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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 11:30:50.00

SUBJECT: Please Approve Today's Talking Points

TO: Deborah Akel (CN=Deborah Akel/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Deborah:

Couple of points...despite potus statement, the 2 favorable votes were yesterday...the assaults ban that ultimately passed does not ban their possession "in any instance" (there are exception included we did not propose). Also, you may want to include a bullet touching more on the President's statement (see attached, and we'll fax you more detail points).

LS: give a quick look to these points, and send Deborah the new gun show pts.

jc3

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/14/99
11:29 AM -----

Deborah Akel

05/14/99 11:22:00 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP, Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Please Approve Today's Talking Points

Please let me know asap if these are okay with you. I used some language from paper you supplied on 4/27.

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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PRESIDENT CLINTON:
PROMOTING COMMON-SENSE GUN CONTROL MEASURES
May 14, 1999

"This should be a moment for national unity. For the sake of our children, I hope the Senate changes its mind and does the right thing."

President Bill Clinton
May 14, 1999

Today, in Washington, President Clinton urged the Senate to pass a measure requiring background checks for handgun purchases at gun shows. He applauded the Senate for passing two important gun control measures on Wednesday: a ban on the import of large-capacity ammunition clips, and a ban on juvenile possession of semi-automatic assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition clips. These measures were part of the President's new legislative proposal to strengthen gun laws and keep guns and explosives out of the hands of juveniles and criminals.

THE GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE. Last year, there were over 4,000 gun shows held in states across the country, as well as flea markets and other events at which guns can be traded anonymously. An estimated 25-50 percent of the sellers at gun shows are unlicensed, and the guns sold by the unlicensed sellers are not subject to background checks. As a result, gun shows can provide a forum for illegal firearms sales and gun trafficking. A recent review of 314 gun show investigations by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms found that 46 percent of these investigations involved the purchase or sale of firearms by felons, and 34 percent involved the sale of firearms later used in serious crimes, including homicides.

CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE WITH THE BRADY LAW. As part of a comprehensive new legislative package designed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, the President proposed requiring Brady Law background checks on all firearms transferred at gun shows. Since taking effect in 1994, the Brady Law has prevented over a quarter of a million felons, fugitives, stalkers, and other prohibited purchasers from buying handguns. Requiring Brady background checks at gun shows would close the loophole of firearms being sold at gun shows on a "no questions asked" basis.

URGING THE SENATE TO "DO THE RIGHT THING." President Clinton today urged the Senate to vote to close the existing loophole on gun purchases at gun shows. He applauded the Senate for passing two important gun control measures on Wednesday that were part of his package:

- **A ban on juvenile possession of semiautomatic assault rifles.** Although the Youth Handgun Safety Act generally banned the possession of assault pistols, it did not include assault rifles and large capacity magazines manufactured before the Assault Weapons Ban went into effect. Thus, it remains legal for juveniles under the age of 18 to possess these deadly weapons and ammunition. This measure prohibits their possession by juveniles in any instance.
- **A ban on the importation of all large capacity ammunition magazines.** Although the 1994 assault weapons law banned the future domestic manufacture and importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, those manufactured before the law's enactment were grandfathered. Because of the difficulty in determining when large capacity ammunition magazines manufactured by foreign companies were made, it has become relatively easy for foreign gun manufacturers to circumvent the ban. This measure bans the importation of all large capacity magazines -- regardless of when they were manufactured.

Statement by the President
May 14, 1999

I am deeply disappointed that by the narrowest of margins the Senate refused to close the gun show loophole while creating other dangerous loopholes to our gun laws. If the Senate's decision is left to stand, it will be easier for criminals to get guns and harder for law enforcement to do its job. Criminals will be able to get guns at gun shows and pawn shops, no questions asked, and federal law enforcement won't be able to ensure gun sellers' compliance with laws or to trace firearms later used in crimes. If the Senate wants to do right by the American people, it will once again bring up the Lautenberg amendment, when all members are present, and close the gun show loophole once and for all.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 15:29:43.00

SUBJECT: bullet for neera

TO: Neera Tanden (CN=Neera Tanden/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/14/99
03:30 PM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro

05/14/99 03:18:26 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: bullet for neera

Neera asked for one bullet on gun shows:

Closing the gun show loophole. Last year, over 4,000 gun shows were held across the country. An estimated 25-50% of the sellers at gun shows are unlicensed. Guns sold by these unlicensed sellers are not subject to background checks -- allowing criminals and youths to obtain guns with no questions asked. The President criticized the Senate,s failure to close this &gun show8 loophole and for creating additional dangerous loopholes in our gun laws by passing amendments that: (1) fail to require Brady background checks for all gun sales at gun shows by exempting certain sellers from mandatory checks; (2) create a new pawnshop loophole for felons by exempting firearms redemptions at pawnshops from Brady background checks; (3) thwart law enforcement,s ability to trace firearms later used in crimes; and (4) undermine effective background checks by cutting the amount of time FBI has to complete checks from 3 days to 24 hours.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 14:46:21.00

SUBJECT: Re: draft FBI statement

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

do a line on this, too...jc3

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/14/99

02:47 PM -----

Laura Emmett

05/14/99 02:43:56 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc: leanne a. shimabukuro/opd/eop

bcc:

Subject: Re: draft FBI statement

Elena also wants a item on this report- thanks

Jose Cerda III

05/14/99 02:40:05 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc: Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP@EOP

Subject: draft FBI statement

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

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(Embargoed until 6:00pm, May 16, 1999)

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

Today, the FBI released preliminary data showing that violent and property crime fell another 7 percent in 1998. Crime is now down for a remarkable seventh year in a row. More community police on our streets and fewer guns in the hands of criminals have helped make our communities the safest they have been in a generation.

But tragic events like those in Littleton, Colorado remind us that our work is far from done. We all have a responsibility to make sure our children's lives are not cut short by needless violence, and that all children have a chance to achieve their full potential. One of the things government can do is to pass common sense gun legislation. We should start by closing the gun show loophole that allows criminals and juveniles to buy guns at gun shows without so much as a background check. If we do this, we can keep the crime rates coming down.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 18:05:12.00

SUBJECT: Re: richard green

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 17:13:19.00

SUBJECT: final draft -- radio address

TO: Caroline R. Fredrickson (CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi...jc3

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05:14 PM -----

Jeffrey A. Shesol

05/14/99 02:57:37 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: final draft -- radio address

Final 05/14/99 2:30pm

Jeff Shesol

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON VIOLENCE AND
THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
May 15, 1999

Good morning. In the past few weeks, ever since that terrible day in Littleton, people across America have searched their souls and searched for solutions to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again. Last Monday, at our White House strategy session on children and violence, representatives of every sector of society agreed on one fundamental fact: making progress requires taking responsibility.

That responsibility begins at home. Parents have a duty to guide children as they grow, staying engaged, staying involved in their lives. The most important influence on a child is a parent.

Here in Washington, we have a responsibility to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children. There is a broad national consensus on that point -- everywhere, it seems, except the U.S. Senate. Last week, the Senate twice passed a phony proposal instead of a real law that would close the deadly gun-show loophole, through which tens of thousands of guns are sold each year without background checks. Even worse, the Senate bill is riddled with new loopholes -- permitting convicted felons to get

guns at pawn shops, no questions asked; and making it harder, not easier, for law enforcement to trace guns used in crimes.

If the Senate says it wants to fix the problem, it should fix the problem. It should not make the problem worse. The American people deserve -- and have demanded -- better. They know that law-abiding citizens don't need loopholes in our gun laws. Only criminals do. I strongly hope that in the coming weeks, the Senate will step up to its responsibility and do the right thing by our children.

