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after the raid, he and Eleanor did some thinking. And he put it this way. He said, "You know, I've been waiting for this to happen. Now we're going to make a stand."

Please join us. Join John and Eleanor and Ohio Avenue and Fox Park and St. Louis and Missouri and this whole United States and make a stand against crime today, because the people deserve it.

Thank you all so very much for listening. May God bless Fox Park, Missouri. And God bless the United States of America. Thank you all very, very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 10:21 a.m. in the parish hall of St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church.*

### Remarks at the East Dallas Renaissance Neighborhood Project in Dallas, Texas

September 28, 1992

**The President.** Thank you so much. I love what Michael Fells said about his house. That's the way we all ought to feel about our homes. And I was very proud of that.

Thanks to all of you for this great Dallas welcome. May I salute your wonderful Mayor, an old friend of mine and Barbara's, Steve Bartlett, doing an outstanding job for this wonderful area, this wonderful city. Also I want to salute Judge Lee Jackson and your Congressman—a Congressman—not this district, but right next door, Sam Johnson, doing a fine job for Dallas. May I salute our sheriff, Sheriff Bowles, and our new police chief from Dallas, been here a while, doing a great job with the law enforcement community, Chief Bill Rathburn over here.

While I'm in the neighborhood, I want to recognize Meadows Foundation for their work restoring homes, restoring hope in this community. I saw a little bit of that when Steven here and Dirk and Cheryl, Cheryl Harley, showed me around this house that they are fixing to restore. So I'm just delighted to be here. Also pleased to welcome a cross-town guest from west Dallas, Mr. Artrous Hill, who for 41 years ran the barber-shop on Puget Street. When the drug epi-

demie came to west Dallas, Mr. Hill's landlords were the local crack dealers until U.S. marshals and the Dallas police put them out of business.

**Audience member.** Chicken George, why don't you debate?

**The President.** [Laughter] Listen to this guy. There are going to be debates.

May I say a word about the chicken question? May I say a word about—you're talking about the draft record chicken or are you talking about the chicken in the Arkansas River? Which one are you talking about? Which one? Get out of here. Maybe it's the draft. Is that what's bothering you?

All right now. As I was saying before being so rudely interrupted, I was telling about Mr. Hill who owns his own barber shop. His west Dallas neighborhood is on the way back, on the way back just the way all of you here in east Dallas are on the move forward.

You know, I came here to talk about the progress we're making in our quest to make America more safe and secure. But first let me just say a word about the dominant issue in this campaign, and that's the economy.

The American voter this year is confronted with two choices, two candidates with two very different economic strategies. If Governor Clinton is elected, by next year we will have hundreds of billions of new Government spending, higher taxes on the middle class, and no restraints on Federal spending, and even more pressure on the Federal deficit.

So Governor Clinton claims he knows a way to reduce the budget deficit by increasing taxes on the middle class and giving Congress more of your money to spend. I believe the way to reduce the deficit is by making tough choices and cutting Government spending.

That's why we put forward a plan, a serious program to control the growth of spending with almost \$300 billion in savings over 5 years. I've gone on the record, targeted 246 programs, 4,000 wasteful projects that I want to eliminate altogether. I want to use these savings to reduce the deficit, to reduce the tax burden on the working men and women, and still do what's right by our neighborhoods.

You know, this is a tough time for the world economy. But the brighter days are right here around the corner, and America can and will lead the way forward if we make the right choices this November.

Whether it's the building of a strong economy or strengthening our families or keeping our streets safe, I put my trust in the people. That's why I am delighted to be here today to salute all of you for helping take this community back, helping make east Dallas a safe place to live, to raise kids, to stake a claim on the American dream.

The neighbors we've seen and the neighbors I've heard from—I don't care about the politics—they are doing what is right. They are here to help build a neighborhood and protect their homes. Now, this community is one community that is breaking out of the cycle of violence in America.

