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IN KIDS**

*Child Care
Report*

To: Eric Liu, Ann O'Leary
From: Sanford Newman, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids
Date: 2/1/00
Re: Press Event to Present New Child Care Report to President?

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We were delighted to see the President's proposals on Head Start, child care, Early Learning Fund and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Nice work!

We have been planning to release this Thursday, February 3, the enclosed report on the crime-prevention impact of investments in early childhood programs, entitled "America's Child Care Crisis: A Crime Prevention Tragedy." Key findings are summarized on page ii of the report.

Co-authors include Dr. Berry Brazelton (Harvard Pediatrics Professor and the best known "baby doctor" in the country; the current Dr. Spock), criminologist Larry Sherman, (University of Pennsylvania), Bill Bratton, former San Diego Police Chief Jerry Sanders and Yale child development professor Ed Zigler. The report presents the compelling evidence that early childhood development programs can greatly reduce crime, and that America is falling far short of the investment it needs to make in Head Start and quality child care.

Our goal with this report is to reframe early childhood education as a youth violence issue in much the same way that our September, 1997 "Prime Time for Juvenile Crime" report, and the reverberation the White House has given to that report's data and message, have contributed to re-framing the issue of after-school programs.

We're eager to do it quickly to build momentum behind the President's Head Start and child care proposals. Another factor in the timing is that we want to release a California version on February 8th, at press events there, to give the public information it should have before it votes on repeal of a 50-cent-a-pack cigarette tax funding early childhood development programs. But, of course, if we knew today that the President wants to do an event with us, we'd reschedule to fit his schedule.

This report has evolved from the draft we gave you last year. It now does contain findings from important new research, and of course, has the authoritative imprimatur of America's best-known pediatrician, as well as its most distinguished child development expert, one of its most prominent criminologists, and police chiefs who presided over two of the biggest crime reductions in the country.

I know this is short notice. Can we talk today to see what you think the odds are?

Many thanks.

*Eric, Please do let us know whenever we
can be of help.*

Sanford

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