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October 4

Dear Ms. Williams,

I understand that Lisa Caputo, at the suggestion of Terry Schaefer mentioned Margot Stern Strom to you as a knowledgeable resource for Mrs. Clinton on violence prevention issues and programs. Terry encouraged me to send you a

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copy of the materials I had sent to
Lisa.

I Mrs. Clinton would like to
meet with Margot, at any time, to
discuss issues of children & violence,
please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration

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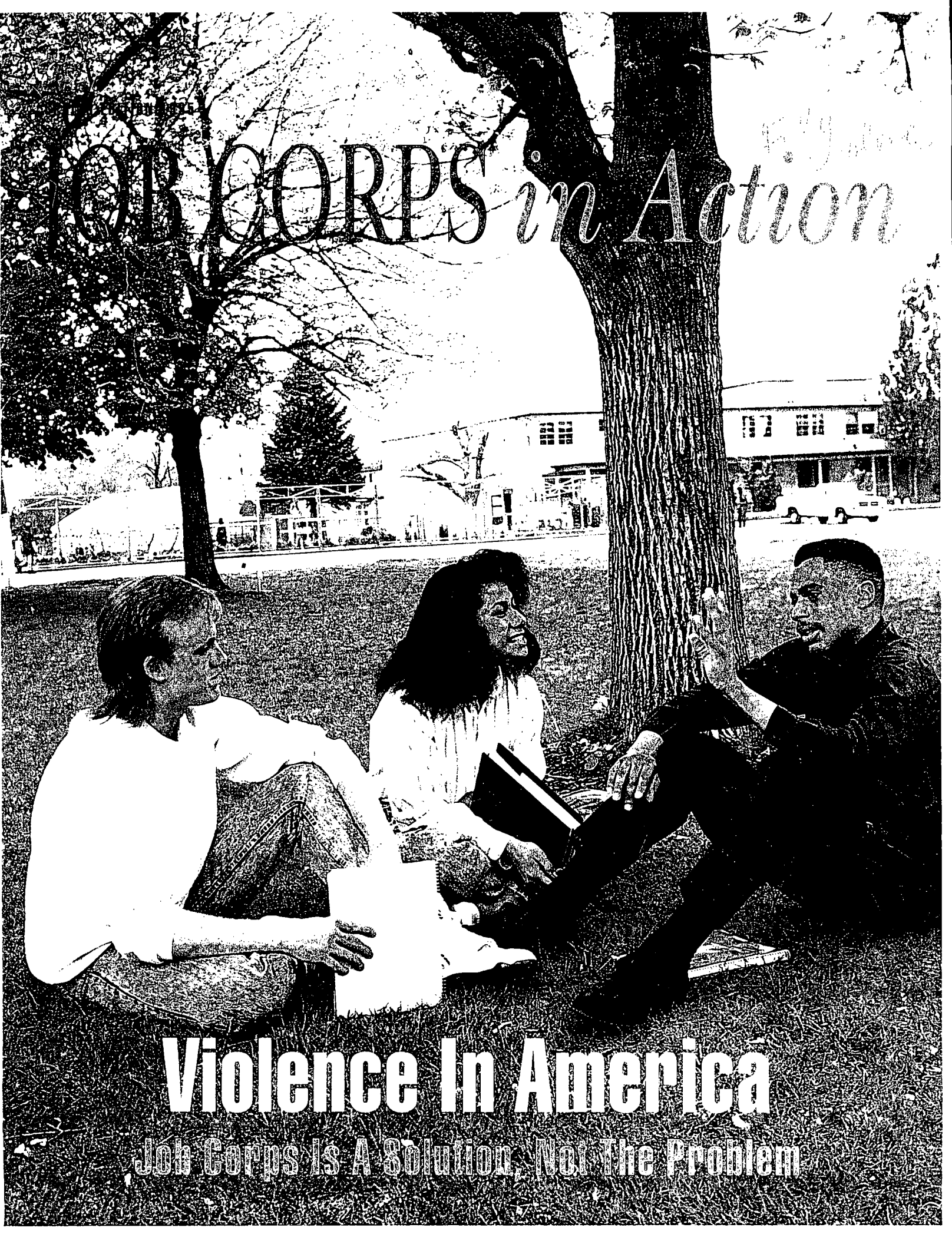
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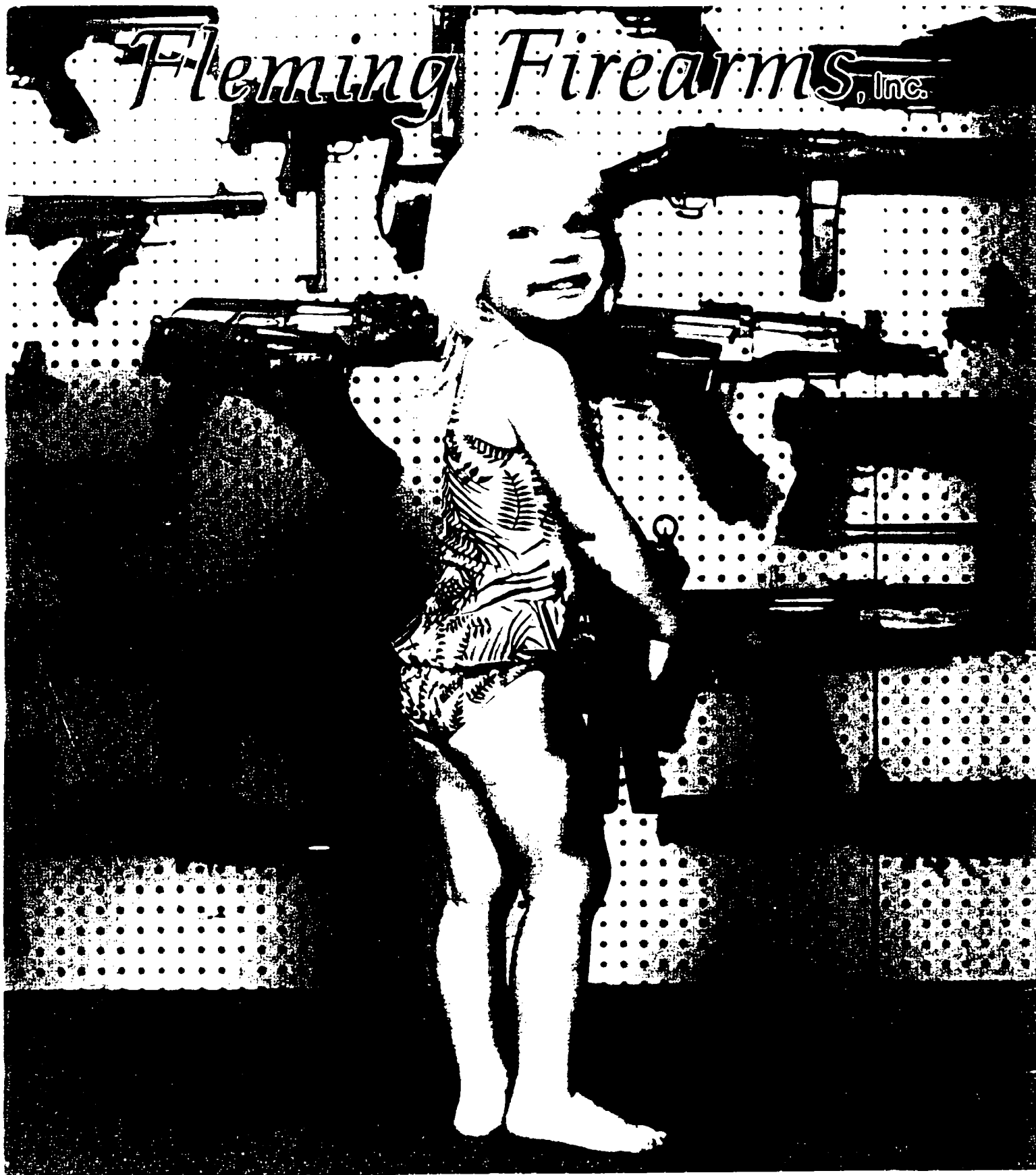
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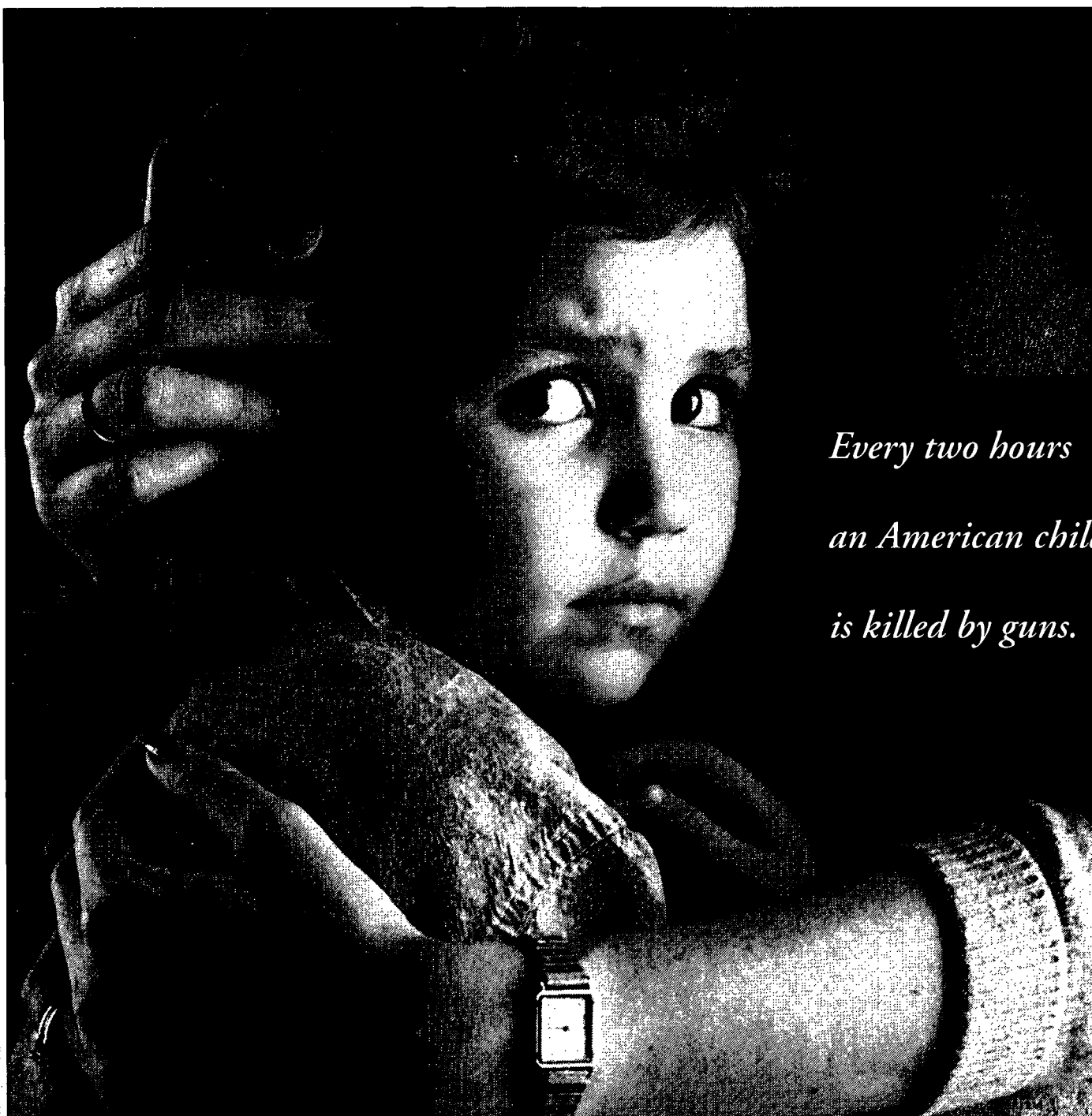
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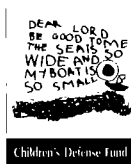


