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REMARKS BY

PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

ANNUAL CONVENTION

COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF

AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

NOVEMBER 2, 1995

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But I hope all of you will help me in this battle. It's up to all of us build a drug-free, crime-free America in the 21st century.

Thank you and God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1995

**MEMORANDUM FOR STAFF NEEDING TO TRAVEL TO OSAKA AND TOKYO,
JAPAN WITH THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY IN NOVEMBER, 1995.**

**FROM: ERSKINE BOWLES
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF**

**DAN K. ROSENTHAL
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ADVANCE**

RE: Authorization for Travel

As you know, the President and First Lady will travel to Osaka and Tokyo, Japan from November 16-21, 1995 to participate in the APEC meetings and a State Visit.

To best meet the needs of the President, members of the Cabinet, members of Congress and other travelling staff with minimum cost to the government, we will continue the institutional travel approval process for Presidential trips abroad. This process will help in allocating available hotel space, issuing passports and visas, coordinating logistical details, and limiting the travelling party to those staff who are essential to the completion of the President and First Lady's mission.

The following procedures must be followed for any staff or guests needing to travel in advance of the President and First Lady, on Air Force One, or on any other commercial or military aircraft in connection with the visit. Only persons who follow these procedures will be allowed to travel.

- Requests for travel must be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to Dan Rosenthal in Room 185 of the Old executive Office Building by COB Friday November 3, 1995. Requests submitted subsequent to this deadline will be rejected.

Each Request Must Include:

- a. Traveller's name, agency/department, and position;
 - b. Reason for needing to travel on this trip;
 - c. Exact itinerary as it is proposed;
 - d. Mode of travel requested (ie. Air Force One, commercial aircraft);
- No traveller will be issued a ticket or allowed on an aircraft without prior approval of the White House Deputy Chief of Staff. Notice of approval will be sent to all travelers by Thursday November 9, 1995.
 - All approved travellers will require a Japanese visa. Persons requiring a visa form may contact Dan Rosenthal at (202) 456-5317 or David Beaubaire at (202) 456-2923.
 - All travellers to the APEC meetings in Osaka must provide three passport sized color photographs with their travel request for use in official credentials. White House personnel who do not have passport photos on file with the Advance Office can have photos made at the Travel Office, room 87 of the Old Executive Office Building.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter, and your adherence to these procedures. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Dan Rosenthal at (202) 456-5317
Fax: (202) 456-2317.

Greeters: Jim Copple, President, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
Marni Vliet, Chair, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
Jim Burke, Chair, Partnership For A Drug-Free America
Alvah Chapman, former CEO, Knight-Ridder Newspapers
Nelson Cooney, Deputy Director, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

10:15 am-
10:25 am

MEETING WITH THE PLANK FAMILY
PRESIDENTIAL HOLD
J.W. Marriot Hotel
Event Coordinator: Patrick Steel
Staff Contact: Rahm Emanuel
CLOSED PRESS

10:30 am-
11:20 am

REMARKS TO THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM OF
COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS
CAPITAL BALLROOM
J.W. Marriot Hotel
Remarks: Terry Edmonds
Event Coordinator: Patrick Steel
Staff Contact: Rahm Emanuel
OPEN PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of Lee Brown, accompanied by Jim Burke Marni Vliet and Alvah Chapman.
- Off-stage announcement of the President, accompanied by Lori Plank and Jim Copple.
- Jim Burke makes welcoming remarks and introduces Lee Brown.
- Lee Brown makes remarks and introduces Jim Copple.
- Jim Copple announces the "Working Together to Save Lives Campaign" and introduces the President.

NOTE:

Lori Plank is introduced by Jim Copple and will present the President with a memorial bracelet to kick-off the campaign before The President makes remarks.

- The President makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President works a ropeline and departs.

11:30 am

THE PRESIDENT departs J.W. Marriot Hotel via motorcade en route the White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

11:35 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives the White House

11:45 am-
12:00 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

12:00 pm-
1:00 pm

**LUNCH WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT
OVAL OFFICE**

1:00 pm-
1:30 pm

**PHOTO-OP/SIGNING FOR HR 402
(ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT)
OVAL OFFICE
Event Coordinator: Paula Thomasson
Staff Contact: Patrick Griffin
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY**

- The President greets congressional members and their guests as they arrive in the Oval Office.
- The President, accompanied by congressional members, proceeds to the desk to sign HR 402, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.
- Upon conclusion of the signing, the President presents congressional members with commemorative pens.

1:30 pm-
4:30 pm

**PHONE/OFFICE TIME
OVAL OFFICE**

4:30 pm-
5:30 pm

**MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Harold Ickes, Doug Sosnik**

5:30 pm-
6:00 pm

**SCHEDULING MEETING
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett, Anne Walley**

6:00 pm-
6:45 pm

**PHONE/OFFICE TIME
OVAL OFFICE**

6:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs the White House via motorcade en route the National Museum of Women in the Arts
[drive time: 10 minutes]

6:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives the National Museum of Women in the Arts

Greeters: Monte Friedkin, National Chairman, National Jewish
Democratic Council
Jeff Hirschberg, Chair, Hubert Horatio Humphrey
Humanitarian Award
Elizabeth Schraye, Acting Executive Director, National
Jewish Democratic Council

7:00 pm-
7:35 pm

**RECEIVING LINE WITH MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL
JEWISH DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL
THIRD FLOOR GALLERY
National Museum of Women in the Arts
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
Staff Contact: Alexis Herman
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY**

7:40 pm-
8:15 pm

**NATIONAL JEWISH DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL GALA
GREAT HALL
National Museum of Women in the Arts
Remarks: Carolyn Curriel
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
Staff Contact: Alexis Herman
OPEN PRESS**

- Off-stage announcement of the President, accompanied by the 1995
NJDC Award Recipients and the General Chairman of the DNC,
Senator Christopher Dodd.
- Monte Friedkin makes welcoming remarks.
- Jeff Hirschberg makes brief remarks, introduces the President and
presents him with a gift.
- The President accepts the gift and makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President departs.

8:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs the National Museum of Women in the Arts via
motorcade en route the Sheraton Carlton
[drive time: 10 minutes]

8:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives the Sheraton Carlton

Greeters: Terry McAuliffe, Finance Chairman, Clinton/Gore 1996
Laura Hartigan, Finance Director, Clinton/Gore 1996

8:35 pm-
9:10 pm

**CLINTON/GORE RECEPTION
CRYSTAL BALLROOM**

Sheraton Carlton

Remarks: Gabrielle Bushman

Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon

Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik

CLOSED PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of the President, accompanied by Val Halamandaris, President, National Association for Home Health Care
- Kaye Daniels, President, Hospital Home Health Care of California introduces Val Halamandaris.
- Val Halamandaris makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks.
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9:10 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Chandelier Room

Greeters: Karen Pace, Vice President of Research, Regulatory Affairs and Education
Dayle Berke, Director of Government Affairs, National Association for Home Care
Ron Everly, Vice President for Operations, National Association for Home Care
William Dombi, Vice President for Law, National Association for Home Care
Janet Neigh, Vice President for Policy, National Association for Home Care

9:15 pm-
10:20 pm

CLINTON/GORE DINNER
CHANDELIER ROOM
Sheraton Carlton
Event Coordinator: Nicole Elkon
Staff Contact: Doug Sosnik
CLOSED PRESS

- Terry McAuliffe introduces the President.
- The President makes brief remarks and then takes questions from the audience.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, the President departs.

10:25 pm

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[drive time: 5 minutes]

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BC AND HRC RON THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Justice Department issued a report recently which showed that while overall crime is down, violent crime committed by juveniles is at an all-time high. I have told the Attorney General that my top priority is the reduction of juvenile violence. We must not tolerate the killing of an innocent child by gang members simply because her parents drove down the wrong street. We must not tolerate the killing of innocent children in school or standing at bus stops by thugs driving by with assault weapons and handguns. We must not tolerate the shooting of one youth by another simply because the killer felt he was shown disrespect. This is not the America I grew up in. This is not the America any of us want to live in. And this is not the America we want to pass on to our children.

It is also true that marijuana use is rising among our young people. But, it is important to remember that even with these rising trends, most kids in America are not using drugs or involved in violent activity. Most kids in America are too busy going to school and preparing for the future to get caught up in drugs and violence. Let me say to them, keep up the good work. You are doing the right thing.

And to the communities out there that are struggling to take back their streets and keep their kids off of drugs, let me tell you there is hope. There are communities that are succeeding -- many of them because of the work of CADCA. There's the citizens of Pierce County, Washington who have formed the "Safe Streets Campaign" to combat illegal drug and gang activity and the violence that accompanies these ills. Their efforts are making a difference. They have closed down over 600 drug dealing locations in 12 target communities and reduced calls to 911 by 23,000 calls.

And in Hamilton, Missouri citizens are banding together in an all-out attack on drugs and violence. They are using such innovations as a Youth Peer Court and conflict mediation beginning in grade 4 to educate and empower their young people.

We need to share what is working and keep up the pressure. That's why today, I am announcing that my Administration will convene a White House leadership conference on adolescent drug use and violence in January. We will bring together experts from both inside and outside the Administration, including parents and teens to highlight local successes so we can build a true national coalition to combat drugs and violence. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

One of the things we'll be discussing at that conference is the

role of the media in the fight against drugs. Everyday, our children are bombarded with media messages that tell them its cool to drink, smoke cigarettes or do drugs.

Let me remind everyone that, conversely, the media can play an important role in influencing the attitudes our kids have about the harmfulness and social unacceptability of using drugs.

One of the best examples of what media can do to help reduce drug use is the work of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The media has donated over \$2 billion in support of Partnership anti-drug messages on television and radio, in print and outdoor billboards. And Lee Brown has enlisted the support of sports and television celebrities in a new TV and radio public service campaign aimed at the nation's youth.

These messages are working to change attitudes and reduce drug use. But we now need more kids and more parents to see more of these messages more often. So I am asking the media across this nation, when it comes to the fight against drugs -- turn up the volume. You as community leaders have the power to move the media. So I am asking you to conduct your own media blitz. Knock on their doors until they open up. Talk to them until they get it. And stay on them until they make drug prevention a natural part of their programming day.

In closing, let me say that the battle against substance abuse and violence must be waged person by person, family by family, community by community. But it must be backed by all our efforts. We are doing what we can at the national level -- with punishment, with working to keep drugs out of the country, with helping our community-based efforts to promote safe and drug-free schools, with prevention and treatment. And I will keep fighting to make sure these efforts are funded.

But I hope all of you will help me in this battle. It's up to all of us build a drug-free, crime-free America in the 21st century.

Thank you and God bless you all.

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