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TALKING POINTS/LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT  
WORLD TRADE CENTER  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA // APPROX. 3:30 P  
October 8, 1992

Christina  
Martin

I am pleased today to receive the e  
law enforcement community: [The Police  
Orleans, the Police Association of the C  
Louisiana State Troopers Association, ar  
district attorneys and chiefs of police.] //

Keeping America's neighborhoods safe and secure is one of  
the fundamental responsibilities of government.

It takes a tough, no-nonsense approach, one that puts our  
sympathy with the victims of crime -- not the criminals. After  
all, "hard time" is what criminals should get -- not the innocent  
kids, and older Americans who have to live in fear of violence.

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

Look at the record. Last year, under Governor Clinton,  
Arkansas criminals -- on average -- served just 1/5 of their  
sentence before they were back on the street. They did the crime  
-- and served 1/5 of 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.

If you want to know who's really tough on crime, 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 that Arkansas ranks rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. For judicial and legal systems: 50th. And when it comes to spending for police officers, Arkansas ranks 49th.

They know Bill Clinton's record best -- and they're endorsing George Bush for President. //

So let me say to the law enforcement officers represented 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 is the badge his son Eddie wore the day he was gunned down by a gang of crackheads. As Matt asked, I have kept that badge as a reminder of all you brave police officers who put your lives on the line for us every single day. As President, you have my thanks / but much more than that -- you have my support. You're on the side of the law -- and I'm on your side. //

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

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TO (AGENCY)	DELIVER TO	DEPT/ROOM NO.	PHONE NUMBER
TEXAS	Phil Brady	(FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE 10/08)	
"	Christina Martin		

REMARKS: PB -- Talking points for the 5:55 p.m. Houston Dropby Indian American Reception. AND LA law enforcement endorsement briefing paper.  
  
Christina -- Attached is text for you to prepare speech cards. We will try to get Kaufman to carry cards from here; but only if he comes in in the a.m. I can't get hold of anyone to see if we can catch him/but I will and I'll get back to you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1992

LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ENDORSEMENTS

DATE: October 8, 1992  
TIME: Approx. 2:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: World Trade Center,  
New Orleans  
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *AA*  
FROM: LEIGH ANN METZGER *Lam*  
GREG FITCH *GF*

I. PURPOSE

To accept the endorsements of Louisiana law enforcement organizations. To highlight the differences between your crime record and that of your opponent.

II. BACKGROUND

Louisiana's law enforcement community has been in general very supportive of your leadership over the past three and a half years. Of particular note is the Police Association of New Orleans (PANO), with over 1,200 members, the largest independent law enforcement organization in the state.

As a member of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), they strongly supported your endorsement during the group's conference two months ago. (It was because of such strong rank-and-file support for you that the endorsement decision was bucked to NAPO's executive board, at which time Governor Clinton was endorsed.)

The Police Association of the City of Kenner, another member of NAPO, will also endorse you (Kenner is a middle class suburb of New Orleans). Several sheriffs and district attorneys will also give you their support.

Ron Cannatella, PANO's President, will briefly speak before your comments.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Ron Cannatella, President, Police Association of New Orleans  
Wesley West, President, Police Association of the City of  
Kenner (unconfirmed)

I.F. Hingle, Sheriff, Plaquemines Parish

Craig Weber, Sheriff, LaFourche Parish

Pat Cannulette, Sheriff, St. Tammany Parish

Elmer Litchfield, Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish

Walter Reed, District Attorney, St. Tammany Parish  
(unconfirmed)

Charles Foti, Sheriff, Orleans Parish (unconfirmed)

Nick Congemi, Chief of Police, City of Kenner (unconfirmed)  
Approximately 40 PANO uniformed law enforcement officers

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See Advance Scenario

VI. REMARKS

Talking Points to be provided by Public Liaison

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-- BUT WE MUST ALSO LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER. MY AGENDA WILL GIVE EVERY AMERICAN HIS OR HER SHOT AT THE AMERICAN DREAM THROUGH OWNERSHIP AND OPPORTUNITY. EMPOWERMENT AND FREEDOM FROM CRIME. DIGNITY AND SELF-RELIANCE.

-- BUT GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO CHANGE. THE DEFICIT MUST BE ELIMINATED BY A CAP ON MANDATORY SPENDING, A FREEZE ON ALL OTHER SPENDING, THE LINE ITEM VETO, A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT AND A TAX CHECK OFF OF 10% TO REDUCE DEBT AND SPENDING.

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-- I HAVE PLEDGED TO CUT THE WHITE HOUSE BUDGET BY ONE THIRD IF CONGRESS WILL DO LIKEWISE.

-- THROUGH THESE PLANS, WE WILL CREATE A \$10 TRILLION ECONOMY. THIS IS WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT. THIS IS WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE. THIS IS WHAT I WILL FIGHT FOR EACH AND EVERY DAY IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

-- THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING. FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS CAMPAIGN. AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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-- BUT WE CAN ALSO HELP BUSINESSES -AND THE AMERICAN WORKER- BY ELIMINATING EXCESSIVE REGULATIONS, SUPPORTING CIVILIAN R & D, AND REFORMING THE LEGAL SYSTEM. AMERICAN BUSINESS AND CONSUMERS SPEND UP TO \$200 BILLION IN DIRECT COSTS TO LAWYERS. THIS TOO MUST CHANGE.

