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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexis Herman *it*
RE: Statement from African-American
Religious Leaders

The attached list of ministers have expressed support for the passage of the Crime Bill.

Attachment

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Thank to them*

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to do letters)
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STATEMENT BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Washington -- The White House today released the following statement by African-American religious leaders supporting the crime bill.

"In the words of an African proverb 'It takes an entire village to raise a child.' We believe there is no more important responsibility of society than to raise its children to become upstanding adults. Parents and families must shoulder the burden of this duty, but all of society -- including government -- must pitch in. That is why we support the President's crime bill.

While we do not agree with every provision in the crime bill, we do believe and emphatically support the bill's goal to save our communities, and most importantly, our children.

We believe and support the \$8 billion in the bill to fund prevention programs such as grants for recreation, employment, anti-gang and comprehensive programs to steer our young people away from crime.

We believe in drug treatment to help get federal and state inmates out of the cycle of dependency.

We believe in programs to fight violence against women.

We believe in banning assault weapons, and preventing these deadly devices from falling into the hands of criminals and drug dealers.

We believe in putting 100,000 well-trained police officers on the streets of our most violence-plagued communities and urban areas.

We believe that 9-year-olds like James Darby of New Orleans, who was killed by a stray bullet only days after writing a plea to President Clinton to stop the violence, must have the opportunity to live and learn and grow in safe, decent communities.

For all these reasons, we support the crime bill and we urge others to join us in this crusade."

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National Progressive Baptist Convention, President
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San Francisco, CA

Bishop E. Lynn Brown
Christian Methodist Episcopal
Los Angeles, California

Rev. John A. Cherry
Full Gospel AME Zion Church
Temple Hill, MD

Rev Howard Chubbs
Providence Baptist Church
Greensboro, N.C.

Father George Clements
The Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities
Washington, D.C.

Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard
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Washington, DC

Rev. John Doggett, Superintendent
United Methodist Church
St. Louis, MO

Rev Jerry Drayton
New Bethel
Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Bishop Louis Ford
Church of God in Christ
Chicago, Illinois

Bishop William Graves
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Rev. Joe Hardwick
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Los Angeles, CA

Rev Calvin A. Harper
Morning Star Baptist Church
Cincinnati, OH

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Rev. Odell Jones
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