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for President Bush
Wilmington, Delaware
March 7, 1989

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Today, drug abuse menaces America within and outside our borders. It chains the human heart, and limits our horizons. It makes American Nightmare of the American Dream.

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You know, the press has dubbed this "Drug Week." I disagree. From now on, Every Week is Drug Week. And, tomorrow, I will swear in a man who shares that belief, and who can help fulfill our mission: William Bennett, the Director of the newly-created position of National Drug Policy Control.

As Secretary of Education, Bill Bennett was an apostle of excellence. Well, now, as America's first drug Czar, he--and we--are engaged in an even greater war: To establish order, uphold tranquility, and say to drugs, "Drop dead."

Our war is unconditional--but believe me, it will take prisoners. It demands that we mobilize resources--fiscal, moral, and economic--to stop drugs' heinous injusry. It defends those who enforce our laws, and those charged with implementing them. And it calls for a war on every front: education, treatment, interdiction, enforcement.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Last month, before a joint session of Congress, I spoke about, and to, these fronts. I vowed to stop the flow of drugs through the streets of America. And I asked for an increase of \$1 billion in budget outlays--to nearly \$6 billion in 1990--to escalate our war.

Some money will be used to expand treatment to the poor, and to young mothers. This will help many of the innocent victims of drugs--like the thousands of babies born addicted, or with AIDs, because of the mother's addiction.

Some money will be used to cut the waiting time for treatment, and to help urban schools where the emergency is greatest. And \$1.1 billion my request will go for education. We must educate, and involve, parents, teachers, communities, ourselves. For then, and only then, can we each our children, from kindergarten to college, about the heinous cost of drugs.

Over 32 million Americans used illegal drugs last year. But more than 200 million Americans didn't use them, and do not intend to. That means we must half those who produce, buy, and traffic drugs. And, that, in turn, means an all-out fight in enforcement and interdiction.

My friends, that fight begins here--today--for America--with you.

As you know, in the last year, global production of cocoa, marijuana, opium poppies, and hashish increased sharply: That supply abroad endangers our kids at home. It threatens countries long friendly to the United States, marring their stability and knifing democracy. And it underscores our need to stop drugs before they reach our borders, and to crush them at their source.

Yesterday, I met with Attorney General Thornburgh, who will leave this week for Central America. There, meeting with officials, he will talk about ways to curb production; he will spur them to arrest, convict, and destroy trafficking cartels. We hope to arrange a summit of Western Hemisphere nations to develop strategy. And we will encourage them to be allies in deed, not merely principle--cooperation, after all, is a two-way street.

Accordingly, our budget proposes a 1,000 per cent increase for the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters: We must destroy crops, and the labs that process them, in drug-producing countries. And it takes steps to protect our borders. Our budget, for example, allocates \$690 million for the Coast Guard to coordinate land and sea forces to identify and search suspicious planes, vessels, and vehicles: We must better the more than 1,300 per cent increase in cocaine seizures between 1981-87. It involves the Departments of State and Justice; allows the U.S. Customs Service to expand its inspection of containerized cargo; proposes more than \$300 million in interdiction funds for the Department of Defense; and enhances our drug prosecution, detention, and intelligence capabilities.

All told, our budget proposes \$4.1 billion--fully 70 per cent of the entire budget--for law-enforcement purposes. To wit: We will strengthen State-local-Federal coordination--nearly \$215 million will help create the new Regional Crime Drug Enforcement account; a program, drawing on 11 Federal agencies, to coordinate complex drug coordination investigations. And we will at least double funding for Federal prisons by 1995. Why? Because prison overcrowding has caused too many convicts to go scot-free--free to plunder, rape, and murder new victims.

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My friends, the British statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, once said, "It was worse than a crime. It was a blunder." Well, prison overcrowding--convicts unloosed on society--is worse than a crime: It is a national disgrace. I mean to change it, and I will.

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Well, let ^{me suggest a suitable response.} ~~this be our response.~~ Quoting from the movie Network, let us ~~say~~ "We're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore." And then, let's add, "Fellas, we'll make it short and sweet. Throw...away...the... key." ^{hell to the drug apologists}

"Zero Tolerance" is not a catchword: If you do crime, you will do time.