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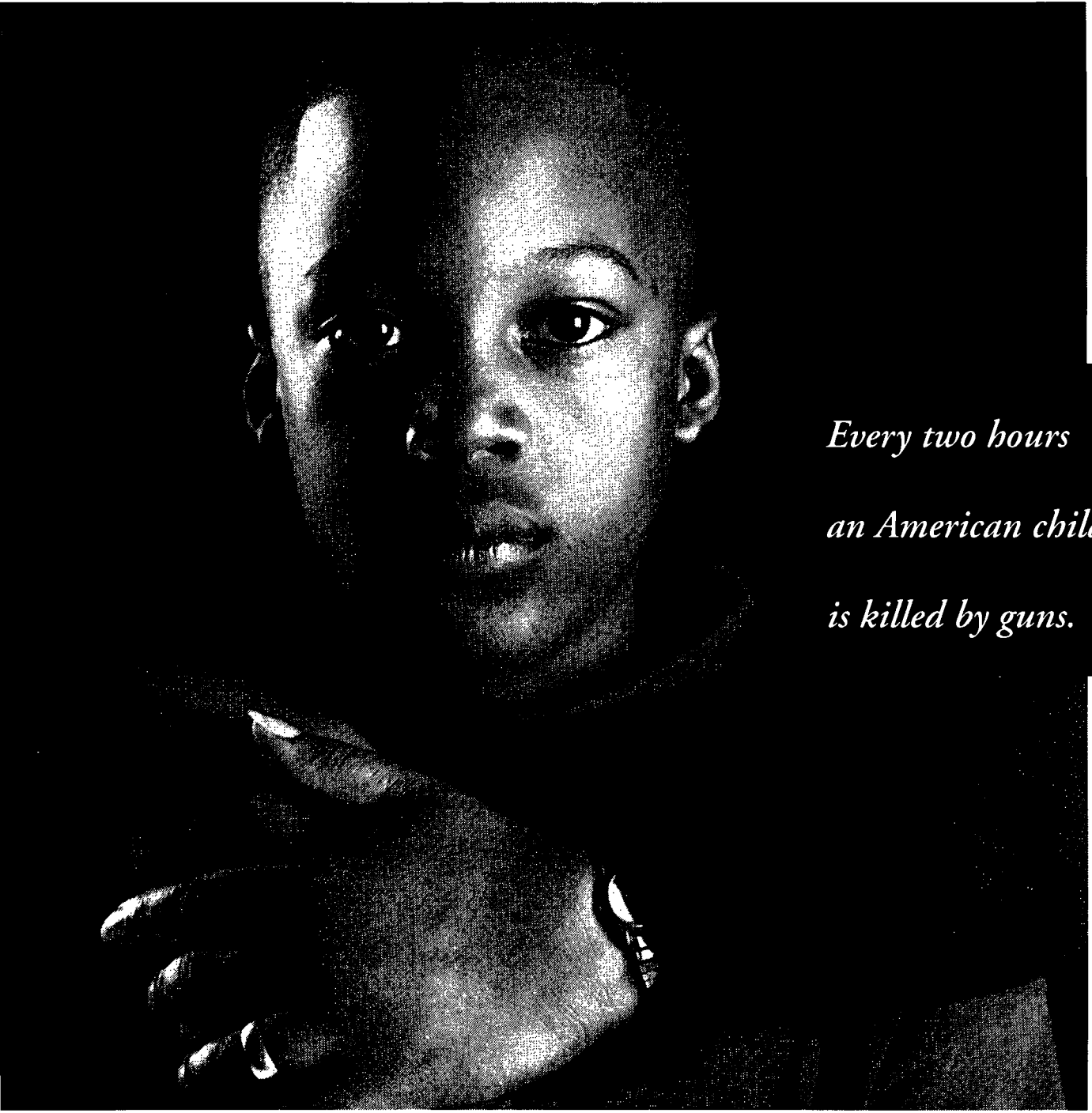
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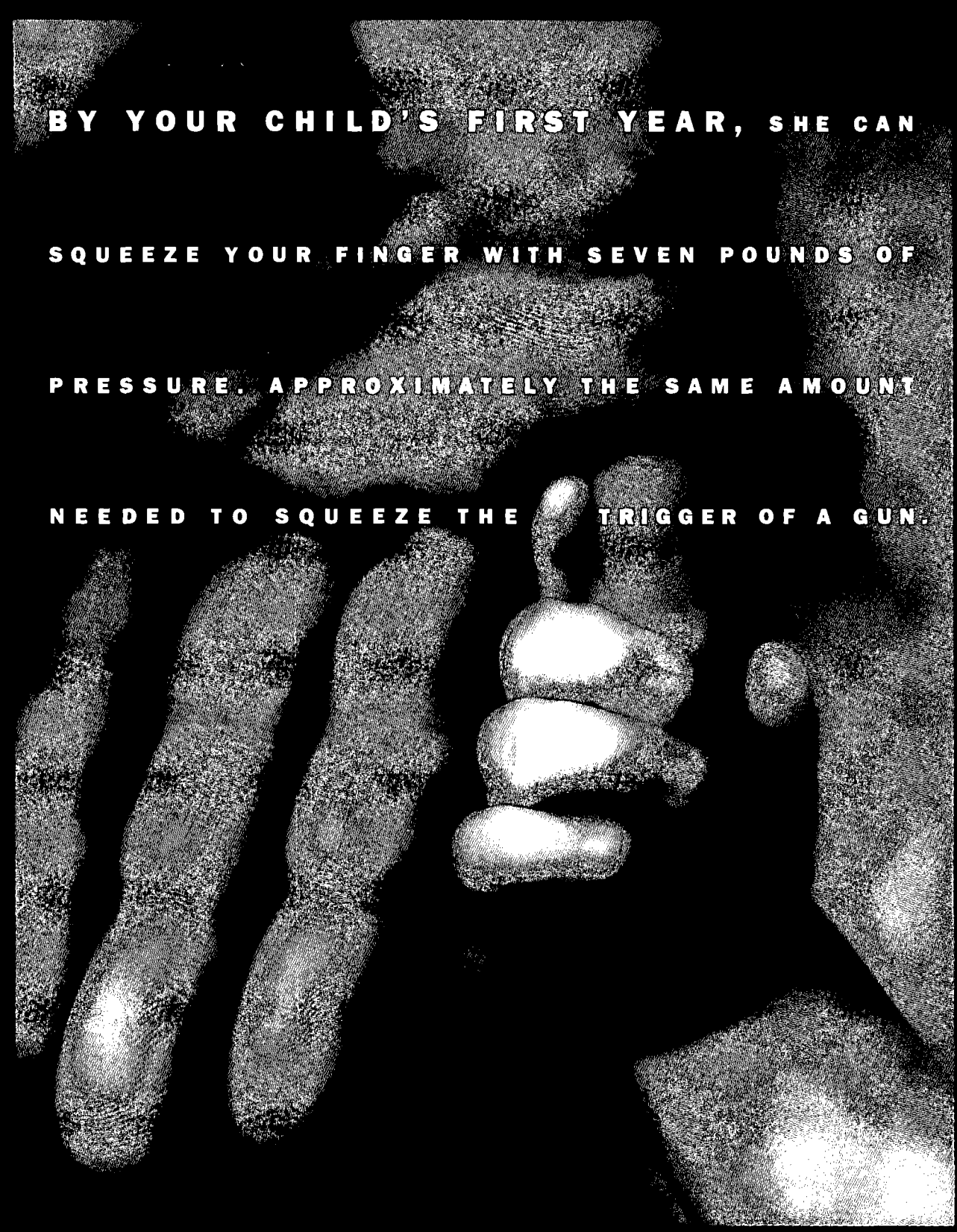
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CHILDREN'S LESSON PLAN

