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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNAT'L POLICE CHIEFS
 COBO HALL, DETROIT
 SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 1992
 10:00 A.M.

- *Chief Vaughn (C. Rowland) IACP President*

Thank you for that introduction, and hello, everyone.

Today I want to talk about government's foremost function:
to protect every citizen from violence at home and on the street.

We just won a Cold War. Now we need to focus on enemy
territory in neighborhoods back home, where grandparents and kids
hide behind bars, like prisoners in their own homes. That's a
peacekeeping perversion, and it absolutely must not stand.

Easier said than done -- but it can be done. We've slowed
violent crime dramatically the past twelve years, and we're
turning the tide on the drugs that so often fuel the fire.

DAN
LEVINE
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You've watched it first-hand. America got soft on crime in
the 60s, and for twenty years you paid for it. But we fought
back, and for the first time in decades the overall crime index
is actually down.

LEVINE

So with your help, we've stemmed the tide... prevented
millions of crimes... but that's not enough. It's never enough.

Crime is a smart virus... always changing its face, and our
laws need to react just as quickly... so we can beat it.

Take carjacking -- a brand-new word for a brand-new crime.

I want to tell you a story that just sickened Barbara and me.

[when we saw it on TV.] But it shows what we're up against. In

broad daylight in a nice area near DC recently, a woman was forced from her car at a stop sign by two men who then drove off. But she got tangled in her seatbelt outside the car. Or maybe she hung on. What mother wouldn't? Her baby was inside.

That woman was dragged for almost two miles. The thieves finally crushed her to death against a fence. And they tossed her little baby out by the roadside like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... but this sort of thing must provoke outrage. Perpetrators of this sick, animal behavior have no place in decent society. As far as this President's concerned, they can go to jail... and they can rot in jail. //

You know, there are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the differences among candidates couldn't be bigger. Crime is one of them -- Bill Clinton and I are about as far apart as Barney Fife and the Terminator. //

I'll give him credit; he's learned to talk tough. But let me tell you, when push comes to shove, the Governor believes the same old baloney that it's society's fault when someone gets mugged, and society should pay. His record proclaims it.

The average Arkansas inmate served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. But the average federal inmate -- an inmate under my jurisdiction -- served 85 percent of his.

→ ^{THE} Violent crime in Arkansas went up almost 60 percent in the

80s -- more than twice the national average. ~~And Arkansas had~~

→ ^{IT WAS (PAUP TELL)} the nation's single-biggest increase in overall crime in the 80s, ^{SERIOUS (TELL)} including the third-biggest jump in violent crime.

1983 and 1991 UCRs
Look at violent crimes committed for every 100,000 people in Arkansas. In 1983, there were almost 300. Last year -- almost 600. It's doubled on his watch. ^{1983 UCR p. 52; TABLE 4} ^{p. 68; TABLE 5, UCR '91}

* Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But just three years later -- they're down to 16. [DAVID TELL]

This one's my favorite. Just the other day, Governor Clinton observed that America is number one in the world in the percentage of people behind bars. And then he said he wants to reverse that trend. What does he want to do? Turn 'em loose? //

The evidence keeps piling up. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems, Arkansas ranks 50th.

That's right. Dead last.

No wonder crime went ballistic in Arkansas during the 80s. ^{IT'S THE CRIMINALS YOU HANDCUFF, NOT THE COPS}
If you handcuff the police, you can't expect them to do the job. //

The Governor's record is not right for Arkansas, and it's not right for America. If you don't believe me, just ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know the Clinton record better than anyone, and they're joining hands with their national organization to endorse me for President.

They've taken the time to look at my record. And by the way, that's not easy, given the national media. Let me tell you four big things we've been doing to fight crime and we'll see if the press bothers to mention them.

Betsy

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got 46% over '89 - less than what we wanted

First, more resources. My 1993 budget calls for almost 60%

more federal money (CLARIFY THIS POINT. MENTION TRIPLING OF FED

SUPPORT TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT?) We've got a program

to double Federal prison capacity during the 90s. We've hired more than 1,200 new Federal prosecutors since 1989, telling them to go after violence and drugs. And we've assigned 300 FBI agents to help you fight gangs.

Second, reforming criminal justice. We need criminal punishment to be fair, fast and final, and we don't need laws that bend over backward for the criminal... and say to the victim, "Tough luck, buddy." That means stopping the abuse of our appeals process... it means enforcing the death penalty... and it means letting cops use evidence seized in good faith.

We've given more than \$200 million ^{dollars} to crime victims since 1989, to help compensate their losses. You know where that money came from? Criminal fines. Sometimes justice is poetic. //

Third, targeting the violent repeat-offender. You know this guy. The one with the nasty habit of walking out of jail, right back into the lives of innocent people. He's a huge part of the problem. Put him away for good, and crime takes a holiday.

One of our [federal] operations to do just that ^{resulted in} arrested 3300 of the most-dangerous fugitives in America in just 68 days last spring. And another one hits repeat offenders with federal charges that put them away much longer.

And fourth, taking back our neighborhoods. I believe in our Weed-and-Seed program. Tough laws won't fix everything. You

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have to save kids early, before they get sucked into crime. It all depends on the social soil you plant their dreams in.

So after you weed out the bad in a neighborhood, you seed it with good. We're trying pilot programs in 20 cities right now. With love and care, we can give kids a chance to escape the scars of a Cass Corridor in Detroit... a Cabrini-Green in Chicago... a "Huff" in Cleveland... or an East Lake Meadows in Atlanta.

I've fought for all these initiatives. Not just tough talk -- we're taking action. But our action would be stronger as a part of a national crime strategy fully supported by Congress.

That's why, twelve-hundred and twenty-eight days ago, on June 15, 1989 -- the same day Mikhail Gorbachev first hinted the Berlin Wall might someday fall -- I sent a comprehensive crime bill to Capitol Hill. I offered a hand of partnership to Congress, and asked for help fighting crime on a national level.

I guess crime isn't as high on their list as it is on mine. Since I first sent that bill to the Hill in 1989, Americans have been assaulted to the tune of almost 60,000 murders, 260,000 rapes, 1.6 million robberies and 2.6 million assaults. And 69,000 of those violent crimes took place right here in Detroit.

Think about it. Enough Americans to fill Detroit four times over... were brutalized by assault, rape or murder while that bill languished on Capitol Hill. If you started putting victims here in Cobo Hall... in just one day -- they'd fill every one of these seats. Folks -- you're sitting in a victim's chair.

No wonder Americans stare at the news every night... shake their heads... and ask, why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets!

Well, as frustrating as this crime bill has been for me... it's still my job as President to get results. So we've fought and won a couple of big battles the past few weeks. And today I'm proud to announce that right after this speech, I'm going to sit down here at Cobo Hall and sign two of the crime initiatives I've fought for... into tough new federal laws.

The first one ~~is to~~ severely punish ^{carjacking} carjackers. I told Congress I want to make it a federal offense with harsh penalties. I want thugs who take cars at gunpoint to sit in a cell so long that when they get out -- they're too old to walk, much less drive.

And the second one ~~is to~~ call ^sdeadbeat dads on the carpet. Right now, a single mother in Detroit can struggle to keep the kids fed on her small salary while their father's on a lark in Chicago. He could be way behind in child-support, but no one can touch him over state lines. Well, that's a disgrace, and it's ^{Now} time the long arm of the law reaches over that border... taps dad on his shoulder... and says, Buddy... time to pay up, or go up the river.

Two tough new federal laws that go into effect today. We've been able to work with the Congress to get them through. They're not as tough as I'd like, but it's a start. And you know why they got done? Because national attention created national

outrage that I applied to Congress to force them to act. It's a formula for success I want to use again and again in the next four years. So let me make you an offer. Stick with me in the election, and I'll stick with you after it, using that formula over and over until law enforcement in this country has the federal support it needs and deserves to do the job right.

Those two laws made it this year. But my crime bill had at least six other initiatives that Congress didn't pass -- that I care a whole lot about. So next year, we're going after them as well. With a new Congress -- with 150 new members -- we're going to pass those six items into law, too.

Here's what you can expect in a second Bush administration.

Number one, I want to strengthen laws dealing with sexual and domestic violence. For starters, we've got to protect the victim. It's bad enough a woman is attacked in the first place. Then she takes the stand for testimony -- and gets attacked by lawyers. I say that's two attacks too many.

