

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JERRY JONES

SUBJECT:

Administrator of Drug Enforcement,
Drug Enforcement Administration,
Department of Justice.

Attached for your signature is the nomination document for John R. Bartels, Jr., of New York, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration in the Department of Justice. This is a new position created under Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1973.

Mr. Bartels is currently serving as Deputy Director/Deputy Special Assistant Attorney General, Office for Drug Abuse Law Enforcement, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

All necessary checks have been completed.

Announced by the President + the Press Office: 9/11/73
To Senate: 9/12/73

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JOHN R. BARTELS, JR.
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Deputy Special Assistant Attorney General
Office for Drug Abuse Law Enforcement
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DOB: 27 Nov. 1934
Married, 5 children

Home Telephone: 914-424-3266

Education: B. A., Harvard College 1952-1956 (Government)
Certificate, University of Munich 1956-1957
LL. B., Harvard Law School 1957-1960

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Academic honors included Magna Cum Laude degree from Harvard,
Fullbright Scholarship and Konrad Adenauer Scholarship.

Professional Career: 1972-present -- Deputy Director/Deputy Special
Assistant Attorney General, Office for Drug Abuse
Law Enforcement, Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.
1971-1972 -- General Counsel, New York State Study Commission
for New York City (studying the broad range of
governmental operations in New York City).
1969-1971 -- Chief, New Jersey Organized Crime Strike Force,
Department of Justice, Newark, N. J.
1968-1969 -- Private practice with the firm of Arps, Slate,
Meagher and Flom, New York City.
1964-1968 -- Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District
of New York, New York City.
1961-1964 -- Private practice with the firm of Webster, Sheffield
and Christie, New York City.

Awards received have included: The Department of Justice Special
Commendation Award for Distinguished Service 1970; Man of the
Year Award for 1971, Federal Criminal Investigator's Association.

Admission to the Bar: First admitted in the State of New York in
December 1961. Also admitted in the United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit and the United States District Courts for the
Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and for the District of
New Jersey.

JOHN R. BARTELS, JR.

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Bartles has held his present position since 1972, immediately before which he served as General Counsel to the New York State Study Commission for New York City. From 1969 to 1971, he was Chief of the Justice Department's New Jersey Organized Crime Strike Force.

He has also engaged in the private practice of law in New York City, and from 1964 to 1968 was Assistant U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York (New York City).

Bartels holds an A. B. (Magna Cum Laude) and an LL. B. from Harvard, a certificate from the University of Munich, and was a Fulbright and Adenauer Scholar.

He is 38 years old, married with five children, and was the recipient of the Department of Justice Special Commendation Award for Distinguished Service (1970), and the Federal Criminal Investigators' Association Man of the Year Award (1971).

JOHN R. BARTELS, JR.

Born:	11-27-1934	Brooklyn, New York
Legal Residence:		New York
Marital Status:	Married	5 children
Education:	1952--56	Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass B.A. degree, magna cum laude
	1956--57	University of Munich, Germany Certificate
	1957--60	Harvard Law School, LL.B. degree
Bar:	1961	New York
Employment:	1960--1964	Webster, Sheffield, Fleishmann, Hitchcock & Chrystie New York City Associate
	1964--1968	Department of Justice Assistant U. S. Attorney New York, Southern District
	1968--1969	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom New York City - Associate
	4/69--10/71	Department of Justice Criminal Div., Organized Crime and Racketeering Section Brooklyn, N. Y.; Newark, N. J. Trial Attorney
	10/71--2/72	State Study Committee of New York City - General Counsel
	2/72--present	Department Of Justice Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement Washington, D.C. - Deputy Director for Field Operations
	7/1/73 designated	Acting Administrator for Drug Enforcement Administration
Office:	Department of Justice 10th & Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530	
Home:	Canopus Hill Road Garrison, New York 10524	
Political Affiliation:	unknown	
Present Position:	ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT	



Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D. C. 20530

September 11, 1973

My dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of John R. Bartels, Jr., of New York, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement vice a new position created by Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1973, dated March 28, 1973.

Mr. Bartels was born November 27, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York, is married and has five children. He received a B.A. degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard College in 1956 and an LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1960. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1961.

