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DATE: 6/24/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURS. 6/25 2:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEA HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: NEW YORK - MONDAY, JUNE 29

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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m., THURSDAY, JUNE 25, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

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Acknowledgements. Members of the DEA's New York Field Division. Ladies and gentlemen. / ((It is a great privilege to be here today to discuss a problem of great concern to New Yorkers. / But before I get to the hitting woes of Bobby Bonilla and Don Mattingly.)) //

((We meet at the end of a hectic month. When President Yeltsin was in Washington several weeks ago he asked if I still thought the day of the dictator was over. / I said I did, and he said, "So who's this 'Steinbrenner' I keep hearing about?")) //

Today, we vow that America hears this message: It is time we reject those who soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. / Some say there are reasons crimes occur. I say there is never an excuse not to seek justice through America's system of law. //

Nowhere is this need clearer than in our war on drugs -- a war this new office of the Drug Enforcement Administration can help fight, and win. / As long as one American is hooked on drugs -- that is one American too many. So we must stop drug use. Not some place. Not some time. But across America -- now.

That's why our Federal budget for Fiscal Year 1992 called for \$11.7 billion for our anti-drug campaign. That's \$11.7 billion -- up 82 per cent since the start of our Administration. / We'd hoped to cut overall drug use by 10 percent. We met that

target. / We wanted to slash occasional cocaine use 10 percent. It's down 29. / Adolescent cocaine use -- our goal was a 30 percent decrease. It's down more than 60. /

We have begun well. Yet we have only begun. /

Look at Bedford Stuyvesant / the suburbs of any city / the broken canyons of L.A. / There you'll see some of the more than 12.5 million Americans who use drugs -- and the 1.9 million, cocaine. Worse, more than 1.3 million of our kids use drugs. I grieve for these kids -- but grief is not enough. Just as while Federal funding can help -- it alone is not enough. //

Today, we need effective treatment -- Federal, state, and local -- to reduce drug use in our neighborhoods and schools. / We also need prevention through massive education. We need business / labor / our families and schools to stop the drugs that declare death, bondage, and open season on the innocent. //

Next comes perhaps the most crucial part of our crusade: Law enforcement. The New York Field Division seized more than \$234 million in criminal assets in FY 1991. You know that a country which refused to allow totalitarians of the right and left to enslave the world -- will never allow the evil purveyors of drugs to enslave America. //

Think of names like Tommy Pitera -- a.k.a. Tommy Karate / the Cali Cartel cocaine seizure / Helmer and Ramiro Herrera. By the next time you're at the White House -- I hope all these hoods are in the Big House. So by January 1, we will have 50 percent more Federal prosecutors than in 1988. / We have also

reauthorized the 1984 Victims of Crime Act -- and boosted its annual Victims Compensation and Assistance Fund to \$150 million. These dollars did not come from taxpayers but from criminals' fines and penalties. After all, crime shouldn't pay. Criminals should. //

So we have moved to punish career criminals under the Federal Armed Criminal Act. No seasoned criminal should walk free because we didn't take the law -- and our law enforcement officers -- seriously. / My Administration has proposed \$14.8 billion for anti-crime policies for FY 1993 -- that's up 59 percent in four years. / Yet progress made is not mission accomplished. So I call on the Congress to pass crime legislation that will not weaken current law. Let's back up our law enforcement officials with laws that are fair, fast, and final. /

You know what I'm talking about. Fair: We want an exclusionary rule designed to punish guilty criminals -- not good cops who act in good faith. / Fast: We need habeus corpus reforms to stop the frivolous appeals choking our courts. / Crime's victims must not suffer twice: Once, when they are victimized by the criminal. Again, when misguided policies allow criminals to escape scot-free through some loophole in the law. / We also need laws that are final -- and you know my belief: For anyone who kills a law enforcement officer -- no penalty is too tough. When drug kingpins inflict the ultimate evil on society - - society demands that the ultimate penalty be inflicted on them.

Some say that legalization of drugs is the answer to drugs. I say: We must never wave the white flag of surrender at the white scourge of cocaine. // So today, I ask Congress to pass crime legislation based on three principles. If criminals commit crimes, they will be caught. If caught, they will be tried. And if convicted, they will be punished. /

We need a crime bill which strengthens -- not weakens -- our ability to uphold the laws -- a crime bill like the Crime Control Act of 1992. / We need a bill that will take thugs off the streets -- so that Americans can take back the streets. /

So let's pass this bill -- and salute those who risk their lives to save ours. / Your work isn't a nine to five job, with martini lunches and friendly chats around the water cooler. It's danger. It's fear. It's not knowing whether you'll end your shift going home in a car -- or to the emergency room in an ambulance. //

Today, I stand against those who use films -- or records, television, and video games -- to glorify killing law enforcement officers. Instead, I say it proudly: I stand with the greatest freedom-fighters any Nation could have. Heroes who provide freedom from violence. / Freedom from drugs. / Freedom from fear. /

In that spirit, I am now honored to officially open the regional headquarters of this country's finest -- the New York Drug Enforcement Administration. God bless the United States of America.