And I want repeat offenders behind bars until trial. Today, even a repeat rapist can get arrested and be out on bond hours later. I say, detain him until trial and let the prosecution use past behavior against him. Right now, certain little details can't even be mentioned in court -- like the fact that everyone within a country mile knows the guy has done this before. And that's wrong. Let him face what he's done and pay for it.

Number two, crush gang violence. I want gangs to be treated like the criminal enterprises they are, so we can go after the

leaders with federal medicine they deserve. Little Dantrell Davis was killed by a gang sniper in Cabrini-Green last week. A 7-year-old on his way to school! I say, cage the animal who shot him.

And I want to toughen penalties for using juveniles in crimes. Gangs can send under-age kids out to do their dirty work, because they're minors who'll get off easy if they're caught. I want to make the big boys pay.

Three, protection for the elderly. It's absurd that the folks who've contributed to this society all their lives... have to live in terror when they're old and frail, just because some young punks see them as an easy target. I want to beef up the laws so instead of stalking the streets, mugging grandma -- they're down at precinct, mugging for the police camera.

Four, Habeas Corpus reform. Habeas Corpus should protect the innocent, but it's turned into a perversion of the law. Some of these petitions can drag on for more than a decade. Criminal lawyers are abusing the law to postpone justice, and it's time to stop it. Let them have one Habeas petition and be done with it.

Five, a Federal death penalty. I think certain acts of violence deserve the ultimate penalty. Assassinations, murder for hire, terrorism, random drive-by shootings, gang massacres: These depraved people are merchants of death who trade in death so when they kill someone let's complete the transaction.

And six, firearms. This one's short and sweet. I want much-tougher penalties for criminal use of firearms. Period.

So there's a lot of work to be done. But America's worth it. For every hardened criminal you face down, there are countless thousands of good, decent Americans out there with strong values and big hearts. You don't hear from them much, but I happen to know on good authority that they appreciate you.

I know because they tell me.

So let me pass it on. America stands behind you. And I stand behind you, with the full weight of the Federal government.

And on behalf of all those unheard but grateful Americans... thank you -- all of you -- for putting your lives on the line every day. Now you pass it on. Go back and tell your brave men and women that we love you and we need you all.

You've done so much already... but there's more to be done.

To do it, I need your support. And I ask for your vote on November 3 -- because I want to be in Washington four more years fighting for the federal support you need to get your jobs done.

Thank you... God bless you... God bless all the law officers across this great land... and God bless the United States of America.

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Dan,
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pp 7-8 about linking the topic + the 2 bills

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Thank you for that introduction, and hello, everybody.

((Acknowledgements, local color, humor.))

Today I want to talk about government's first and foremost
function: to protect every American citizen from violence -- at
home and on the streets.

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There's no point winning a Cold War if our neighborhoods
back home are criminal territory, where grandparents and kids
hide behind bars, like prisoners in their own homes. That's a
perversion of the public peace, and it absolutely must not stand.

Easier said than done -- but it can be done. You know,
better than anyone, that we've slowed violent crime dramatically
the past twelve years. And we're starting to turn the tide on
the terrible drugs that so often fuel the fire.

I know it's been especially hard on you. America got soft
on crime in the 60s, and you paid for it. By the time we cracked
down again in the early 80s, violent crime had gone up 400% in
twenty years. But in the ten years since then, it's gone up a
little over 25%, and the overall crime index is actually down.

So with your help, we've stemmed the tide... prevented
millions of crimes... but that's not enough. It's never enough.

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(2) sounds like false empathy.
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Crime is a smart virus... always changing its face, and our laws need to react just as quickly... so we can beat it.

Here's a timely example. Carjacking -- a brand-new word for a brand-new crime. Someone figured out it's easy to steal a car that's already running, with the keys in the ignition. But that means the criminal has to do away with a driver.

I want to tell you a story that just sickened Barbara and me when we saw it on TV. But it shows what we're up against. In a nice area near D.C. recently -- in broad daylight -- a woman was forced from her car at a stop sign by two men who then drove off.

But she got tangled in her seatbelt outside the car. Or maybe she hung on. What mother wouldn't? Her baby was inside.

That woman was dragged for almost two miles. The thieves finally crushed her to death against a fence. And they tossed her little baby out by the roadside like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... I know you've got horror stories of your own, certainly here in Detroit... but we can't get jaded against outrage. This is sick, animal behavior, and we cannot as a nation abide it any longer.

People who do such things have no place in decent society. And as far as this President's concerned, they can go to jail... they can stay in jail... and they can rot in jail.

We need tough laws that don't bend over backwards sheltering the criminal... while saying to the victim, "Tough luck, buddy."

You know, there are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the differences among candidates couldn't be

(People will ask why he abided it for 4 yrs!)

more radical. Crime is one of them -- Bill Clinton and I are about as far apart as Barney Fife and the Terminator.

I'll give him credit, though. He's learned to talk tough. But let me tell you: When push comes to shove, what the Governor really believes is the same old baloney that it's society's fault when someone gets mugged, and society should pay.

His record practically shouts it. An average Arkansas inmate served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. Compare that to federal inmates -- inmates under my jurisdiction. They serve at least 85 percent of their full sentence.

Violent crime in Arkansas went up almost 60 percent in the 80s -- more than twice the national average. That was the nation's single-biggest increase in overall crime in the 80s, and the third-biggest in violent crime.

Look at violent crimes committed for every 100,000 people in Arkansas. In 1983, there were 289. Last year -- up to 593.

Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But just three years later -- they're down to 16.

This one's my favorite. Just the other day, Governor Clinton observed that America is number one in the world in the percentage of people behind bars. And then he said he wants to reverse that trend. What does he want to do? Turn 'em loose?

The evidence keeps piling up. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems -- Arkansas ranks 50th.

That's right. Dead last.

No wonder crime went ballistic in Arkansas during the 80s. If you don't give police the tools they need... you can't expect them to do their job.

Bottom line -- the Governor's record is not right for Arkansas, and it's not right for America. If you don't believe me... just ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know Bill Clinton's record better than anyone... and they're not endorsing their Governor. They're joining hands with their national organization, and endorsing me for President.

They're endorsing me because they're on the front lines... where it's clear that America needs a government that attacks the problem... by preventing and punishing crime.

I believe it, too. That's why I've been fighting for strong federal support... so we can help our state and local police in new and concrete ways. We must help you fight.

For four years, I've been working hard to do just that. You don't hear about it -- it's good news, which to the media means no news. Well, they've got a lot of things wrong. I heard them on my train the other day, singing their theme song: "Accentuate the negative... eliminate the positive."

Well, let me tell you four big things we've been doing to fight crime and we'll see if the press bothers to mention them.

First, more resources. My 1993 budget calls for almost 60% more federal money than crimefighters got when I took office.

We've got a program to double Federal prison capacity during the

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This would be a good plan to refer to our top line Fed) support for state + local Law enforcement (Don't check, but I believe its correct)

90s. We've hired more than 1,200 new Federal prosecutors since 1989, telling them to go after drug lords and violent criminals. And we've assigned 300 FBI agents to help you fight gangs.

Second, reforming criminal justice. We want criminal punishment to be fair, fast and final, and we want at least the same respectful treatment for innocent victims.

That means stopping the ridiculous abuse of our appeals process... it means enforcing the death penalty... and it means letting cops use criminal evidence they seize in good faith.

And we've given more than \$200 million to crime victims since 1989, to help compensate their losses. You know where that money came from? Criminal fines. Sometimes justice is poetic.

Third, targeting the violent repeat-offender. You know this guy. The one with the nasty habit of walking out of jail, right back into the lives of innocent people. He's a huge part of the problem. Put him away for good, and crime takes a holiday.

One of our federal operations arrested 3300 of the most-dangerous fugitives in America in just 68 days last spring. And we're targeting repeat offenders with project Triggerlock, where the feds join state and local crimefighters to take violent criminals to federal court. That way, we nail them on federal charges that put them away much longer. We just finished year one of Triggerlock, and federal firearms prosecutions more than doubled, to the average tune of 18 years with no parole.

And finally fourth, taking back our neighborhoods -- our weed-and-seed program. I believe in this program because tougher

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laws won't fix everything. The other side of crime has a more human face -- and too often, it's a child's face. At some point early in life, a kid at a critical juncture can be steered to a life of right or a life of terrible wrong. It all depends on the kind of soil you plant these kids in... and how you nourish them.