I have always said that the entertainment industry must also do its part. In 1993, shortly after I became President, I traveled to Hollywood and spoke to members of the community about their responsibility. I said: &You have the capacity to do good -- to help change the way we behave, the way we think of ourselves. . . Examine what together you might do to help us rebuild the frayed bonds of community, to give children nonviolent ways to resolve their frustrations.⁸

Today, the entertainment industry is helping parents limit children's exposure to violence -- working with the administration on a voluntary ratings system for television and parental screening for the Internet. But there is still too much violence on our nation's screens, large and small. There are too many creators and purveyors of violence who say there is nothing they can do about it. And there are too many vulnerable children who are steeped in this culture of violence -- becoming desensitized to it and, as studies show, more capable of committing it themselves. By age 18, the typical American will see 40,000 dramatized murders. All in the name of entertainment.

Those who say they can do nothing about this are wrong. By changing the way they do business. . . by making movies, music, TV programs and video games as if their own children were watching. . . members of the entertainment industry can make a big difference. And today, I want to issue three specific challenges to the entertainment industry. First, the whole industry should stop showing guns in any ads or previews children might see. Second, I challenge theater owners across America to enforce more strictly the age requirements on the movies they show. Theater owners should check IDs, not turn the other way as a child walks unchaperoned into an R-rated movie. And third, I challenge the movie industry to re-evaluate its entire ratings system -- especially the PG-13 rating, to determine whether it is allowing gratuitous violence in movies viewed by children. Our administration is fighting to do all we can to protect our children. The entertainment industry should do everything in its power, too.

Across America, people are coming together and saying, yes, we can change this culture of violence. I believe that we can -- and that we will -- build in its place a culture of values which we will be proud to pass on to future generations. Thank you.

Message Sent

To: _____

Loretta M. Ucelli/WHO/EOP
Ann C. Hertelendy/WHO/EOP
Michael Waldman/WHO/EOP
Joshua S. Gottheimer/WHO/EOP
Julianne B. Corbett/WHO/EOP
Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP
Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP
Karen Tramontano/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 12:46:53.00

SUBJECT: Re: draft radio address 5/14 12:30pm -- please comment to Jeff Shesol ASAP 6-2796

TO: Jeffrey A. Shesol (CN=Jeffrey A. Shesol/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Jeff:

As always, this looks great, especially the gun stuff. One note on the potential study/announcement: isn't the FTC an independent agency we can't direct to do anything? I guess Elena will know...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 16:51:13.00

SUBJECT: weekly

TO: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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04:52 PM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro

05/14/99 04:25:41 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: weekly

Crime -- 1998 FBI Crime Data: On Sunday, the FBI will release the preliminary 1998 Uniform Crime Report, which shows that overall crime fell by 7 percent from 1997. Between 1997 and 1998, both violent and property crime decreased by 7 percent. Violent crime: murder dropped by 8 percent, rape and assault fell by 5 percent each, and robbery fell by 11 percent. Property crime: larceny-theft fell 6 percent, burglary and arson down 7 percent each, and motor vehicle theft declined by 10 percent. Crime decreased in all regions, with the West reporting the largest drops in violent crime (9 percent) and the Midwest reporting the smallest decreases (4 percent). Serious crime fell in cities of all sizes, with large cities (populations from 250,000-999,999) and suburban cities (50,000 to 99,999) reporting the largest decreases (8 percent each) and smaller cities with populations of less than 10,000 reporting the smallest decreases (4 percent).

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 17:37:37.00

SUBJECT: POTUS FBI Stats Statement

TO: Jennifer M. Palmieri (CN=Jennifer M. Palmieri/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/14/99
05:38 PM -----

Laura Emmett
05/14/99 03:25:31 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Barry J. Toiv/WHO/EOP, Nanda Chitre/WHO/EOP, Erica S.
Lepping/WHO/EOP
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: POTUS FBI Stats Statement

(Embargoed until 6:00pm, May 16, 1999)

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To: _____

Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP
Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP
Jeffrey A. Shesol/WHO/EOP
Marjorie Tarmey/WHO/EOP
Phillip Caplan/WHO/EOP

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 11:36:44.00

SUBJECT: Re: Coalition to Stop Gun Violence Awards Dinner

TO: Karin Kullman (CN=Karin Kullman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

my reaction is to regret, but others may think differently...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:14-MAY-1999 16:50:43.00

SUBJECT: weekly

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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04:51 PM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro

05/14/99 04:25:41 PM

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To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: weekly

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 20:54:13.00

SUBJECT: REVISED Juvie Crime Letter

TO: Karen Tramontano (CN=Karen Tramontano/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Karen:

Have you seen this yet? I was leaving for the night and wanted to make sure you were okay w/it. We and leg. affairs are fine, and Staff Sec. is ready to go w/it when you've signed off. We should have the letter in final form by the time the senior staff meeting gets out, so we can get to the Senate before the morning cloture votes.

Thanks,
Jose'

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/17/99
08:52 PM -----

Laura Emmett
05/17/99 07:12:01 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP, Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OPD/EOP
cc: Mindy E. Myers/WHO/EOP, Eli P. Joseph/WHO/EOP, Carolyn T. Wu/WHO/EOP
Subject: REVISED Juvie Crime Letter

Leg Affairs has this and I think they are all set- they will be in charge of getting final sign-off from the CoS office (Karen Tramontano) and Staff Secretary. Page Jose w/ more substantive questions

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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May 17, 1999

The Honorable Trent Lott
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

I write to urge you to allow the Senate to complete its work on juvenile crime legislation this week. The Senate has already spent a considerable amount of time debating this bill, and approved several important amendments. Although I recognize that there are many other important issues pending before the Senate, none is more timely or important than preventing youth violence. The Senate should complete its consideration of this important legislation, and it should specifically reconsider the Lautenberg amendment to require Brady background checks for all guns sold at gun shows.

In the wake of the Littleton shooting, there is broad national consensus that we must all accept responsibility and take action to help prevent youth violence. We in government have a special responsibility to enact and enforce common sense legislation that will help keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children. So I was pleased last week when the Senate voted to ban the importation of large capacity ammunition magazines, as well as the juvenile possession of all assault rifles and large capacity clips. Passing these proposals was a step in the right direction.

I remain deeply disappointed, however, that the Senate has failed to take meaningful action to prevent criminals from getting firearms at gun shows. The Senate-passed amendments on gun shows have not only failed to close the loophole in current law that allows criminals and young people to buy firearms at gun shows without a Brady background check, but also will open up yet additional loopholes. This should not stand. We must make it harder for criminals to get guns, not easier. The Senate should therefore reconsider Senator Lautenberg's amendment, with all members present, and close the gun show loophole once and for all.

Over the past few years, we have made steady progress against crime by working together. Our efforts, and those carried out in communities across the nation, are showing impressive results. This weekend the FBI released preliminary data for 1998 showing that crime is down for the seventh year in a row, the longest period of decline since the 1950's. I hope that the Senate will build on this progress by working together to debate and pass a tough, balanced juvenile crime bill that includes comprehensive measures to combat and prevent crime and gun violence -- and keep crime coming down in the 21st Century.

Sincerely,

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 10:50:58.00

SUBJECT: Race Profiling Directive

TO: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Left copy in your box...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 13:09:45.00

SUBJECT: DPC Team Leaders Meeting

TO: Essence P. Washington (CN=Essence P. Washington/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

For schedule...jc3

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/17/99

01:10 PM -----

Cathy R. Mays

05/17/99 12:58:54 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

Subject: DPC Team Leaders Meeting

The DPC Team Leaders Meeting for tomorrow, May 18, is rescheduled for 10:30 a.m.