You know, in the past year, overall crime in the city of Dallas is down 13.7 percent. Violent crime, murder, rape, robbery, assault, has dropped 14.1 percent. That is good news. It represents thousands of hours of hard work for the Dallas police, for the sheriff's department, for the crime watch groups like Mill Creek and others all across Dallas. You deserve to be congratulated—right there.

But it does not make the crimes that take place every day any less real. The building behind us here brought the reality of crime close to home, literally, right next door. You know The Mohawk as a crime haven, a crime den, a crack den, not as home but as a house of horror. Some weekend nights, I'm told, as many as a hundred cars line Swiss Avenue, bringing customers in search of heroin and crack and marijuana. Addicts used to roam this neighborhood, offering to do odd jobs for \$10, the price of a crack high.

One day a crackhead fired a gun at Michael Fells as he was sitting on his front porch, and in 2 months time last spring police made more than 200 arrests at that one address alone. But all that has changed. The morning of June 5, the day U.S. marshals and Dallas police swept in and seized this building, that day many of you came out to cheer, to celebrate the day that the law came back to this street. Today The Mohawk doesn't just have a history, it has a future.

But, you know, the change taking place here is just the beginning. Each one of you is going to have to do your part in taking back the streets and then keeping this community crime free. I'm here today to tell you as President, we can help. The key is a new approach, one that combines a no-nonsense approach to crime with social programs that promise real help. Too often in the past we've pursued our social programs and our law enforcement efforts on totally separate tracks. As a result, many of our urban revitalization efforts are cut short by crime.

You know, what I'm talking about is this: We build public housing only to see these buildings taken over as crack houses. We build model schools only to see them become war zones where fear follows teachers and students right into the classroom. Then we build playgrounds for children only to see them become battlegrounds for drug pushers. When a neighborhood is overridden by crime, businesses are driven away, taking jobs and opportunities with them.

We're tackling each one of these issues, each one of these problems, with a new approach that we call "Weed and Seed." "Weed and Seed" is not so much a new spending program as a whole new method of operating. Let me tell you how it works. As the first step, Federal, State, and local enforcement officers concentrate their efforts on neighborhoods like this one. Working with you, the community, they "weed" out the gangs, the criminals and the crackheads and the drug dealers. As the streets are reclaimed from the criminals, community policing is put in place to help hold every inch of the ground that we've taken. Police commanders attend community meetings; officers patrol neighborhoods on foot; and residents feel safe knowing who is on the beat in their area.

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You need help, and you need it now. If you work the late shift at some convenience store, you shouldn't have to worry about whether you're going to be safe walking home. If you're sitting on your porch, you shouldn't have to be on the lookout for a car full of hoods with a gun. If you need to run out for milk and bread late at night, you shouldn't have to worry about who you'll run into at the corner of Swiss and Moreland.

This is your home and your community and the place your children play. You deserve to be safe here. It pains me to say that every day we're being forced to learn a new vocabulary for crime. Back in Washington we've had a wave of what they now call carjackings, where a criminal steals a car, not when it's parked but when you're sitting in a parking lot or waiting at a red light.

Just this month, carjackers stole the car of a woman taking her small daughter to her first day of preschool. They dragged the woman to her death and tossed her little baby out of the window. Something is wrong in our cities, something is wrong in our society when crimes like that are commonplace. We will not and cannot stand by and see innocent people terrorized, innocent people paralyzed by fear. We've got to be tougher on the criminals. Carjackers or crack dealers, whatever the crime may be, we've got to draw the line. I ask you to get Congress to give me the support we need to draw the line against them.

But this we know: Tough talk won't do it. My opponent in this Presidential race talks a tough game, but I would like you just for a minute to take a look at the Arkansas record and see where Governor Clinton stands. The average inmate in Arkansas served less than

one-fifth of his sentence last year. Most Federal inmates serve 85 percent of their sentence. Violent crimes in Arkansas went up almost 60 percent in the eighties, over twice the national average. Arkansas had the Nation's biggest increase in overall crime and the third biggest in violent crime. This kind of record is not right for Arkansas, and it is not right for America.