So you weed out the bad in a neighborhood... and you seed it with good. We're trying pilot programs in 19 cities right now. With love and care like this, we give kids a chance to escape the scars of a Cass Corridor in Detroit... a Cabrini-Green in Chicago ... a Hough in Cleveland... or an East Lake Meadows in Atlanta.

We've fought for all these initiatives during my administration. Not just tough talk -- we're taking action. But our action would be more effective as a part of a comprehensive national crime strategy with the full backing of Congress.

That's why, twelve-hundred and twenty-eight days ago, on June 15, 1989 -- the same day Mikhail Gorbachev first hinted the Berlin Wall might someday fall -- I sent a comprehensive crime bill to Capitol Hill. I offered the hand of partnership to Congress, and asked for help fighting crime on a national level.

I guess crime isn't as high on their list as it is on mine. Since I first sent that bill to the Hill in 1989, here in the United States we've had almost 60,000 murders, 260,000 rapes, 1.6 million robberies and 2.6 million assaults. And 69,000 of those violent crimes took place -- right here in Detroit.

Think about that. Enough people to fill the city of Detroit four times over... were brutalized while that bill languished on

Capitol Hill. (X) of those Americans were brutalized on Capitol Hill -- in the hard neighborhoods near the halls of Congress. The horrible truth is, if you started putting all the Americans who are beaten, robbed, raped or killed in this country into Cobo Hall, they'd fill every one of your seats -- in one day. You're sitting in a victim's chair.

No wonder Americans stare at the news every night... shake their heads... and ask, why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets!

I could not agree more. And as frustrating as this crime bill has been for me... it's still my job as President to get results. So we've won some big battles in the past few weeks. I want to share them with you, but I also want you to know what's on my overall crime agenda, so you know what to expect in a second Bush term. I'm not asking for anything but common-sense justice, especially for women, kids and elderly victims of crime.

That's the formula you + I are going to use against again

Here are the eight goals I asked Congress to help me reach.

One, severely punish carjackers, like the ones I just described. I told Congress I want to make carjacking a federal offense with harsh penalties. I want thugs who take cars at gunpoint to stay in a cell so long that when they get out -- they're too old to walk, much less drive.

I used to find Congress to act, but not the excuse for inaction.

Two, call deadbeat dads on the carpet. Right now, a single mother here in Detroit can be struggling to keep the kids fed on her small salary... while their father's in Chicago, picking out a nice new Jeep Grand Cherokee with a CD player and leather

I think it will flow better for the listener if you put your A from a 10 on this at here. If we got this one done. Not as tough as I'd like, but it's a start. Will sign here today. And you know why I got it done? B/c natl often created a nat'l outrage that

Got this all done, too, ...
(etc)

seats. He could be 'way behind in child-support, but no one can touch him because he's over state lines.

Well, I think that's a disgrace, and it's about time the long arm of the law reaches out over that state line... taps that deadbeat dad on his shoulder... and says, Time to pay up, buddy. Time to pay up... or go up the river.

Three, strengthen laws dealing with sexual and domestic violence. For starters, we need to protect the victim. It's bad enough a rape victim is attacked in the first place. Then she takes the stand to testify -- and gets attacked by the rapist's lawyers. I say that's two too many attacks.

And I want repeat sex and domestic-violence offenders behind bars until trial. Today, even a repeat offender can get arrested and be out on bond hours later... stalking his next victim... or beating his wife and kids for turning him in. I want him detained until trial, and I want the prosecution to be able to use past convictions against him. Right now, certain details can't even be mentioned in court. So-called little details -- like the fact that everyone and their dog within a country mile knows the guy's done this before. And that's wrong. Let him face what he's done and pay for what he's done.

Four, crack down on gang violence. I want gangs to be treated like the criminal enterprises they are. That way, we can go after the leaders, and we can deal harshly with them, and we can untie the hands of good cops so they can clean up decent neighborhoods. Little Dantrell Davis was killed by a gang sniper

If Now, I've got other on my agenda, too. We together, we can get them done too. If you stay with me -- first in the election, then afterwards. Make a pact.

in Cabrini-Green in Chicago last week. This was an innocent little seven-year-old boy, on his way to school. And I say, the animal who shot him should be caged.

And I want to toughen the penalties for using juveniles in crimes. Gangs can send under-age kids out to do their dirty work, because they're minors who'll get off easy if they're caught. I want to make the big boys pay.

Five, protection for the elderly. It's absurd that the folks who've contributed to this society all their lives... have to live in terror when they're old and frail, just because some young punks see them as an easy target. I want to beef up the laws so instead of stalking the streets, mugging grandma -- they're down at precinct, mugging for the police camera.

Six, Habeas Corpus reform. Habeas Corpus should protect the innocent, but it's turned into a ridiculous perversion of the law. Can you believe that these petitions can drag on for more than a decade? The fact is, criminal lawyers are abusing the law to postpone justice, and it's time we stop this travesty. Let them have one Habeas Corpus petition and be done with it.

Seven, a Federal death penalty. I think certain acts of violence deserve the ultimate penalty. I'm talking about assassinations, murder for hire, terrorism and other depraved acts. And you can add the new urban violence we see with gangs. Drive-by shootings, random violence, gang massacres -- these people are merchants of death, who trade in death... so when they kill someone, let's complete the transaction.

And eight, firearms. This one's short and sweet. I want much-tougher penalties for criminal use of firearms. Period.

Those are the eight things I felt most-strongly about when I sent my Crime Bill to Capitol Hill. I fought to get the comprehensive Bill passed, but Congress wouldn't do it. So we took each of the items to the mat individually, and today I'm proud to announce that after this speech, I'm going to sit right down here at Cobo Hall and sign two of those measures into law - - the two that deal with carjacking and deadbeat dads.

The carjacking bill isn't as tough as I wanted, but it's a start. It makes carjacking a federal offense, and it makes the chop-shops that buy stolen cars federally liable, too.

And the deadbeat dads bill lets the arm of the law reach over state lines and hold fathers responsible for child support.

So there are two tough new laws. And we've been able to work with the Congress to get these done. Next year, we're going after the other six on my agenda, and with the new Congress, a Congress with 150 new members, we'll pass these six as well.

There's a lot of work still to be done. But America is worth defending, at home as much as abroad. For every hardened criminal you face down, there are countless thousands of good, decent Americans out there with strong values and big hearts. You don't hear from them too much... but I happen to know, on good authority, that they appreciate you.

I know because they tell me.

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So let me pass it on. America stands behind you. And I stand behind you, with the full weight of the Federal government.

And on behalf of all those unheard but grateful Americans... thank you -- all of you -- for putting your lives on the line every day. Pass it on. Go back and tell your brave men and women that we love you and we need you.

You've done so much already... but there's more to be done.

And so I'm asking for your vote on November 3 -- because I want to be in Washington four more years... to help you do it.

God bless you... God bless all the law-enforcement officers across this great land... and God bless the United States of America.

Lets use his tag line from the last debate, which we'll use in ~~ad~~ our last ads, too

I need your support. I ~~am~~ ask for your vote.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/22/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRI. 10/23 2:00p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNATIONAL POLICE CHIEFS
SUBJECT: DETROIT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 10:00 a.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNAT'L POLICE CHIEFS
 COBO HALL, DETROIT
 SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 1992
 10:00 A.M.

Thank you for that introduction, and hello, everybody.

((Acknowledgements, local color, humor.))

Today I want to talk about government's first and foremost function: to protect every American citizen from violence -- at home and on the streets.

There's no point winning a Cold War if our neighborhoods back home are criminal territory, where grandparents and kids hide behind bars, like prisoners in their own homes. That's a perversion of the public peace, and it absolutely must not stand.

Easier said than done -- but it can be done. You know, better than anyone, that we've slowed violent crime dramatically the past twelve years. And we're starting to turn the tide on the terrible drugs that so often fuel the fire.

I know it's been especially hard on you. America got soft on crime in the 60s, and you paid for it. By the time we cracked down again in the early 80s, violent crime had gone up 400% in twenty years. But in the ten years since then, it's gone up a little over 25%, and the overall crime index is actually down.

So with your help, we've stemmed the tide... prevented millions of crimes... but that's not enough. It's never enough.