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-- WE MUST NOT ONLY PROVIDE JOBS BUT PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA. INCREASED JOB TRAINING WILL DEVELOP THE CAPABILITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND LESSEN THEIR DEPENDENCY ON GOVERNMENT. MY HEALTH CARE REFORMS WILL GUARANTEE ACCESS- NOT CREATE YET ANOTHER BUREAUCRACY. PENSIONS MUST BE PORTABLE. THIS IS TRUE ECONOMIC SECURITY.

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-- WE MUST BRING TOGETHER THE MANPOWER AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE BRAIN POWER OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITIES, AND FEDERAL LABS TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF OUR FUTURE.

-- MY COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO WIN THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMY IS BUILT ON LOWER TAXES, LOWER SPENDING, AND LESS REGULATIONS.

-- WE MUST WORK WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR NOT REGULATE IT.

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-- WE MUST PREPARE OUR CHILDREN TO COMPETE IN THE WORLD. OUR CURRENT SCHOOL SYSTEM IS NOT UP TO THE TASK. SCHOOL CHOICE - EDUCATIONAL COMPETITION- MUST DRIVE EDUCATION REFORM.

-- IF WE PREPARE OUR CHILDREN TO COMPETE, WE MUST ALSO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE JOBS FOR THEM. WE MUST FREE UP CAPITAL SO BUSINESSES CAN EXPAND. CUT AND INDEX THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX, CREATE ENTERPRISE ZONES AND MAKE THE R & D TAX CREDIT PERMANENT.

**TALKING POINTS FOR VICTORY '92 SUPPORTERS**

**-- THANK YOU FOR THAT WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION AND THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS COMING THIS EVENING. IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN HOUSTON.**

**-- BEFORE I BEGIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK MY SPECIAL FRIEND ROB MOSBACHER FOR ALL OF HIS INVALUABLE HELP.**

**-- A FEW WEEKS AGO IN DETROIT, I ANNOUNCED MY AGENDA FOR AMERICAN RENEWAL. IN IT WE HAVE CONFRONTED THE PROBLEMS THAT AMERICA FACES AND LAID OUT OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.**

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**-- I RECENTLY SPOKE ABOUT ONE SPECIFIC ASPECT OF MY AGENDA-- HOW TO SHARPEN BUSINESS' COMPETITIVE EDGE.**

**-- TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE WE MUST CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON LEADING EDGE PRODUCTS SUCH AS SUPERCOMPUTERS, THE MATERIALS OF TOMORROW, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY.**

**LOUISIANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ENDORSEMENTS  
NEW ORLEANS, LA \ OCT. 8, 1992 \ 3:30 P.M.**

**I AM PLEASED TODAY TO RECEIVE THE  
ENDORSEMENT OF LOUISIANA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT  
COMMUNITY: THE POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NEW  
ORLEANS, THE POLICE ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY  
OF KENNER, THE LOUISIANA STATE TROOPERS  
ASSOCIATION, AND A NUMBER OF SHERIFFS,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND CHIEFS OF POLICE.**

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**KEEPING AMERICA'S NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE AND  
SECURE IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENT.**

**IT TAKES A TOUGH, NO-NONSENSE APPROACH,  
ONE THAT PUTS OUR SYMPATHY WITH THE VICTIMS  
OF CRIME -- NOT THE CRIMINALS. AFTER ALL,  
"HARD TIME" IS WHAT CRIMINALS SHOULD GET --  
NOT THE INNOCENT KIDS, AND OLDER AMERICANS  
WHO HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR OF VIOLENCE.**

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IN THIS ELECTION, TWO CANDIDATES ARE TALKING TOUGH ON CRIME -- BUT JUST ONE CANDIDATE IS TAKING ACTION.

LOOK AT THE RECORD. LAST YEAR, UNDER GOVERNOR CLINTON, ARKANSAS CRIMINALS -- ON AVERAGE -- SERVED JUST 1/5 OF THEIR SENTENCE BEFORE THEY WERE BACK ON THE STREET. THEY DID THE CRIME -- AND SERVED 1/5 OF THE TIME.

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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.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO'S REALLY TOUGH ON CRIME, LOOK TO THE PEOPLE ON THE FRONT LINES.

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TAKE THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. THEY LIVED WITH BILL CLINTON FOR 12 YEARS.

THEY KNOW THAT ARKANSAS RANKS ROCK-BOTTOM FOR EVERY IMPORTANT PER-CAPITA CRIME DOLLAR IT SPENDS. FOR PRISONS: 46TH. FOR JUDICIAL AND LEGAL SYSTEMS: 50TH. AND WHEN IT COMES TO SPENDING FOR POLICE OFFICERS, ARKANSAS RANKS 49TH.

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THEY KNOW BILL CLINTON'S RECORD BEST -- AND THEY'RE ENDORSING GEORGE BUSH FOR PRESIDENT.//

SO LET ME SAY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPRESENTED 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.

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IT IS THE BADGE OF HIS SON, EDDIE, WORE THE DAY HE WAS GUNNED DOWN BY A GANG OF CRACKHEADS. AS MATT ASKED, I HAVE KEPT THAT BADGE AS A REMINDER OF ALL YOU BRAVE OFFICERS WHO PUT YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR US EVERY SINGLE DAY. AS PRESIDENT, YOU HAVE MY THANKS/ BUT MUCH MORE THAN -- YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT. YOU'RE ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW -- AND I'M ON YOUR SIDE.//

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AND WITH YOUR SUPPORT -- I KNOW THAT WE CAN TURN BACK THE THREAT OF DRUGS AND CRIME -- AND MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER AND MORE SECURE. THANK YOU FOR THIS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE -- AND MAY GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WEAR THE BADGE.

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