Message Sent

To: _____
Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP
Irene Bueno/OPD/EOP
Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OPD/EOP
Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP
Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP
Nicole R. Rabner/WHO/EOP
Karin Kullman/OPD/EOP

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To: _____
Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
Bethany Little/OPD/EOP
Eugenia Chough/OPD/EOP
Essence P. Washington/OPD/EOP
Devorah R. Adler/OPD/EOP
Teresa M. Jones/OPD/EOP

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CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 15:37:03.00

SUBJECT: Lott's on the floor

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 12:51:13.00

SUBJECT: Re: COPS amendment

TO: Caroline R. Fredrickson (CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 13:23:03.00

SUBJECT: Please Approve Today's Talking Points

TO: Deborah Akel (CN=Deborah Akel/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Deborah:

This looks fine. Two suggestions, though: (1) we shoudn't say "the President announced." Lots of sensitivity on the FBI and its announcements being independent of us. How about "the President lauded preliminary data released by the FBI last night....," or something to that effect. (2) let's not say "the President attributed the drop in nation's crime rate..." Instead, how about somthing more along the lines of, "The President said that falling crime rates help confirm that his strategy of more community police and fewer guns in the hands of criminals is working.."

LS: Take a quick look at this, too.

jc3
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Deborah Akel

05/17/99 01:09:13 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Please Approve Today's Talking Points

Jose,

Could you please approve these talking points? Leanne is unavailable at present to do so, and I'd like to get them out asap. Thanks.

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE:
KEEPING THE CRIME RATE DOWN**

May 17, 1999

"More community police on our streets and fewer guns in the hands of criminals have helped make our communities the safest they have been in a generation."

President Bill Clinton
May 17, 1999

Today, President Clinton announced that the U.S. crime rate fell seven percent in 1998, according to preliminary data released today by the FBI. The crime rate has now declined for seven consecutive years, due in large part to more police in our communities and more restrictions to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. The President urged Congress to pass common-sense gun legislation, including a measure requiring background checks for all gun purchases at gun shows.

MORE GOOD NEWS ON CRIME. Today, President Clinton announced a seven percent drop in violent and property crimes for 1998, including:

- 11% decrease in robberies;
- 8% decrease in murders;
- 5% decline in forcible rape;
- 5% decline in aggravated assault;
- 10% drop in motor vehicle theft;
- 7% decline in burglaries;
- 7% decline in arson; and
- 6% drop in larceny-thefts

These figures, taken from 1998 preliminary data released today by the FBI, show that **the U.S. crime rate has now fallen for seven years in a row.**

SUCCESS OF CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS. The President attributed the drop in the nation's crime rate to more community police on our streets and fewer guns in the hands of criminals. His crime-fighting strategy has included:

- winning passage of the 1994 Crime Bill;
- supporting more community policing through the COPS program;
- keeping guns out of the hands of criminals with passage of the Brady Law;
- restricting juvenile access to guns;
- promoting school safety;
- working to end domestic violence; and
- combating drug use.

URGING CONGRESS TO PASS COMMON-SENSE GUN LAWS. Present law allows unlicensed sellers to sell guns at gun shows with no questions asked. The President urged Congress to pass legislation that would close the gun show loophole by requiring Brady background checks for all gun purchases at gun shows.

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Creation Date: 1999-05-17

Subject: draft lott/daschle letter

Creator: Jose Cerda III

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 16:06:45.00

SUBJECT: Re: crime bill call

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Fine, about noon...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 15:03:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: Hate Crimes in Crime bill

TO: Mary L. Smith (CN=Mary L. Smith/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Thomas L. Freedman (CN=Thomas L. Freedman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

What's w/the outside lobbying campaign? My phone is ringing off the hook
w/hate crimes coalition members? jc3

Mary L. Smith

05/17/99 02:09:25 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc: Thomas L. Freedman/OPD/EOP

Subject: Hate Crimes in Crime bill

Is it still possible to put the hate crimes legislation in the crime
bill? ADL and Senator Kennedy's staff have called me repeatedly,
requesting that this be in there. ADL has also written letters to Bruce
and the AG (I left you copies of these on your chair). Let me know, Mary

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 10:08:42.00

SUBJECT: Re: I looked in all of our files and could not find it- Elena might have it on her- sorry

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAY-1999 12:48:20.00

SUBJECT: COPS amendment

TO: Caroline R. Fredrickson (CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Caroline:

Got your message on COPS, we're fine w/waiving the match for SROs. We essentially do it anyway already (90% waiver). Also, Larry and Bruce spoke this morning about doing a POTUS letter to the Senate tonight, asking them to stick to the juvie/gun shows. Leanne's taking the first stab at it; we'll run a draft by you later this afternoon. Any word on what the shortened, Leahy amendment list might look like?

Jose'

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 22:08:00.00

SUBJECT: Key pts/q&a

TO: Karen Tramontano (CN=Karen Tramontano/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Karen:

Attached please find a quick set of talking points that mirror our statement over the past few days on the Senate's consideration of our gun proposals. I've also attached 2 q/a's that might come up...(1) what exactly are the new loopholes created by the Senate R's...and (2) defending our record on prosecutions.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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Senate Consideration of Juvenile Crime Bill/Gun Amendments
May 18, 1999

- **Commend the Senate for supporting child safety locks.** The Senate should be commended for reversing its position of last year and voting overwhelming (78-20) to require that child safety locks be provided with every gun sold. This was a courageous, common sense vote that will help prevent tragic shootings and gun-related accidents in the future.
- **Thank Speaker Hastert being open to common sense gun legislation.** Yesterday, Speaker Hastert agreed that it made sense to close the gun show loophole and raise the age of handgun ownership from 18 to 21. These, too, are common sense proposals that are strongly supported by the American people -- and even by major gun dealers and manufacturers. Congress should also give its strong backing to these measures as well.
- **Press Congress to finish the job.** Today, the Senate will have an opportunity to respond to the growing national consensus -- in the wake of the Littleton shooting -- that all of our society must do more to prevent youth violence. For those of us in government that means passing laws to help keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals. That is why we urge the Senate not to abandon the juvenile crime bill at this critical juncture, and to give every Senator the chance to vote on the reasonable gun measures put forward by the President.
- **Close the gun show loophole once and for all.** Most importantly, the Senate should not pull the juvenile crime bill without having taking meaningful action to close the gun show loophole. The Senate-passed amendments on gun shows have not only failed to close the loophole in current law that allows criminals and children to buy guns at a gun show without a Brady background check, but also will open up yet additional loopholes. This simply should not stand. We must make it harder for criminals to get guns, not easier. The Senate should vote to close the gun show loophole once and for all.

Gun Questions and Answers
May 19, 1999

Gun Shows

Q: Last week, the Senate passed the Hatch amendment, which he claims will “close the gun show loophole” and require background checks at gun shows. Why did the Administration oppose this amendment?

A: The Hatch amendment not only fails close the gun show loophole, but also creates other dangerous loopholes to our gun laws. Specifically, the amendment will:

(1) Not require Brady background checks for all gun sales at gun shows. It specifically exempts a category of sellers, or “special licensees,” that would be exempt from conducting mandatory background checks.

(2) Roll back current law by exempting firearms redemptions at pawnshops from Brady background checks. This is especially important. The Treasury Department estimates that persons who redeem guns at pawnshops are more than three times as likely to be prohibited purchasers than those who buy guns from gun dealers.

(3) Seriously undermine federal law enforcement’s ability to trace firearms later used in crimes, as well as to ensure that gun sellers comply with all state and local laws. The amendment establishes a new category of persons who could conduct background checks at gun shows, assist law enforcement officials to trace firearms that are later used in crimes. And the amendment prevents federal law enforcement from requiring some gun show sellers to certify that they are in compliance with all state and local laws.

(4) Impede the effectiveness of Brady background checks at gun shows by requiring them to be completed within 24 hours -- considerably less than the 3 days the FBI is allowed under current law to complete checks and ensure that guns are not sold to criminals and other prohibited purchasers.

For all these reasons, the Senate should reconsider and pass the Lautenberg amendment, which is the real proposal to close the gun show loophole, once and for all.

Federal Prosecutions

Q: The NRA charges that federal gun prosecutions are significantly down under this Administration, and that there is less of a focus on prosecuting street-level criminals who carry guns. They believe that more enforcement of existing laws is needed instead of new gun control laws. What is your response?