Crime is a smart virus... always changing its face, and our laws need to react just as quickly... so we can beat it.

Here's a timely example. Carjacking -- a brand-new word for a brand-new crime. Someone figured out it's easy to steal a car that's already running, with the keys in the ignition. But that means the criminal has to do away with a driver.

I want to tell you a story that just sickened Barbara and me when we saw it on TV. But it shows what we're up against. In a nice area near D.C. recently -- in broad daylight -- a woman was forced from her car at a stop sign by two men who then drove off.

But she got tangled in her seatbelt outside the car. Or maybe she hung on. What mother wouldn't? Her baby was inside.

That woman was dragged for almost two miles. The thieves finally crushed her to death against a fence. And they tossed her little baby out by the roadside like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... I know you've got horror stories of your own, certainly here in Detroit... but we can't get jaded against outrage. This is sick, animal behavior, and we cannot as a nation abide it any longer.

People who do such things have no place in decent society. And as far as this President's concerned, they can go to jail... they can stay in jail... and they can rot in jail.

We need tough laws that don't bend over backwards sheltering the criminal... while saying to the victim, "Tough luck, buddy."

You know, there are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the differences among candidates couldn't be

more radical. Crime is one of them -- Bill Clinton and I are about as far apart as Barney Fife and the Terminator.

I'll give him credit, though. He's learned to talk tough. But let me tell you: When push comes to shove, what the Governor really believes is the same old baloney that it's society's fault when someone gets mugged, and society should pay.

His record practically shouts it. An average Arkansas inmate served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. Compare that to federal inmates -- inmates under my jurisdiction. They serve at least 85 percent of their full sentence.

Violent crime in Arkansas went up almost 60 percent in the 80s -- more than twice the national average. That was the nation's single-biggest increase in overall crime in the 80s, and the third-biggest in violent crime.

Look at violent crimes committed for every 100,000 people in Arkansas. In 1983, there were 289. Last year -- up to 593.

Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But just three years later -- they're down to 16.

This one's my favorite. Just the other day, Governor Clinton observed that America is number one in the world in the percentage of people behind bars. And then he said he wants to reverse that trend. What does he want to do? Turn 'em loose?

The evidence keeps piling up. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems -- Arkansas ranks 50th.

That's right. Dead last.

No wonder crime went ballistic in Arkansas during the 80s. If you don't give police the tools they need... you can't expect them to do their job.

Bottom line -- the Governor's record is not right for Arkansas, and it's not right for America. If you don't believe me... just ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know Bill Clinton's record better than anyone... and they're not endorsing their Governor. They're joining hands with their national organization, and endorsing me for President.

They're endorsing me because they're on the front lines... where it's clear that America needs a government that attacks the problem... by preventing and punishing crime.

I believe it, too. That's why I've been fighting for strong federal support... so we can help our state and local police in new and concrete ways. We must help you fight.

For four years, I've been working hard to do just that. You don't hear about it -- it's good news, which to the media means no news. Well, they've got a lot of things wrong. I heard them on my train the other day, singing their theme song: "Accentuate the negative... eliminate the positive."

Well, let me tell you four big things we've been doing to fight crime and we'll see if the press bothers to mention them.

First, more resources. My 1993 budget calls for almost 60% more federal money than crimefighters got when I took office. We've got a program to double Federal prison capacity during the

90s. We've hired more than 1,200 new Federal prosecutors since 1989, telling them to go after drug lords and violent criminals. And we've assigned 300 FBI agents to help you fight gangs.

Second, reforming criminal justice. We want criminal punishment to be fair, fast and final, and we want at least the same respectful treatment for innocent victims.

That means stopping the ridiculous abuse of our appeals process... it means enforcing the death penalty... and it means letting cops use criminal evidence they seize in good faith.

And we've given more than \$200 million to crime victims since 1989, to help compensate their losses. You know where that money came from? Criminal fines. Sometimes justice is poetic.

Third, targeting the violent repeat-offender. You know this guy. The one with the nasty habit of walking out of jail, right back into the lives of innocent people. He's a huge part of the problem. Put him away for good, and crime takes a holiday.

One of our federal operations arrested 3300 of the most-dangerous fugitives in America in just 68 days last spring. And we're targeting repeat offenders with project Triggerlock, where the feds join state and local crimefighters to take violent criminals to federal court. That way, we nail them on federal charges that put them away much longer. We just finished year one of Triggerlock, and federal firearms prosecutions more than doubled, to the average tune of 18 years with no parole.

And finally fourth, taking back our neighborhoods -- our weed-and-seed program. I believe in this program because tougher

laws won't fix everything. The other side of crime has a more human face -- and too often, it's a child's face. At some point early in life, a kid at a critical juncture can be steered to a life of right or a life of terrible wrong. It all depends on the kind of soil you plant these kids in... and how you nourish them.

So you weed out the bad in a neighborhood... and you seed it with good. We're trying pilot programs in 19 cities right now. With love and care like this, we give kids a chance to escape the scars of a Cass Corridor in Detroit... a Cabrini-Green in Chicago ... a Hough in Cleveland... or an East Lake Meadows in Atlanta.

We've fought for all these initiatives during my administration. Not just tough talk -- we're taking action. But our action would be more effective as a part of a comprehensive national crime strategy with the full backing of Congress.

That's why, twelve-hundred and twenty-eight days ago, on June 15, 1989 -- the same day Mikhail Gorbachev first hinted the Berlin Wall might someday fall -- I sent a comprehensive crime bill to Capitol Hill. I offered the hand of partnership to Congress, and asked for help fighting crime on a national level.

I guess crime isn't as high on their list as it is on mine. Since I first sent that bill to the Hill in 1989, here in the United States we've had almost 60,000 murders, 260,000 rapes, 1.6 million robberies and 2.6 million assaults. And 69,000 of those violent crimes took place -- right here in Detroit.

Think about that. Enough people to fill the city of Detroit four times over... were brutalized while that bill languished on

Capitol Hill. (X) of those Americans were brutalized on Capitol Hill -- in the hard neighborhoods near the halls of Congress. The horrible truth is, if you started putting all the Americans who are beaten, robbed, raped or killed in this country into Cobo Hall, they'd fill every one of your seats -- in one day. You're sitting in a victim's chair.

No wonder Americans stare at the news every night... shake their heads... and ask, why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets!

I could not agree more. And as frustrating as this crime bill has been for me... it's still my job as President to get results. So we've won some big battles in the past few weeks. I want to share them with you, but I also want you to know what's on my overall crime agenda, so you know what to expect in a second Bush term. I'm not asking for anything but common-sense justice, especially for women, kids and elderly victims of crime.

Here are the eight goals I asked Congress to help me reach.

One, severely punish carjackers, like the ones I just described. I told Congress I want to make carjacking a federal offense with harsh penalties. I want thugs who take cars at gunpoint to stay in a cell so long that when they get out -- they're too old to walk, much less drive.

Two, call deadbeat dads on the carpet. Right now, a single mother here in Detroit can be struggling to keep the kids fed on her small salary... while their father's in Chicago, picking out a nice new Jeep Grand Cherokee with a CD player and leather

seats. He could be 'way behind in child-support, but no one can touch him because he's over state lines.

Well, I think that's a disgrace, and it's about time the long arm of the law reaches out over that state line... taps that deadbeat dad on his shoulder... and says, Time to pay up, buddy. Time to pay up... or go up the river.

Three, strengthen laws dealing with sexual and domestic violence. For starters, we need to protect the victim. It's bad enough a rape victim is attacked in the first place. Then she takes the stand to testify -- and gets attacked by the rapist's lawyers. I say that's two too many attacks.

And I want repeat sex and domestic-violence offenders behind bars until trial. Today, even a repeat offender can get arrested and be out on bond hours later... stalking his next victim... or beating his wife and kids for turning him in. I want him detained until trial, and I want the prosecution to be able to use past convictions against him. Right now, certain details can't even be mentioned in court. So-called little details -- like the fact that everyone and their dog within a country mile knows the guy's done this before. And that's wrong. Let him face what he's done and pay for what he's done.

Four, crack down on gang violence. I want gangs to be treated like the criminal enterprises they are. That way, we can go after the leaders, and we can deal harshly with them, and we can untie the hands of good cops so they can clean up decent neighborhoods. Little Dantrell Davis was killed by a gang sniper

in Cabrini-Green in Chicago last week. This was an innocent little seven-year-old boy, on his way to school. And I say, the animal who shot him should be caged.

