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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1994

Welcome to the White House for our crime leadership briefing. I am delighted that you have come here to discuss solutions to the epidemic of violence that is gripping America.

My Administration's anti-crime initiative is intended to help give Americans the freedom from fear that is essential to our nation's security and prosperity. The problem of violence, in one way or another, affects every individual in every community in America. I know that you are committed to replacing people's fears with safety, sanity, and a sense of values, and I believe my crime initiative calls for the tough and fair approach our country needs to meet this goal.

This initiative calls for more funding for local law enforcement so that we can hire more police officers to patrol our neighborhoods and bolster effective community-based policing techniques. It calls for life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit a third violent crime, more money for drug treatment for criminal addicts, and boot camps for first-time nonviolent offenders. Finally, we need to build on the Brady Law and take further steps to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

Prevention of crime and violence also requires that we confront the fundamental causes at their roots. That is why my Administration has undertaken many initiatives -- such as job training, welfare and health reform, the Safe Schools Act, and Empowerment Zones -- that, enacted together, will help rebuild distressed communities, strengthen families, and provide work.

Only through shared responsibility and a willingness to change can we turn the tide on this wave of violence in America. Working together as elected officials, community leaders, law enforcement officers, teachers, parents, and concerned citizens, we can pursue an effective strategy to make our schools, our streets, our neighborhoods, and our communities safe again and to ensure a brighter tomorrow for all our citizens. Thank you for your participation and your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton" with a stylized flourish at the end.



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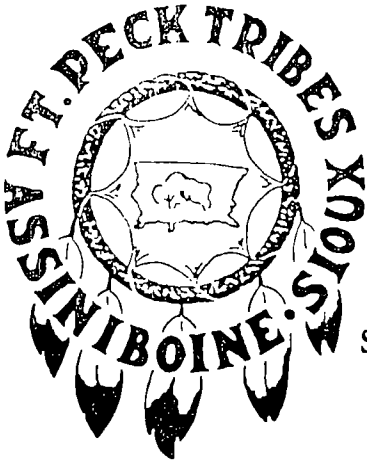
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Anti Crime & Violence
initiatives:

- Purpose - educate, garner
(serve) support, and hear from
gov.

- Names recommended by
members of Congress. as
opinion makers in your
communities

- We believe we have a
good story to tell regarding
our efforts to address
crime & violence in this
country.

- Story has ³ ~~two~~ components
Police, Punishment, and Prevention.
Some have tried to cast
our initiatives as
focused on punishment to
sacrificing efforts to
to address the roots through
preventive initiatives. others

of suggested that we don't
believe in punishment

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CLINTON LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY

As the president has
said we must focus on
both -- to otherwise would
be a false & needless
compromise.

3 reports
- Those presenting today
will talk about policy,
penalties, and prevention.
- we hope you find it
informative. ~~on focus~~!

- Our first speaker is
more than capable, as
a former Governor of S.C.
talking about the full
range of issues related
to crime. Yet as our
point person on education
will discuss a number
of prevention initiatives
related to education.

- Intro. Dick Riley - Sec. of Ed.

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**PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION****BRIEFING SESSION
PRESIDENT'S CRIMES BILL INITIATIVE**

Submitted by Earl Old Person
on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribe

On behalf of the Blackfeet Nation, I would like to thank this Committee for the opportunity to submit testimony on the President's Crimes Bill Initiative

The Blackfeet Tribe consists of 1.5 million acres - including 1500 miles of road and two border crossings with Canada. Our reservation population is nearly 9000; however, because of our proximity to Glacier National and its 2 million visitors per year plus a great number of Canadians who pass through our reservation daily - our 9000 population can increase during the summer months by an average of 6,700 people daily, bringing the daily population, during one third of the year, to nearly 16,000.

BIA LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our BIA Law Enforcement remains severely underfunded and understaffed. We wish to make you aware that available tribal expenditures in the law enforcement area have been severely constricted by the double effect of decrease in revenues, from resources held in Trust by the United States. We have 12 officers for 1.5 million acres. This equates to one officer covering 125,000 acres or 125 miles of road. Several of our communities are served by one law enforcement presence with no back up and no enforcement presence at all during the time the officer is off duty. There is a need for prevention patrol that would allow us to assign police officers in five communities on the reservation

We have experienced a sharp increase in our criminal case load. The education and prevention efforts over the last several years have increased the reporting of child, elderly, domestic and sexual abuse. We, at the Blackfeet, have also experienced a significant increase in the reporting of these crimes. We need money to train our officers and staff in handling the victims, their families, and the perpetrators of these offenses.

