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By Former Speaker Jim Wright
January 10, 1999

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Oh, faults for sure! And they well-publicized. But we were never blind to these when we thought he could help our country in its troubles. And help us he surely has!

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He and Vice President Gore promised to reduce the federal bureaucracy. Critics scoffed in cynical disbelief. But they've done it. There are fewer federal employees.

Concerned over the plight of the working poor, Clinton swore to raise the minimum wage and pursue policies that create more jobs for people cast off by corporate downsizing, mergers and globalization. At least partly as result of his efforts, employment numbers are higher than ever in American history. Unemployment has been lower - for longer - than ever before!

Bill Clinton, on balance, has made good on his word to the American people. In the big things. The things related to his job. In his contract with us.

Some who now clamor for the president's public humiliation on grounds of lying have been out to destroy his presidency since he first took office. A persistent remnant have accused him of assorted crimes from day one. They tried to prosecute him legally over Whitewater, over poor Vince Foster's suicide, over personnel files, over replacing travel office employees, over campaign donations.

No president in my personal recollection has been so relentlessly hounded and verbally abused as has Bill Clinton. Newt Gingrich called him and his first lady "enemies of normal Americans." Dan Burton refers to the president as a "scumbag." Dick Armey says ungentlemanly things about Mrs. Clinton. A cottage industry floods the Internet with outrageous accusations implicating Mr. Clinton personally in the deaths of countless individuals. Trent Lott accused the president of ordering military action against Iraq for partisan political purposes.

Clinton has not responded to any of these in kind. He has been patient, gentlemanly, restrained, rising above the scatological level of almost unbearable personal calumny. Even now, he continues working steadily, daily, on the public business to which his oath of office commits him.

Is all this not a decent example for our children? A worthy lesson in public civility and good manners? Clinton has been consistently gentle and generous with even his most strident critics. Bigger than vengeance. Never overbearing in victory. Last year in a White House ceremony, he awarded the Medal of Freedom to his recent presidential opponent, Bob Dole.

To those who insist justice will not be done until Bill Clinton is publicly punished, let me ask: Do you really suppose he hasn't been punished, probably more hurtfully than we can imagine? Harassed for five years by a prosecutor with a huge staff and unlimited public funds. Bled dry financially and driven deeply into debt in his own legal defense. Publicly embarrassed by daily recitations to all the nation of his most private sins? Now publicly condemned and formally IMPEACHED by the House! Just how many pounds of flesh must we demand?

Bill Clinton is imperfect. But he has been a good president. I marvel at his and Hillary Clinton's physical endurance and mental stability. And I wonder how anyone other than a fool, a saint, or a masochist would ever want to be our president.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 1/14/99

NOTE FOR: James Carville

The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you
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Thank you.

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January 14, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL WALDMAN *MW*

SUBJECT: ATTACHED STATE OF THE UNION DRAFT

Here is a redraft of the State of the Union Address. It reflects your edits from Wednesday afternoon -- and extensive cuts. This involved extensive work from Bob Shrum, Mark Penn, Sidney Blumenthal, Bruce Reed, Gene Sperling, and the speechwriters (Jeff Shesol, June Shih, Paul Glastris, Jordan Tamagni, Lowell Weiss).

The foreign policy section will be delivered later on Thursday.

We cut at least 3000 words out of the last draft. It is still too long (if delivered, it would be about 15-20 minutes over). But we are definitely getting there.

We dropped some policies. For example, we deleted the "digital library." We will have to delete some more to slim the speech down further.

Some questions include:

- ✓ - truncating or dropping the discussion of immigration
- ✓ - shortening the foreign policy section
- policies to drop or dramatically shorten

We will see you tomorrow (Thursday).

Yes can cut to 9 minutes



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H.E. Mr. William J. CLINTON
President of the United States of America

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the government, people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I would like to express my thanks to Your Excellency, the government and people of the United States of America for your warmest congratulations on the occasion of our National Day, December 2.

