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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1993

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE ORGANIZATIONS

DATE:	June 24, 1993
LOCATION:	Indian Treaty Room
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
FROM:	Alexis Herman Steve Hilton

I. PURPOSE

An informal meeting to continue your dialogue with the law enforcement community, and to meet with the leading law enforcement organization that actively supported your candidacy.

II. BACKGROUND

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is the second largest rank and file police organization (second to only to the Fraternal Order of Police) in the country. As you know, NAPO was the leading police organization to support your campaign. They have continued to be supportive. Most recently, Bob Scully, NAPO's Executive Director, appeared with you in the Rose Garden in support of the stimulus package.

This event was originally scheduled for March 16, but was postponed because of the blizzard that week. NAPO's 65-member Executive Committee is in Washington for its annual legislative conference. The committee represents the more than 140,000 members from throughout the United States.

NAPO seeks an informal meeting to discuss both general issues and issues specific to the law enforcement community. This will be a friendly meeting. NAPO was extremely pleased that you showed your support for law enforcement by recently attending the candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. They are also pleased with your commitment to provide funding for more police officers.

There are a number of substantive issues they are likely to raise with you. Attached are talking points drafted by the Domestic Policy Council that discuss these issues. They are likely to be anxious about the timing of the Crime Bill as well as its likely provisions. An issue of specific concern for NAPO is the inclusion of the "police officers' bill of rights" in the Administration's Crime Bill. They are also likely to raise the issue of the procurement of armor piercing bullets by the Department of Defense. As you may recall, when the law enforcement organizations supporting the Stimulus Package visited you in April, they raised this as their principal concern. You committed to review the issue and acknowledged that the dangers of such bullets getting in the wrong hands was a legitimate concern. As a result of this meeting, DOD has put a hold on acquiring such bullets until an interagency group has an opportunity to fully analyze the issue. You should know that NAPO is not supportive of our Police Corps initiative. However, their opposition is muted and the White House has been working with them to address their concerns.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Attorney General Janet Reno
Bob Scully, Executive Director
65 Members of the Executive Committee

Staff: Alexis Herman
Steve Hilton
Jose Cerda, Domestic Policy

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool spray at beginning of meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You meet briefly with Bob Scully in holding room.
- You, the Attorney General, and Mr. Scully enter the room and you stand next to stool. (Guest seated theater style.)
- Attorney General welcomes guests and introduces Scully.
- Scully then makes brief remarks and introduces you. Scully takes seat with rest of the guests.
- You make brief remarks. (At this time, the press pool will be in the room. Following your remarks, the press pool leaves.)
- Informal question and answer session (You and the Attorney General may take questions either standing or seated on the stools). Bob Scully asks the first question.
- Bob Scully, by cue from Alexis Herman or Steve Hilton, ends the meeting and thanks you for your time.
- You depart through the center doors.

VI. REMARKS

In your opening remarks, we recommend that you discuss the following issues:

1. Express your pleasure for finally being able to bring them to the White House in light of the postponement of the meeting because of the March blizzard.
2. Thank them for their continued support, specifically with the stimulus package.
3. Request their active support for the economic package.
4. Discuss generally the timing of the Crime Bill.

5. Discuss the Administration's actions concerning the armor piercing bullet.

Substantive talking points by Domestic Policy Council are attached.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed, Deputy Assistant to the President
Jose Cerda III, Senior Policy Analyst

SUBJECT: NAPO Issues

The Domestic Policy Council has worked closely with NAPO and other police groups in developing your policing initiative and other crime-related legislation. Specific issues of concern to NAPO that we have worked on include the following.

A. The Crime Bill

The White House and Justice Department are continuing to work with Senator Biden's and Chairman Brooks' staff on a modified version of last year's crime bill. The bill would include the Brady Bill, a boot camps title, and a major policing initiative to help fund police re-hires, new hires and expanded community policing. Our goal is to be able to fund more than half of the 100,000 new police through this title. A draft of this title has been shared with NAPO, and we expect the full crime bill to be ready for introduction within a few weeks.

B. Supplemental Appropriations

Tuesday night, the Senate passed your mini-jobs package, which included \$200 million for police re-hires/new hires and community policing. This represents an increase of almost 50% in local law enforcement assistance and gives us a crucial downpayment on your 100,000 police pledge.

