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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM: J. BUNTON 

SUBJECT: BOSTON POLICE ENDORSEMENT FACT CHANGES / UPDATE

CARD 1: NEW HAMPSHIRE TROOPERS WILL BE PRESENT, BUT ARE NOT ENDORSING POTUS -- CARD 6 POTUS SAYS "I'M HONORED TO ACCEPT THE ENDORSEMENT OF ALL OF YOU GOOD MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ORGANIZATIONS HERE TODAY."

NEED TO RE-THINK HOW TO HANDLE THAT. NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM -- BUT CAN'T IMPLY THAT THEY ARE ENDORSING US. BIG BOOMERANG.

CARD 4: WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT THE 16 OTHER HANNA RECIPIENTS WILL BE THERE TONIGHT -- HE STILL NEEDS TO CONGRATULATE THEM -- BUT SHOULD DELETE "HERE TONIGHT".

(Askew/Bunton)
OCTOBER 1, 1992
6:00 p.m.
BOSTON

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BOSTON POLICE ENDORSEMENT
COPLEY PLAZA, BOSTON, MASS.
OCTOBER 2, 1992
5:30 P.M.

Thank you, Governor Weld, for that kind introduction, and good evening, everyone. It's great to be in Boston... with all these good people.

The National Coalition of Troopers... the Boston Police Patrolman's Association, who were with me in '88; good to see you again... the Italian-American Police Association... Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci... State Treasurer Joe Malone... Public Safety Secretary Tom Rapone... and Don Murray, who was also with me in '88. It's great to see such a sea of blue. Thank you all.

And I want to say my hat comes off, and my heart goes out... for Cynthia Hurley and Officer Francis Foley, both here today. Officer Foley paid a great price in the line of duty... and Officer Hurley last October made the ultimate sacrifice... in his dedication to the high cause of community.

So I salute you all, and the sixteen other Hannah Award recipients here tonight. And I know Jeremiah will be remembered and carried forever in all the hearts that knew and loved him.

It's because I believe so strongly in the values Officer Hurley lived and died for... that I'm so honored and delighted to receive the endorsement of all these good men and women of the organizations represented here today.

After all, keeping America's neighborhoods safe and secure is one of the great fundamental duties of government.

And it takes a tough, no-nonsense approach, one that puts victims of crime first -- not the criminals. Criminals should get hard time -- not the victims, the innocent kids, the older Americans who live in fear.

In this election, candidates are talking tough on crime -- but just one candidate is taking action.

Look at the record. Arkansas ranks near rock bottom in every important per-capita law-enforcement expenditure. For prisons: 46th. For judicial and legal systems: 50th. And when it comes to spending for police officers, Arkansas ranks 49th.

Since 1989, my Administration has proposed a 59-percent increase in federal spending to fight crime.

Here's another snapshot of the situation in Arkansas. Last year, under Governor Clinton, the average Arkansas criminal served just one-fifth of his sentence before he was back on the street. He did the crime -- but not the time.

So I think you'll see the contrast when I tell you that Federal inmates -- inmates who fall under my jurisdiction -- serve an average of 85% of their full sentence. Crime is one more issue where the Governor of Arkansas can't talk his way past his record.

And of course you know better than anybody, if you want to know who's really tough on crime, you look to the people on the front lines. Take the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock,

Arkansas. They've lived with Bill Clinton for 12 years. They know his record best -- and they're endorsing George Bush for President.//

So let me say to the law-enforcement officers here today: For four years I've kept badge #14072 in my desk in the Oval Office. Retired New York police lieutenant Matt Byrne gave it to me. It's the badge his son Eddie wore the day he was gunned down by a gang of crackheads.

Matt asked me to keep that badge as a reminder of all you brave police officers who put your lives on the line for us every single day. And I will.

As President, you have my thanks / but much more than that - - you have my support. You're on the side of the law -- and that's the side for me.//

And with your strong support -- I know that we can turn back the threat of drugs and crime -- and make our communities safe and secure. Thank you for this vote of confidence -- and may God bless the men and women who wear the badge and wear the blue.

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YOU KNOW, FOUR YEARS AGO, ALMOST TO THE DAY -- I WAS HERE IN BOSTON, ON A FRIDAY... MEETING WITH LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. SOME OF YOU, IN FACT.

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**THIS YEAR, I'M ENDORSED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF
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I HAVE KEPT IT. AND I ALWAYS WILL.

AS PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE MY THANKS... BUT MUCH MORE THAN THAT -- YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT. YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT.//

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WITH YOUR STRONG SUPPORT -- I KNOW THAT AMERICA CAN TURN BACK THE THREAT OF DRUGS AND CRIME -- AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE AND SECURE AGAIN.

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