I fully share your hope that, in the coming year, the existing cooperation on various issues between the Lao PDR and the United States of America, as well as our bilateral trade and economic relations will be further developed for the benefits of our two peoples.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Vientiane, December 15, 1998

Khamtay SIPHANDONE

President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic



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No. 471 /ALW-98

The Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic in Washington, D.C. presents its compliments to the Department of State, Office of Protocol and has the honor to convey the message of H.E. Mr. Khamtay Siphandone, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America.

The Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State, Office of Protocol the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C. December 21, 1998



Department of State,
Office of Protocol
Room 1238
Washington, DC 20520-1238

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TURKISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the US Department of State and has the honor to enclose herewith a New Years greeting card from His Excellency Suleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey, addressed to The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America.

The Embassy would appreciate the Department's kind assistance in forwarding this greeting card to its High Destination.

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the US Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure

January 11, 1999



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Is NSC for reply?
Yes ☒ No ☐

US Department of State
Washington, DC

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*Let us not forget that the
Black Sea which
divided our peoples in the
past now binds them together
into a shared political vision
of democratic interdependence.
This creates a golden
opportunity that should
not be missed.*



Summit Meeting of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Yalta, 5 June 1998

With Best Wishes For The New Year

S. Demirel

Süleyman DEMİREL
The President

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Ankara



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
Washington, D.C. 20503

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January 13, 1999

Dear Mr. President:

The attached two documents summarize the Administration's progress toward the goal of a fifty percent reduction in drug use within a ten-year timeframe. As you can see, over the last three years we have made substantial headway on a number of critical fronts, including educating children, and reducing the supply of drugs in the hemisphere.

While much work remains to be done, we have a tremendous opportunity to build a legacy of success against a drug threat that kills over 14,000 Americans annually, and costs our society over \$110 billion in social costs each year. Our continued progress will pay tremendous dividends -- human, economic and social -- to the American people.

Look forward to continuing to work this issue with you. Would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the upcoming *1999 National Drug Control Strategy*.

Very respectfully,


Barry R. McCaffrey
Director

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Thanks for your leadership
and support.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
Washington, D.C. 20503

THE NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY
PROGRESS REPORT

Educating Children, Preventing Drug Use -- The National Youth Media Campaign

- Campaign's aggressive goal was to reach 90% of target audiences 4 times per week, currently the Campaign is reaching 94% of target audience 7 times a week.
- Help calls to the Clearinghouse for anti-drug information are up 300% since the campaign's initiation.
- We see over 766,000 hits/month on the campaign's Internet sites; before the Campaign we averaged 33,000 hits/month.
- Media match of federal expenditures exceeds 100% -- more than dollar-for-dollar.

Securing America's Borders -- the Southwest Border

- The 2,000 mile border with Mexico is the world's busiest border; this open exchange greatly benefits both nations (1997, US merchandise exports to Mexico equal \$71.4 billion).
- The Southwest border remains the primary entry point for drugs into the United States; recent federal efforts have produced only marginal gains.
- Improving anti-drug efforts at the border is vital to both reducing the availability of drugs in America and safeguarding our economic and political relationship with Mexico.

Closing the Treatment Gap -- Insurance Parity for Substance Abuse

- For *de minimus* (0.2%) increase in the average insurance premium we can immediately make progress toward providing access to treatment to 4.1 million people up from 1.7 million.
- Initiative will pay for itself. For example, savings in incarceration costs: potentially up to 2.4 million addicted criminals will go into treatment and out of drugs/crime cycle at a possible savings of \$260,000 per person.

Breaking the Cycle of Drugs and Crime -- Prisons and Drugs

- Prisoners who get treatment have 73% lower recidivism rate.
- Treatment is more cost effective than the average \$125,000 -- 5 year prison term.
- Efforts to break cycle of drugs and crime will pay for themselves through reductions in prison costs, social costs associated with drugs and crime (over \$110 billion per year), and through the money no longer wasted on purchase of drugs (over \$57 billion per year).

