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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN 7/28/94

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON

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CRIME BILL RALLY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 28, 1994

[Acknowledgements: Senator Biden (~~possible~~)

and Chairman Brooks (~~possible~~); Attorney

General Janet Reno; Secretary Bentsen;

Director of National Drug Control Policy Lee

Brown;

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Charles Moose, Chief of Police, Portland,

Oregon: a man who has given nearly twenty

years of service to his community, and is now

helping to lead them and the nation towards

community policing and other innovations that

will make a difference; and, leaders of federal

and state law enforcement groups representing

every area of the country.]

Today is an historic day

We are on the verge of a major victory for

~~For the~~

America. ~~For too long the people who work~~

~~hard and play by the rules in this country have~~

~~fought crime with one hand tied behind their~~

~~backs~~

~~Well, we are about to even up the~~

~~odds?~~ This week celebrate ~~of~~ end of
war between Johnson - ~~to~~ - then play hard on

Run - ~~two~~ - leave all of Cent. Gov. 14, then write
glad then hardly like in it

Today - ~~from~~ at 11:00, on one ~~to~~ -

VP → This is why you run -

& say to you → This is why AG, Gov → ~~run~~
→ ~~pro~~ → ~~run~~ and every
→ ~~run~~

After six long years, we are very close to
enacting the toughest, largest, smartest federal
attack on crime in history. We are united,
and we are going to keep pushing until this
Crime Bill is the law of the land.

I say to Chairman Biden and Chairman
Brooks and Members of Congress from both
Parties -- in the name of every child whose
playground has turned into a battleground, ~~in~~
~~the name of~~ every senior citizen who is afraid
to walk home alone, and ~~in the name of~~ every
citizen paralyzed by fear --

thank you for your hard work, and for moving

America forward into a safer future.

This victory for law-abiding Americans is
a fundamental part of the vision at the very
heart of my Administration: to put people first

again. → live Amer. Dream: get lives / better deal
→ Mon Deal, Nation wrong direction
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Amer % d, afraid → lost churches
→ For 14 mos → Put Prop 1%: Rest Econ
Pols come
Thompson here -

Everything we have done, we have done
so that our citizens can live the American
Dream again. Every step we take is about
making it possible -- at a time of rapid, often
remarkable change here and around the world
-- for our people to build good lives for
themselves and to pass the chance of better
lives onto their children.

In this great country, why has this been such a huge challenge? Because for more than a decade our leaders mismanaged our country, especially the economy. And the result was that our middle class worked harder for less, and as they did, our social fabric weakened. But the American people demanded better.

Started → 92 hours in order -

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Barely a year ago, we enacted the biggest

deficit cut in our history, including \$255

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Crime → inner / heart / love → Put God
Peace / Love / Unity

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~~Not if we don't defeat the crime and violence~~

~~that is pulling our people apart when we~~

~~should be coming together to face our~~

~~common challenges as one.~~

This nation cannot work if Americans

aren't safe in their homes, or if the schools

are too violent for our children to learn.

For six years we have debated crime endlessly

~~and fought it fitfully.~~ But today's progress

changes that: it is not about debate and delay;

it's about hope and progress. It is about

putting 100,000 more police officers on our

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nation's streets, helping our communities to

restore themselves. It will make Americans

safer, and more productive.

Surely there is no more important piece in our strategy for national renewal.

No one has believed in community policing more than Chief Moose, who moved with his wife into a high risk neighborhood that he helped make safer.

Perhaps the most compelling argument for this

law is that this is the crime bill that law

enforcement demands -- and that's the way it

should be.

But it hasn't been easy. No matter how
tough and smart this bill is, everytime we
turned around, someone said it couldn't or it
shouldn't be done. So ~~we had to stand up to~~
all those ~~skeptics and critics~~ who were
standing in the way of this bill.

Go Beyond old ways of thinking
tough on corruption
guys on crime
False choice → fight

for
We ~~stood up~~ to the NRA to win the

*Protect hunting
& sporting hunters*
historic ban on assault weapons. We have

finally put the public interest ahead of the

special interest, and when this bill becomes

law 19 kinds of assault weapons will be

banned for the first time.

tenoz power handgun

few
We ~~stood~~ up to the view that prevailed for

too long in my own Party about tougher

punishment. Now, we will have capital

punishment for anyone convicted of killing an

officer. And violent repeat offenders will be

sent to jail for life. As I promised, "three-

strikes-and-you're-out" is going to be the law

of the land.

~~four~~
We stood up to the forces in Washington

opposed to cutting government to pay for our

fight on crime. There's not a penny of new

taxes in this bill. ~~Instead, there will be fewer~~

~~bureaucrats and more police.~~

270,000 → JFL — ~~Reducing Fed work force~~
Run police
Run prison.
Non prosecution

And we ~~stood~~ ^{fight} up to the people who said
 that crime prevention programs are nothing
 but pork barrel politics. To anyone who says
 that, I say: tell it to our nation's police
 officers. They are the ones who wanted more
 support for programs like the Boys and Girls

Clubs, ^{Miss Bob, FBI, after school, summer jobs}
 757 → Yes
 → ^{can} exploding your
 puppet (victim)

They are the ones who want safer schools --

as more than 100,000 kids carry guns to

school each day. And they are the ones who

say our kids need more mentors and the police

need more resources to help families in crisis.

Now, we are going to fight to make sure
this bill becomes law in just a few short days.

But we have to remember that a law is only a
tool, a piece of paper. For it to make a
difference, every single American must make
it work.

Every one of us must take responsibility for making this a stronger country. When we see a youth from a tough neighborhood who is desperate for that first job, we have to reach out with opportunity. When we know a police officer is trying to turn a gang member into a productive citizen, we have to do our part.

And when we see a child in trouble, we have
to take personal responsibility for getting that
child back to school and into the programs
that can turn their life around.

We have stood up to all the forces that counted us out so many times on this Crime Bill, and we are about to win. Let that be a lesson to all those who have already written us off on our campaign to guarantee health care for all Americans. If we are really serious about renewing the American Dream, we must do this.

It's the only way we can open up new opportunities for all Americans to learn and work and realize their God-given potential.

How do I know we can reform health care? Because I've heard the naysayers before, and I know how far we have come to give America the Crime Bill it has needed for so long.

And because I know that, having come this far, we will not turn back on our vision of restoring the American Dream.

We have faced plenty of tough fights before. And we'll have plenty more ahead of us. But they are all worth it if they bring us to a day like this one.

We must face all our challenges with the same confidence and spirit of common purpose that has brought us here today. That is what has always built America. And that, I promise, is what will renew America for yet another generation.

After six long years, Congressional leaders

have agreed on the toughest, largest, smartest,

federal attack on crime in history. It puts

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more cops on the street gets kids and guns off

the street, and puts violent criminals behind

bars by making three strikes you're out the

law of the land.

Senator Biden and Chairman Brooks have

asssured me it will be on my desk in days.

And I have promised them I will sign it into

law without delay.