That means judges who strictly apply the law to convicted drug offenders. And severe sentences for dealers who hire children: They are here to learn, to grow, not to sell and carry drugs. It means increasing Federal drug prosecutions--this year, we expect a rise of some 3,600 cases over 1989. And, yes, it means strict enforcement of penalties in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. I pledge increased prison sentences for drug-related crimes. And for drug-related murderers, it means the death penalty. They deserve no less. And as parents and Americans, we can afford to ask no less.

You know, many issues involve hues of gray. Drug abuse is not among them. It involves good guys and bad guys, white hats and black hats, good and evil. It demands the right of every American to be free of domestic violence, and the obscenity that is drugs.

Most of you, I'm sure, have heard of Everett Hatcher. He was 46 years old, and the father of two children. He was also a Federal agent involved in an undercover drug investigation. Six days ago, an hour after radioing colleagues that he was driving to a new site to meet a drug dealer, he was found shot to death, on Staten Island. He was a good guy, and a devoted family man: His friends called him "Teddy Bear." We must honor him with the lives we lead.

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Wilmington Drug Address
March 7, 1989

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introduction--and all of you, for the pleasure of your company.
And let me say what an honor it is to be among Delaware's finest,
and among friends.

Earlier today, I was in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. And I've
just come here from the Wilmington YMCA--where kids are learning
karate, and learning to avoid drugs, through the East Side
Cluster community program.

The group's motto is, "Kick drugs out of your life." And I
must admit, I got a kick out of the ^{them} kids. ~~Come to think of it:~~
~~Maybe I can use them to karate-kick the Congress.~~

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The Greeks said, "A man's character is his destiny." My friends, our children's destiny will mold this nation's character.

To build a better life--to make tomorrow free of drugs--will require the will and spirit of the American people. People like Everett Hatcher. People like Robert Tinker. People like you. Of this, I am sure: We have triumphed before--we will triumph, again. For as Americans, nothing lies beyond our reach.

"The People, Yes."

The future, yes.

By serving one, let us seize the other.

Thank you for inviting me, and for your many kindnesses. God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

(Smith)
March 3, 1989
11:00 p.m.

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In particular, I want to salute three friends who share this platform.

Bill Roth, your Senior Senator, has been a force for peace and prosperity, and in fighting the use of crack and cocaine. As America's first Drug Control Policy Director, Bill Bennett will combat a menace which endangers us all. And as the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, your Senator, Joe Biden, was one of the principal architects of the legislation creating that Drug post. Bill Bennett and Bill Roth, Joe Biden and I will work

together to shape drug strategy, and nurture a safer, fairer, more decent land.

Earlier today, I was in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. And later I'll be visiting the Wilmington YMCA -- where kids are learning karate, and learning to avoid drugs, through the East Side Cluster community program.

The group's message is, "Kick drugs out of your life." And I must admit, I'm sure I'll get a kick out of the kids. Come to think of it: From what I've heard about karate, it reminds me of a typical weekend with my grandkids in Kennebunkport.

You know, as I was preparing for our visit, I thought of a poem that captured the spirit of this gathering and the true genius of America. The poet was Carl Sandburg. The poem is entitled, "The People, Yes."

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My friends, nothing threatens the stability of our families, and our nation, more than the scourge of drug abuse.

As a candidate, I pledged to undertake a mission: make America free again from drugs. Well, my nomination of Bill Bennett to direct the newly created office of National Drug Control Policy shows that I meant exactly what I said.

As Secretary of Education, Bill Bennett was a crusader for excellence. And as America's first Drug Control Policy Director, he will be engaged in an even greater struggle -- America's war on drugs.

This war seeks to educate all Americans on the inherent evils of drug abuse. And it will encourage those caught in the trap of drug addiction to get clean and stay clean.

This war pledges support -- increased support -- for those tasked with the dangerous job of stopping the flow of drugs into America. And it vows to enforce our drug laws.

In short, the war you and I are involved in must say to drugs, "You're history." I'm confident that it will.

Last month, before a joint session of Congress, I spoke about four critical areas in the war on drugs -- education, treatment, interdiction, and enforcement. And I asked for an increase of \$1 billion in budget outlays -- to nearly \$6 billion in 1990 -- to escalate our war.