And I want to toughen the penalties for using juveniles in crimes. Gangs can send under-age kids out to do their dirty work, because they're minors who'll get off easy if they're caught. I want to make the big boys pay.

Five, protection for the elderly. It's absurd that the folks who've contributed to this society all their lives... have to live in terror when they're old and frail, just because some young punks see them as an easy target. I want to beef up the laws so instead of stalking the streets, mugging grandma -- they're down at precinct, mugging for the police camera.

Six, Habeas Corpus reform. Habeas Corpus should protect the innocent, but it's turned into a ridiculous perversion of the law. Can you believe that these petitions can drag on for more than a decade? The fact is, criminal lawyers are abusing the law to postpone justice, and it's time we stop this travesty. Let them have one Habeas Corpus petition and be done with it.

Seven, a Federal death penalty. I think certain acts of violence deserve the ultimate penalty. I'm talking about assassinations, murder for hire, terrorism and other depraved acts. And you can add the new urban violence we see with gangs. Drive-by shootings, random violence, gang massacres -- these people are merchants of death, who trade in death... so when they kill someone, let's complete the transaction.

And eight, firearms. This one's short and sweet. I want much-tougher penalties for criminal use of firearms. Period.

Those are the eight things I felt most-strongly about when I sent my Crime Bill to Capitol Hill. I fought to get the comprehensive Bill passed, but Congress wouldn't do it. So we took each of the items to the mat individually, and today I'm proud to announce that after this speech, I'm going to sit right down here at Cobo Hall and sign two of those measures into law - - the two that deal with carjacking and deadbeat dads.

The carjacking bill isn't as tough as I wanted, but it's a start. It makes carjacking a federal offense, and it makes the chop-shops that buy stolen cars federally liable, too.

And the deadbeat dads bill lets the arm of the law reach over state lines and hold fathers responsible for child support.

So there are two tough new laws. And we've been able to work with the Congress to get these done. Next year, we're going after the other six on my agenda, and with the new Congress, a Congress with 150 new members, we'll pass these six as well.

There's a lot of work still to be done. But America is worth defending, at home as much as abroad. For every hardened criminal you face down, there are countless thousands of good, decent Americans out there with strong values and big hearts. You don't hear from them too much... but I happen to know, on good authority, that they appreciate you.

I know because they tell me.

So let me pass it on. America stands behind you. And I stand behind you, with the full weight of the Federal government.

And on behalf of all those unheard but grateful Americans... thank you -- all of you -- for putting your lives on the line every day. Pass it on. Go back and tell your brave men and women that we love you and we need you.

You've done so much already... but there's more to be done.

And so I'm asking for your vote on November 3 -- because I want to be in Washington four more years... to help you do it.

God bless you... God bless all the law-enforcement officers across this great land... and God bless the United States of America.



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G. Terwilliger at Justice, per Linda Tripp:

We should mention cocaine prices and availability in Colombia and the US. (Would ONDCP have the numbers?)

JMG

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Justice comments.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNAT'L POLICE CHIEFS
 COBO HALL, DETROIT
 SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 1992
 10:00 A.M.

Thank you, Chief Vaughn [IACP President], for that kind introduction, and hello, everyone. Gov. Engler. Distinguished members of the Board, ^{May I give a special welcome to the} ~~as well as~~ Chiefs of Police from around the world. ~~Hokey~~ ()

Today I want to talk about government's first and foremost function: to protect every citizen at home and on the street.

Let me start with a story, probably the kind of story you hear about everyday, but one that sickened Barbara and me when we saw it on the news ~~one night~~ ^{a couple months ago}.

In broad daylight in a neighborhood near Washington D.C., a woman was forced from her car at a stop sign by two men, who then drove off. But the woman got tangled in her seatbelt outside the car. Or maybe she hung on. What mother wouldn't? You see, her baby was locked inside.

That woman was dragged almost two miles before the thieves crushed her to death against a fence. And then they tossed her little baby out by the roadside -- like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... but this sort of thing must provoke outrage. People who act like animals have no place in decent society. They should go to jail, and stay in jail.

over the past twelve years

America got soft on crime in the 60's, and for twenty years you paid for it. But we have fought back, and for the first time in decades -- the overall crime index is actually down.

With your help -- we've slowed ~~the~~ violent crime dramatically ~~the past twelve years~~, and we're turning the tide on drugs. But as you can tell by comparing our crime statistics with other nations, ~~around the world~~, we still have a long way to go. That's what I want to talk about today.

There are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the voters have a clear choice -- ~~where the differences among candidates couldn't be sharper~~. And crime is one of ~~them~~:

the most important

~~On crime, Bill Clinton and I are about as far apart as Barney Rife and the Terminator.~~

I have big differences with Gov. Clinton on crime and law enforcement. Here are some facts. The average Arkansas inmate served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. But the average federal inmate, -- an inmate under my jurisdiction -- served 85 percent of his.

Under Bill Clinton, Arkansas' violent crime rate went up almost 60 percent in the 80s -- more than twice the national average. That was the nation's single-biggest increase in serious crime during the decade.

In 1983, there were about 300 violent crimes for every 100,000 people in Arkansas. Last year, there were almost 600. Violent crime has doubled on Governor Clinton's watch.

Our records reveal it

Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But now -- they're down to 16.

~~The evidence keeps piling up.~~ You can't blame Arkansas' dedicated police officers. Look at these statistics. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems, Arkansas ranks 50th. Dead last.

No wonder crime went ballistic in Arkansas during the 80s. You're supposed to handcuff criminals -- not the police.//

It's obvious -- the Clinton crime record is wrong for Arkansas, and it is wrong for America. If you don't believe me, ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock. They know the Clinton record better than anyone, and they're joining hands with their national organization -- to endorse me for President of the United States.

They've taken the time to look at my record -- the good news you might don't hear on the network news every night. Let me tick off just a few of our priorities.

Start with money. Since I took office, we've increased the crime budget by almost 50%.

We've hired more than 1200 new Federal prosecutors since 1989, assigned 300 FBI agents to help you get gang members off the streets -- and proposed a program to double federal prison space in the 90's.

We're stopping the abuse of our appeals process... enforcing the death penalty... and letting your cops use evidence seized in good faith.

Since 1989, we've taken more than \$400 million dollars from criminals -- and used it to help victims.

We've also targeted the violent repeat-offender, putting over 3,000 of the most-dangerous fugitives in America behind bars in just a couple of months last spring.

Finally, we're helping to take back 20 worst inner-city neighborhoods, with our acclaimed "Weed and Seed" program. We weed out the criminals and the drugs, and then seed the neighborhood with education and training.

I've fought for all these initiatives. Not just tough talk -- we're taking action. But our action would be stronger if it were a part of a national crime strategy supported by Congress.

That's why, twelve-hundred and twenty-eight days ago, on June 15, 1989 -- the same day Mikhail Gorbachev first hinted the Berlin Wall might someday fall -- I sent a comprehensive crime bill to Capitol Hill. I extended my hand in partnership to Congress, and asked for help fighting crime on a national level.

Since I first sent that bill to the Hill in 1989, 60,000 *Americans* have been murdered. There have been 260,000 rapes, 1.6 million robberies and 2.6 million assaults. And 69,000 of those violent crimes took place right here in Detroit.

Think about it. Enough Americans to fill Detroit four times over... were brutalized by assault, rape or murder while that bill languished on Capitol Hill.

No wonder Americans stare at the news every night... shake their heads... and ask, why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets!

Well, as frustrating as this crime bill has been for me... it's still my job as President to get results. So we've fought and won a couple of big battles the past few weeks. And today I'm proud to announce that right after this speech, I'm going to sit down here at Cobo Hall and sign two of the crime initiatives I've fought for... into tough new federal laws.

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And the second one ~~calls deadbeat dads on the carpet.~~ ^{dead with parents - mother father - who refuse to} Right now, a single mother in Detroit can struggle to keep the kids fed on a small salary while their father's on a lark in Chicago. He could be way behind in child-support, but no one can touch him over state lines. Well, that's a disgrace, and now the long arm of the law can reach over that border, and tell that dad to pay up, or go up the river.

make child-support payments

Why did these two ideas become law? Because national attention created national outrage that forced Congress to act.