A: Although Republicans and the NRA like to say that so-called "Triggerlock" prosecutions are down under the Clinton Administration, that's simply not the full story on federal firearms prosecutions. The truth is that:

(1) Overall firearms prosecutions are up. More criminals are prosecuted today for all weapons offenses than in 1992. Although the number of federal prosecutions for persons serving sentences of 3 years or less is down than, the number of persons sentenced to 5 or more years in federal prison is up by nearly 30 percent (from 1049 to 1345). And because we work more closely with our partners in state and local law enforcement -- who handle almost all gun crimes -- about 25 percent more criminals are sent to prison for state and federal weapons offenses than in 1992 (from 20,681 to 25,186). In some states, this means that gun criminals are serving even longer prison sentences than they would get in the federal system.

(2) Crime -- and gun-related crime in particular-- are down dramatically. The previous Administration may have prosecuted more lower level gun cases in federal court, but gun and violent crime sky rocketed on their watch. During the Clinton Administration -- and with more police on the street and tougher gun laws on the books -- crime has dropped across the board. Since 1992, overall, violent and property crime are down by more than 20 percent each; the murder rate is down by more than 30 percent -- and to the lowest level in 30 years; and homicides, robberies, and aggravated assaults committed with gun are down by an average of 27 percent.

(3) Tough talk is cheap. Despite its rhetoric, time and again, the NRA has opposed efforts to put real money for state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies to investigate, arrest, and prosecute gun criminals and illegal gun traffickers. Over the past 2 years, this Administration has called for more resources to enforce our gun laws on every front -- requesting tens of millions of dollars to hire over 280 new ATF agents and over 40 new federal prosecutors, as well as more than a billion dollars to hire more local police and prosecutors. We hope their new found interest in strengthened enforcement means we can count on their support to secure these needed resources during appropriations.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 14:41:57.00

SUBJECT: hatch on floor

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 10:05:19.00

SUBJECT: Re: draft Q&A

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

looks fine...change to this morning

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Subject: Statement -- Take One

Creator: Jose Cerda III

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CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 19:24:07.00

SUBJECT: Re: Hastert Getting Tough on Gun Control (with POTUS)

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi...jc3

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Bruce N. Reed

05/18/99 07:23:04 PM

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To: Barry J. Toiv/WHO/EOP, Joseph P. Lockhart/WHO/EOP, Jose Cerda
III/OPD/EOP, Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Hastert Getting Tough on Gun Control (with POTUS)

We shouldn't tell the press, but you should know that the President placed
a call to Hastert to commend him -- but Hastert wasn't there so they
haven't spoken yet.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 17:41:34.00

SUBJECT: gun statement -- ASAP

TO: Julia M. Payne (CN=Julia M. Payne/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Joseph P. Lockhart (CN=Joseph P. Lockhart/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Broderick Johnson (CN=Broderick Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Elena Kagan (CN=Elena Kagan/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Lawrence J. Stein (CN=Lawrence J. Stein/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Caroline R. Fredrickson (CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TEXT:

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Statement of the President

I want to commend the Senate for reversing its position of last year and voting overwhelmingly today to require that child safety locks be provided with every gun sold. This was a courageous, common sense vote that will help prevent tragic shootings and gun-related accidents in the future. I also want to thank Speaker Hastert for agreeing that we should close the gun show loophole and raise the age of handgun ownership from 18 to 21. The Senate should likewise put progress over politics and give its strong backing to these reasonable measures to keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals. I urge Senator Lott to let the Senate keep working on the juvenile crime bill and give every Senator the chance to vote on these common sense provisions.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 13:14:16.00

SUBJECT: Re: House Approps

TO: Susan.Ginsburg (Susan.Ginsburg @ do.treas.gov @ INET @ LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

thanks

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 17:03:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: press guidance

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Check w/the children and family team. I think they're more up to speed on
child abuse issues than we are...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 09:45:13.00

SUBJECT: Re: Amendments offered to Juvenile Justice

TO: Caroline R. Fredrickson (CN=Caroline R. Fredrickson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Does this mean offered and accepted?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 14:57:37.00

SUBJECT: PDD 62

TO: Lisa Gordon-Hagerty (CN=Lisa Gordon-Hagerty/OU=NSC/O=EOP @ EOP [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Lisa:

Do you know what PDD 62 deals with? I've called your clerk to find out, but haven't heard back from them. Republicans in the Senate want to cross reference it in our proposal to reauthorize the President's COPS/community policing program, and I'm trying to determine how friendly or unfriendly such an amendment may be.

Jose'

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAY-1999 22:16:03.00

SUBJECT: child safety lock vote

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Correction...jc3

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Leanne A. Shimabukuro

05/18/99 10:15:01 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: child safety lock vote

Boxer child safety lock vote last summer was 39-61.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 12:45:12.00

SUBJECT: Re: OSTP comments on LRM REJ94: Justice Oversight Testimony on Bioterrorism

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

agree, let rj know...jc3

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Subject: New Gun Show Amendment

Creator: Jose Cerda III

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 11:19:29.00

SUBJECT: new q/a

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Juvenile Crime Bill/Gun Amendments
May 19, 1999

Q: What is the Administration's reaction to the Senate-passed amendment on child safety locks and to Speaker Hastert comments in favor of certain gun control?

A: We commend the Senate for reversing its position of last year and voting overwhelming (78-20) to require that child safety locks be provided with every gun sold. As the President said, this was a courageous, common sense vote that will help prevent tragic shootings and gun-related accidents in the future.

We also commend Speaker Hastert for agreeing that we should close the gun show loophole and raise the age of handgun ownership from 18 to 21. These, too, are common sense proposals that are strongly supported by the American people. They are even supported by some of the nation's major gun dealers and manufacturers. And there is no good reason why Congress shouldn't give its strong backing to these measures as well.

Today, the Senate will have a chance to do just that. Again, we urge the Senate not to abandon the juvenile crime bill at this critical juncture, and to give every Senator the chance to vote on the reasonable gun measures put forward by the President. And under no circumstances should the Senate should not pull the juvenile crime bill without having closed the gun show loophole once and for all.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 14:24:49.00

SUBJECT: Treasury SAP

TO: Mark J. Schwartz (CN=Mark J. Schwartz/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: James Boden (CN=James Boden/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Can you send me the draft Treasury SAP. Deich just called and asked me to include a sentence on two possible gun amendments.

Thanks,
Jose'

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 14:50:11.00

SUBJECT: Any luck w/Biden?

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

BR:

I've just review the draft Biden amendment and have some concerns. In brief, here's what it will do.

\$600 M for COPS: (1) Like us, reauthorizes COPS hiring at \$600 million; adds retention (5%), police scholarships, COPS MORE/redeployment (20%); and makes other miscellaneous, non-controversial changes (new schools language, 90-day support for emergencies, etc.). (2) Unlike us, allows up to 50% of hiring funds to be used for overtime and college scholarships (total of 75% could be used for non-hiring); does not increase TA funds from 3% to 5% (which is how we pay for new ethics training); and does not raise the per-officer cap from \$75,000 to \$125,000 (which the Mayors want).

\$150 M for Prosecutors: Keeps our language, but drops funding from \$200 million to \$150 million.

\$0 M for Technology: Drops provision entirely (cops, chiefs especially, will oppose; also prevents us from spending money on DNA backlog, national program to improve crime labs, nationally-led effort to improve interoperability, and state criminal history records).

\$0 M for Prevention: Drops provision entirely (which prevents us from funding faith-based prevention and citizen police academies).

\$400 M for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant: Money can be used for a variety of purposes (i.e., hiring, prevention, drug courts, and technology), and is strongly supported by the cops and mayors as a complement to COPS.