In 1993, BIA Law Enforcement at Blackfeet responded to over 51,865 calls; made 4,411 arrests; investigated 3,467 disturbance calls, 1701 disorderly conduct, 95 gun calls, 288 vehicle accidents (136 resulting in injuries and 10 fatalities); assisted with 1,429 ambulance calls and 106 fire calls. The Indian Criminal Justice Task Force Analysis indicates that we need a budget of double our current funds to provide adequate protection for our citizens.

We would like to have increased input as to how the BIA Agency law enforcement monies are prioritized; we would like to have the capability of hiring Tribal police to work with the BIA law enforcement officers in order to more adequately enforce the laws on our reservation. We are concerned about our citizens taking the law into their own hands due to inadequate response to calls for help. We have a real need for a technician who can provide evidential needs necessary to properly enforce the Tribal and Federal criminal laws.

PHOTOGRAPHY
PRESERVATION

In the last several years, there has been a significant increase in drug use among our very young children. Our tribal members often say that they call the police since nothing is done. Our people express the concern that it is out of hand. There is fear on the part of potential witnesses or intimidated staff to deal with this issue.

at Blackfeet, even among the police. It is useless to take this to the courts since trafficking is getting out of hand. We need trained and

Our specific request is for \$752,340. to be earmarked for the Bureau of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This would allow a minimum an additional 14 officers to adequately cover the reservation for additional funds.

agreement. The BIA has stated that they need "an increase in funding" which concurs with our request.

We are requesting (\$417,340) for 14 additional police officers; uniforms/equipment (\$50,000.); vehicles (\$110,000.); training for personnel (\$25,000.); Technician (\$50,000.); and an earmark to the Blackfeet Tribe for the purpose of developing a tribal police force to work in cooperation with BIA law enforcement (\$100,000.).

JUVENILE PROGRAM

The Juvenile Program was contracted from the BIA by the Tribe in the early 80's and each year received a cut in the budget by the BIA until finally it was zeroed out of the BIA's Budget. The Tribe, with its limited resources, has been funding this program totally.

Because of the shoe string budget, the needs of the juvenile program are not being met. For instance, 205 referrals were taken from January to December 1993; (69 physical abuse, 57 child neglect, 49 sexual abuse, 1 abduction, and 29 educational neglect) and 418 arrests with only 3 juvenile officers to respond to these needs and without a much needed female officer. The officers are underpaid and work long hours. The officers serve all points of the reservation and have seven outlying areas on the 1.5 million acre reservation to service. It is impossible for the officers to do a good job when they are spread so thin thus resulting in an ineffective juvenile program.

Our request is \$235,000. for 10 juvenile officers, (\$200,000.), equipment (\$10,000.), and training (\$25,000.).

We are also asking for support from this Committee to seek resources for a new Detention Center as we are no longer allowed to incarcerate a juvenile in the jail.

→ Karen English

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The following people need to hang back
for press interviews.

Also Cong. Barrett's ofc requested
that the following people call

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|---------------------|------------|
| ① Skip Robinson | their ofc. |
| ② Jeanette Robinson | 226-3571 |
| ③ Rosa Cameron | Nan/Janet |
| ④ Ruth Varnado | |

Emphasize we THE WHITE HOUSE
need the people to stay!!!

~~This is now 11:00 AM
Media is coming @ 11:10 AM~~

ALSO

Rabbi Robert Krantz
Phoenix

Father Ray Bitanichurch
Phoenix.

March 24, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR STEVE HILTON

From: Chris Lin
Subject: Members of Congress

The following Members of Congress will be present at the 3/24 Crime Leadership Briefing:

✓ ~~Earl Pomeroy, D-ND~~ *is here*
✓ ~~Karen Shepherd, D-UT~~
✓ ~~Sam Coppersmith, D-AZ~~
✓ ~~Karen English, D-AZ~~ *late 11 am*
✓ ~~Jim Bilbray, D-NV~~
✓ Tom Barrett, D-WI
✓ Peter Hoagland

*Steve
Sanchez Campbell*



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Deputy Director of Public Liaison

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REMARKS

Richard Riley
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Department of Education

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Rick Allen
Special Advisor
Corporation for National Service

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John Magaw
Director of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Department of Treasury

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REMARKS

Mack McLarty
Chief of Staff

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Janet Reno
Attorney General
Department of Justice

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- Competitive Nature
of finding for
Crime money
- must be debated?

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We need to move it along
John Magaw is here ...