(for Elementary Age Children)

Objective: To teach children that Jesus wants us to be peacemakers, and has shown us how. To teach children the basic skills of peaceful conflict resolution.

Theme: Conflict is a natural part of relationships in our families, schools, and communities. Jesus taught us to treat everyone with love, even if we are angry with them.

Scripture: Genesis 45:4-7, 14-15; Matthew 5:43-45

Materials needed: Bible, newsprint, marker, and a two-to-three-foot length of rope.

Part 1: Opening (5 minutes)

Tell the children that today you are going to talk about times that people get angry with each other, and about peaceful, loving ways to solve those problems. Everybody gets angry at times, with their parents, their brothers and sisters, friends, teachers, and schoolmates. Sometimes people hurt each other when they are angry — with their words or their actions. Today we will learn to solve problems so that we don't hurt each other.

Ask the children to close their eyes and remember a time when they were angry with someone, and the problem was solved in an angry way that hurt them or the other person. After a minute or two, ask them to think about a time when they were angry with someone and the problem was solved in a peaceful, loving way.

Part 2: Bible Story (10 minutes)

Read aloud the following adaptation of Genesis 37-45

A Dozen Brothers

Can you imagine having 12 brothers living in the same house? You would never be able to be by yourself, and you would have to stand in line for the bathroom before school.

In Joseph's family there were 12 brothers. Their names were: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Naphtali, Asher, Gad, Benjamin, and Joseph. Whew! Just think of having to remember all those names and birthdays!

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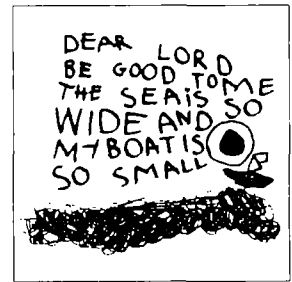
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YOUTH LESSON PLAN

(Two Sessions)

The following lessons are designed for junior and senior high school students. They can be used in religious education classes or youth group programs.