It's a formula I want to use again and again in the next four years.

You see,
~~Those two laws made it this year. But~~ there are at least six other initiatives that Congress didn't pass -- that I happen to care a whole lot about. So next year, we're going after them as well. ~~Given a new Congress -- with 150 new members next session -- we're going to pass those six items into law too.~~

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~~So here's what to expect in a second Bush administration.~~

Number one, I want to strengthen laws dealing with sexual and domestic violence. ~~For starters, we've got to protect the victim.~~ It's bad enough a woman is attacked in the first place. Then she takes the stand for testimony -- and gets attacked by lawyers. I say that's two attacks too many.

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So let me pass it on. America stands behind you. And I stand behind you, with the full weight of the Federal government.

And on behalf of all those unheard but grateful Americans... thank you -- all of you -- for putting your lives on the line every day. Now you pass it on. Go back and tell your brave men and women that we love you and we need you all.

You've done so much already... but there's more to be done.

To do it, I need your support. And I ask for your vote on November 3 -- because I want to be in Washington four more years fighting for the federal support you need to get your jobs done.

Thank you... God bless all the law officers across this great land... and God bless the United States of America.

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And now, I'd like to sign these two bills -- to help respond to these two national priorities: deadbeat dads and cojacking.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: INTERNAT'L POLICE CHIEFS
 COBO HALL, DETROIT
 SUNDAY, OCT. 25, 1992
 10:00 A.M.

Thank you, Chief Vaughn [IACP President], for that kind introduction, and hello, everyone. Gov. Engler. Distinguished members of the Board as well as Chiefs of Police from around the world. (joke)

Today I want to talk about government's first and foremost function: to protect every citizen at home and on the street.

Let me start with a story, probably the kind of story you hear about everyday, but one that sickened Barbara and me when we saw it on the news one night.

In broad daylight in a neighborhood near Washington D.C., a woman was forced from her car at a stop sign by two men, who then drove off. But the woman got tangled in her seatbelt outside the car. Or maybe she hung on. What mother wouldn't? You see, her baby was locked inside.

That woman was dragged almost two miles before the thieves crushed her to death against a fence. And then they tossed her little baby out by the roadside -- like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... but this sort of thing must provoke outrage. People who act like animals have no place in decent society. They should go to jail, and stay in jail.

America got soft on crime in the 60's, and for twenty years you paid for it. But we have fought back, and for the first time in decades -- the overall crime index is actually down.

With your help -- we've slowed the violent crime dramatically the past twelve years, and we're turning the tide on drugs. But as you can tell by comparing our crime statistics with other nations around the world, we still have a long way to go. That's what I want to talk about today.

There are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the voters have a clear choice -- where the differences among candidates couldn't be sharper. And crime is one of them: On crime, Bill Clinton and I are about as far apart as Barney Fife and the Terminator.

I have big differences with Gov. Clinton on crime and law enforcement. Here are some facts. The average Arkansas inmate served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. But the average federal inmate, -- an inmate under my jurisdiction -- served 85 percent of his.

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Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But now -- they're down to 16.

The evidence keeps piling up. You can't blame Arkansas' dedicated police officers. Look at these statistics. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems, Arkansas ranks 50th. Dead last.

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It's obvious -- the Clinton crime record is wrong for Arkansas, and it is wrong for America. If you don't believe me, ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock. They know the Clinton record better than anyone, and they're joining hands with their national organization -- to endorse me for President of the United States.

They've taken the time to look at my record -- the good news you ~~might~~ don't hear on the network news every night. Let me tick off just a few of our priorities.

Start with money. Since I took office, we've increased the crime budget by almost 50%.

We've hired more than 1200 new Federal prosecutors since 1989, assigned 300 FBI agents to help you get gang members off the streets -- and proposed a program to double federal prison space in the 90's.

We're stopping the abuse of our appeals process... enforcing the death penalty... and letting your cops use evidence seized in good faith.

Since 1989, we've taken more than \$400 million dollars from criminals -- and used it to help victims.

We've also targeted the violent repeat-offender, putting over 3,000 of the most-dangerous fugitives in America behind bars in just a couple of months last spring.

Finally, we're helping to take back 20 worst inner-city neighborhoods, with our acclaimed "Weed and Seed" program. We weed out the criminals and the drugs, and then seed the neighborhood with education and training.

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Since I first sent that bill to the Hill in 1989, 60,000 have been murdered. There have been 260,000 rapes, 1.6 million robberies and 2.6 million assaults. And 69,000 of those violent crimes took place right here in Detroit.

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No wonder Americans stare at the news every night... shake their heads... and ask, why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets!

Well, as frustrating as this crime bill has been for me... it's still my job as President to get results. So we've fought and won a couple of big battles the past few weeks. And today I'm proud to announce that right after this speech, I'm going to sit down here at Cobo Hall and sign two of the crime initiatives I've fought for... into tough new federal laws.

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Why did these two ideas become law? Because national attention created national outrage that forced Congress to act.

It's a formula I want to use again and again in the next four years.

Those two laws made it this year. But there are at least six other initiatives that Congress didn't pass -- that I happen to care a whole lot about. So next year, we're going after them as well. Given a new Congress -- with 150 new members, next session -- we're going to pass those six items into law too.

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And six, firearms. This one's short and sweet. I want much-tougher penalties for criminal use of firearms. So there's a lot of work to be done. But America's worth it. For every hardened criminal you face down, there are countless thousands of good, decent Americans out there with strong values and big hearts. You don't hear from them much, but I happen to know on good authority that they appreciate you.

I know because they tell me.

So let me pass it on. America stands behind you. And I stand behind you, with the full weight of the Federal government.

And on behalf of all those unheard but grateful Americans... thank you -- all of you -- for putting your lives on the line every day. Now you pass it on. Go back and tell your brave men and women that we love you and we need you all.

You've done so much already... but there's more to be done.

To do it, I need your support. And I ask for your vote on November 3 -- because I want to be in Washington four more years fighting for the federal support you need to get your jobs done.

Thank you... God bless all the law officers across this great land... and God bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LSL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Police Chiefs Remarks

Attached please find a mark-up of the draft speech. The reasons for the changes on p. 7 are as follows.

- (1) Shumer proposed carjacking and deadbeat dad legislation, which the Administration initially was not enthusiastic about, which was then reworked to meet our concerns. But neither is accurately described as an Administration initiative that we forced Congress to acquiesce in by applying public pressure.
- (2) Most of the listed initiatives were not in the President's 1989 crime bill. Only death penalty and habeas reform and some juvenile stuff were. Therefore, we need to delete the reference to "my crime bill" (which is the 1989 bill). I also feel strongly that we should reorder the points so that the ones the President has been pushing since 1989, which are the really important ones, come first. There was reason to do the speech the way we did 3 weeks ago because of the precarious status of the negotiations, but since they did not produce a deal and we're talking about the second term agenda, we ought to be clear about our priorities.
- (3) Justice agrees that there should be an exclusionary rule insert. I'd propose the following (exclusionary rule should be the way be the third point, since it was in the 1989 bill):

Three, exclusionary rule reform. It's time to end the abuse of our legal system that takes place when a guilty criminal is freed because of a good faith technical error by a law enforcement official. The time has come to extend the good faith exception to the exclusionary rule to all cases, not just those where a warrant was obtained.

cc: Phil Brady
Betsy Anderson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*

FROM: KEN ASKEW *Ken*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS AT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
POLICE CHIEFS

*Betsy —
As Forwarded to
PODUS — Please
advise if there
is anything funky
Thanks! JB
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I. SUMMARY

On Sunday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m., you will deliver remarks to an audience of 5,000 members of the International Association of Police Chiefs and their spouses at their annual convention in Cobo Hall in Detroit, Michigan.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 18 minutes / teleprompter) highlight your crime bill.

Following your remarks you will sign the deadbeat dads and carjacking measures of your crime bill into law.

(Askew/Bunton)
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We just won a Cold War. Now we need to focus on enemy territory in our own neighborhoods back home, where grandparents and kids hide behind bars, prisoners in their own homes. That's a perversion of peacekeeping, and it absolutely must not stand.

Easier said than done -- but it can be done. We've slowed violent crime dramatically the past twelve years, and we're turning the tide on the drugs that so often fuel the fire.

You've watched it first-hand. America got soft on crime in the 60s, and for twenty years you paid for it. But we fought back, and for the first time in decades the overall crime index is actually down.