Reducing the Population of Chronically Addicted

- One-quarter of all drug users (the chronically addicted), use upwards of two-thirds of all the illegal drugs consumed in America. This addict population also drives drug-related crime rates.
- Expanding their access to treatment programs (to include methadone and LAAM) will help addicts become drug-free, reduce crime, and substantially reduce America's demand for drugs.

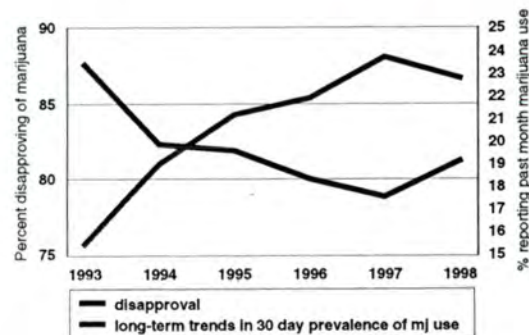
Breaking the Sources of Supply -- Andean Ridge

- From 1994 to 1998, Peruvian coca cultivation down 56% from 108,600 hectares to 51,000 hectares.
- From 1994 to 1998, Bolivian coca cultivation down 28% from 48,100 hectares to 38,000 hectares.

Providing the Resources and Programs to Make a Difference -- Budget and Performance Measures

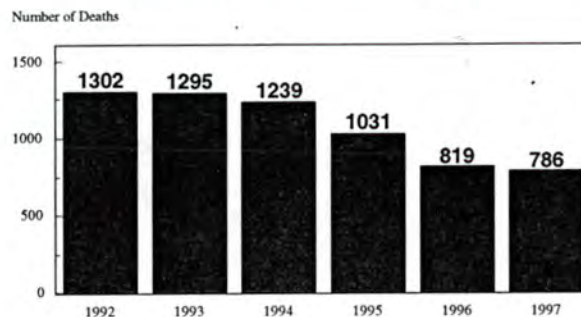
- Since 1995, the Administration's counter-drug budget has increased from \$13.2 billion to \$17.8 billion in 1999. We have invested an almost 40% increase in drug prevention and a 17% increase in drug treatment.
- The Administration's Performance Measures of Effectiveness System will provide greater accountability in our anti-drug programs, and ensure that the rate of current drug use drops below 3% -- which would be the lowest level in modern-day history.

Youth attitudes determine youth marijuana use.
The case of 12th graders.



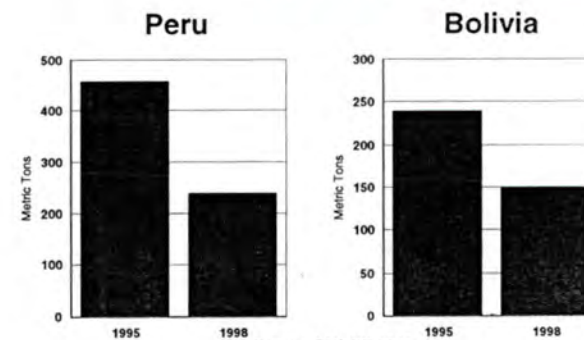
Source: 1998 Monitoring the Future Study.

Drug related murders continue to decline.
Murders related to narcotic drug laws.



Source: FBI, Uniform Crime Reports.

