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MEMORANDUM FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

FROM: CHRIS WAYNE

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTLOOK

I. OVERVIEW

Traditionally, law enforcement is Republican territory and crime has been a Republican issue. However, we have a great opportunity to win the endorsement of all of the major law enforcement organizations and to win over large portions of their membership next year. President Clinton has arguably done more for law enforcement than any president in history and that is not lost on the leadership in this community.

The law enforcement community is a unique group with very specific issues. There will have to be a delicate balance between our political objectives and our care and feeding efforts to maintain their support. It is imperative that the national leadership be involved in our outreach efforts at the state and local level; they need to at least receive a courtesy call from Public Liaison if we are contacting their membership. We have developed good relationships with all of the heads of the national leadership, those who will be doing the endorsing next year, and we need to continue to foster those relationships.

The following represents an assessment of the issues important to the law enforcement community, an evaluation of the national organizations, and a list of the groups and the key contacts.

II. IMPORTANT ISSUES

The last Congress was a very successful one for law enforcement organizations in general. Their top legislative priorities, the Crime Bill, the Brady Bill, and the Assault Weapons Ban were all enacted into law. These measures were top priorities of both rank-and-file organizations such as the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO), the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) as well as management organizations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs Association, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and Major Cities Chiefs.

On the other hand, federal, state, and local law enforcement have felt under siege from the Congress and the nation with the Waco Hearings, Ruby Ridge, and the O.J. Simpson verdict. Therefore, they have greatly appreciated any public support, in the form of comments, speeches, and events, for law enforcement and their mission.

The Police Officers Bill of Rights is still a major priority for the rank-and-file organizations. This legislation would provide Federal procedural rights for a police officer with regards to any internal investigation of the officer for his conduct. An internal investigation by an officers department would have to comply with the procedural protection in this Federal legislation. Organizations such as NAPO, FOP, IBPO, and IUPA are actively pushing us to support this legislation. The management organizations such as IACP, PERF, Major Cities, and the Chiefs all adamantly oppose this legislation. We have not, as of yet, made a statement on our position.

The groups have been unified, though, in their support of our COPS program. The Republicans would like to dismantle the program in favor of block-grants. All the groups, except IACP, who have tried to play both sides of the fence, have totally opposed the Republican proposal.

III. EVALUATION OF THE GROUPS

Most of the rank-and file organizations endorse political candidates. NAPO, IUPA, and IBPO all endorsed Bill Clinton in '92 while the FOP endorsed Bush. IACP and the National Sheriffs Association do not endorse as a group but their individual members can endorse candidates. The Chiefs have a hard time endorsing candidates because they are beholden to mayors.

The support of the three major groups who endorsed the President in '92 has not wavered. However, we should not take this support for granted. In particular, Bob Scully, the executive director of NAPO needs to be continually courted. In addition, Tom Scotto, NAPO's President should be included in the process in New York and can be very helpful when treated appropriately. The big prize will be the FOP. Most of their national leadership, including their president, Gil Gallegos, would like to support us. Their membership, however, is somewhat fractured. The key will be to include the right people in our events, political and otherwise. We have a great relationship with the leadership at FOP and they would like us to continue to work through them to get to their membership.

In order to meet both our objectives of maintaining a good relationship with the national leadership and your objectives of state and local operations, I believe it would be beneficial to have your operatives in the state call us when they are ready to set up shop. Then we will call the national organizations and ask them for the names of supportive membership in the given state. In turn, we can pass those names on to your state operatives. It is important to include the national leadership in the process for many reasons including their internal politics and the ego involved with their leadership.

I have put together a contact book, broken down by state, encompassing all of the major groups. In it, for example, is a list of every Sheriff in the United States. However, I don't feel confident that these are the lists that you want to use for your political operations. I use the lists to try to incorporate the membership in as many events as possible as we travel throughout the country. I include them in airport arrivals, speeches, and other events with public participation. I would like to continue to do this as I see it as an easy way to reach

larger numbers of the membership of these national organizations. However, I also think that we can be helpful in identifying key contacts in the states, as you see fit.

IV. LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS

Group: Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
Contact: Victor O'Boyski, President (New York)
John Pitta, Executive Vice President
Phone #: 212-385-7718
516-694-8372

Group: Fraternal Order of Police
Contact: Gil Gallegos, President (New Mexico)
Jim Pasco, Executive Director
Phone#: 505-266-4073
202-547-8189

Group: International Brotherhood of Police Officers
Contact: Kenneth Lyons, President (Massachusetts)
Chris Donnellan, Legislative Director
Phone#: 617-376-0220
703-979-0290

Group: Major Cities Chiefs
Contact: Matt Rodriguez (Illinois)
Mark Spurrier
Phone#: 312-747-5501
410-887-2211

Group: National Association of Police Officers
Contact: Thomas Scotto, President (New York)
Robert Scully, Executive Director
Phone#: 212-349-0360
202-842-4420

Group: National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
Contact: Hubert Bell, President (Washington, DC)
Ira Harris, Executive Director
Phone#: 202-435-5234
703-658-1529

Group: National Sheriffs' Association
Contact: Charles Meeks, Executive Director
Melinda Lund
Phone#: 703-836-7827
703-838-5323

Group: **National Troopers Coalition**
Contact: James Rhinebarger, Chairman (Indiana)
 Mike Canning, Legislative Director
Phone#: 317-636-0929
 410-269-4237

Group: **Police Executive Research Forum**
Contact: Chuck Wexler, Executive Director
 Rob Chapman
Phone#: 202-466-7820

Group: **Police Foundation**
Contact: Hubert Williams
Phone#: 202-833-1460

Group: **International Association of Chiefs of Police**
Contact: Dan Rosenblatt
Phone #: 703-836-6767

Group: **International Union of Police Associations**
Contact: Art Reddy, Executive Director (California)
Phone#: 703-549-7473

(Please note: those with states next to their names are suitable to be included in your state operations.)