(NB: the House and Senate passed different versions of this language, but the funds are most likely to be distributed on a discretionary basis by the Attorney General.)

C. Armor Piercing Bullets

Last time Bob Scully met with you, he raised the issue of armor piercing bullets. DoD was scheduled to start acquiring the M39b -- a new Swedish-made bullet that penetrates police body armor -- in June. White House staff and the Attorney General have contacted DoD, and DoD has put a hold on acquiring the M39b until August when their

mechanical testing period is complete. At that time, DoD has agreed to sit down with White House Domestic Policy, the Department of Justice (FBI) and the Treasury Department (ATF). In the meantime, sensing that the armor piercing bullet problem extends beyond DoD's acquisition of the M39b, DPC, Justice, and ATF have started working together to develop a legislative fix to this problem.

D. Other Administration Proposals

We have also kept NAPO abreast of our other legislative proposals that include policing monies. These include Empowerment Zones (\$500 million over two years); Community Partnerships Against Crime (includes funds for community policing efforts in public housing); Safe Schools (half of these monies will be available to promote school-based community policing efforts); and National Service (we have worked with NAPO and other unions to ensure that they are supportive of this important Presidential initiative). Here are several other issues of concern to NAPO:

We should not, however, forget that NAPO is above all a union, and they are bound to bring up various union-related issues. Such issues might include:

A. Police Corps

While we have already suggested to you scaling back the funding for the Police Corps, it will be included in the crime bill. NAPO remains strongly opposed to this bill. In fact, we understand NAPO even opposes the Attorney General reformulation of the Police Corps. However, in the past they have accepted the Police Corps as part of a larger crime bill, and our guess is that they would accept it again.

B. Police Officers Bill of Rights

Bob Scully has repeatedly raised the POBR as NAPO's number one issue -- to the White House, to the Attorney General, and to Senator Biden. We have asked both Scully and Biden to keep it off the crime bill because the POBR is a "deal breaker" for Chairman Brooks and for police management organizations (the Chiefs, Sheriffs, and Troopers -- and cities, Mayors, etc.). But it may be difficult to do so without giving NAPO (and other police unions) some commitment to focus on this issue separately in the future.

C. Misc. Tax Changes

NAPO and many other public sector unions support modification of two pension plan provisions that jeopardize their federal tax-qualified status -- modifications which NAPO claims are revenue-negligible. The first change is to amend the Internal Revenue Code Section 415 so that state and local governments are better able to comply with pension distribution limits. And the second change is to amend the House and Senate tax bills to add a grandfather clause to the retirement compensation limits included in the tax bill.

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Dear Mr. President:

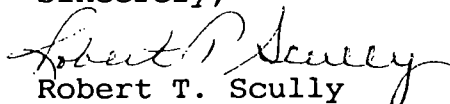
The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) had its annual executive board meeting scheduled in Washington, DC on March 13-16, 1993. Unfortunately, in the early morning hours of March 13, 1993, the Washington D.C. area was hit with the "Blizzard of 93" and forced NAPO to cancel its meeting. On March 16, 1993, NAPO executive board members were scheduled to meet with you in the Old Executive Office Building, and this meeting also had to be cancelled because of the blizzard.

NAPO executive board meeting has recently been rescheduled for June 23 and 24, 1993, in Washington, D.C. I am requesting that the meeting we had scheduled with you on March 16, 1993, be rescheduled for the morning of Thursday, June 24, 1993. I anticipate there will be approximately 50 members in attendance at this executive board meeting.

I have also enclosed an agenda for the 15th Annual Convention of the National Association of Police Organizations which will take place in San Diego, California at the new Hyatt Regency San Diego on the Bay. We generally attract approximately 250 to 300 delegates at our annual convention, these are individuals who are the elected leaders of the police associations NAPO represents throughout the country.

As you know, NAPO was the largest law enforcement organization to endorse you and Vice President Gore in the 1992 Presidential election. I would personally be honored if you could find time in your busy schedule to meet with my executive board on June 24, 1993 and to speak at my 15th Annual Convention in August of 1993.

Sincerely,


Robert T. Scully
Executive Director

cc: Marsha Hale, Assistant to the President &
Director of Scheduling and Advance