Just ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know Governor Clinton's record best, and they're endorsing me for President. I'm very proud of that endorsement.

As President, I pushed Congress to put tough talk aside and take action. I sent my comprehensive crime package to Congress more than 3 years ago, June 15th, 1989, to be exact. What's happened since then? The fall of the Berlin Wall, the end of Soviet communism, the invasion and the liberation of Kuwait, and Congress has sat on my crime package for 1,201 days, 1,201 days. In those 1,201 days here in Dallas alone, 1,441 people have been murdered. In those 1,201 days, 3,997 have been raped. All told, in those 1,201 days, 79,903 have been victims of violent crime.

Each one of those days, another innocent person becomes a statistic. We do not have another day to waste. We need this comprehensive crime package. We need more prisons, more police, more swift and certain punishment. We need a Federal death penalty for cop killers and drug kingpins. Tough new provisions against sex crimes and domestic violence, we need that also. We need to make carjacking a Federal offense; apply Federal racketeering laws to help us go after gangs. We need to strike a blow for responsibility by using Federal law to enforce child support payments from all those deadbeat fathers.

We must get reforms. I believe in backing up our police officers, and we need reforms to put a stop to the endless appeals that make a mockery of justice for the victims of crime. We need reforms that slam shut the revolving door of justice that far too often lets these criminals go free.

What you're doing here puts you on the side of the angels. But you cannot do it alone. You can't do it if the system mocks the vic-

tims and if criminals own the streets and law-abiding citizens are prisoners in their own homes.

Let's get our cities and our citizens and our cops the help that they need, the help they must have to drive crime and drugs off our streets and out of our lives, here in east Dallas and all across the United States of America. Let's make some changes in Congress and clean House. Absolutely!

Thank you for this wonderful, warm welcome of east Dallas. It's a privilege to spend this time in your community. May God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 2:45 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Michael Fells, resident and member of the Mill Creek Homeowners Association; Lee Jackson, Dallas county judge; and Steven Hugh, Dirk Newton, and Cheryl Harley, co-owners, 4514 Swiss Avenue Apartment Complex Renovation Project.*

### **Message to the House of Representatives Returning Without Approval the United States-China Act of 1992**

*September 28, 1992*

*To the House of Representatives:*

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 5318, the "United States-China Act of 1992," which places additional conditions on renewal of China's most-favored-nation (MFN) trade status.

I share completely the goals of this legislation: to see greater Chinese adherence to international standards of human rights, free and fair trade practices, and international nonproliferation norms. However, adding broad conditions to China's MFN renewal would not lead to faster progress in advancing our goals. To those who advocate this approach, let me set the record straight.

Our policy of comprehensive engagement lets the Chinese know in no uncertain terms that "business as usual" is not possible until they take steps to resolve our differences.

Through multiple, focussed measures, we are eliciting the results we seek.

This year China joined global efforts to control the spread of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles by declaring adherence to the Missile Technology Control Regime's (MTCR) guidelines and parameters and signing the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Chinese behavior remains MTCR-consistent, and we have begun a dialogue with the Chinese on their responsibilities under the NPT. We continue to monitor vigilantly China's weapons export practices. We have used the sanction authorities available successfully and remain prepared to do so again if necessary.

We have made progress on the resolution of outstanding trade issues with our agreements to protect Intellectual Property Rights and to ban prison labor exports. I will not allow, however, market access to remain a one-sided benefit in China's favor while our bilateral trade deficit grows. If China fails to reduce trade barriers, we are prepared to take trade action under the statutory guidelines of section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

The limited steps China has taken on human rights are inadequate. But our human rights dialogue gives us an avenue to express our views directly to China's leaders. Significant improvement in China's human rights situation, including freedom for all those imprisoned solely for the peaceful expression of their beliefs, remains our objective. It is easy to be discouraged by the pace of progress in this area. But it would be a serious mistake to let our frustration lead us to gamble with policies that would undermine our goals.

