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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1994

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Chairman Jack Brooks
(202) 225-5604

DATE: Thursday July 14, 1994 (Afternoon)

RECOMMENDED BY: ^{R.G.} Rahm Emanuel, Pat Griffin, and Ron Klain

PURPOSE: To inform Chairman Brooks that we are sending the letter to the conferees asking them to move the Crime Bill without the Racial Justice Act (RJA).

BACKGROUND: This is a courtesy call to inform the Chairman that the Senate will not pass the Crime Bill if RJA is included. We are therefore asking the conferees to report a bill without the provision. While Brooks has been supportive of the efforts of the CBC and other to include RJA, he understands the problems it presents and should be pleased with our decision on this matter.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The time for action on the Crime Bill is now. We appreciate your willingness to help us move the Bill.
2. As you know, Senators Mitchell and Biden have advised, and we have confirmed, that the Crime Bill will not pass in the Senate if RJA is included. A bipartisan filibuster in the Senate is assured, and would be impossible to beat. Additional efforts and delay will not change this.
3. We have consulted with members of the CBC and other RJA supporters about this decision. While they are not happy, many of them understand the political reality we face and will be supportive of the Rule and final passage of the Bill.
4. We will continue to work with you to get a comprehensive, balanced Crime Bill passed as quickly as possible.

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

Wednesday, July 13

ACTION:

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from Pat
Griffin's OFC.

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