Note to Youth Leaders

We live in a society where violence is a way of life. Some members of your group may have experienced physical abuse or may live in homes where violence is an accepted way of handling family problems. As a trusted friend to young people, you may find yourself in the position of confidant. Sometimes teenagers don't know where they can go for help and understanding. They will appreciate just knowing that there is someone who cares and is willing to listen. This can be a frightening situation for youth leaders. It is a big responsibility to be a friend to a person in crisis. You need to know where to turn for appropriate professional help.

Before beginning this unit on violence, you will want to have certain information available. Support agencies vary from community to community. Each state has different laws regarding the reporting of physical and sexual abuse. Support services are available from a variety of different sources: schools, religious organizations, medical facilities, government agencies, and private organizations. The suggestions included here are general in nature. They are designed to help you find the kind of help our young people need.

Ask your priest for help. Many priests have up-to-date information on community services and family counselors. Also check with Catholic Charities, school district counselors, nurses, and psychologists; a physician, pediatrician, or hospital. Look in your telephone book's government listings for your state's child welfare agency; the yellow pages listings under counseling services, child protection, and family services; and the emergency or human services section of your telephone book for your state's 800 number that can be used to report cases of child abuse anonymously.

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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN

Overview

Session 1: Through the first session, participants will define violence. They will examine a variety of situations in which violence affects children. They will explore the context, users and victims of violence, the causes and effects. Participants will read stories about children that demonstrate the impact of violence on children in a variety of contexts: Miguel — gun violence; Terry and a nine-year-old girl — violence in the family; Pete and Josh — cultural violence; Bakari — community violence; Shem — school violence; and Shamal — the violence of poverty.

Materials needed: newsprint and marker or chalkboard and chalk, copies of Psalm 10, copies of Violence Grid, copies of Handout 1: Violence Situations, a copy of Genesis 4:1-12, and extra pencils or pens.

Session 2: In the second session, participants will explore further the causes of violence and ways of addressing violence — through intervention or prevention.

Materials needed: copies of Matthew 5:1-11, copies of Handouts 2 and 3, and newsprint and markers.

This program is intended only to introduce a variety of issues concerning violence against children. Group members may want to extend the study to explore one aspect of the problem in greater depth, particularly as it affects children in your community. Or participants may want to form an action group to plan follow-up activities to address violence.

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This year the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths is focused on the urgent topic of violence against and by children. As the epidemic of violence takes an increasing toll on children and families in America, the Children's Defense Fund has launched a campaign to give every child a safe start and, in cooperation with other organizations, has called for a CEASE FIRE! in the war against America's children. Our Sabbath materials focus on this issue. We hope that you will use the opportunity of the Children's Sabbath to involve your congregation in prayer, education, service, and advocacy to prevent the violence that is stealing the hopes and lives of America's children.

The materials that follow are about another subject — the state of children around the world. The religious community has been a leader in addressing the needs of children and families in other countries. The violence of poverty in the developing world has long engaged that community. And as war, ethnic massacres, and other violence have swept across Rwanda, Bosnia, and countries across the globe, people of faith have responded with prayer and action.

Our nation should respond to the needs of children around the world by signing and ratifying the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, and by working toward the goals for the year 2000 promised by the world's heads of state at the 1990 World Summit for Children. We have, therefore, included a booklet, "Keeping the Promise of the World Summit for Children," prepared by the Keeping the Promise Campaign, to help you incorporate the urgent concerns of children living around the world into your Children's Sabbath.

Whether you focus your Children's Sabbath on children solely in the United States or encompass as well children around the world, we hope that you will issue a faithful call to your congregation to work together to turn back the tide of violence that claims the lives of children daily.

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KEEPING THE PROMISE:

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN

Dear Participant,

In our world, 35,000 children die each and every day of preventable disease and malnutrition. In its *State of the World's Children 1994* report UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, says:

Recent years have seen very significant progress against some of the major specific threats to the health and well-being of the world's children. Present knowledge and outreach capacity suggest that child malnutrition, disease, disability, and illiteracy could be drastically reduced by the year 2000. Social goals reflecting this potential have been established and agreed upon by a majority of the world's political leaders. Taken together, such goals amount to an attempt to overcome the very worst aspects of poverty and to bring some of the most basic benefits of progress to almost all communities. Past experience indicates that national progress in health, nutrition and education depends not on economic development alone but on a sustained commitment to improvements in the well-being of the poor....Given greater priority, these needs could largely be met by the end of the century.

The purpose of these materials is to introduce you to some of the basic problems affecting the lives of children around the world and the simple solutions that are available to assure that child malnutrition, disease, disability, and illiteracy are drastically reduced by the year 2000.

In September 1990, 71 heads of state and ministerial level delegations from 88 other countries gathered at the United Nations for the World Summit for Children. They made bold promises to reduce child and maternal death rates; reduce child malnutrition; improve access to basic education, clean water, and safe sanitation; and protect children in difficult circumstances. As the fourth anniversary of the Summit passes, we are faced with an urgent need to draw public attention to the promises that our leaders made at the Summit and to demand the commitment of resources and the political will needed to keep those promises. Now is the time to act.

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FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS AND RESOURCES

Follow-Up Actions

On the day you celebrate the Children's Sabbath, your parish will participate in liturgical and educational events that should lay the groundwork for a long-term commitment to improving the lives of children. We hope that you will help channel parishioners' reinvigorated dedication into programs and projects that use their particular gifts and talents.

Convene the Children's Sabbath planning committee and any others who are interested to determine how best to build on your Children's Sabbath. Consider including clergy, members of the outreach or social concerns committee, religious education staff and teachers, adults, and youths. Invite any parishioners with professional or personal experience with children, such as teachers and social workers.

Laurie Gardener of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, wrote after her parish's Children's Sabbath:

Our planning committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to do some long-range planning around several key issues related to children's needs in the community. Our hope is to take our experience to other congregations in the community to do some joint planning for an interfaith approach in the next year.

As you review the following suggestions, remember to select a project or activity that is right for your particular parish and that would meet the specific needs of children and families in your community. As you plan, consider the available human, financial, and physical resources of your parish; the needs of children and families in your community; and existing organizations and resources to help children in your community. Use that information to develop an appropriate new effort that will be effective and sustainable in meeting the needs of children.

For example, Patty Kratky, of Moorhead, Minnesota, found that, "one immediate spin off [of our Children's Sabbath] was a committee to study the feasibility of a latchkey program."

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Dear Faithful Friend of Children:

Thank you for joining the third annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths to unite with thousands of congregations in our common concern for children in need and shared commitment to respond. This year I am urging churches, synagogues, mosques, and all religious congregations to pray and speak out and act to halt the epidemic of violence in our nation that is breaking our children's bodies, spirits, and hearts.

Several months ago, eight-year-old Ruth wrote: "People around my neighborhood are getting shot. It is hard to go to sleep sometimes. I stay in the house because it is so bad. On my streets people are getting better. I hope I move soon. I hope God will bless me so that I won't get hurt someday."

