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Clinton Cheered by Police, Attacks GOP on Paying for Crime Bill

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) From the stage of a police convention, President Clinton suggested Monday that Republicans are plotting to rob money from the war on crime with their call for lower taxes, higher military spending and a balanced-budget amendment.

In a political attack just over three weeks before the midterm elections, Clinton declared, his \$30 billion crime bill would make a crucial difference. And he told 2,500 officers at the convention, ``We must never again permit crime to be divisive in a partisan political way and you can stop it.''

After a string of campaign events in which Democratic candidates have avoided Clinton or the turnout has been low, the president had reason for cheer, basking in loud applause in a convention hall packed with police.

New Mexico's political establishment Republicans and Democrats alike welcomed Clinton at the airport and joined him at the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

``Law enforcement has no better friend than President Clinton,' association president Sylvester Daughtry said in introducing him. The officers responded with a standing ovation.

New Mexico was a state Clinton carried two years ago but his popularity has sagged here as elsewhere. An Albuquerque Journal poll published Monday showed that 37 percent of those surveyed Oct. 11-13 approved of his performance, compared with 45 percent in April. The poll showed 51 percent disapproved.

Clinton made the seven-hour flight to New Mexico and back without any other stops in the Southwest, where there's no shortage of close political races.

In an era when voters are angry at incumbents, Clinton for some reason reminded his audience that Democratic Gov. Bruce King, struggling for re-election, has been in office since the 1970s.

Clinton helped fatten King's campaign war chest, speaking to 50 people at a \$5,000-a-person fund-raiser. He also met privately with Hispanic leaders, urging them to get out the vote to support King.

In his speech to the police, Clinton said law enforcement officials told the administration what they wanted in a crime bill and the legislation was tailored to their demands.

Declaring that crime should not be a political issue, Clinton said, ``The only thing that I really worry about in that regard is that in this election season, there are many who are campaigning on a Contract for America which costs \$1 trillion.''

The contract, signed by more than 300 Republican candidates, has become Clinton's prime target for attack as an irresponsible gimmick.

``There is no clear notion of how this is going to be paid for,' Clinton said. ``But the only option to pay for it is the way it was paid for before: higher deficits and cuts in everything else, from Medicare to veterans' benefits to this crime bill.''

Clinton said he won the crime bill fight ``fair and square, let's not take it away indirectly by adopting a commitment to a budgetary process that will make it utterly impossible to fund the crime bill.''

The president also spoke with emotion about the failure of parents to teach their children right from wrong.

``We've got to have more folks turning off the TV and knowing where their kids are, and spending time reading and doing homework and accepting personal responsibility,' Clinton said.

He cited the death last week of a 5-year-old boy in Chicago who was thrown from a window by two youngsters when he refused to steal candy, and another case in Virginia in which two youths doused a toddler with gasoline and set him afire.

``We can hire 5 million police officers and if we keep losing the battle for what these kids think is right and wrong, we're going to be in a lot of trouble.''

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April 25, 1994

President William J. Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is comprised of over 13,000 top police executives in the United States, Canada and worldwide. Each year over 7,000 of our members and their distinguished guests gather together for a working conference that addresses the major issues facing law enforcement in the world today.

Recognized as the world's largest law enforcement conference, IACP is proud to be hosted in 1994 by the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico over the dates of October 15 - 20.

Two of the most important elements of our conference are the General Assemblies held Monday and Tuesday, wherein top government and law enforcement officials address the IACP membership concerning timely issues in law enforcement. These forums offer an excellent opportunity to present personal views on law enforcement to those individuals directly responsible for their community's law enforcement needs.

On behalf of the IACP Board of Officers, I would like to extend an invitation for you to address our membership at either the First General Assembly, Monday, October 17, or the Second General Assembly, Tuesday, October 18, 1994. Both assemblies are scheduled to take place 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The IACP would be honored to have you participate in the 101st Annual Conference. We sincerely hope your busy schedule will allow your acceptance of this invitation, and look forward to a favorable response at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Daughtry, Jr.
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President

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October 6, 1994

Memorandum For: Jose Cerdia

From: Dan Rosenblatt

Subject: The Visit

Dangerously, you solicited my thoughts on the President's visit to the IACP and, being an occasional risk-taker, I have decided to take you up on the offer.

