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CRIME EVENT – OHIO PEACE OFFICERS TRAINING ACADEMY

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 1994
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TIME: 11:30 am
FROM: Rahm Emanuel
Liz Bernstein

TO BEGIN TO TIE
TOGETHER THE
VARIOUS PIECES OF

I. PURPOSE

This event provides an opportunity to ~~spell out~~ ^{DRUGS} for the first time, the Administration's strategy to combat crime and violence. The primary focus will be on the upcoming crime bill, but the emphasis will also be on looking beyond that towards interagency coordination and a renewed sense of individual and community responsibility.

II. BACKGROUND

Putting 100,000 more police on the street is Title I of the Crime Bill now before Congress. Unveiling our crime strategy at a police academy gives the appropriate level of emphasis on that component.

While Columbus is not a focal point for community policing at this time, the chances are likely that they will receive a significant portion of the police officers that will end up in the state if the crime bill is passed.

About the police academy

The Peace Officers Training Academy in London, established in 1975, is the central academy in Ohio. It oversees several areas of certification for all levels of local law enforcement in the state. Their mission is "dedicated to provide quality training in advanced and technical subjects" to thousands of Ohio's law enforcement officers every year. Other goals include continuously upgrading the course content with the latest research, stimulating inquiry, and providing fresh perspectives on law enforcement as a career. More than 300 courses are offered annually. Advanced training courses range from administration and computers to cultural sensitivity, investigations and human relations.

By law, every officer in the state must go through that facility or be certified by

that facility in order to be a sworn police officer. The academy is overseen by the state Attorney General Lee Fisher's office.

Police already allocated to Ohio though the Hiring Supplement

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III. PARTICIPANTS

President Clinton
Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher
Trainee in juvenile delinquency advanced training program

Senator John Glenn
Senator Joe Biden
Congresswoman Deborah Pryce

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENT

You will be greeted by Lee Fisher, Congresswoman Deborah Pryce, Lt. Governor Mike DeWine, State Auditor Tom Ferguson, Mayor of London David Eades, Fraternal Order of Police President Dewey Stokes, and Executive Director of the Academy Greg Merritt.

The entire party will then walk with you to the auxiliary gym to witness a counter-defense training session. Instructor Sam Faulker will be the point person. You will observe ways to restrain increasingly difficult perpetrators. They will go through two or three several maneuvers.

While the rest of the group goes to event room, you will go onto the pistol range site for a demonstration. You will first hold with a trainee (John Long) and a firing instructor (Janet Wood Jones). They will then lead you to the range where they will describe the training procedure. They will ask you if you would like to

see a demonstration. While Trainee Long or Instructor Jones gives this demonstration, you will be observing from the next booth over. Jones will shoot two rounds and then will wheel the target in.

You will then go up to the event room and hold until the offstage announce.

[Note: Instructor Janet Wood Jones is quite extraordinary. She is one of two females trained as sharpshooters in the country. Woods started out as a secretary at the Academy, but after a friend was raped, she asked to be trained as a marksman. Due to her skills, she was quickly certified as an instructor. Later, she went to the police academy at night and became certified as an officer.]

VI. REMARKS

Remarks will be provided by the speechwriting department.

INDIVIDUALS GREETING PRESIDENT CLINTON AT THE AIRPORT IN COLUMBUS:

Anne Ross, Dayton

Anne Ross began a movement in her neighborhood called the "Ravenwood 2000 Program" that is geared towards eradicating the drug traffic on their street. She started by taking down car license plates and photographing evidence of drug deals. (Her life has been threatened on many occasions) Working with the Dayton Police Department, landlords, and city officials, they successfully closed 8 crack houses. They now have a published newsletter, the "Ravenwood Rap" about various aspects of the program and the 8 crack houses have been rehabilitated. There are drug-free families living in them now, and the neighborhood has stabilized, largely thanks to Ross.

Precinct Sergeant John P. Meyers, Columbus Police Department

Officer Chris Klietz, a member of John Meyers' department, was recently killed in the line of duty. After a significant exchange of gunfire, Klietz's partner, Officer John Holloway, shot Klietz's killer.

Meyers is a precinct sergeant but also has a law degree and a master's degree in tax work. Despite numerous offers to work in other areas of both Columbus and the State, Meyers chooses to stay in the inner-city precinct, Precinct "C".

Rene Klietz, Columbus

Mrs. Klietz was married to Officer Klietz for only one month before he was killed. She will be joined by her father-in law, Don Klietz.

Sarah Johnson, Cleveland

A little over a week ago, 12-year-old Sarah Johnson was waiting to get off a schoolbus when she saw her classmate Paul Wallace being accosted by three juveniles and two adults outside the bus door. Johnson ran off the bus and threw herself on top of Wallace, absorbing some of the blows. She was not seriously injured. The assailants, however, had already kicked and stabbed Wallace to such a degree that he died a few days later.