So with your help, we've stemmed the tide... prevented millions of crimes... but that's not enough.

Crime's a smart virus... always changing its face, and our laws need to react just as quickly... so we can beat it.

Take carjacking -- a brand-new word for a brand-new crime.

I want to tell you a story that just sickened Barbara and me when we saw it on TV. But it shows what we're up against. In broad daylight in a nice neighborhood near D.C. recently, a woman was forced from her car at a stop sign by two men, who then drove off. But she got tangled in her seatbelt outside the car. Or maybe she hung on. What mother wouldn't? Her baby was inside.

That woman was dragged for almost two miles before the thieves crushed her to death against a fence. And then they tossed her little baby out by the roadside like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... but this sort of thing must provoke outrage. People who act like animals have no place in decent society. As far as this President's concerned, they can go to jail, they can stay in jail, and they can rot in jail.

There are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the differences among candidates couldn't be sharper. And crime is one of them: Bill Clinton and I are about as far apart as Barney Fife and the Terminator.

I'll give him credit; he's learned to talk tough. But let me tell you, under the rhetoric, the Governor believes the same old baloney that it's society's fault when someone gets mugged, and society should pay. His record proclaims it.

The average Arkansas inmate served less than one-fifth of his sentence last year. The average federal inmate, though -- an inmate under my jurisdiction -- served 85 percent of his.

There's more. Under Bill Clinton, Arkansas' violent crime rate went up almost 60 percent in the 80s -- more than twice the

national average. That was the nation's single-biggest increase in serious crime during the decade.

There were about 300 violent crimes for every 100,000 people in Arkansas in 1983. Last year, it was almost 600. It's doubled on Governor Clinton's watch.

Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But now -- they're down to 16.

This one's my favorite. Just the other day, Governor Clinton observed that America is number one in the world in the percentage of people behind bars. And then he said he wants to reverse that trend. What does he want to do? Turn 'em loose?

The evidence keeps piling up. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems, Arkansas ranks 50th.

That's right. Dead last.

No wonder crime went ballistic in Arkansas during the 80s. You're supposed to handcuff criminals -- not the police.

It's obvious the Clinton record isn't right for Arkansas, and it isn't right for America. If you don't believe me, ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know the Clinton record better than anyone, and they're joining hands with their national organization -- to endorse me for President.

They've taken the time to look at my record. And given the media -- that's not easy. Let me tell you four important things

we've been doing to fight crime -- and we'll see if the press bothers to mention them.

First, more resources. I've consistently called for more federal money to fight crime. Since I took office, we've increased the crime budget by almost 50% -- not as much as I wanted, but it's a start.

I've also proposed a program to double Federal prison capacity during the 90s. We've hired more than 1200 new Federal prosecutors since 1989, just to fight fraud, violence and drugs. And we've assigned 300 FBI agents to help you fight gangs.

Second, reforming criminal justice. We need criminal punishment to be fair, fast and final, and we don't need laws that bend over backward for the criminal... while saying to the victim, "Tough luck, buddy." That means stopping the abuse of our appeals process... it means enforcing the death penalty... and it means letting cops use evidence seized in good faith.

And here's an interesting fact. Since 1989, we've given more than \$400 million dollars to help crime victims. Know where it came from? Criminal fines. Sometimes justice is poetic.

Third, targeting the violent repeat-offender. You know this guy. The one with the nasty habit of walking out of jail, right back into the lives of innocent people. He's a huge part of the problem. Put him away for good, and crime takes a holiday.

One of our federal efforts to do just that put 3300 of the most-dangerous fugitives in America behind bars in just a couple

of months last spring. And another one hits repeat offenders with federal charges that put them away much longer.

And fourth, taking back our neighborhoods. I believe in our Weed-and-Seed program. Tough laws won't fix everything. You have to save kids early, before they get sucked into crime. It all depends on the social soil you plant their dreams in.

So after you weed out the bad in a neighborhood, you seed it with good. We're trying pilot programs in 20 cities right now. With love and care, we can give kids a chance to escape the scars of a Cass Corridor in Detroit... a Cabrini-Green in Chicago... a Hough [HUFF] in Cleveland... or an East Lake Meadows in Atlanta.

We owe it to the overwhelming majority of people in these neighborhoods who are law-abiding citizens... to live free of terror from drugs and violence in their communities.

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Think about it. Enough Americans to fill Detroit four times over... were brutalized by assault, rape or murder while that bill languished on Capitol Hill. If you started putting victims here in Cobo Hall... they'd fill every one of these seats -- in a single day. Folks -- you're sitting in a victim's chair.

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of the law can reach over that border, tap dad on his shoulder... and say, Buddy... time to pay up, or go up the river.

So there you have two tough new federal laws that go into effect today. We've been able to work with Congress to get them through. And you know why? Because national attention created national outrage that ^{you} applied to Congress to force them to act. It's a formula ^{we can} ~~I want~~ to use again and again in the next four years. So let me make you an offer. Stick with me in the election, and I'll stick with you after it, applying that formula over and over until law enforcement in this country has the federal support it needs and deserves to do the job right.

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REMARKS: TODAY'S WASH. POST SAYS 8 PT. RACE! (42 DEMS / 34 REPUS)! MICHELE IS HAPPY.
SOUNDS GREAT ON SQUAWK BOX!

24 October 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM: J. BUNTON *JB*
SUBJECT: FACTS AND ACKS FOR DETROIT [IACP]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

POTUS INTRO: Chief Vaughn [C. Roland, President IACP]

DAIS: see attached [17 dais guests / one is Gov. Engler]

Generic "all the distinguished members of the Board"

Generic "all the distinguished Chiefs of Police from around the world - 78 countries"

BACKDROP: flags of all nations represented // IACP logo hangs center above flags -- looks like the UN]

FACT CHANGES:

✓ page 1; graph 6: Scalia wants to change "millions" to "countless"

✓ page 3; graph 1: change "That was" to "Arkansas had the nation's"

✓ page 3; graph 2: according to 1983 UCR crime per 100,000 was 298. Scalia is suggesting we go with 1980 UCR which was over 300 [335 to be precise] -- rhetorically it's easier to say almost 300 // almost 600 [593 in 1991].

x ✓ page 3; graph 3: delete "Three years ago the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But now -- they're down to 16." [No one at DOJ/or Tell or anywhere credible can substantiate the 31 months figure. Best to drop graph.]

page 4; graph 2: at the end say -- wanted, but still it's a substantial increase. [Anderson]

✓ page 5; first sentence: add hits repeat armed offenders [add armed or gun lobby will have a cow.] [Anderson]

7 page 5; graph 3: add law abiding citizens ... to let them live free...

7 page 7; graph 2: after "national outrage" add comma ... delete "I applied to Congress to force them" and in its place add "forced Congress" [Anderson] -- on down delete "applying that formula" and replace with "bringing pressure to bear on Congress"

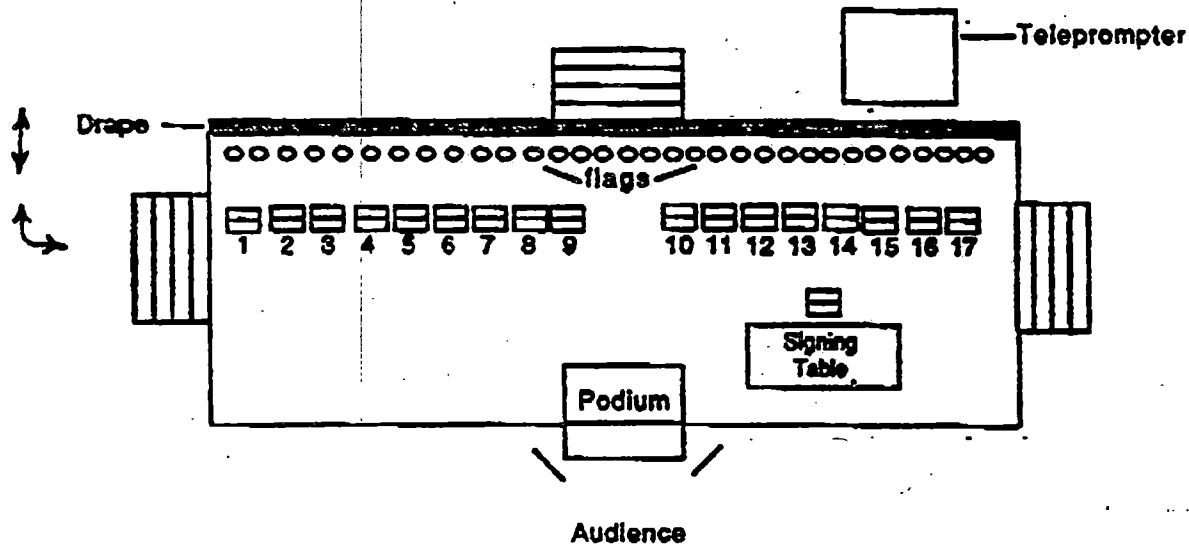
[Anderson]. -- Betsy said POTUS did not force Congress to do this.

p. 8; graph 2: add they're down at the precinct...