The paragraphs below outline what is currently scheduled for our general assembly on October 17 and a proposal that would accommodate a presidential visit. Several miscellaneous suggestions follow for your consideration.

What We Are Planning Now

VIPs gather in a holding room at 9:30 a.m. Depart for the dais at 9:55 a.m.

Our first general assembly starts at 10 a.m. Following some opening formalities (national anthem, invocation, call to order, reading of code of ethics, Air Force drill team), we move to the business of IACP and the election and nomination of candidates. Following these activities--which take about an hour--we have presentations from Lee Brown and Louie Freeh.

Sitting on the dais are the IACP Board of Officers and several guests (Officer Joe Burden, MPD (Rtd); Chief Betsy Watson; Director Pathak, India Intelligence Bureau; and, Treasury Undersecretary Ron Noble). Other important guests (spouses and friends of the Board, etc.) are seated in audience, front row.

Program ends at 11:30 a.m.

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What We Propose

VIPs gather in a holding room at 8:30 a.m. Depart for the dais at 8:55 a.m.

Our first general assembly starts at 9:00 a.m. We proceed through all of the opening formalities and IACP business listed above and drop the Brown and Freeh presentations. Our business concludes at roughly 10:00 a.m.

Dais guests are moved to VIP section in audience; IACP Board remains. Officer Burden sings for everyone until the President arrives. President arrives and stage is slightly adjusted to accommodate the entourage--which includes Reno, Brown, Freeh, and Constantine.

Officer Burden sings his last song. Syl Daughtry serves as ceremonies master. He introduces Reno for a couple of minutes of remarks; then Brown for same; then the President.

Estimating 30 minutes for the President and about 15 for the other guests, I figure the program concludes at roughly 10:45 a.m.

President moves backstage for pictures with our VIPs then into closed meeting with IACP Board. He could complete his business with us by 11:30 a.m.

Miscellaneous Thoughts

1. **Making News at the Conference** -- Announcing the director of the COPS Office is a grand idea, if you are ready. Looking at some of the congressional activity of this week, you might also be able to sign a bill or two. Digital telephony measure looks like it might happen--we have pushed hard for it. If the ADEA exemption comes through, you know how much we've worked for that. Bill signings related to law enforcement--issues we support--would be a great touch.

2. **President's Remarks** -- Syl Daughtry has done a whole lot of heavy lifting this year as IACP President and much of that has been in support of crime initiatives that have come from the White House. Brady, assault weapon bans, community policing efforts are all subjects he has championed. Expressions of thanks to him personally from the President would be appropriate and welcome.

Thanks to the members of IACP for all their support is also a natural. Our membership has been incredibly active with their federal legislators this past year. It really is remarkable to reflect on how much effort went into their grassroots work to let their representatives in the House and Senate know what police chiefs support. I believe the IACP members played a major role in getting the Crime Bill through Congress--bc nice if the President thought the same way and expressed the thought.

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Some have suggested that the President has some reservations about IACP. Clearly his presence at our annual meeting should be clear evidence that he does not. It would be nice to have him say a few words of appreciation for the work of this association and the strong role it plays in shaping and managing criminal justice efforts in the United States and around the world.

Finally, he should take note of the fact that he has worked to be responsive to IACP's call to place police chiefs into federal law enforcement and for individuals with strong state and local enforcement backgrounds for senior policy-making positions in his Administration. In this way, he could note the appointment of Janet Reno as Attorney General. He could salute, as IACP's own, Lee Brown as ONDCP Director and Tom Constantine as DEA Administrator. He could point to Louie Freeh's early years as an FBI agent and Eddie Gonzalez' years of service as police chief in Tampa.

3. Additional Time -- I have assumed that the President would have only 90 minutes for us on Monday. Should he have time beyond the 11:30 a.m. mark I've noted and would like to spend that at the conference, please let me know. We will work to see any additional time he can make available to us is time well spent.