All across our nation, children like Ruth pray and wait in fear as the ugly, malignant tumor of violence threatens younger and younger children. The murder of young children has become as routine in Boston and Baltimore as it has in Bosnia and Brazil. Twenty-five American children — the equivalent of a classroomful — are killed by guns every two days in our spiritually sick nation. Countless others are wounded or have their lives torn apart as they witness violence or suffer the loss of a parent, friend, neighbor, or teacher.

Parents of all races and incomes recognize the growing scourge. Violence was the top worry of parents and children alike in 1993, according to a *Newsweek*/CDF poll of 10- to 17-year-olds and their parents. Between 50 and 60 percent of the teens, whether rich or poor and regardless of where they lived, said they know someone who was beaten up or threatened with a knife or gun. More than one in 10 reported being personally victimized by violent crime.

Escalating violence by and against children and youths is no coincidence. It is the cumulative manifestation of serious and too-long neglected problems. Epidemic child and family poverty, increasing economic inequality, racial intolerance and hate crimes, pervasive drug and alcohol abuse and violence in our homes and popular culture, and growing numbers of out-of-wedlock births and divorces all have contributed to the disintegration of family, community, and spiritual values and supports all children need. In addition, easy access to deadly firearms has turned the crisis of children having children into the tragedy of children killing children as our young mimic the adult conduct they see in their home, community, national, and cultural life.

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ORGANIZING SUGGESTIONS

Planning a Children's Sabbath

1. **Secure approval** from the appropriate clergy, parish staff, or committee and get the date on your parish's calendar.
2. **Recruit a committee** to plan the Children's Sabbath and any activities leading up to or following it. In addition to clergy and parish staff, consider the religious education teachers, social action committee members, children and youths, and any interested parishioners.
3. **Determine the format of your Children's Sabbath.** In addition to the liturgy, activities may be planned for the religious education (for children, youths, and/or adults); social concerns group; time before, between, or after the liturgy/ies; and women's, men's, singles', or youth group meetings. You may also plan activities for Saturday, October 15, or use the Children's Sabbath to kick off an education series on the needs of children.
4. **Involve resource people.** After you have determined the basic format and range of activities for your Children's Sabbath, involve resource people from the parish and community. These may include family court and juvenile justice professionals, police officers or chaplains, victims of violence and family members, staff of the diocesan social action office or Catholic Charities, and staff of child advocacy organizations.
5. **Recruit volunteers** to assist in preparing for and carrying out the activities and events for your Children's Sabbath. Be sure to alert those who will be affected, such as religious education teachers and choir directors.
6. **Plan to build on the Children's Sabbath.** Before or after the Children's Sabbath, convene the planning committee, representatives of the social action committee, parish school, women's, men's, singles', youth groups, and any interested persons. Discuss building on the Children's Sabbath to develop long-term responses to the needs of children and families. "Follow-Up Actions and Resources for Your Parish" may provide a useful starting point for discussion.

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VIOLENCE romps through our children's **PLAYGROUNDS**, invades their bedroom slumber parties, terrorizes their Head Start centers and **SCHOOLS**, frolics down the **STREETS** they walk to and from school, dances through their school buses, waits at the stop light and bus stop, lurks at McDonald's, runs them down on the **CORNER**, shoots through their bedroom **WINDOWS**, attacks their front **PORCHES** and neighborhoods, abuses them or a parent at **HOME** every few seconds and tantalizes them across the **TELEVISION** screen every six minutes. **VIOLENCE** snatches away their **PARENTS** at work, and steals their aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, and **FRIENDS**. **VIOLENCE** saps their energy and will to learn, and makes them forget about tomorrow. It nags and picks at their minds and spirits day in and day out, snuffing out the promise and joy of childhood and of the future which becomes just surviving today.

CEASE FIRE

in the War Against Children!

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SUGGESTIONS AND RESOURCES FOR THE LITURGY

- ▶ Focus the homily on children and our responsibility to act on their behalf. If appropriate, use the homiletic resources provided in this section. You may want to incorporate the true stories about children provided in the adult education programs and bulletin inserts in this kit.
- ▶ Use or adapt the sample Children's Homily.
- ▶ Use the guidelines of the Directory of Masses with Children to design a Liturgy of the Word with Children. The *Lectionary for Masses with Children* is available from the U.S. Catholic Conference, Office of Publications and Promotions Services (1-800-235-8722).
- ▶ Name specific needs of children during the General Intercessions. Sample intercessions are provided in this booklet.
- ▶ Use bulletin inserts 2, 3, and 4 provided in this kit.
- ▶ Have a special collection to benefit a program serving children or families. Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, collected a different item each week for four weeks: sweaters and jackets; peanut butter, canned ravioli, and spaghetti; diapers; and books and toys. The items were distributed to programs serving children and families in need: the church's Clothes Closet; Caritas homeless shelter; a hospice for babies with AIDS; and the Family Abuse Center and Sanctuary Home. Announce the offering in advance so that parishioners can bring requested items.
- ▶ Remember in prayer the children who have died from violence in your community in the past year. Contact the local police, child welfare bureau, and newspapers for names of children who have been killed. (You may choose to hold a community-wide prayer and candlelight vigil in memory of those children.)
- ▶ Recognize parishioners who work with or for children through parish or community programs. Highlight on-going parish-sponsored programs and efforts for children, as did Inter-Faith Chapel in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- ▶ Select hymns and anthems that focus on children and our responsibility toward them.

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ACTIVITY IDEAS

While the focus of the Children's Sabbath is on the liturgy, it is also important that you create a context in which parishioners can learn more about what they can do to improve the condition in which many children and families live.

These suggestions can be used for religious education groups, youth groups, women's, men's, or young adults' meetings, or during a special time before or after the liturgy.

You know your parish's interests, gifts, and talents, as well as the particular problems affecting children and families in your community. Use this list of activities as a springboard to create an observance of children's lives that is most appropriate for your unique parish and community.

For activity ideas in addition to those below, contact the Catholic Campaign for Children and Families through your diocesan social action office or the U.S. Catholic Conference. Also, refer to the Campaign's parish resource manual for more ideas.

Children and Youths

In the weeks leading up to the Children's Sabbath:

- ▶ **Prepare the children for the Children's Sabbath** and involve them appropriately, assigning any roles in the liturgy or activities planned.
- ▶ **Make a booklet of prayers.** Discuss some of the problems facing children in the United States and around the world, using information in this kit if appropriate. Then, ask the children to write a prayer for children, or a letter to God expressing thanks or asking a question. They can illustrate their prayer or letter. Ascension Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, photocopied and stapled their children's letters together and distributed the packets on the Children's Sabbath. Or hang the letters, prayers, and pictures in the parish building.

☐ **YES!** My congregation *will* participate in the 1994 National Observance of Children's Sabbaths.

*For a **free** National Observance of Children's Sabbaths poster about violence prevention to display for your congregation — plus news about Children's Sabbaths across the country — please complete and return this form:*

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Day _____ Evening _____ Fax: _____

Church/Synagogue: _____ ☆

My congregation will hold a Children's Sabbath on _____

I received my National Observance of Children's Sabbaths kit from:

- ☐ Children's Defense Fund ☐ Local organization _____
☐ Denominational organization _____ ☐ Other _____

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WASHINGTON

January 4, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR ANN STOCK AND RICKI SEIDMAN

FROM: MARCIA HALE *plus*
JOHN HART

SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
ATTORNEY GENERALS, MARCH 20-24, 1994.