Cocaine Production in Peru and Bolivia has Declined Dramatically
1995 to 1998



Source: ONDCP 1999

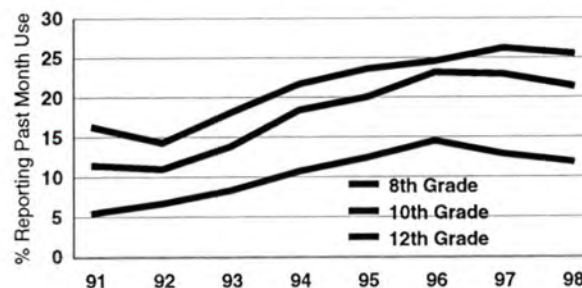
ONDCP: The Administration's Anti-Drug Policy is Working

Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign Exceeding Expectations

- Reach and Frequency:
 - ▶ GOAL -- 90% target audience 4/ a week
 - ▶ STATUS -- 95% target audience 7/ a week
- Calls to ONDCP for information --
 - ▶ Up 300% since campaign initiation
- Internet
 - ▶ Hits per month on campaign sites up over 2000 %

Source: ONDCP 1999

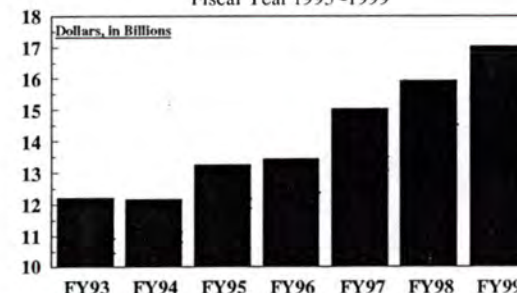
Youth drug use has decreased.
Past month use of any illicit drug.



Source: 1998 Monitoring the Future Study.

Federal Counterdrug Spending
Has Increased.

Fiscal Year 1993 -1999



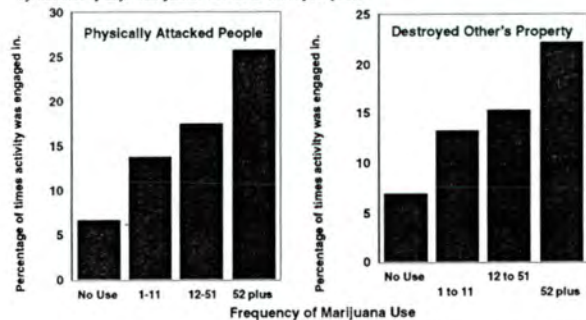
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Source: OMB, 1999

ONDCP, 13 January 1999

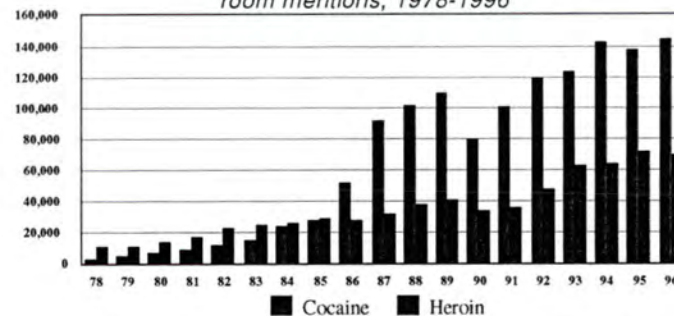
Aggressive anti-social behavior is clearly linked to marijuana use

Percentage of those ages 12 to 17 who reported aggressive behavior in past 6 months, by number of days marijuana was used in the past year



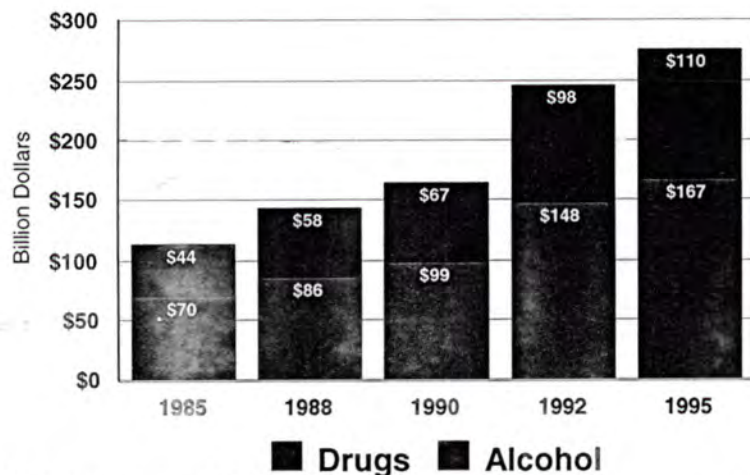
The Health Impact of Drug Abuse: 4.1 Million Addicts Getting Older and Sicker