Withdrawing MFN or conditioning it, such that it will be withdrawn at a later date, will not promote these goals. H.R. 5318 imposes unworkable constraints on our bilateral trade. Among the casualties of this bill would be the dynamic, market-oriented regions of southern China and Hong Kong, as well as those Chinese who support reform and rely on outside contact for support.

The impact of this bill would extend beyond the state enterprise system, harming independent industrial and agricultural entities that have sprung up in China since the advent of economic reform and its opening to the outside. These family-owned and oper-

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: DALLAS, TEXAS  
SEPTEMBER 28, 1992

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: STEVE PROVOST

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY

SUBJECT: EAST DALLAS COMMUNITY CRIME EVENT

I. Summary

On Monday, September 28, at 2:45 p.m., you will deliver remarks to approximately 1500 people gathered in front of The Mohawk Apartment Building in East Dallas.

II. Discussion

Your remarks (12 minutes, on cards) highlight your Weed and Seed program and the East Dallas Renaissance Project -- a local effort to turn around a crime-ridden neighborhood.

McGroarty/Nix  
September 26, 1992  
2:00 p.m.  
DALLAS

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DALLAS, TEXAS  
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Thank you, -----, for those kind words -- and thanks, all of you, for this warm welcome. [Acknowledgements]

I am delighted to be here today -- to salute all of you who are helping take this community back -- helping make East Dallas a safe place to live, to raise kids, to stake a claim on the American Dream.

This community is one community that is breaking out of the cycle of violence in America. In the past year, overall crime in the city of Dallas is down 13.7%. Violent crime -- murder, rape, robbery, assault -- has dropped 14.1%. //

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You know what I'm talking about: We build public housing only to see these buildings taken over as crack houses.

We build model schools only to see them become war zones -- where fear follows teachers and students right into the classroom.

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And when a neighborhood is overridden by crime, businesses are driven away -- taking jobs and opportunities with them.

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As the streets are reclaimed from the criminals, community policing is put in place -- to help hold every inch of the ground we've taken. Police commanders attend community meetings / officers patrol neighborhoods on foot / and residents feel safe knowing who is on the beat in their area.

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Weed and Seed is already up and running in Ft. Worth -- and in 19 other cities across the country. / This year, I asked the Congress for \$500 million dollars to fund Weed and Seed programs in 50 or more communities -- and I know East Dallas would like to

be one of them. Congress has authorized the money -- but they haven't appropriated it. I wouldn't bother you with these fine Congressional distinctions -- but I have to: Because until Congress acts, Dallas -- or any American city for that matter -- won't get one single dollar of the aid it needs.

And sad to say, that's just part of a larger pattern of inaction.

What you're doing here puts you on the side of the angels. But you can't do it alone. You can't do it if the system mocks the victims -- if criminals own the streets and law-abiding citizens are prisoners in their own homes. //

If you work the late shift at the convenience store, you shouldn't have to worry whether you'll be safe walking home. If you're sitting on your porch, you shouldn't have to be on the look-out for a carful of hoods with a gun. If you need to run out for milk and bread late at night, you shouldn't have to worry about who you'll run into at the corner of Swiss and Moreland.

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Something's wrong in our cities. Something is wrong in our society -- when crimes like that are commonplace. //

Carjackers or crack dealers -- whatever the crime may be: We've got to draw the line. //

I'll say right here what I said earlier today in St. Louis. Congress has sat on my crime package for 1201 days. One thousand two hundred and one days. //

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And let me say to the leaders who control the Congress: I know you're planning on calling it quits for the year in early October. But let's put those last few days to good use. Keep the lights on late if you have to -- but pass my comprehensive crime bill -- and pass it now. //

And if the liberal leaders of Congress come back at me and say, "There's not enough time to act" -- let me tell them what's been happening since the crime clock started ticking 1,201 days ago.

In those 1201 days -- here in Dallas alone -- 1,441 people have been murdered.