He was associated with the law firm of Webster, Sheffield, Fleishmann, Hitchcock and Chrystie in New York City from 1960 to 1964; from 1964 to 1968 he was an Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, Department of Justice; and from 1968 to 1969 he practiced law with the firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom of New York City. In 1969 he returned to the Department of Justice as a trial attorney in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division, in Brooklyn, New York, and later Newark, New Jersey; then in October of 1971 he resigned to be General Counsel for the State Study Committee of New York City where he remained until February of 1972. Since that time he has been with the Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., as Deputy Director for Field Operations. He was designated Acting Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, effective July, 1973, and is presently serving in that capacity.

Mr. Bartels bears an excellent reputation as to character and integrity, and is well qualified, I believe, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

The President

The White House

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE
TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES TO STREET CRIME CONFERENCE

THE EAST ROOM

AT 11:02 A.M. EDT

Ladies and gentlemen:

I am very happy to welcome you all to the East Room of the White House and to welcome you to this Conference. As you can imagine, the responsibilities of whoever is President of this country often include welcoming various groups and each one, I am sure, believes that it is the most important group ever to come to the White House. Yours very well might be. I say this to others, too, though, I want you to know. (Laughter)

But the point is that we consider that this trip that you have taken was necessary. We want you to return to your cities, to your counties, to your States, feeling that it was worthwhile and that it was not just one of those junkets where people gather together in Washington, talk about a problem and then go home and continue to do just what you have always been doing in dealing with that problem.

Incidentally, what most of you have been doing in many areas has been the right thing. What we are trying to do here is to bring together the experts in the field to get their ideas to you and to get from you, from the grass roots, your ideas, so that throughout this country we can have a program in dealing with drug abuse which will be more effective than the one we presently have.

Now my views on this subject, I think, are pretty well known to most of you here in this group. Let me tell you how they developed.

When I came into office in that first year 1969, before the nation was the problem of drug abuse as a very, very serious problem, and in a press conference I referred to drug addiction as Public Enemy No. 1 in this nation and that therefore it should have the very highest priority within the Federal Government, as well as in State and local governments in dealing with that problem.

And then various people came to see me to talk about the problem and to tell me how to attack it and it was interesting to find the different approaches. There were some who said the real problem is the source or the supply. If we can just cut off the supply, particularly of hard drugs, heroin, then that means that we will lick the problem, because if we don't have the supply rolling into this country, they will not be able to get it and that means that you will not have the drug addiction.

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So we have been working on the supply side and working very, very effectively. You know the success of our program with regard to Turkey -- Ambassador Handley incidentally is here today who is now working on this problem -- but not only in Turkey, but in our relations with France and a number of other countries we have dramatically cut the source of supply of hard drugs flowing into the United States. We still have a lot to do and this will still have a very high priority within the Administration.

A second group who discussed this problem came in to see me back in the year 1969 and said, "Now the supply problem is, of course, very, very important and we are glad you are working on it. But the real way to get at this is through law enforcement. What we need are stiffer penalties, what we need are more individuals who can go out and deal with the pushers and the others in a more effective way and if we can just get the law enforcement tools and the law enforcement personnel, we can turn around the drug problem in the United States."

And so, we moved in the law enforcement front. And we have moved very, very heavily and very effectively at the Federal level and we have had cooperation from States and local governments in that respect. And those in law enforcement -- and I have met with many of them, in New York, in Texas, in California, here in the District of Columbia very, very often -- those in law enforcement, many of them, feel that theirs is the most important aspect of this problem.

And then a third area was brought to my attention very, very effectively when Dr. Jaffe came aboard and that was it isn't the source -- that is important, yes -- or law enforcement, but the real way to get a handle on this problem is through treatment, treatment of those who become addicted.

So we went into a treatment program, one that is not as spectacular as law enforcement and one that is not as spectacular as picking up a big supply of heroin when it comes into the United States, and there have been some very spectacular achievements in that respect, but one which is enormously important. And it is interesting to note, and I am glad that we had the opportunity to note, as this Conference begins, that two-thirds of the three-quarters of a billion dollars that we are spending at the Federal level in the treatment of the drug problem goes to the treatment problem rather than the others that I have mentioned.

