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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Lorraine Miller

SUBJECT: Meeting with Rep. Jack Brooks (TX) , 3:00 P.M.

1. Summary

Rep. Jack Brooks is currently serving his 21st term in the House. He is ranked 3rd in the House according to tenure. Brooks represents the ninth district in Texas which includes Beaumont, Texas as the largest city. Brooks serves as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

2. Discussion

The main question that needs to be asked of Rep. Brooks is, ... Can we go with last years' conference report on the crime bill? Howard Paster received a recommendation from Chairman Biden that we go with last year's bill.

Rep. Brooks wants to give you a feel of the politics of the Crime Bill. The House barely passed the crime bill last year in the wee hours of the morning. There will be problems with Habeas Corpus again from the liberal wing of our party. One of the unknown factors is the Freshmen. There is no question that last year's conference report will be a hard sell without something new, but it may be even more difficult if changed.

Rep. Brooks is close to the NRA, but will accept the Brady Bill if it is within the larger Crime bill. He understands we are not pressing for a free-standing Brady bill.

You may find of interest that Rep. Brooks is in charge of the Democratic Personnel Committee --- meaning Brooks is in charge of patronage in the House.

Rep. Brooks was one of your earliest and very staunch supporters in the House.