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MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF OF STAFF *MB 7/23*
THRU: JOHN CARNEVALE *JC*
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FROM: BARBARA T. ROBERTS *BR*
SUBJECT: ONDCP STATEMENT FOR SUBMISSION IN THE OFFICE OF
NATIONAL AIDS POLICY PLAN

The following statement has been drafted for inclusion in the Office of National AIDS Policy Plan. The finalized version of the Plan is due to go to press this evening. Ricia McMahon has read and given feedback on this statement:

STATEMENT

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy is a partner with the Office of National Strategy for HIV and AIDS Policy. This partnership between offices results from efforts to develop strategies to effectively counter the problems of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS, and the devastating consequences caused by the interlink between two conditions that have contributed to the destruction of so many American lives. To this end, the theme of the 1996 ONDCP Strategy is "Reducing Drug Use and Its Consequences in America." The five goals of this Strategy are:

1. Motivate America's youth to reject illegal drugs and substance abuse.
2. Increase the safety of America's citizens by substantially reducing drug-related crime and violence.
3. Reduce health, welfare, and crime costs resulting from illegal drug use.

4. Shield America's air, land, and sea frontiers from the drug threat.
5. Break foreign and domestic drug sources of supply.

There are 2.⁷₆ million chronic drug users who are at high risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. Chronic drug users also engage in sexual behaviors that put them at high risk for contracting and spreading sexually transmitted diseases. Reducing the number of chronic addicts, and accompanying risks behaviors, has been determined as critical to the mission of ONDCP.

ONDCP has the regulatory responsibility to coordinate the policies, objectives, priorities and budgets of 52 Federal agencies including many agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The ONDCP director can decertify an budget if it fails to comply in implementing ~~the~~ goals as specified by the President and ONDCP. *Drug Policy*

This Office will continue to work collaboratively with the AIDS Policy Office and other Federal, state and community agencies and services to reverse the devastation caused to Americans by these scourges.

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