TOTAL: \$1150 M

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Subject: HOW THE GOVERNMENT TRACES GUNS, 200,000
TIMES A YEAR

Creator: Jose Cerda III

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 22:20:44.00

SUBJECT:

TO: BRUCE N. (Pager) #REED (BRUCE N. (Pager) #REED [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

smith and lautenberg votes tomorrow at 10:30am. smith now closes most of
loophole. jose

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Creator: Jose Cerda III

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 16:04:19.00

SUBJECT: Safety Locks

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

LS:

Can you fax whatever support letters, fact sheets, or whatever other useful info we have on child safety locks to James John in Rosa DeLauro's office. His fax is 225-4890. No need to speak to him; I did already...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1999 18:24:32.00

SUBJECT: VP on crime

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Guess I shouldn't give them any advice...jc3

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06:25 PM -----

"Christopher Edley, Jr." <edley @ law.harvard.edu>

05/19/99 05:33:03 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: VP on crime

Please give me a call at your convenience. I'd like your input on how to structure some things for the VP, and indeed I'd like to invite you to prepare a paper for him as part of a package.

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Thanks

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Take a look and see if this works...we can change if necessary...jc3

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Jose: Draft SAP attached. We could include the gun language under the
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Attached is a final draft of the Committee letter. This version reflects comments received from the RMOs by close of business Tuesday.

Please review the text and forward any changes to me by 10 AM, Wednesday May 19.

Tomorrow morning, I will be collecting approval signatures on the second floor of the OEOP. We hope to have the letter approved by mid-day.

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Washington, DC 20515

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Gtie-breaking vote

WASHINGTON (AP) With Vice President Al Gore casting a tie-breaking vote, the Senate today approved a Democratic proposal to slap fresh restrictions on gun transactions at gun shows and pawn shops.

The vote came a month after a killing spree at a Colorado high school and only hours after a second shooting at a high school in Georgia.

The proposal, which would require mandatory background checks for all transactions at gun shows, was tied, 50-50. Gore, who had come to the Capitol in case his vote was needed to break a tie, did so in favor of the Democratic provision.

The provision, sponsored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., also would require for a mandatory background check for anyone seeking to claim their own weapon at a pawn shop. In addition, it wiped out a Republican proposal that had passed moments earlier that Democrats said would open fresh loopholes in the naition's gun laws.

Lautenberg's amendment was defeated in a slightly different form last week. He recast it in advance of today's vote, and the changes won the support of Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga. The vote came a few hours after the outbreak of gunfire at an Atlanta-area high school in which six students were injured.

The earlier Republican provision was cleared by 79-29. It would have limited instant checks to 24 hours, instead of the current three days, one of several changes that Democrats said marked a retreat in the GOP's gun control position.

The maneuvering came on legislation to crack down on juvenile crime. It was not clear when the bill would come to a final vote, or whether it could pass.

Referring to the Georgia school shooting, Sen. Charles Schumer,

D-N.Y., asked, "How much longer are we going to embrace the gun lobby?"

It was the images of the Littleton, Colo., school shooting last month that generated pressure on the Senate to tighten laws governing gun sales, particularly at gun shows.

Six students were injured in the Georgia shooting this morning and all were in stable condition, according to authorities.

Democrats renewed their charge that Republicans are resisting effective restrictions on gun sales at the behest of the National Rifle Association.

Republicans said they were protecting law-abiding gun owners and insisted that law enforcement do more to enforce existing laws.

"It's law enforcement that stops the criminal," not more gun control laws, said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, an NRA board member.

Still, Republicans were eager to get the gun control issue behind them, at the same time Democrats were declaring victory over the gun lobby.

"The gun lobby was wounded this week," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle told reporters Wednesday. He said last month's high school shootings in Littleton, Colo., had produced "a dramatic and pivotal moment" in the gun control debate.

Given the GOP's concessions and reversals on guns in the past week, he said, "There may not be much difference between Democrats and Republicans anymore."

Republicans fiercely disagreed, saying their reversal on requiring background checks at gun shows and voting to require trigger locks with handgun sales weren't big concessions at all.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the National Rifle Association board member who had appeared to be driving the debate away from gun control last week until a half-dozen of his GOP colleagues objected, insisted Wednesday that pro-gun interests had not been defeated.

"I haven't lost," he said with a smile, wagging his forefinger in the air. "It's not over yet."

Despite the concessions, administration officials prepared a long list of additional issues that the Republicans didn't address, saying the GOP hadn't gone far enough to stop some criminals from obtaining weapons.

"They don't get it," Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said of Republicans. "The public gets it."

While making the latest in a series of retreats, Republicans indicated they were drawing the line. GOP aides said the latest amendment had been drafted in a meeting with top Senate Republicans on Wednesday.

The latest Democratic amendment would remove some of the government record keeping and other red tape proposed in connection with gun show purchases. But it also would give the government three days to conduct a background check rather than 24 hours proposed by Republicans.

Democrats also want to wait 90 days before expunging background check records in cases where the purchases are approved. The GOP wants immediate destruction of all records.

The gun amendments were intended to toughen a sweeping, \$5 billion juvenile crime bill by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, that would

make it harder for kids to get guns and inflict more painful punishments on those who use them.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., brought the gun control issue to the floor last week to allow lawmakers to stage a debate responding to the April 20 massacre in Colorado that left 14 students and a teacher dead.

Lott earlier had threatened to pull the bill if senators didn't pare down the list of amendments enough to hold a final vote by Tuesday night. But relishing the public relations nightmare that the bill had imposed on Republicans, Democrats called Lott's bluff and were slow to cut their amendment list. Lott backed down.

The ceaseless political combat in the aftermath of Littleton has taken its toll on the patience of GOP leaders.

“(Democrats are) going to find out that nothing's changed” with regard to the gun lobby's influence, Lott fumed outside the Senate chamber. “They will find out that they have hurt their relationship with me because I have acted in good faith and they have not.

“They're gonna pay,” he added.

Asked about the Senate's rebuke of several NRA demands during debate, Lott replied: “The NRA has not lost its influence.”

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Today's shooting at Heritage High School in Georgia was deeply troubling to us all. In the wake of these terrible incidents, all Americans must come together and do everything we can to protect children from violence. I applaud the Senate for today's historic vote to close the gun show loophole, and keep guns out of the hands of criminals and children.

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To: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: Heritage High School

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1999 21:12:46.00

SUBJECT: Re: radio

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

potus would agree

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Subject: cleaned this up a little and added guns

Creator: Jose Cerda III

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Creation Date: 1999-05-20

Subject: is this close?

Creator: Jose Cerda III

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1999 21:00:03.00

SUBJECT: Radio Address

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Jordan Tamagni
05/20/99 05:46:33 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Michael Waldman/WHO/EOP
Subject: Radio Address

Draft 5/20/99 5:30pm
Waldman

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON YOUTH VIOLENCE
THE WHITE HOUSE
May 22, 1999

Good morning. It has been just over a month since fifteen students and one of their teachers lost their lives at Columbine High School. Earlier this week I had the opportunity to visit with the families of the victims, and to meet with the students at Columbine High school. I was struck by their faith, their courage, and their strong sense of community. Seeing the wounds that will take a long time to heal in those young hearts, I was reminded why we must redouble our efforts to keep our children safe.

And as if we needed another reminder, on Thursday a young man opened fire at his high school in Conyers, Georgia. These incidents, and those that came before them, are alarm bells in the night. They should shake us out of our complacency and drive us forward to action. There is no task more urgent.

Every part of society, public and private, across our nation, has a role to play and must act. And in the past month, we have made real and heartening progress. But there is much more to do.

First, government, above all else, should do everything we can to take

guns out of the hands of children. I have proposed a sensible and strong plan to address gun violence: Requiring background checks at gunshows. Mandatory trigger locks on new guns. Raising the handgun ownership age to 21. This week a bipartisan majority of the Senate overcame the resistance of the Republican leadership and the strenuous efforts of the gun lobby, and passed these important measures. It took Vice President Gore to cast a tie-breaking vote on the key measure -- and that was a vote I know he'll be proud of. Now the House should act immediately to take these strong steps -- and take guns out of the hands of our children.