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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 5:00PM, TODAY, SEPTEMBER 25. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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

McGroarty/Nix  
September 25, 1992  
12:30 p.m.  
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FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMcG*

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McGroarty/Nix  
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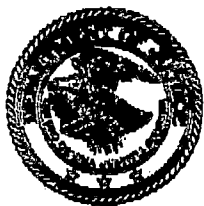
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Assistant to the Attorney General  
SUBJECT: Comments on Presidential Remarks: East  
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And sad to say, that's just part of a larger pattern of inaction.

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I'll say right here what I said earlier today in St. Louis. Congress has sat on my crime package for 1215 days. One thousand two hundred and fifteen days. //

Congress says it won't move without gun control. Well, so be it: I will accept a gun control bill -- if -- if the Congress passes my comprehensive crime package. //

Tough talk is not enough. We need more prisons, more police -- more swift and certain punishment. We need a federal death penalty for cop killers and drug kingpins. Tough new provisions against sex crimes and domestic violence. We need to make carjacking a federal offense / apply federal racketeering laws to help us go after gangs / we need to strike a blow for responsibility by using federal law to enforce child support payments from all the deadbeat Dads. We need reforms to put a stop to the endless appeals that make a mockery of justice for the victims of crime -- reforms that slam shut the revolving-door justice that far too often lets criminals go free. //

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And let me say to the leaders who control the Congress: I know you're planning on calling it quits for the year in early October. But let's put those last few days to good use. Keep the lights on late if you have to -- but pass my comprehensive crime bill -- and pass it now. //

And if the liberal leaders of Congress come back at me and say, "there's not enough time to act" -- let me tell them what's been happening since the crime clock started ticking 1,215 days ago.

In those 1215 days -- here in Dallas alone -- [xxx] people have been murdered.

In those 1215 days -- [xxx] have been raped.

In those 1215 days -- [xxxx] innocent people have been victims of violent crime. //

Each one of those 1215 days, another innocent person becomes a statistic. //

Well, we don't have another day to waste.

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Thank you for this warm East Dallas welcome -- it's a privilege to spend this time in your community. May God bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT EAST DALLAS RENAISSANCE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT WELCOME

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much. And I love what Michael Fells said about his house. That's the way we all ought to feel about our homes. And I was very proud of that.  
(Applause.)

And thanks to all of you for this great Dallas welcome. May I salute your wonderful Mayor, and old friend of mine and Barbara's -- Steve Bartlett -- doing an outstanding job for this wonderful area, this wonderful city. (Applause.) And also I want to salute Judge Lee Jackson and your Congressman -- a Congressman -- not this district, but right next door, Sam Johnson, doing a fine job for Dallas. (Applause.) And may I salute our Sheriff, Sheriff Bowles; and our new police chief from Dallas -- been here a while, doing a great job with the law enforcement community -- Chief Bill Rathburn over here.  
(Applause.)

And while I'm in the neighborhood, I want to recognize Meadows Foundation for their work, restoring homes, restoring hope in this community. And I saw a little bit of that when Steven here and Dirk and Cheryl -- Cheryl Harley -- showed me around this house that they are fixing to restore. So I'm just delighted to be here. Also pleased to welcome a cross-town guest from West Dallas, Mr. Artrous Hill, who for 41 years ran the barber shop on Puget Street. And when the drug epidemic came to West Dallas, Mr. Hill's landlords were the local crack dealers until U.S. marshals and the Dallas police put them out of business.

Q Chicken George, why don't you debate?

THE PRESIDENT: (Laughter.) Listen to this guy. There are going to be debates.

May I say a word about the chicken question? May I say a word about -- you're talking about the draft record chicken or are you talking about the chicken in the Arkansas River? (Applause.) Which one are you talking about? Which one? Get out of here. (Applause.) Maybe it's the draft -- is that what's bothering you?

All right now. As I was saying before being so rudely interrupted -- (applause) -- I was telling about Mr. Hill who owns his own barber shop. And his West Dallas neighborhood is on the way back -- on the way back just the way all of you here in East Dallas are on the move forward.

