITMENT TO FAR-REACHING REFORM. I ACTED BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD OUR WELFARE SYSTEM. OUR RECIPIENTS CAN'T AFFORD TO BE DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

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OUR TAXPAYERS CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE WELFARE BILL, AND OUR ECONOMY CAN'T AFFORD THE LOST PRODUCTIVITY.

I ALSO ACTED BECAUSE I TRUST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT WHAT THOSE ON WELFARE REALLY WANT IS A PIECE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM: HOME OWNERSHIP, A GOOD JOB, OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN, AND STRONG, LOVING FAMILIES. /

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THEREFORE, I AM DETERMINED TO MAKE IT QUICKER AND EASIER FOR STATES WHO CHOOSE TO REFORM THEIR WELFARE SYSTEMS TO GET THE FEDERAL WAIVERS THEY NEED TO HELP PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES. /

LAST APRIL, MY ADMINISTRATION SIGNED A FIRST WAIVER FOR WISCONSIN. TODAY, IT WILL SIGN A SECOND, GIVING GOVERNOR THOMPSON THE FREEDOM TO FURTHER REFORM THIS STATE'S WELFARE PROGRAM.

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GOVERNOR THOMPSON'S ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF DEPENDENCY THAT TRAPS SO MANY PEOPLE, AND CREATE INCENTIVES FOR RECIPIENTS TO WORK AND LEARN. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING AN AMERICA THAT HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED, IS BUILDING AN AMERICA WHERE FEWER PEOPLE NEED TO BE HELPED. //

TODAY, I WANT TO CHALLENGE OTHER STATES TO FOLLOW WISCONSIN'S LEAD IN BRINGING NEW IDEAS TO OUR WELFARE SYSTEM.

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LAST WEEK, WE APPROVED NEW JERSEY'S FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- WHOSE REFORMS IN THE STATE WELFARE PROGRAM REWARD WORK AND UNITE FAMILIES. / I'M CONFIDENT OTHER STATES WILL NOW DO WHAT AMERICANS DO BEST: BRING LOCAL GENIUS TO LOCAL NEEDS. /

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVEN PROVOST *Mr. S for SP*
FROM: CURT SMITH *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: WELFARE REFORM EVENT

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

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2 JUL 24 P5:08

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, FRIDAY, JULY 24, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*Called at 11Am.
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(Nic)*

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Go anywhere, ~~God's~~ ^(Scully) children hate tyranny. They look to America because liberty works. / Well, today I'm glad to be in a place where things like learnfare -- workfare -- and the Parental Responsibility Act -- all tell America: "Watch Wisconsin because Wisconsin works." //

((A writer was once asked what he would take if his house were on fire and he could remove only one thing. He replied: "I

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would take the fire.") // He knew -- as Wisconsin's proved -- that what matters is results. /

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Governor Thompson knows this. That's why he has joined my crusade to reform our welfare system. // ^{In this crusade, Tommy Thompson is no foot soldier. He's a four-star general. (Kutner)} Let's face it. We know our welfare system has failed. It doesn't lift families from poverty -- it traps them there. / Welfare also discourages

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~~families from staying together.~~ ^{Emarrages (Mormons)} When a system rips families apart -- it's time to rip apart that system. //

Visit LaCrosse or Superior. Travel Wisconsin's farmland -- a giant, rolling checkerboard. Here you'll see Americans who yearn to keep families whole / give our kids learning skills / and, yes, track down deadbeat dads ^{and mums (OMB) → parents} who run out on their children.

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Delete it per Kutner

They know if America's doesn't change the welfare system for the better -- the welfare system will change America for the worst. ^{worse (OMB) ✓}

^{believe in using government action to help (Pmeyer) ✓}
^{but the time has come to try (Pmeyer) ✓}
Americans want a welfare system that breaks the cycle of dependency -- a welfare system that can only stem from new plans -- new ideas -- a desire to try a new kind of reform. / That is

why in my State of the Union Address, I made a commitment to favor personal responsibility over dependency. ^{Therefore, I have been determined to make} ~~How? By making~~ it quicker and easier for States who choose to reform their welfare systems to get the Federal waivers they need. /

~~I am proud to say that Wisconsin was the first State to ask for such a waiver -- and that we quickly granted it. / [[Today, I am honored to stand with Governor Thompson -- a true welfare reform pioneer -- to sign this waiver which will allow Wisconsin~~

→ Why? Because I trust the American people. Because I believe that what those on welfare really want is a shot at the American Dream: home ownership, meaningful employment, opportunities for their kids, and strong, loving families.

(Pmeyer) ✓
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~~to begin its bold new strategy to reform the state's welfare system. //}}~~

Like all Americans, Wisconsinites want to help the needy. But more important than having an America that helps people in need -- is building an America where fewer people need to be helped. / It is wrong for able-bodied Americans to continue

drawing a welfare check without working for it. / ~~I believe:~~

~~Either get off your duff or get off the dole. //~~ (Scully) ✓ That is why we

need to ^{test whether (OMB) ✓} ~~prove that~~ welfare recipients move from one State to

another to obtain higher AFDC benefits. ^{Parents should pick up and move} ~~If so, we must change~~

^{their families to find opportunity, not to seek a higher welfare benefit. (OMB)} ~~the rules so that people can't cheat the system. //~~

[[~~For the next~~ three years, Wisconsin's demonstration project will study our welfare system. So over ~~the next~~ six months -- in six test counties -- welfare benefits for new arrivals in this State will be paid at the same level where they came from -- no more, no less. / I look forward to seeing the results of this test -- so that we can meet government's responsibility to see that welfare recipients do not cheat. Yet we also have a responsibility to provide education and training to help welfare recipients get a job. //]]

✓ ^{Governor Thompson and the people of Wisconsin have also taken the lead in another area that requires trusting} ~~Accordingly, I want to commend Governor Thompson for~~

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✓ Wisconsin's youth apprenticeship system, which begins today.

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~~making her best-seller possible.)) //~~ ^{reforms}
~~I am proud that~~ ^{The power of government is best used to support initiatives such as this one - that build on what businesses and communities can do. That's why} the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a \$200,000 ~~grant~~ to Wisconsin to further its youth apprenticeship program. ~~I especially want to thank companies like CDS International, the German Marshall Fund of America, and the Printing Industries of America for their help.~~

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RESPONSE:

TO: DAN MCGROARTY July 24, 1992

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks. See question on page 3.

[Signature]
Brent Scowcroft

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: GREGG PETERSMEYER 
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL SERVICE

SUBJECT: CONSISTENT REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
MONDAY, JULY 27, 1992

I believe that it is critically important that the President's remarks at the three events Monday, July 27, 1992 reflect a consistent message.

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Thank you.

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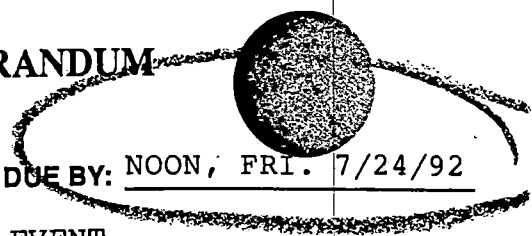
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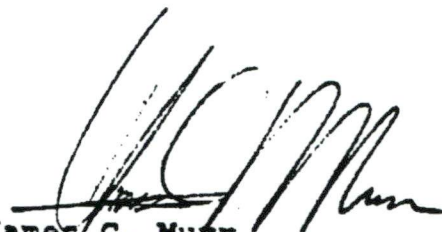


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