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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1994

MEETING WITH MAINSTREAM FORUM

DATE: MARCH 22, 1994  
LOCATION: Indian Treaty Room  
TIME: 2:40 P.M.  
From: Karen Hancox, Legislative  
Affairs

I. PURPOSE

To gain their support for the crime bill.

II. BACKGROUND

The Members of the Mainstream Forum will be critical to passage of the Rule and to final passage of the bill. These are the Members whose support we must get, but who are also likely to oppose the bill on the grounds it is not "tough enough."

As with every crime bill, the politics on this bill are tricky. The progressives will oppose the bill because of the death penalty, and conservatives will oppose the bill because it has prevention measures and not enough "tough" crime measures.

The fact is that the House bill walks a fine line between preventive measures and punishment. There should be enough of both in this bill to garnish the support of liberals and conservatives.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Mainstream Forum Members -- list attached  
Pat Griffin, Susan Brophy, Karen Hancox, Ron Klain  
Rahm Emanuel

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Rep. Dave McCurdy make remarks, VPOTUS makes remarks;  
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VI. REMARKS

See attached talking points.  
Also attached is a one page summary of the crime bill.

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### Suggested Talking Points for Meeting with Mainstream Forum

#### Support the Vote on the Rule

- \* We expect a large number of Republicans to oppose the rule in an effort to defeat the crime bill.
- \* Do not join with the Republicans in a partisan effort designed to block this bill.
- \* This bill has strong substance and is balanced between punishment and prevention.

#### Oppose the Republican Substitute

- \* Any Republican substitute will be designed to embarrass the Administration and the Democrats.
- \* Our bill is very tough: it includes the expansion of the death penalty, three strikes and your out, 50,000 additional cops, \$4 billion for prisons and boot camps.

#### Support the Prevention Programs

- \* Our prevention programs have proven to help reduce crime.
- \* Our prevention programs are supported by mayors, governors and police chiefs.
- \* Assuming Republicans will vote against our crime bill, just to vote against the bill, support of the prevention programs is critical to keeping the Democratic coalition together for final passage.

#### Support for Final Passage

- \* This is a strong, yet balanced bill.
- \* If the Democratically-controlled House can not pass a crime bill, we all fail.
- \* It is important to the agenda of this Administration and to the Democratic Party that we pass a crime bill. Polls show that we have taken this issue from the Republicans and now we must deliver.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF KEY ADMINISTRATION-SUPPORTED  
PROVISIONS IN THE HOUSE CRIME BILL**

- More Police and Community Policing: The House bill funds 50,000 new police officers -- evenly-divided between large and small cities -- deployed in community policing programs.
- "Smart and Tough" Approach to Youth Crime and Violence: This bill focuses on youthful violence in numerous ways:
  - With proven and extensive crime prevention programs (as discussed below);
  - With boot camps for youthful offenders, as a second-chance for kids who get off-track;
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  - With a ban on juvenile gun possession;
  - And, for hardened young criminals, the authority to try 13-year olds as adults.
- Measures to Stiffly Punish Violent Crime: The bill includes several important steps, including:
  - The President's "three strikes and you're out" proposal for repeat violent offenders;
  - The death penalty for the most heinous of murders, including killing a federal law enforcement officer;
  - A \$3 billion plan for grants to state and local governments to expand prisons to hold 30,000 more violent offenders and criminal aliens.
- A Substantial Crime Prevention Agenda: The bill includes almost \$6 billion in crime prevention programs, including:
  - The President's "YES" program (Youth Employment Skills), to get job training and opportunities to kids in hard-hit, high-crime areas;
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- Attack on Violence Against Women: The bill includes this plan to increase penalties and prevention efforts aimed at domestic violence and sexual assaults.
- Much, Much More: Among the many other administration-backed provisions are laws to promote victims rights; to prevent child abuse; to provide a mandatory minimum "safety-valve" for non-violent offenders; and to increase penalties for hate crimes.

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