But protecting our children from guns is just one step. The media and entertainment industry have enormous power in our children's lives, for good or ill, and they must take responsibility, too. Adults have the right to watch violent programming -- but we should draw the line on marketing violence to kids.

That is why last week I issued three specific challenges. First, the whole industry should stop showing guns in any ads or previews children might see. Second, theater and video store owners should strictly enforce the rating systems on the movies they show, rent and sell. Third, the movie industry should re-evaluate its ratings system, especially the PG rating, to determine whether it is allowing too much gratuitous violence in movies approved for viewing by children.

Parents must take responsibility as well -- paying attention to the shows their children watch and the webpages they visit, using the new tools that are available to block their children's access to inappropriate material on television and the Internet, and refusing to buy products that glorify violence. Above all, parents should stay involved in their children's lives, especially when they reach their teens. Teenagers are increasingly independent these days -- but there is a big difference between healthy independence and potentially deadly alienation. It is up to parents to make sure no child ever crosses that line.

Last week at the White House, along with the First Lady, the Vice President, and Mrs. Gore, I met with parents, teachers, media and entertainment industry leaders, and representatives from the firearms industry. We all agreed that to protect our children from this kind of senseless violence, we need an on-going national campaign that harnesses all our commitment and all our resources.

Because too often, far too often, these terrible incidents command our attention and consume our emotions. Then, as the press of normal business intrudes, they are forgotten. We tell ourselves that the problem will solve itself. We tell ourselves that +it can,t happen here, not in my community., But we know in our hearts -- and, sadly, we have seen with our own eyes -- that isn,t true. And we can,t let the gears of politics as usual grind our urgency into fine dust.

The American spirit is stronger than the forces of hate. This is a good time for our country. We have made so much progress -- turning our economy around, renewing our communities, bringing down crime and welfare. At this moment of prosperity and national strength, we must find the strength within ourselves to turn around the culture of violence and

give our children a culture of values. Thanks for listening.

Message Sent

To: _____

Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP

Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

Loretta M. Ucelli/WHO/EOP

Dominique L. Cano/WHO/EOP

Sara M. Latham/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1999 20:01:54.00

SUBJECT: added 2 pits

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Improvements to the Senate Juvenile Crime Legislation

- **Three out of four “core mandates” preserved.** Senator Hatch’s bill originally weakened all of the core protections for juveniles in state custody. The bill that cleared the Senate today preserves language in current law ensuring that juveniles are separated by sight and sound from adults while incarcerated; that they are not placed in adult jails; and that status offenders are not incarcerated. However, the bill does re-write protections against disproportionate minority confinement. A Kennedy/Wellstone amendment to drop this provision was defeated, and this issue will have to be revisited in conference.
- **Guaranteed prevention funds.** The original Hatch bill provided almost no funds for prevention. The bill that passed today sets aside 25 percent of the \$450 million Juvenile Accountability Block Grant for prevention, and authorizes a separate \$435 million for other delinquency and prevention programs.
- **No new death penalties.** The original Hatch bill made 16-year olds eligible for the federal death penalty. This provision has been dropped.
- **No provisions to transfer juveniles to adult facilities.** The new juvenile crime bill does not include provisions considered last year to allow the Justice Department’s Bureau of Prisons to transfer certain 16-year Olds to adult facilities.
- **Allows federal prosecutors limited discretion to try violent juveniles as adults.** The new juvenile crime bill allows federal prosecutors -- not judges -- to make the initial decision as to whether certain violent juveniles and gang members should be tried as adults.
- **Onerous conditions on states deleted.** To be eligible for the new block grant funds, the original Hatch bill required states to pass new laws to prosecute juveniles (14-year olds) as adults. These hard requirements have been dropped and replaced with more reasonable conditions requiring graduated sanctions, drug testing and protection of victims rights in cases involving juvenile offenders.
- **Federalization clause dropped.** The original Hatch bill included a presumption that all juvenile crime should be federal and then referred to states as appropriate. Chief Justice Rehnquist complained bitterly last year about this provision, and it is no longer in the bill.
- **New gun provisions.** The original Hatch bill contained no provision to address gun violence. As you know, the new bill: (1) requires background checks for all gun sales at gun shows; (2) requires gun dealers to provide child safety locks with every handgun sold; (3) bans the juvenile possession of assault weapons and large capacity clips; (4) expands the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative; (5) bans the importation of large capacity ammunition clips; (6) prohibits violent juveniles from possessing guns (but in a weaker form than your own proposal); and (7) provides \$50 million for the increased

federal prosecution of gun crimes.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: CERDA_J@A1@CD@LNGTWY (CERDA_J@A1@CD@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN]) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1999 12:33:28.00

SUBJECT: TIE-BREAKING VOTE

TO: Neera Tanden@eop (Neera Tanden@eop [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jose Cerda III@eop (Jose Cerda III@eop [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro@EOP (Leanne A. Shimabukuro@EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Date: 05/20/99 Time: 12:01

Gtie-breaking vote

WASHINGTON (AP) With Vice President Al Gore casting a tie-breaking vote, the Senate today approved a Democratic proposal to slap fresh restrictions on gun transactions at gun shows and pawn shops.

The vote came a month after a killing spree at a Colorado high school and only hours after a second shooting at a high school in Georgia.

The proposal, which would require mandatory background checks for all transactions at gun shows, was tied, 50-50. Gore, who had come to the Capitol in case his vote was needed to break a tie, did so in favor of the Democratic provision.

The provision, sponsored by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., also would require for a mandatory background check for anyone seeking to claim their own weapon at a pawn shop. In addition, it wiped out a Republican proposal that had passed moments earlier that Democrats said would open fresh loopholes in the nation's gun laws.

Lautenberg's amendment was defeated in a slightly different form last week. He recast it in advance of today's vote, and the changes won the support of Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga. The vote came a few hours after the outbreak of gunfire at an Atlanta-area high school in which six students were injured.

The earlier Republican provision was cleared by 79-29. It would have limited instant checks to 24 hours, instead of the current three days, one of several changes that Democrats said marked a retreat in the GOP's gun control position.

The maneuvering came on legislation to crack down on juvenile crime. It was not clear when the bill would come to a final vote, or whether it could pass.

Referring to the Georgia school shooting, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., asked, "How much longer are we going to embrace the gun lobby?"

It was the images of the Littleton, Colo., school shooting last month that generated pressure on the Senate to tighten laws governing gun sales, particularly at gun shows.

Six students were injured in the Georgia shooting this morning and all were in stable condition, according to authorities.

Democrats renewed their charge that Republicans are resisting effective restrictions on gun sales at the behest of the National Rifle Association.

Republicans said they were protecting law-abiding gun owners and insisted that law enforcement do more to enforce existing laws.

"It's law enforcement that stops the criminal," not more gun control laws, said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, an NRA board member.

Still, Republicans were eager to get the gun control issue behind them, at the same time Democrats were declaring victory over the gun lobby.

"The gun lobby was wounded this week," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle told reporters Wednesday. He said last month's high school shootings in Littleton, Colo., had produced "a dramatic and pivotal moment" in the gun control debate.

Given the GOP's concessions and reversals on guns in the past week, he said, "There may not be much difference between Democrats and Republicans anymore."

Republicans fiercely disagreed, saying their reversal on requiring background checks at gun shows and voting to require trigger locks with handgun sales weren't big concessions at all.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the National Rifle Association board member who had appeared to be driving the debate away from gun control last week until a half-dozen of his GOP colleagues objected, insisted Wednesday that pro-gun interests had not been defeated.

"I haven't lost," he said with a smile, wagging his forefinger in the air. "It's not over yet."

Despite the concessions, administration officials prepared a long list of additional issues that the Republicans didn't address, saying the GOP hadn't gone far enough to stop some criminals from obtaining weapons.