NOTE: Scalia's [DOJ] budget numbers conflict with budget numbers in draft -- numbers in draft came from Janet Hale [OMB] and Ken Shwartz [OMB] confirmed by me and Betsy Anderson, yesterday in conference call. Many of his edits are obsolete because the draft changed dramatically from the one he commented on... [Remember the last crime speech -- he sent over the URGENT fact changes -- some of which were incorrect -- his credibility is questionable. Everything in speech can be backed up on paper -- from Betsy Anderson.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: it would make sense -- flow wise to move the graph on p. 2 "The average Arkansas inmate servedthrough served 85 percent of his sentence." and insert it on page three before the graph -- "And this is my favorite -- Clinton says he wants to reverse what does he want to do -- turn 'em lose..."

LEAD IS MARTIN PAINE
SITE IS DAN RENBERG



1. MR. MAURICE HANNIGAN - Commissioner, California Highway Patrol
2. MR. DARRELL SANDERS - Chief of Police, Frankfort, Illinois
3. MR. JAMES ADKIN - Chief of Police, Windsor, Canada
4. MR. JOHN WHETSEL - Chief of Police, Choctaw, Oklahoma
5. MR. LEE BROWN - Retired Commissioner, New York City Police Department
6. MR. DANIEL ROSENBLATT - Executive Director, International Association of Chiefs of Police
7. THE HONORABLE JOHN ENGLER - Governor of Michigan
8. THE PRESIDENT
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24 October 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE PROVOST
DAN MC GROARTY
CHRISTINA MARTIN

FROM: J. BUNTON *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: UPDATE FROM AARHUS

Carol phoned in this a.m. from the "road". Said following is being considered:

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(Askew/Bunton)
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There's no point winning a Cold War if our neighborhoods back home are criminal territory, where grandparents and kids hide behind bars, like prisoners in their own homes. That's a perversion of the public peace, and it absolutely must not stand.

Easier said than done -- but it can be done. You know, better than anyone, that we've slowed violent crime dramatically the past twelve years. And we're starting to turn the tide on the terrible drugs that so often fuel the fire.

I know it's been especially hard on you. America got soft on crime in the 60s, and you paid for it. By the time we cracked down again in the early 80s, violent crime had gone up 400% in twenty years. But in the ten years since then, it's gone up a little over 25%, and the overall crime index is actually down.

So with your help, we've stemmed the tide... prevented millions of crimes... but that's not enough. It's never enough.

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That woman was dragged for almost two miles. The thieves finally crushed her to death against a fence. And they tossed her little baby out by the roadside like a piece of trash.

I know I'm preaching to the choir... I know you've got horror stories of your own, certainly here in Detroit... but we can't get jaded against outrage. This is sick, animal behavior, and we cannot as a nation abide it any longer.

People who do such things have no place in decent society. And as far as this President's concerned, they can go to jail... they can stay in jail... and they can rot in jail.

We need tough laws that don't bend over backwards sheltering the criminal... while saying to the victim, "Tough luck, buddy."

You know, there are so many issues in this Presidential campaign... where the differences among candidates couldn't be

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I'll give him credit, though. He's learned to talk tough. But let me tell you: When push comes to shove, what the Governor really believes is the same old baloney that it's society's fault when someone gets mugged, and society should pay.

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Violent crime in Arkansas went up almost 60 percent in the 80s -- more than twice the national average. That was the nation's single-biggest increase in overall crime in the 80s, and the third-biggest in violent crime.

Look at violent crimes committed for every 100,000 people in Arkansas. In 1983, there were 289. Last year -- up to 593.

Three years ago, the average Arkansas inmate was serving 31 months. But just three years later -- they're down to 16.

This one's my favorite. Just the other day, Governor Clinton observed that America is number one in the world in the percentage of people behind bars. And then he said he wants to reverse that trend. What does he want to do? Turn 'em loose?

The evidence keeps piling up. Arkansas ranks near rock-bottom for every important per-capita crime dollar it spends. For prisons: 46th. Police officers: 49th. And for spending on judicial and legal systems -- Arkansas ranks 50th.

That's right. Dead last.

No wonder crime went ballistic in Arkansas during the 80s. If you don't give police the tools they need... you can't expect them to do their job.

Bottom line -- the Governor's record is not right for Arkansas, and it's not right for America. If you don't believe me... just ask the Fraternal Order of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas. They know Bill Clinton's record better than anyone... and they're not endorsing their Governor. They're joining hands with their national organization, and endorsing me for President.

They're endorsing me because they're on the front lines... where it's clear that America needs a government that attacks the problem... by preventing and punishing crime.

I believe it, too. That's why I've been fighting for strong federal support... so we can help our state and local police in new and concrete ways. We must help you fight.

For four years, I've been working hard to do just that. You don't hear about it -- it's good news, which to the media means no news. Well, they've got a lot of things wrong. I heard them on my train the other day, singing their theme song: "Accentuate the negative... eliminate the positive."

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First, more resources. My 1993 budget calls for almost 60% more federal money than crimefighters got when I took office. We've got a program to double Federal prison capacity during the

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That means stopping the ridiculous abuse of our appeals process... it means enforcing the death penalty... and it means letting cops use criminal evidence they seize in good faith.

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laws won't fix everything. The other side of crime has a more human face -- and too often, it's a child's face. At some point early in life, a kid at a critical juncture can be steered to a life of right or a life of terrible wrong. It all depends on the kind of soil you plant these kids in... and how you nourish them.

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I guess crime isn't as high on their list as it is on mine. Since I first sent that bill to the Hill in 1989, here in the United States we've had almost 60,000 murders, 260,000 rapes, 1.6 million robberies and 2.6 million assaults. And 69,000 of those violent crimes took place -- right here in Detroit.

Think about that. Enough people to fill the city of Detroit four times over... were brutalized while that bill languished on

Capitol Hill. (X) of those Americans were brutalized on Capitol Hill -- in the hard neighborhoods near the halls of Congress. The horrible truth is, if you started putting all the Americans who are beaten, robbed, raped or killed in this country into Cobo Hall, they'd fill every one of your seats -- in one day. You're sitting in a victim's chair.

No wonder Americans stare at the news every night... shake their heads... and ask, why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets!

I could not agree more. And as frustrating as this crime bill has been for me... it's still my job as President to get results. So we've won some big battles in the past few weeks. I want to share them with you, but I also want you to know what's on my overall crime agenda, so you know what to expect in a second Bush term. I'm not asking for anything but common-sense justice, especially for women, kids and elderly victims of crime.

Here are the eight goals I asked Congress to help me reach.

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Two, call deadbeat dads on the carpet. Right now, a single mother here in Detroit can be struggling to keep the kids fed on her small salary... while their father's in Chicago, picking out a nice new Jeep Grand Cherokee with a CD player and leather

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I know because they tell me.

So let me pass it on. America stands behind you. And I stand behind you, with the full weight of the Federal government.

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And so I'm asking for your vote on November 3 -- because I want to be in Washington four more years... to help you do it.

God bless you... God bless all the law-enforcement officers across this great land... and God bless the United States of America.

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(Askew/Bunton)
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CRIME

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languished on the Hill. At any given minute in this country, Americans who are beaten, robbed, raped or killed could fill Cobo Hall. (Check.)

I know the numbers are staggering. I know that Americans sit down in front of their TVs at night... watch the news and ask... why doesn't somebody do something about this incredible mess? People are dying in the streets, for Heaven's sake.

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((Conclusion. Any thoughts on effective close? A story would be best.))