Sarah will be joined by her mother, Zora Johnson, a teacher at East Clark School in Cleveland.

Jim Johnson, Columbus

Jim Johnson lives and works in the "Driving Park" area of east Columbus. He has been active in the community since 1981. In 1984 he started an adult and youth walking patrol effort and works closely with local police. He is a former military person and is described as a "straight shooter". He is a strong advocate of crime prevention in the city and has a very high reputation in the area for his dedication to these efforts.

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"We must take serious steps to reduce violence and prevent crime, beginning with more police officers and more community policing. We know right now that police who work the streets, know the folks, have the respect of the neighborhood kids, focus on high crime areas -- we know that they are more likely to prevent crime as well as catch criminals...

My fellow Americans, the problem of violence is an American problem. It has no partisan or philosophical element. Therefore, I urge you to find ways as quickly as possible to set aside partisan differences and pass a strong, smart, tough crime bill. But further, I urge you to consider this: As you demand tougher penalties for those who choose violence, let us also remember how we came to this sad point. In our toughest neighborhoods, on our meanest streets, in our poorest rural areas, we have seen a stunning and simultaneous breakdown of community, family and work -- the heart and soul of civilized society. This has created a vast vacuum which has been filled by violence and drugs and gangs. So I ask you to remember that even as we say no to crime, we must give people -- especially our young people -- something to say yes to. "

-- President Clinton, State of the Union Address, January 25, 1994

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD ON CRIME

100,000 NEW POLICE OFFICERS

- o To make our streets safer, the crime bill passed by Congress adopts the President's plan to put 100,000 more police officers on the streets with heavy emphasis on community policing.
- o President Clinton signed the Police Hiring Supplement, which awards \$150 million to communities for community policing; federal grants so far have been awarded to over 100 cities and towns.

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GUNS OFF THE STREET

- o President Clinton signed the Brady Bill on November 30, 1993 -- breaking seven years of gridlock. The Brady Law requires a five-day waiting period for the purchase of handguns.
- o Banned imports of foreign assault pistols, such as the Uzi, and called for a ban on all assault weapons. The Senate crime bill includes the toughest assault weapons ban ever passed.
- o Tightened federal gun dealer licensing requirements by improving background checks on prospective dealers, requiring dealers to obtain more reliable identification from purchasers and scrutinizing multiple handgun sales reports. Proposed dramatically increasing the federal licensing fee for gun dealers to reduce the 284,000 gun dealers in the U.S. today.
- o Pushed for passage of a measure in the Senate crime bill which bans the possession of handguns by minors.

SAFER SCHOOLS

- o Requested funding for emergency legislation to help schools in high-crime areas implement SAFE Schools Initiatives.

FIGHTING DRUGS

- o Elevated the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to Cabinet rank.
- o Introduced the 1994 National Drug Control Strategy which targets the problem of hardcore drug abuse and the violence that surrounds it.
- o Signed an Executive Order strengthening the Office of Drug Policy's agency-wide jurisdiction over drug policy, including issues involving national security.
- o Included treatment for substance abuse as part of the comprehensive health benefits package in the Health Security Act.

AGENCY INITIATIVES

ONDCP Drug Strategy: The recently released drug strategy calls for breaking the cycle of hardcore drug use that accounts for a disproportionate amount of the crime by increased treatment availability and increased use of coercive treatment. The strategy also increases resources for Safe and Drug-Free schools and ties violence prevention to existing drug education and prevention programs for in-school youth. Finally, the strategy proposes going after international drug trafficking organizations in their source countries.

Operation Safe Home: This joint effort by HUD, Justice and Treasury will bring the federal law enforcement resources, in cooperation with state and local authorities, to bear on violent crime in public and assisted housing.

Treasury-ATF Firearms Proposal: Along with reforms of the Federal Firearms Licensing laws and a ban on assault weapons, Secretary Bentsen has proposed cracking down on gun trafficking in the 10 jurisdictions that account for 23% of the crime; notifying local police of the gun dealers in their area; and expanding programs to work with local police departments to interview all FFL applicants.

GSA: On January 5th, the General Services Administration announced that it will no longer issue waivers allowing federal agencies to sell excess firearms to the private sector.

PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT:

On the Program:

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In the Audience:

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Congresswoman Deborah Pryce

NAPO Executive Director Bob Scully

FOP President Dewey Stokes

Lt. Governor Mike DeWine

State Auditor Tom Ferguson

Mayor of London David Eades

Executive Director of the Academy, Greg Merritt

Over 350 police officers and trainees from around the state, including 120 from the Academy and 30 of their instructors. Every single county sheriff was invited. There will also be a large number of police chiefs present.