We would like to request a White House reception for the attorney generals during their spring meeting. Please let Dawn know if this is possible.

cc: Maggie Williams
John Hart
Sharon Kennedy

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December 27, 1993

via fax

John D. Hart
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

Just a short note to follow up on our request to meet with President Clinton during the NAAG Spring Meeting, March 20-22, 1994. Attached is the correspondence which I received from Mr. Roy Neel noting the existence of the request as well as the original note to you.

As you know, we schedule the Attorneys General tightly when they are in town. It would be of great assistance if we could get a better sense of the President's availability. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Happy Holidays!



Christine T. Milliken

P.S. Another jogging opportunity would also be a home run!

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Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 8, 1993

Ms. Christine T. Milliken
Executive Director
National Association
of Attorneys General
Hall of the States
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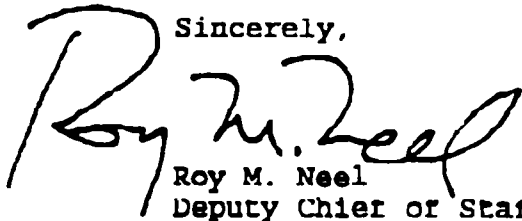
Dear Ms. Milliken:

Thank you for inviting President Clinton to attend the National Association of Attorneys General Spring Meeting. The President has asked me to convey his appreciation for your kind offer.

At this time, I am unable to make a commitment to your request. However, I will keep your invitation on file for further consideration as the date of the meeting approaches. Please be assured that I will contact you if it is possible for the President to attend.

On behalf of the President, thank you again for your thoughtful invitation. I encourage you to contact my office if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Roy M. Neel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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August 17, 1993

John Hart
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
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Dear John:

Just a short note to let you know that we have tentatively settled on March 20-22, 1994 for our NAAG Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. We would, of course, love to meet with the President during this meeting. You may recall that was not possible last year due to the passing of Mrs. Clinton's father. Would you let me know how those dates look? If there was flexibility, the Monday morning of March 21 would be ideal.

Sincerely,



Christine T. Milliken

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Addendum to Briefing Book
File Crime/Violence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1994

**CRIME LEADERSHIP BRIEFING WITH CALIFORNIA, LOUISIANA, AND
ARKANSAS**

TO: The First Lady
DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 1994
LOCATION: Room 450, Old Executive Office Building
TIME: 10:30 AM - 10:40 AM
FROM: Steve Hilton, Deputy Assistant to the President for Public
Liaison

I. PURPOSE

This is a substantive briefing for approximately 150 community leaders -- including police chiefs, police officers, religious leaders, school superintendents, teachers, local elected officials and other community activists -- from California, Louisiana, and Arkansas about the provisions, benefits and importance of the President's crime initiative.

II. BACKGROUND

Crime has been defined by the public as its #1 concern and a problem which they would like the President to take stronger action on. This briefing gives us an opportunity to present the President's stance on crime and violence to the people who fight or are impacted by crime in their local communities on a daily basis; in other words, those who are experiencing these problems on a grassroots level. This is the fifth in a series of regional crime briefings. To date, we have held briefings for New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina. We will continue to hold such briefings once a week through the end of March.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Secretary Riley, Department of Education
Secretary Cisneros, Department of Housing and Urban Development
Assistant Secretary Noble, Department of Treasury
Steve Hilton, Deputy Assistant to the President, White House Office of Public Liaison
Rick Allen, Special Advisor, Corporation for National Service

NOTE: The invitation list was based on recommendations by Members of Congress. Members were invited to greet and/or sit with their constituents during the briefing. See attached list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed. There will be a stakeout following the briefing.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will enter the holding room of Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building.
- You will be introduced by Steve Hilton
- You will make remarks and take questions and answers.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- Agenda
- Sequence of Events
- List of Participants
- Other Supportive Materials

THE WHITE HOUSE

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AGENDA

**CRIME LEADERSHIP BRIEFING
OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM 450**

March 9, 1994

WELCOME

Steve Hilton

Deputy Assistant to the President

Deputy Director of Public Liaison

REMARKS

Ron Noble

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement

Department of Treasury

REMARKS

Richard Riley

Secretary

Department of Education

THE FIRST LADY

BREAK

REMARKS

Henry Cisneros

Secretary

Department of Housing and Urban Development

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	Steve Hilton
9:35 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Ron Noble
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Richard Riley
10:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	THE FIRST LADY
10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Henry Cisneros
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Rick Allen
11:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Steve Hilton

TALKING POINTS

Richard Riley	-- discuss Safe Schools as well as school to work initiative -- take q & a
Ron Noble	-- discuss Gun Control, the major pieces of crime bill that we support, as well as our drug control strategy -- take q & a
Henry Cisneros	--discuss Operation Safe Homes as well as crime prevention in urban areas --take q & a
THE FIRST LADY	-- discuss the need for not only government involvement but personal responsibility -- discuss how the President's crime initiative fits into a larger strategy (along with our drug strategy, safe schools, EITC, empowerment zones, community development banks, etc.) to rebuild our nation's communities; i.e., we are making an investment in our communities

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING
as of 3/8/94, 9:30 AM

Rep. Lynn Woolsey -- CA (at end)
Rep. Nancy Pelosi -- CA
Rep. Maxine Waters -- CA
Rep. Bob Filner -- CA
Rep. Cleo Fields -- LA

March 9 Crime Leadership Briefing
List in formation -- as of 2 pm 3/7/94 --

The Honorable Daniel Acuna
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San Ysidro CA

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Los Angeles CA

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Sheriff
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Conway AR

Judge Howard Broadman
Superior Court
Visalia CA

The Reverend Zedar Broadous
President
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Pacoima CA

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Sheriff
Louisiana Sheriff's Association

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National Baptist Civil Right's
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Sheriff
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The Honorable Charles Fuselier
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THE CRISIS OF HEALTH CARE & THE CRISIS OF VIOLENT CRIME:

Violence takes a heavy toll on our health care system:

- It overburdens and endangers our health care providers.
- It threatens the viability of our health care institutions.
- It adds billions to this nation's health care bill.

Counting the indirect costs, both financial and societal, violence is one of the premiere threats to public health in America, and the costliest epidemic we face.

"Violence is every bit a public health issue for me and my successors in this century as smallpox, tuberculosis and syphilis were for my predecessors in the last two centuries."