You know, I came here to talk about the progress we're making in our quest to make America more safe and secure. But first let me just say a word about the dominant issue in this campaign, and that's the economy.

The American voter this year is confronted with two choices. Two candidates with two very different economic strategies. And if Governor Clinton is elected, by next year we will have hundreds of billions of new government spending, higher

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taxes on the middle class, and no restraints on federal spending, and even more pressure on the federal deficit.

So Governor Clinton claims he knows a way to reduce the budget deficit by increasing taxes on the middle class and giving Congress more of your money to spend. And I believe the way to reduce the deficit is by making tough choices and cutting government spending. (Applause.)

And that's why we put forward a plan, a serious program to control the growth of spending with almost \$300 billion in savings over five years. And I've gone on the record, targeted 246 programs, 4,000 wasteful projects that I want to eliminate all together. And I want to use these savings to reduce the deficit, to reduce the tax burden on the working men and women, and still do what's right by our neighborhoods. (Applause.)

You know, this is a tough time for the world economy. But the brighter days are right here around the corner, and America can and will lead the way forward if we make the right choices this November.

Whether it's the building of a strong economy, or strengthening our families, or keeping our streets safe, I put my trust in the people. And that's why I am delighted to be here today to salute all of you for helping take this community back; helping make East Dallas a safe place to live, to raise kids, to stake a claim on the American Dream. (Applause.)

The neighbors we've seen and the neighbors I've heard from -- I don't care about the politics -- they are doing what is right. They are here to help build a neighborhood and protect their homes. Now, this community is one community that is breaking out of the cycle of violence in America.

You know, in the past year, overall crime in the city of Dallas is down 13.7 percent. Violent crime -- murder, rape, robbery, assault -- has dropped 14.1 percent. And that is good news. And it represents thousands of hours of hard work for the Dallas police, for the Sheriff's Department, for the Crime Watch groups like Mill Creek and others all across Dallas. And you deserve to be congratulated -- right there. (Applause.)

But it does not make the crimes that take place every day any less real. The building behind us here brought the reality of crime close to home -- literally, right next door. You know The Mohawk as a crime haven, a crime den, a crack den -- not as home, but as a house of horror. And some weekend nights, I'm told, as many as a hundred cars line Swiss Avenue, bringing customers in search of heroin, crack and marijuana. Addicts used to roam this neighborhood, offering to do odd jobs for \$10, the price of a crack high.

And one day a crackhead fired a gun at Michael Fells as he was sitting on his front porch, and in two-months time last spring police made more than 200 arrests at that one address alone. But all that has changed. The morning of June 5, the day U.S. marshals and Dallas police swept in and seized this building. And that day many of you came out to cheer, to celebrate the day that the law came back to this street. And today The Mohawk doesn't just have a history, it has a future. (Applause.)

But, you know, the change taking place here is just the beginning. Each one of you is going to have to do your part in taking back the streets, and then keeping this community crime free. And I'm here today to tell you as President, we can help. The key is a new approach, one that combines a no-nonsense approach to crime with social programs that promise real help. And too often in the past we've pursued our social programs and our law enforcement efforts on totally separate tracks. And as a

result, many of our urban revitalization efforts are cut short by crime.

You know, what I'm talking about is this: We build public housing only to see these buildings taken over as crack houses. We build model schools only to see them become war zones where fear follows teachers and students right into the classroom. And then we build playgrounds for children only to see them become battlegrounds for drug pushers. And when a neighborhood is overridden by crime, businesses are driven away, taking jobs and opportunities with them.

We're tackling each one of these issues, each one of these problems, with a new approach that we call Weed and Seed. Weed and Seed is not so much a new spending program as a whole new method of operating. And let me tell you how it works. As the first step, federal, state and local enforcement officers concentrate their efforts on neighborhoods like this one. Working with you, the community, they "weed" out the gangs, the criminals and the crackheads and the drug dealers. And as the streets are reclaimed from the criminals, community policing is put in place to help hold every inch of the ground that we've taken. And police commanders attend community meetings; officers patrol neighborhoods on foot; and residents feel safe knowing who is on the beat in their area.