"They don't get it," Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said of Republicans. "The public gets it."

While making the latest in a series of retreats, Republicans indicated they were drawing the line. GOP aides said the latest amendment had been drafted in a meeting with top Senate Republicans on Wednesday.

The latest Democratic amendment would remove some of the government record keeping and other red tape proposed in connection with gun show purchases. But it also would give the government three days to conduct a background check rather than 24 hours proposed by Republicans.

Democrats also want to wait 90 days before expunging background check records in cases where the purchases are approved. The GOP wants immediate destruction of all records.

The gun amendments were intended to toughen a sweeping, \$5 billion juvenile crime bill by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, that would make it harder for kids to get guns and inflict more painful punishments on those who use them.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., brought the gun control issue to the floor last week to allow lawmakers to stage a debate responding to the April 20 massacre in Colorado that left 14 students and a teacher dead.

Lott earlier had threatened to pull the bill if senators didn't pare down the list of amendments enough to hold a final vote by Tuesday night. But relishing the public relations nightmare that the bill had imposed on Republicans, Democrats called Lott's bluff and were slow to cut their amendment list. Lott backed down.

The ceaseless political combat in the aftermath of Littleton has taken its toll on the patience of GOP leaders.

“(Democrats are) going to find out that nothing's changed” with regard to the gun lobby's influence, Lott fumed outside the Senate chamber. “They will find out that they have hurt their relationship with me because I have acted in good faith and they have not.

“They're gonna pay,” he added.

Asked about the Senate's rebuke of several NRA demands during debate, Lott replied: “The NRA has not lost its influence.”

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CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:20-MAY-1999 17:44:04.00

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SUBJECT: Official USSS WAVES Request - Records Management Document

TO: Records Management (Records Management @ EOP [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

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Requestor Phone: 4565568

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Creator: Jose Cerda III

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-MAY-1999 10:19:25.00

SUBJECT: Re: take a look at this one

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fine

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:21-MAY-1999 10:38:26.00

SUBJECT: Q?

TO: Beverly J. Barnes (CN=Beverly J. Barnes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

BB:

Am I doing Washington.Post.com or ABC.com?

jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-MAY-1999 20:56:41.00

SUBJECT: Gun Ideas

TO: Bruce N. Reed (CN=Bruce N. Reed/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

BR:

This needs some work, but let's chat about it at tomorrow's staff meeting.

Also, you're going to get an e-mail from Broderick on this week's gun hearing. Do you think we should push for the ASSC/Ricker to testify?

jc3

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May 24, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRUCE REED

SUBJECT: Pushing for House passage of juvenile crime/gun legislation

To keep pressure on the House to act on your gun proposals as quickly as possible, we need to ensure that the gun issue remains front and center over the next few weeks. Although House Democrats will spend the next few days insisting that the leadership hold the Senate-passed juvenile crime bill at the Speaker's desk and consider it immediately, these pleas will likely go unheard. Thus, even as Congress prepares to leave for its Memorial Day recess, we recommend the following actions to keep the focus on passing gun legislation:

1. Launch an editorial campaign that targets key House districts. To help build support for the Assault Weapons ban in 1994, we sent extensive information to local editorial boards in key House districts and followed up with telephone calls from White House staff to personally make the case for the ban. We should launch a similar campaign during the Memorial Day congressional recess to make the case for legislation to close the gun show loophole, raise the age of handgun ownership from 18 to 21, and require child safety locks with every gun sold. We should target newspapers in the congressional districts of undecided Members, especially in those states where Republican Senators voted last week to support gun legislation. Our mailing also could include a calendar of nearby gun shows and encourage local newspapers to send a reporter to see firsthand how guns are being bought and sold at guns shows in their communities.

2. Release report on Brady background checks. In June, the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics will release a report updating the estimated number of illegal gun sales that have been stopped through Brady background checks. This is important information that should inform the current congressional debate on gun legislation. Ideally, we should try to release this report just as Congress returns from the Memorial Day recess. We will work with the Justice Department to try and time the release of this report for June 3rd, and we recommend that you consider announcing the report's findings that day in a small White House meeting -- perhaps with representatives from the major law enforcement organizations.

3. Release report on Gun-Free Schools Act. Also in June, the Education Department will release a report on how many children were expelled from school during the 1997-1998 school year for bringing a gun to school. As you know, last year's report showed that more than 6,000 students were expelled for bringing a gun to school during the 1996-1997 school year. We expect this year's report to show a decline in the number of gun-related expulsions, totaling about 5,000. We will work with the Education Department to time the

report for the week of June 7th.

4. Draft a report on youth handgun possession and fatalities. We have asked the Treasury Department and ATF to review their trace data and other statistics related to the possession and use of handguns by juveniles. We will work with them to draft a short report that makes the case for raising the age of youth handgun possession from 18 to 21. As you know, more crime guns are traced to 18 and 19 year-olds than any other age group, and well over 80 percent of these firearms are in fact handguns. A thoughtful presentation of these and other facts -- coupled with Speaker Hastert's implied support for this change in our gun laws -- can help make raising the age of handgun ownership as much of a defining issue in the House as closing the gun show loophole was in the Senate. Ideally, we would like to release this report by June 14th, which would allow the Vice President to make it the topic of his address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors that day.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-MAY-1999 15:16:01.00

SUBJECT: Re: leg

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Who will be there? I thought they'd all be at the 4pm House meeting,
along w/Broderick. No need to invite Caroline for now...jc3

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAY-1999 11:52:25.00

SUBJECT: Re: gun Q&A

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAY-1999 13:10:55.00

SUBJECT: Re: Bioterrorism portions of Crime Bill

TO: Gerald L. Epstein (CN=Gerald L. Epstein/OU=OSTP/O=EOP @ EOP [OSTP])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Devorah R. Adler (CN=Devorah R. Adler/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

Lisa Gordon-Hagerty (CN=Lisa Gordon-Hagerty/OU=NSC/O=EOP [NSC])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I won't propose any new or different language that what's already been discussed in the current memo. I simply intend to show him the current draft of the memo, and ask him to help us make a final decision so that we don't have to go to the President. I am assuming that he'll agree that the current memo shouldn't necessarily go to the President, but he may think differently.

Jose'

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAY-1999 11:50:51.00

SUBJECT: Re: requests for press guidance today

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

agree

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAY-1999 11:01:55.00

SUBJECT: requests for press guidance today

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Laura:

I don't think we should comment on the Louima case. It is still an ongoing case that overlaps with a broader DOJ investigation of the NYPD. As for the the gun suits, there is no change in guidance. We still don't have any specific comments on any of them.

LS: Maybe we should do a quickie response on the split in the gun industry. How about doing a few lines tracking BR's quote in the times, and reiterating how they've been supportive of some of the President's proposals...and helpful last week in the Senate.

----- Forwarded by Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP on 05/25/99
10:57 AM -----

Erica S. Lepping
05/25/99 10:52:10 AM
Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OPD/EOP, Barry J. Toiv/WHO/EOP, Richard L. Siewert/WHO/EOP
Subject: requests for press guidance today

please, by 12:30, on:

- * Police Integrity -- an update on prior guidance -- given NY Diallo case guilty plea...NYT...DPC
- * Guns... Industry divided... NYT...manufacturer CA lawsuits... (WSJ/NYT)...DPC
- * Mental Health...Mrs. Gore's, NYT and upcoming conference...DPC/Camille
- * DEA resignation...(WP, NYT, LAT)...ONDPCP
- * E-Rate...FCC debate (WP ed.)...DPC
- * Summers nomination-- trouble with Steel caucus... (WP)... Jake
- * Budget... Pentagon Bill...(WSJ)... RICCI

Thanks.