C. Everett Koop, U.S. Surgeon General, 1984

VIOLENCE OVERBURDENS AND ENDANGERS PROVIDERS:

Uncompensated Care:

- Trauma patients often require a greater time commitment from the provider, particularly as measured in follow-up care, than do elective cases.
- Services provided in the trauma center often go unreimbursed, compounding the physician's loss of income.
- Because trauma injuries occur mostly at night, working late and being on 24-hour call is disruptive to some surgeons' lifestyles and can result in their having less time for elective surgeries and office care.
- One D.C. trauma surgeon reported that in 1991, he and the surgeons on his five-member team each provided more than \$100,000 worth of free care to gunshot patients alone. [17]

VIOLENCE OVERBURDENS AND ENDANGERS PROVIDERS:

Providers Are Increasingly at Risk Themselves:

- Upon entering one Los Angeles trauma center, 25% of patients were carrying a lethal weapon .
 - * Some of these weapons go unnoticed by providers.
 - * In some trauma centers, it is not unusual to assign patients aliases to avoid their being tracked down and further assaulted by their perpetrators. (AMNA) As a result, outbreaks of violence are not uncommon in some emergency departments.
- Over 70% of nurses working in psychiatric facilities have been assaulted during their career. The majority of injuries occur while attempting to contain patient violence. (AMNA.)
 - * Data suggests that workers at a maximum security forensic hospital are at higher risk of work-related injuries than employees in the most hazardous industry in the country – construction.
- A recent JAMA article highlights one urban trauma center's "devastating psychosocial effect on physicians and their staff" which the article sites as being minimal compared to the "emotionally dampening and debilitating" experience of underserved local inhabitants who come for treatment.

VIOLENCE THREATENS THE VIABILITY OF OUR HEALTH INSTITUTIONS:

- Inner-city trauma centers are repositories for the victims of violent crime and drug wars because they have to treat those severely injured who often are uninsured and do not pay their bills. [17]
- Already overburdened public hospitals must continue to meet rising demands with progressively diminishing resources.
- Overcrowding has reached a new peak of disarray, commonly referred to as emergency department gridlock -- numerous interlocking stretchers obstruct the paths between stretchers and the nurses station.
- The emergency department at King/Drew Medical Center, the only major hospital serving So. Central Los Angeles, was closed to incoming patients 67% of the time in 1991 because of saturated facilities. [16]
- The ramifications of this are even more detrimental to the public health in light of the fact that 82% of hospital admissions at King/Drew are through the emergency department. This kind of admissions routine is not out of the ordinary. It is largely due to the low socio-economic status of many patients, lacking health insurance, and overcrowded neighborhood outpatient clinics. [16]
- Such overloading delays treatment and exacerbates the incidence of shock and shock-related organ failures. [16]
- Conditions of overcrowding tie up already scarce expensive diagnostic and intensive care facilities, increase costs, and unfavorably affect physical outcome of patients. [16]

VIOLENCE:

- The majority of violent injuries, are penetrating injuries -- such as gunshot and knifewounds. Not only are they among the most expensive injuries to treat; the incidence of these injuries is rapidly increasing.
- The average charge per hospital admission for a trauma patient is three times higher than that for a regular acute care admission. [17]
- Urgently needed trauma care disrupts hospital routines and physicians' private practices and lifestyles, and upsets some private patients. [17]
- At one hospital surveyed by GAO, surgeries, including 15 colon surgeries, were postponed for up to 3 weeks because of trauma disruption. Hospitals rely heavily on their paying customers to reimburse them for the financial losses they incur when treating uninsured trauma victims. But, many hospital officials fear these paying patients will avoid the trauma care environment and seek services elsewhere, causing the hospital to lose revenue. [17]

INDIRECT COSTS TO PROVIDERS:

- In 1989, about 80% of gunshot and stabbing victims treated in some urban trauma centers were uninsured, underinsured, or Medicaid-eligible. [17]
- Hospitals have been forced to hire more security guards, install metal detectors, and take other safety precautions. [17]
- Some hospitals are finding it increasingly difficult to attract and retain qualified surgeons because of the effects of trauma care on physicians' income and lifestyle. [17]
- Rises in unreimbursed trauma care costs have paralleled the increases in penetrating injuries associated with crime and violence. [17]

HEALTH CARE COSTS ADDED TO THE NATION'S BILL AS A RESULT OF VIOLENCE:

- The average cost of any violent injury (fatal and nonfatal) = \$44,000 in \$1992 (Miller)
- Direct health care costs alone due to violent injuries are estimated at \$5.7 billion per year. (30)[1]
- Our health care system treats 1.5 million victims of violent crime every year, according to the National Institute of Justice. (8) [23]
- Approximately 85% of hospital costs for treatment of penetrating trauma (firearms and stabbings) are unreimbursed and subsequently cost-shifted onto the privately insured. (34a)
- Up to 30% of emergency room visits by women are the result of injuries from domestic violence, which accounts for over 1.4 million doctor visits each year. [1]

Talking Points
Crime Leadership Day
Wednesday, March 9, 1994

- **THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR OUR LEADERSHIP DAY ON THE CRIME BILL. YOUR SUPPORT IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN ENSURING THAT WE GET A TOUGH, SMART CRIME BILL TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES FEEL SAFE AGAIN.**
- **WE ASKED YOU TO COME HERE FOR A REASON: WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE LIKE YOU -- WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE WAR ON CRIME -- GET THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES YOU NEED TO WIN IT. WE KNOW WE CAN'T WIN THIS WAR FROM WASHINGTON. BUT IT'S TIME WASHINGTON GOT OFF THE SIDELINES AND STARTED GIVING YOU A HAND.**
- **OVER THE LAST DECADE, NO ISSUE HAS SEEN MORE GRIDLOCK, MORE DEMAGOGUERY, AND MORE STALLING ON BEHALF OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS THAN CRIME. IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THAT.**
- **WE HAVE STARTED BY BREAKING 7 YEARS OF GRIDLOCK ON THE BRADY BILL, WHICH IS ALREADY SHOWING RESULTS. BEFORE PASSING THE BRADY BILL, MILLIONS OF FIREARMS IN THIS COUNTRY WERE SOLD ON THE HONOR SYSTEM. NOW, WITH THE BRADY LAW, WE'RE ASKING LEGITIMATE GUN OWNERS TO WAIT 5 DAYS SO THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN CHECK TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT PUTTING GUNS IN THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS.**
- **THOSE OF YOU FROM CALIFORNIA KNOW THAT THE BRADY BILL WILL WORK. SINCE 1989, MORE THAN 20,000 SALES HAVE BEEN BLOCKED UNDER CALIFORNIA'S 15-DAY WAITING PERIOD AND BACKGROUND CHECK. AND ON THE VERY FIRST DAY THAT BRADY WENT INTO EFFECT, 9 PROHIBITED PERSONS TRIED TO BUY GUNS IN KENTUCKY AND 8 IN COLORADO -- INCLUDING TWO FELONS WITH OUTSTANDING WARRANTS, WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY THE LOCAL POLICE.**
- **PRESIDENT CLINTON WANTS TO BUILD ON BRADY AND PASS A TOUGH, SMART CRIME BILL -- A BILL THAT PUTS SOCIETY'S MOST VIOLENT OFFENDERS AWAY FOR LIFE, BUT GIVES YOUNG OFFENDERS A SECOND CHANCE BY PUTTING THEM IN BOOT CAMPS AND GIVING THEM THE DRUG TREATMENT OR JOB TRAINING THEY NEED TO TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND. HE WANTS A CRIME BILL THAT PUTS 100,000 MORE POLICE ON THE STREET IN COMMUNITY POLICING -- WORKING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS TO CATCH CRIMINALS AND PREVENT CRIME. AND HE WANTS TO BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS AND KEEP THEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF OUR CHILDREN.**

