

FOIA MARKER

This is not a textual record. This is used as an administrative marker by the Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

Folder Title:

Extra Copies of Briefing Papers, March 1994: Meeting with Members of Congressional Black Caucus Regarding Crime Bill

Staff Office-Individual:

Executive Office of the President

Original OA/ID Number:

CF 92

Row:	Section:	Shelf:	Position:	Stack:
22	1	5	2	V

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1994

MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

DATE: MARCH 22, 1994
LOCATION: Library
TIME: 6:45 P.M.
From: Karen Hancox, Legislative
Affairs

I. PURPOSE

To gain their support for the crime bill.

II. BACKGROUND

The Members of the CBC will be critical to passage of the Rule and to final passage of the bill. These Members generally are opposed to the bill because of its death penalty measures. However, there is hope of getting their support, or at least the support of some CBC Members because of the \$6 billion in preventive measures which have been included in the bill.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Reps. Mfume, Craig Washington, Bobby Scott, Mel Watt and Cardiss Collins.
Pat Griffin, Susan Brophy, Karen Hancox, Ron Klain, Rahm Emanuel

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Small, informal meeting

VI. REMARKS

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Suggested Talking Points for Meeting with CBC Members

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.

Support for Final Passage

- * This is a strong, yet balanced bill.
- * If this bill is defeated, another, more strict crime bill, will ultimately pass the House.
- * If this bill another crime bill will be brought up and that one will lean much more on the punishment side than on the prevention side.
- * 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.
- * Help get this bill to conference where more work can be done, do not join with the Republican Party of grid-lock and tie this bill up.

**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;
 - With drug courts to get young drug users turned around before it is too late;
 - 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;
 - Ounce of prevention programs to keep schools open after hours, and to expand after-school activities like Boys and Girls clubs, that keep kids off the streets;
 - Innovative alternatives, like Midnight Sports and Police Partnerships with youths;
 - A "Safe Schools" program, to reduce crime and violence in our schools.
- **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.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1994

MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

DATE: MARCH 22, 1994
LOCATION: Library
TIME: 6:45 P.M.
From: Karen Hancox, Legislative
Affairs

I. PURPOSE

To gain their support for the crime bill.

II. BACKGROUND

The Members of the CBC will be critical to passage of the Rule and to final passage of the bill. These Members generally are opposed to the bill because of its death penalty measures. However, there is hope of getting their support, or at least the support of some CBC Members because of the \$6 billion in preventive measures which have been included in the bill.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Reps. Mfume, Craig Washington, Bobby Scott, Mel Watt and Cardiss Collins.
Pat Griffin, Susan Brophy, Karen Hancox, Ron Klain, Rahm Emanuel

IV. PRESS PLAN

None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Small, informal meeting

VI. REMARKS

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Suggested Talking Points for Meeting with CBC Members

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.

Support for Final Passage

- * This is a strong, yet balanced bill.
- * If this bill is defeated, another, more strict crime bill, will ultimately pass the House.
- * If this bill another crime bill will be brought up and that one will lean much more on the punishment side than on the prevention side.
- * 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.
- * Help get this bill to conference where more work can be done, do not join with the Republican Party of grid-lock and tie this bill up.

**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;
 - With drug courts to get young drug users turned around before it is too late;
 - 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;
 - Ounce of prevention programs to keep schools open after hours, and to expand after-school activities like Boys and Girls clubs, that keep kids off the streets;
 - Innovative alternatives, like Midnight Sports and Police Partnerships with youths;
 - A "Safe Schools" program, to reduce crime and violence in our schools.
- **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.