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August 14, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN EMERSON

FROM: CHRISTOPHER WAYNE

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. Overview

II. Groups Who Endorsed the President in '92

- 1) National Association of Police Organizations
Contact: Bob Scully
- 2) International Brotherhood of Police Officers
Contact: Ken Lyons
- 3) International Union of Police Associations
Contact: Arthur Reddy

Please note: the National Sheriffs' Association and the National Association of Chiefs of Police do not make endorsements; the National Troopers Coalition and the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed Bush.

III. Evaluation of the Groups

- 1) Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
Contact: John Pitta

FLEOA has been supportive of the Crime Bill, the Assault Weapons Ban, the Brady Bill, and the anti-terrorism legislation. In addition, they have been supportive of our COPS program and have provided us with supportive press statements every time we have asked.

However, they are unhappy with the level of staffing in the federal law enforcement arena. They do not like the fact that their numbers are being depleted in order to fund police in our COPS program. They have expressed their dissatisfaction at White House meetings and through correspondence. We are going to bring their leadership into the White House for a meeting after Labor Day.

- 2) Fraternal Order of Police
Contact: Jim Pasco

We have made our greatest strides with the FOP, the largest rank and file police organization in the country. While we do not have a commitment for the endorsement, they have assured me that it is ours to lose. They have supported us on the Crime Bill,

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Assault Weapons, the Brady Bill, and the COPS program. However, they are concerned about the Police Officers Bill of Rights and our lack of a position. Their recently retired President, Dewey Stokes, who supported Bush in '92, has publicly endorsed the President for '96. He has been an outspoken advocate for the President and has really appreciated the way that we have stood by law enforcement...we should continue to use him whenever possible.

The organization has a somewhat fractured membership. There are elements in Kentucky, Minnesota, and South Carolina who openly support the block grant proposals and who are openly opposed to the President. However, the newly elected leadership, the most important of which is Gil Gallegos, the new President, have recently reaffirmed their strong support for the President and their opposition to the Dole plan and any form of block grants. If we continue to have an open dialog and to stand firm on our commitments, I believe the FOP will endorse President Clinton in '96.

3) International Brotherhood of Police Officers
Contact: Ken Lyons

We have included the IBPO in all of the meetings and/or events at the White House. They have been generally supportive during the fight for the Crime Bill and all of the other legislation. They have expressed their continued support and I am confident they will support us again in '96.

4) Major Cities Chiefs
Contact: Mark Spurrier

We have had a continued relationship with Major Cities Chiefs and have tried to include them in White House events. In addition, we have included their membership in a number of events with the President while he is on the road. Their support has been moderate. Obviously, the idea of block grants is more attractive to their membership so we need to continue to work hard to keep the lines of communication open and to continue to include them.

5) National Association of Police Organizations
Contact: Bob Scully

NAPO is our strongest supporter in the law enforcement community. They endorsed the President in '92 and have stood with us throughout the fight for the Crime Bill and all of the other legislation. We cannot, however, simply take them for granted. Bob Scully is someone who needs attention. Further, we need to continue to include them in our events and to attend their events. We will probably do their Top Cop Awards this fall and we should seriously consider their convention next year...the convention is in Dallas one week after the Republican Convention. As with FOP, the Police Officers Bill of Rights is very important to NAPO.

- 6) National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
Contact: Ira Harris

This is an organization that would like to be helpful but that we have not done a really good job of incorporating. Their support is solid but they have not been highly motivated.

- 7) National Sheriffs' Association
Contact: Charles "Bud" Meeks

The support of the Sheriffs' has been consistent but not really solid. They support the 100,000 cops program and the gun legislation. Indeed, over half of the Sheriff's departments in the country have received COPS funding. Bud Meeks has been a good spokesman. We should continue to work hard to keep them on our side and to work with them on issues such as overtime pay and "flexibility" in the COPS funding.

- 8) National Troopers Coalition
Contact: Mike Canning

The Troopers have been generally supportive through the Crime Bill fight. However, they have been questioning the COPS program as of late and seem to be confused as to who is eligible for funding and how it is distributed at the state level. They have expressed concerns with the program and I think we need to work hard to explain it to them and to get them back on board.

- 9) Police Executive Research Forum
Contact: Chuck Wexler

PERF has been supportive during the Crime Bill debate and has done supportive statements for the 100,000 cops program and the gun legislation. Recently, they have expressed some concern about flexibility in the COPS funding. Chuck Wexler is someone we can work with and we should continue to do so.

- 10) Police Foundation
Contact: Hubert Williams

This organization has been included in all of the White House events and meetings and has been generally supportive throughout the crime debate. They are not highly motivated but important to continue to include.

- 11) National Association of Chiefs of Police
Contact: Dan Rosenblatt

The Chiefs really have not been supportive. Dan Rosenblatt is a not a big fan of ours. They have not taken a position on any of the crime legislation and have hinted at supporting the Dole Bill. They are the only group that we have not made serious

strides with and I can't see spending a lot of energy in their direction.

12) International Union of Police Associations
Contact: Arthur Reddy

IUPA endorsed the President in '92 and have continued to be supportive throughout the administration. They are a relatively small organization but we should work to keep them in the fold. They have been included in White House events and are always informed as to what we are doing. However, they have a "small man's complex" and often feel left out.

cc: Alexis Herman ✓
Lee Satterfield