- I HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FATE OF OUR NATION'S CHILDREN AND HOW VIOLENCE INTERFERES WITH THEIR NATURAL RIGHT TO HAVE A SAFE AND HOPEFUL CHILDHOOD. AN ESTIMATED 160,000 KIDS STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL EVERY DAY BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO AFRAID TO GET THERE. THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN NOW BEING KILLED BY GUNS -- AS WELL AS USING THEM -- HAVE SKYROCKETED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. ACCORDING TO A RECENT CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND STUDY, TODAY AND EVERY DAY 13 YOUNG KIDS ARE KILLED BY GUNS. AND FROM 1985 TO 1990 THE NUMBER OF 15-YEAR OLD MALES CHARGED WITH MURDER JUMPED 217%.
- IN AMERICA'S TOUGHEST NEIGHBORHOODS, MEANEST STREETS, AND POOREST RURAL AREAS, WE HAVE SEEN A STUNNING BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND WORK -- THE HEART AND SOUL OF CIVILIZED SOCIETY. THIS HAS CREATED A VAST VACUUM INTO WHICH VIOLENCE, DRUGS AND GANGS HAVE MOVED. SO, EVEN AS WE SAY NO TO CRIME, WE MUST GIVE PEOPLE -- ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE -- SOMETHING TO SAY YES TO. AND THAT'S WHY A SMART CRIME BILL WILL INCLUDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS TARGETED TO OUR NATION'S YOUTH.
- BUT AS WE WORK TO PASS THE CRIME BILL, LET'S RECOGNIZE THAT WE ALSO HAVE TO CHANGE OUR BEHAVIOR. GOVERNMENT CAN'T SOLVE THIS PROBLEM ON ITS OWN. FAMILIES NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILDREN. INDIVIDUALS NEED TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS. AND COMMUNITIES NEED TO CHALLENGE THEIR CITIZENS TO STAND UP FOR COMMON DECENCY AND REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE UNACCEPTABLE ANYMORE. AND WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN START MAKING A DIFFERENCE.





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*Working together to reduce the violence in our society
and promote the safety and well-being of our children.*

How You Can Help Reduce the Violence

- Make a personal commitment to end violence in your family and in your community.
- Know your children's friends. Network with other parents to know where your children are and whom they are with.
- Model good communication and conflict resolution skills in your home. Reject anger or violence as a means of settling conflicts or solving problems.
- Don't own a gun. If you do, make certain that it has a trigger lock and that it is stored in a secure place where children cannot get access to it.
- Support legislation that addresses both the causes and manifestations of violence.
- Refuse to buy products made by companies whose advertising supports violent programming or violent images, and let them know about your decision.
- Find out about conflict resolution/anger management programs in your child's school. Are effective programs being used? Are teachers well trained? Are administrators supportive?
- Volunteer to mentor a child in the juvenile justice system.
- Let your children see you stand up against bigoted behavior or comments.
- Volunteer with programs providing services to survivors of violence.
- Become a member of MAVIA so that your voice and your choice strengthen those of hundreds of mothers and others across the state. Together, we can give childhood back to our children and let them dream about their futures.

**Call MAVIA, (206) 343-0676, or
(800) 897-7697, for more information.**

Mothers Against Violence in America

Because violence is destroying too many of our children, their dreams, and their futures...

It's time for an organization of mothers, working together to reduce the violence in our society and promote the safety and well-being of our children.

MAVIA Is Working to Find Solutions to Violence

Founded in December, 1993, MAVIA brings the power and perspective of mothers to the search for solutions to the epidemic of violence against and by American youth. We are mothers, fathers, students, and others concerned about this violence, which is threatening an entire generation of children. Together, we are building a strong, effective statewide network directed at protecting children from violence.

MAVIA Is Growing Community by Community

Local community and neighborhood groups, headed by volunteer leaders, provide the organizational foundation for MAVIA's statewide growth. These Satellite Groups work in schools, law enforcement, and community agencies to say loudly that the violence must stop. The mission of each Satellite Group is to assess the youth violence problems in their community, recommend solutions, and work toward making the solutions a reality.

MAVIA Helps Students Organize to Reduce Violence

MAVIA sponsors Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) chapters—student-initiated, school-based groups that empower kids to reduce the violence in their daily lives. SAVE helps kids find ways to develop their own leadership skills, create safer school communities, and promote community service. A network of MAVIA members is working with schools, PTAs, local officials, and community groups to help ensure that our children acquire these skills.

MAVIA Is Active in Specific Areas

Education MAVIA is committed to reducing violent behavior by fostering the development of strong family, school, and community skills in communication, conflict resolution, and anger management.

Family Violence Most violence against children happens in their homes, and is committed by people the children know and depend upon. MAVIA recognizes domestic violence as a significant problem and is dedicated to reducing its incidence.

Media Violence MAVIA is exploring ways in which we can exert more power in shaping the kind of programming that is produced and broadcast, both by discouraging violence and by encouraging programming that shows alternatives to violence.

Gun Violence MAVIA supports and advocates for legislation to reduce gun violence by and against children. We also promote education directed at parents about the dangers of guns in their homes and strongly encourage the use of trigger locks at all times in homes with children.

Public Policy MAVIA is working independently and in collaboration with lawmakers and other organizations to create effective and comprehensive laws that address the above issues as they relate to youth violence. When legislation on which we have taken a position is pending, we activate our phone tree to inform our members so that they can make their voices heard in state capitals or in Washington, D.C.

Won't you join us?



Mothers Against Violence in America

YES! I want to join today!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone (____) _____

Work phone (____) _____

FAX number (____) _____

I want to join in Mothers Against Violence in America at the following level:

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| ☐ Individual (\$20) | ☐ Student (\$10) |
| ☐ Family (\$35) | ☐ Supporter (\$50) |
| ☐ Senior (\$10) | ☐ Organization (\$150) |
| ☐ Angel (\$100 or more) | |
| ☐ My employer will match my gift. | |
| Company Name _____ | |

I can help in the following ways:

- ☐ Organize in my neighborhood _____
- ☐ Contact my legislator or Congressman
- ☐ Volunteer at the MAVIA Office
- ☐ Be an advisor to SAVE
- ☐ Phone call at home
- ☐ Other: Please indicate any other special interests, skills, or expertise: _____

Please make checks payable to MAVIA. MAVIA is a nonprofit organization registered with the Washington State Secretary of State (1-800-322-GIVE), and contributions are tax-deductible.

Yes, I want to join in Mothers Against Violence in America at the following level: ☒

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|--|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| ☐ Individual Membership | \$20 | ☐ Angel | \$100-\$249 |
| ☐ Family Membership | \$35 | ☐ Peacemaker | \$250-\$499 |
| ☐ Senior | \$10 | ☐ Advocate | \$500-\$999 |
| ☐ Student | \$10 | ☐ Investor | \$1000 & Over |
| ☐ Organization / Business | \$150 | | |
| ☐ My Employer will match my gift. Enclosed is a Matching Gift Form. | | | |

Company Name: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax/E-mail _____

I can help in the following ways:

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| ☐ Organize in my neighborhood: _____ | ☐ Phone call at home |
| ☐ Volunteer at the MAVIA Office | ☐ Other (Newsletter, Special Projects, etc...): _____ |
| ☐ Be an advisor to SAVE | |

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