That indicates our sense of priorities and also indicates the needs. It doesn't mean that we are not spending as much as we think we need to cut off the source of supply, that is well funded. It doesn't mean that we are not spending as much as we think we should in the field of law enforcement, but it does mean that on the treatment side there needed to be an enormous push given and that is why at the present time, as we look at the amount that is being spent by the Federal Government, it is 10 times as much as it was four years and a half ago when we began these programs.

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And then finally, there are others who call on the President and his associates and say, now all these things you are doing are very, very important, but in the final analysis you have got to stop the demand and the way to stop the demand is to educate people and so you have noted the educational program, the programs that you have in your cities and in your counties, also the programs in which the National Advertising Council, the Football Association and the others, run their various advertisements to try to educate particularly young people with regard to the dangers in the whole field of hard drugs.

So let me summarize briefly what our program is. I could summarize it in terms that we are spending 10 times as much money. I could summarize it in terms of the fact that drug addiction is down. We have turned the corner on drug addiction in the United States, haven't solved the problem, because we have a long way to go. There is a long road after turning that corner before we get to our goal of getting it really under control, but we have turned the corner. The numbers, the statistics, are beginning to be better.

Take for example drug related crime in New York City, Washington, D.C., two cities which we followed very, very closely. There has been a reduction. But as we look at the whole situation, what we all have to understand is that like any problem as serious as this, it is not enough to attack it just on one front, your front, the one that you think is important. It must be attacked on all fronts, and in this case that is exactly what we are doing.

We place therefore, great emphasis upon the need to continue to cut off the source of supply from foreign countries, of heroin and other hard drugs flowing into this country. We intend to continue to strengthen our law enforcement capacity and we urge you at local government to do likewise, to deal with those who are the pushers and those who start people on the long road, the disastrous road of drug addiction.

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We intend to continue the program of treatment in which so many of you are interested, and we intend to continue in our program of education, but finally, it all comes down to the individual.

In this room are judges, law enforcement officials, educators and other officials from all over the United States, and you would not be here if all we were talking about and the results of your work were simply turning around the statistics in this field.

You are here because you care about one person, one young boy, one young girl, maybe a teen-ager, who but for what you did or will do in the years ahead could become addicted to drugs; and not only become addicted to drugs, possibly then going from there into a life of crime.

If what you do and if as a result of this conference we are able to save one of those individuals, this conference is worthwhile, and we would like all of you to think that way. I would like for you to, because I think of each of you in the work that you do, whether it is in stopping the source of supply, whether it is in the field of education, whether it is in the field of enforcing the law, or whether it is in the field of treatment, I consider each of you individually, indispensable to this total program.

Now, the program has one of those public relations names, it is called Outreach, a very good name; and we are outreaching, certainly, in order to deal with this problem. Each of you plays an enormously important role, and for that reason I want you to know that the whole country is in your debt. We are going to win this battle. We have turned the corner, but having turned the corner, we are going to go on down this road until the whole nation realizes that drug addiction in the United States is under control.

So with that, I conclude my part in the program and turn over the balance of it to the experts from whom you will hear. Dr. DuPont, who is the Director of our Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, will follow me on the platform, and John Bartels, who will be nominated to be the Director of Drug Enforcement Administration within the Federal Government will also be on your program today. Ambassador Handley, I know will also be addressing you, and a number of other experts from the State and local level.

So thank you for coming to this conference. I suppose when I said -- used the word this "trip" was necessary, that could be taken in a number of ways. (Laughter.) Let me say, as a result of the trip you have taken to Washington, we know that many young people in this country will not be taking unhappy trips to other places through other means in the future.

Thank you.

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(AT 11:15 A.M. EDT.)

SEPTEMBER 11, 1973

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate John R. Bartels, Jr., of Garrison, New York, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement. This is a new position created by Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1973 which established a Drug Enforcement Administration in the Department of Justice. Since 1972, he has served as Deputy Director for Field Operations and Deputy Special Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice.

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He is the recipient of the Department of Justice Special Commendation Award for Distinguished Service (1970) and the Federal Criminal Investigators' Association Man of the Year Award (1971).

He is married to the former Marian Thro. They have five children and reside in Washington, D.C.

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