Message Sent

To:

Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP

Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP

Camille Johnston/OVP @ OVP

Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

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CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-MAY-1999 13:03:07.00

SUBJECT: guns -- all this talk of details of the senate bill leads me to think we're going to have numerous opportunities to pop them

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi...jc3

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Barry J. Toiv

05/26/99 12:56:25 PM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: guns -- all this talk of details of the senate bill leads me to think we're going to have numerous opportunities to pop them

House GOP Nixes Quick Vote on Guns

By LAURIE KELLMAN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Republicans today beat back a Democratic attempt to force a vote this week on

new gun

restrictions, saying the House will take its

time considering

firearms proposals passed by the Senate.

The House Judiciary Committee on a 19-13 vote

rejected an

attempt by ranking Democrat John Conyers of

Michigan to

have the panel approve and send to the floor the

Senate's

proposals, including mandatory background checks

on all

firearms transactions at gun shows.

Chairman Henry Hyde said the panel will hold to

its plan to

consider how the Senate bill would affect
constitutional rights
and send a bill to the floor in mid-June.

``There is a Second Amendment, there is a
fundamental right
that we're dealing with and therefore we should
move
expeditiously but not in a stampede," Hyde,
R-Ill., said.
``We're going to do this and we're going to do
it right."

Democrats countered that the right congressional
action would
be quick passage of new gun restrictions in the
wake of school
shootings in Colorado and Georgia.

``This is not a rush but a response to the
crisis at hand," said
Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee, D-Texas.

Meanwhile, cracks began to appear in Republican
ranks just a
day after House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.,
and Hyde
voiced support for the concept of the gun
restrictions in the
Senate bill.

Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said he had
problems with many
details in the Senate bill. ``I don't think the
Senate's approach
last week is what the American people expected
of a
deliberative body," Hutchinson told the panel.

On Tuesday, Hastert and Hyde expressed support
in broad
terms for the new restrictions on gun sales
voted by the Senate,
but refused to be rushed into a vote before
mid-June.

``We support commonsense legislation that keeps
guns out of
the hands of unsupervised children," Hastert
said in a floor
speech.

But Hyde and other Republicans indicated they

think changes in the Senate-passed measure are warranted.

Democrats said ignoring the urgency of the matter following two school shootings this year would mean defeat of a widely supported bill.

“It doesn't take the NRA very long to reload,” Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., said of the National Rifle Association. “To postpone this measure for too long is in fact to say that ... (Republicans) aren't sure that they want it to pass.”

Republican leaders said Tuesday they support the concept of the Senate bill. They qualified their support, however, for the proposal to require background checks on all firearms transactions at gun shows, said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas.

“If language is properly written with respect to instant checks at gun shows, I think I could support that,” Armey told reporters, without detailing what changes he would recommend.

Republicans are planning a hearing on what the NRA contends has been lax enforcement of current laws.

The Senate passed a sweeping juvenile justice bill on a 73-25 vote last week after Republicans backtracked and eventually approved an array of new gun restrictions, including the new background checks and a requirement that locks be sold with all new handguns.

Responding to the April 20 murders at a Colorado high school, the Senate also voted to ban the import of high-capacity

ammunition clips and revoke gun ownership rights
for anyone convicted as a juvenile of a firearms crime.
Hyde said Tuesday that revoking gun ownership
rights is a problem because most states either destroy or
keep juvenile delinquency records confidential. He said the
House should prohibit states from taking such action and make
those records available for background checks.

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CREATION DATE/TIME:26-MAY-1999 17:36:03.00

SUBJECT: Special EventPlanning Conf Call on FTC Announcement Tomorrow 9:30 AM

TO: Neera Tanden (CN=Neera Tanden/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

You are, of course, right. We should try and resolve this before the 9:30am. Perhaps we should try and do the call tonight...or have Podesta's office call DOJ on this tomorrow...jc3

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Laura D. Schwartz

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Tomorrow 9:30 AM

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SUBJECT: NIJ \$

TO: James Boden (CN=James Boden/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Jim:

You said NIJ is okay with \$250,000 for the violence/marketing study...right? DOJ is now saying that JMD said that's not right.

jc3

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CREATOR: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-MAY-1999 17:34:58.00

SUBJECT: NEC budget doc

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
LS:

Can you call this guy right away. I dont' see any problem w/what he's forwarded here, but -- if any of our main priorities (i.e., COPS, ATF agents, DOJ prosecutors, drug testing, etc.) are impacted, it doesn't show. The current mention of FBI and border patrol agents is meaningful to the Hill, but less meaningful compared to our own budget...jc3

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HOUSE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS DRAMATICALLY CUT KEY PRIORITIES

May 26, 1999

The House Appropriations Committee has issued its 302(b) allocations – the annual allocations to the 13 subcommittees. After factoring in commitments made in the House budget for defense, NIH, Census, mass transit, and highway construction, and freezing key priorities of special education and VA medical care at 1999 levels – the remaining programs would have to be slashed. If we assume across-the-board cuts in remaining programs, the allocations under the House budget could mean cuts from FY 1999 levels, such as the following:

Education and Training

- After school – other education. [fill in facts and numbers]
- Reading excellence
- **Title I, Education for the Disadvantaged** would be reduced by nearly \$1 billion, from \$7.7 billion in FY 1999, cutting up to 1.6 million children from educational services that help disadvantaged children meet high standards. [FY 99 cut?]
- 78,000 **summer jobs and training opportunities** would be eliminated for low-income young people.
- Up to 25,000 would lose access to **Head Start** below the FY 1999 level.

Environment and Health Safety

- **650 meat and poultry** inspectors (7% of the current workforce) would be laid off or furloughed, undermining food safety. [compared to 1999?]
- Cuts to Health Resources and Services Administration's **health services** for women and children, uninsured people and people with AIDS could prevent 3.5 million people from receiving health care services. This would be 3.5 million people receiving less health care services from FY 1999 enacted level.
- Funding would be eliminated for the clean-up of 29 **Superfund toxic waste** sites below the FY 1999 level -- needlessly jeopardizing public health for citizens living near affected sites and making it more difficult to meet the 900-site cleanup goal in 2002.

Crime, Housing, and Other Priorities

- The **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** would be cut \$168 million from the FY 1999 enacted (Non-VCRTF) level of \$2.8 billion. This cut could result in a reduction of approximately 1,375 agents below the FY 1999 enacted level.
- **Rental assistance** would be cut by \$272 million deny tenant-based to 2,330 families compared to FY 1999. Further, funds would be lost for new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of over 16,000 affordable housing units.
- Implementation of **IRS organizational restructuring**, which was mandated by bipartisan IRS Reform, would be delayed and the cuts would deliver a severe blow to Commissioner Rossitti's efforts to reform and modernize the IRS.
- The **Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)** would be cut \$72 million from the FY 1999 enacted level (Non-VCRTF) of \$1.2 billion. This cut could result in a reduction of approximately

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650 Border Patrol agents.

- The **National Park Service** operating budget would be cut by \$60 million below FY 1999. Most seasonal workers could not be hired, resulting in widespread cutbacks in visitor services, seasonal programs, and hours of operations at 378 park units serving almost 300 million visitors annually.

If we assume they are not going to be able to keep their priorities, the effect of across-the-board cuts would reduce the NIH budget by \$1.1 billion. And the 16% across-the-board cut to the Veterans Affairs/HUD appropriations bill would seriously hinder the delivery of vital medical care to hundreds of thousands of our Nation's veterans. Special ed ?

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CREATION DATE/TIME:26-MAY-1999 16:13:20.00

SUBJECT: Re: FTC/DOJ study on violence

TO: Janet Murguia (CN=Janet Murguia/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Janet:

Looks like you should talk to Brownback...and to Bruce, too...I'm not sure what the plan is for the event...maybe East Room, kids, parents, and any Hollywood types willing to join the fray.

jc3

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Bruce N. Reed

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cc: elena kagan/opd/eop, leanne a. shimabukuro/opd/eop, neera tanden/who/eop

Subject: Re: FTC/DOJ study on violence

Yes, we need to remember to warn 3 people: Brownback, Lieberman, and Valenti