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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1990

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *aw*  
FROM:                MARY KATE GRANT *aw for MKG*

Attached for your review is a letter to school children which has been requested by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a special edition on drug use.

MKG -

OK for publication.

Please send me a copy  
for President once it  
appears.       Thanks

*Jim Cairns*  
1/9/90

REVISED TEXT FOR PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO  
THE SCHOOLCHILDREN OF TEXAS  
TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

TO THE SCHOOLCHILDREN OF TEXAS:

At the beginning of a new year, most Americans make New Year's resolutions. Today, as we stand on the threshold of a new decade, I'm asking each of you to make a commitment that is more important than any New Year's resolution you've ever made. I am asking you to lead a life free from drugs.

Most of you already know the dangers of drug abuse and the tragic consequences it holds for individuals and their communities. Each day, the news brings frightening evidence of the violence, death, and despair caused by drug use. You may have even seen the terrible problems caused by drug use in your own school or neighborhood.

I know that most of you have already made the right decision and have said "No" to drugs, but some kids have not. Those are the young people who need help -- those are the young people who have put their lives at risk.

A long time ago, I learned that the kind of people you have as friends can make you a stronger person, a better person. People who encourage you to try drugs might act like friends, but they are not. True friends care for you and for your future.

I ask all of you to make the right decision today and for the rest of your life -- the decision to stay away from drugs and the people who deal them. If you're in trouble because of drugs, get help. If you're not, help someone who is. There are adults out there who care about you and want to help. They can, too, if you let them.

Each of you holds so much hope and promise for the future -- don't let drugs take that away from you. Let's work together to win the war on drugs and build a better tomorrow. I believe that each of you can make a difference.

God bless you.

GEORGE BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

# Star-Telegram

EVENING SUNDAY

12/19

L. W.

TO:

PL-

AM PM

Quers on  
Med. Liaison

FROM:

W. H. ...

MK:

GO FOR IT!

Ry

THE:

W. H.

- Direct Response
- Draft Reply
- File
- Please Return By \_\_\_\_\_
- Appropriate Action
- Signature
- Other

Comments:

pls contact ...  
have MK do a draft

# DROP DEAD JAN. 10

THE NEWS YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT

# Fort Worth Star-Telegram

MORNING EVENING SUNDAY

December 13, 1989

Shirley Green  
Presidential Correspondence  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Green:

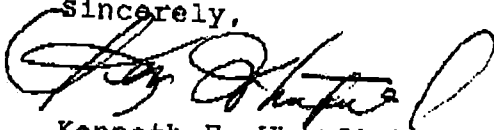
Attached is a copy of a letter from President Bush addressed to the children of Arkansas published in a "Just Say No" special section, October 15, 1989, in the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT.

The FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM is publishing a similar section January 14, 1990, to address the problems of drugs to our youth here in Tarrant County. Not only will the section reach the children of our over 300,000 subscribers, it will also be distributed in schools throughout Tarrant County.

It would be extremely beneficial to our effort to publish a letter similar to the one attached addressed to Tarrant County children. We know this is a matter the President feels strongly about and any assistance you can provide in this matter would be appreciated.

If possible, we would like to have the letter by January 5.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Whitfield  
Manager  
Special Sections

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO THE CHILDREN OF ARKANSAS:

Recently, I spoke on television to many of the schools in America and I hope you were able to watch. I talked about the friends I made when I was a baseball player in school. We trusted each other, and I learned that the kind of people you make your friends can make you stronger -- and make you a better person. But there are others, who may seem like your friends, but they're not. They are the ones who offer you drugs.

Many of you already make the right decision and turn down drugs. But some kids take drugs -- and these are the ones whose future is in jeopardy. Most of you know the dangers of drugs and what happens to people who use them. Most of you already know about the violence, desperation and hopelessness of drug use.

But if you're in trouble with drugs, or you know someone who is, I'm asking you to get help. I'm also asking you to find someone who needs you -- and help them. So if you're not in trouble, seek out someone who is.

We are all here to make a difference. Start counting on your true friends, and take care of each other. Together, we can stop drugs.

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asked if this is  
curr or Med. Liaison?  
Or did I imagine it?  
EJ*

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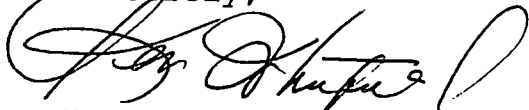
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