

TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT

Staffing. I would like some relief from the 25 FTE level. The Congress has made it clear they don't believe the agency can be run responsibly at that level, and I am inclined to agree. I expect the appropriations process to give us around 60 FTE.

Review of International Drug Programs. I want to confirm that you want me to oversee all aspects of the drug control problem -- international as well as domestic. On international matters, I will work closely with Tony Lake and Warren Christopher. However, now that I'm on-board, I intend to take the reins of the Administration's review of international drug control programs, now being directed by the NSC and State. I appreciate Tony Lake and Warren Christopher beginning this review in my absence, but I view this area as one in which it is entirely appropriate for the Drug Director to take the lead. Do I have your support?

Role of Drugs in America's Foreign Relations. I very much support the foreign policy thrust of this Administration to encourage the growth of human rights and democracy abroad. This is especially important with respect to Latin America. We must be careful, however, not to so subordinate our cooperative drug control efforts to the broader goals of democracy and human rights that the effect is to increase the deadly flow of drugs coming into this country. For the average American, the presence of drugs on their streets is by far the greater immediate threat to their security than abstract, albeit important, principles.

President's Role. One of my priorities is to focus the public's attention on what this Administration is doing to make our streets safer and keep drugs away from our children. Can I count on you to help me by making 2-3 drug-related appearances (e.g, visiting with me a neighborhood made safer by community policing, or a Federally-funded drug treatment center) over the next few months?

1994 Budget. I have some real concerns about the 1994 budget developed by OMB. It has been criticized as being too similar to the Bush budgets, yet it also makes politically unwise cuts in law enforcement programs near and dear to key members of Congress (i.e, cuts DeConcini pets Border Patrol, Customs, BLM). Although I have no intention of publicly criticizing the budget, I would like to have the flexibility to indicate to the Congress where I think adjustments should be made.

OMB Drug Policy Review. I understand OMB has been working on a major review of drug policy and drug programs. The product of this

review, in which numerous outside individuals and organizations have been consulted, will be a set of recommendations on which programs should be increased and which should be reduced. I view such a review as the responsibility of my office, and a part of the Strategy development process. Moreover, it sends a message that in this Administration, budget will drive policy. I don't think that's how it should work. I would like to subsume this review into the Strategy process.

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