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Here in Delaware, you've shown the way. And it hasn't been easy: After all, Interstate Highway I-95, a major avenue of illicit drug trafficking, intersects the Greater Wilmington Area. But Delaware law enforcement officers like Delaware State Police Corporal John Dernan and many of you, are aggressively fighting this war. Under Governor Castle, your "Above the Influence" campaign is combating alcohol and drug abuse. And the Wilmington Cluster program aims squarely at our youth: to reach out to

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Last week, I met with Attorney General Thornburgh, who I sent to South America to meet with top officials in Columbia, Bolivia, and Peru. The topic? How to curb drug production -- and arrest, convict, and destroy trafficking cartels. We hope to work closely with our hemispheric neighbors in this vital effort. And we will encourage them to be allies in deed, not merely principle. Cooperation is a two-way street.

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All told, fully 70 per cent of our drug budget is for law-enforcement purposes. We will also strengthen coordination among all levels of government. And we want to significantly increase funding for Federal prisons. Why? Because prison overcrowding has caused too many convicts to go scot-free -- free to steal to pay for their habit, free to import or sell drugs again, free to addict our children and kill new victims.

Consider this: In 1984, a prisoner in Michigan was released to make room for others, then burglarized 500 homes to help support a \$2,000-a-day cocaine habit. Or consider this: That same year, another convict, paroled after killing two people,

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You know, many issues involve shades of gray. Drug trade is not among them. It involves good guys and bad guys, white hats and black hats, good and evil. Every American should have the right to be free of the violence, and the personal agonies of drugs.

Many of you, I'm sure, have heard of Everett Hatcher. He was a Federal agent involved in an undercover drug investigation. He was also only 46 years old, and the father of two. Six days ago, an hour after radioing colleagues that he was driving to a new site to meet a drug dealer, he was found shot to death on Staten Island. He was a good guy, and a devoted family man. His friends called him "Teddy Bear." We must win the war on drugs for Everett Hatcher, and Edward Byrne, and Enrique Camarena Salazar, and all those of your profession who have given their lives to free America of drug abuse.

Sergeant Robert Tinker of the Boston Police Department -- he is a good guy, too. Sergeant Tinker supervises the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program -- or DARE -- which uses uniformed officers, in elementary schools, to teach kids about drug abuse. DARE was started in Los Angeles six years ago and has caught on nationally. It builds self-esteem and spurs self-discipline. And it links our greatest treasures: America's children and, yes, America's capacity to care. It is people like Sergeant Tinker who are manning the front lines and whose dedication and caring will ultimately prevail.

Character is a man's guiding destiny

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The Greeks said, "A man's character is his destiny." My friends, our children's destiny will mold this nation's character.

To build a better life -- to make tomorrow free of drugs -- will require the will and spirit of the American people. People like Everett Hatcher. People like Robert Tinker and Corporal Dernan. And people like you. Of this, I am certain: We have triumphed before -- we will triumph again. For as Americans, nothing lies beyond our reach.

"The People, Yes."

The future, yes.

By serving one, let us seize the other.

Thank you for inviting me, and for your many kindnesses. God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

For that, I congratulate you: Delaware is waging war against drugs. And it is a war we must, and will, win -- for while more than 200 million Americans didn't use illegal drugs last year, over 23 million Americans did. That means we must stop those who produce, buy, and traffic drugs. And that, ~~in turn,~~ means an all-out fight in enforcement and interdiction.

As you know, in the last year, global production of coca, marijuana, opium poppies, and hashish increased sharply. That supply abroad imperils our kids at home. It threatens countries long friendly to the United States, ~~marring their stability and threatening democracy.~~ And it reaffirms the need to stop drugs before they reach our borders and to eradicate them at their source.

X Two weeks ago, I sent Attorney General Thornburgh to South America to meet with top officials in Columbia, Bolivia, and Peru. The topic? How to curb drug production -- and arrest, convict, and destroy trafficking cartels. We hope to work closely with our hemispheric neighbors in this vital effort. And I'm glad to tell you: The Attorney General found them eager to get on with the task.

X In Peru, for instance, Attorney General Thornburgh talked with officials about using herbicides against coca plants. Here, as elsewhere, he emphasized that cooperation is a two-way street. Accordingly, our budget proposes a 14 per cent increase for the

proceeded to kill two more. By the end of 1987, more than 40,000 prisoners were held in a Federal prison system designed to hold 29,000 inmates.

My friends, prison overcrowding is itself a crime, and a national disgrace. We must change it, and we will.

I will act, also -- and I need your help -- to enforce tougher sentences.

You know, I've talked a lot about "Zero Tolerance." Well, "Zero Tolerance" is not a catchword. It means, quite simply: If you do crime, you do time.

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