And finally, the broad array of federal, state and local government and private sector revitalization programs are brought to bear on the community, to "seed" in long-term stability, growth and opportunity. Drug prevention programs, Head Start, job training, health care programs, community development grants -- all are applied together in one place and at one time in a true working partnership with the community.

Weed and Seed is already up and running in Fort Worth and in 19 other cities across the country. And this year I asked the Congress for \$500 million to fund Weed and Seed programs in 50 or more communities. And I know East Dallas would like to be one of them. And Congress has appropriated the money, but they have not authorized it. And I wouldn't bother you with these fine congressional distinctions, but I have to because us Congress acts, Dallas or any American city, for that matter, won't get one single dollar of what it needs.

You need help, and you need it now. And if you work the late shift at some convenience store, you shouldn't have to worry about whether you're going to be safe walking home. And if you're sitting on your porch, you shouldn't have to be on the lookout for a car full of hoods with a gun. (Applause.) And if you need to run out for milk and bread late at night, you shouldn't have to worry about who you'll run into at the corner of Swiss and Moreland.

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And just this month, carjackers stole the car of a woman, taking her small daughter to her first day of preschool. They dragged the woman to her death and tossed her little baby out of the window. And something is wrong in our cities -- something is wrong in our society when crimes like that are commonplace. We will and cannot stand by -- we will not and cannot stand by and see innocent people terrorized, innocent people paralyzed by fear. We've got to be tougher on the criminals. (Applause.)

Carjackers or crack dealers, whatever the crime may be, we've got to draw the line. And I ask you to get Congress to

give me the support we need to draw the line against them.  
(Applause.)

But this we know: Tough talk won't do it. My opponent in this presidential race talks a tough game, but I would like you just for a minute to take a look at the Arkansas record and see where Governor Clinton stands. The average inmate in Arkansas served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. And most federal inmates serve 85 percent of their sentence. Violent crimes in Arkansas went up almost 60 percent in the '80s, over twice the national average. And Arkansas had the nation's biggest increase in overall crime and the third-biggest in violent crime. And this kind of record is not right for Arkansas, and it is not right for America. (Applause.)

Just ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know Governor Clinton's record best -- and they're endorsing me for President. And I'm very proud of that endorsement. (Applause.)

As President, I pushed Congress to put tough talk aside and take action. I sent my comprehensive crime package to Congress more than three years ago -- June 15th, 1989, to be exact. And what's happened since then? The fall of the Berlin Wall; the end of Soviet communism; the invasion and the liberation of Kuwait. And Congress has sat on my crime package for 1,201 days -- 1,201 days. And in those 1,201 days here in Dallas alone, 1,441 people have been murdered. And in those 1,201 days, 3,997 have been raped. And all tolled in those 1,201 days, 79,903 have been victims of violent crime.

And each one of those days, another innocent person becomes a statistic. We do not have another day to waste. And we need this comprehensive crime package. And we need more prisons, more police, more swift and certain punishment. And we need a federal death penalty for cop killers and drug kingpins. (Applause.)

Tough new provisions against sex crimes and domestic violence -- we need that also. We need to make carjacking a federal offense; apply federal racketeering laws to help us go after gangs. And we need to strike a blow for responsibility by using federal law to enforce child support payments from all those deadbeat fathers. (Applause.)

And we must get reforms -- I believe in backing up our police officers, and we need reforms to put a stop to the endless appeals that make a mockery of justice for the victims of crime. We need reforms that slam shut the revolving door justice that far too often lets these criminals go free.

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Let get our cities and our citizens and our cops the help that they need, the help they must have to drive crime and drugs off our streets and out of our lives -- here in East Dallas and all across the United States of America. (Applause.)

And let's make some changes in Congress and clean House -- absolutely. (Applause.)

Thank you for this wonderful, warm welcome of East Dallas. It's a privilege to spend this time in your community. And may God bless the United States of America. (Applause.) Thank you very much. (Applause.)