Cocaine and heroin hospital emergency room mentions, 1978-1996

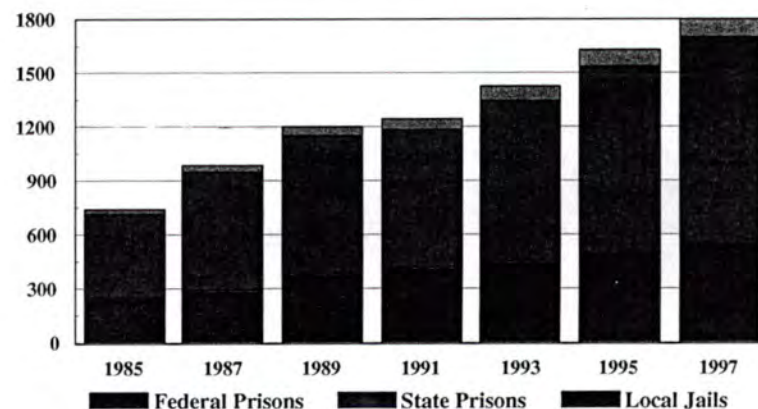


But We Still Have a Challenge.

The social costs of drug and alcohol abuse are increasing.



1.8 Million Americans are incarcerated: an all-time high.



Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, December 22, 1998

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Leaders announce appointees to religious freedom commission

WASHINGTON—Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia today announced their appointments of individuals to serve on the U.S. Commission on International Freedom.

Lott named former Senator Bill Armstrong of Colorado and former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations John Bolton. Gingrich designated Elliott Abrams, former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations as well as for Human Rights, and Nina Shea, director of the Center for Religious Freedom in Washington, D.C.

In announcing the appointments, the Republican congressional leaders affirmed their strong support for the work of the commission, created at the end of the 105th Congress by Public Law 105-292, to monitor religious persecution and ensure appropriate response from the U.S. government.

"Today we appoint to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom four distinguished individuals whose commitment to human rights will be a beacon in the dark night of persecution," Lott and Gingrich said. "We make this announcement jointly as an expression of our strong interest in, and support for, the commission, and our intention that its defense of religious liberty must be an integral element of American foreign policy."

"By these appointments, we serve notice upon those rulers who have on their hands the blood of martyrs: The United States of America has heard the cry of the oppressed and will no longer turn away from their suffering."

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January 4, 1999

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

On August 11, 1997, you graciously invited the members of the National Commission on the Fulbright Scholarship Program to the White House to present to you, Secretary Albright, Secretary Riley and Dr. Joseph Duffey our findings and recommendations emanating from the year-long analysis of this splendid program. I thank you once more for the audience on behalf of so many thousands of students and faculty members from all over the world.

* I write now to request respectfully that in your budget deliberations please increase the appropriation to this worthwhile program by \$5,000,000 per year not only to insure its continuation but to substantially energize the program as a major part of the foreign policy of our country.

* Such an appropriation would enable Lee Williams and his fellow members of the Fulbright Scholars Board to bring new vitality to this student and faculty exchange and vastly improve the morale of those who have worked so hard to make this program the success it has been in international relations.

We would be most grateful for this manifestation of personal support and approval. I assure you that every dollar will be applied intelligently and efficiently to enhance and improve the scholarly exchange so greatly needed by our country today.

Cordially,

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William Friday

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Subject: Encloses Letter and Report from National Bioethics Advisory Commission, "Research Involving Persons with Mental Disorders That May Affect Decisionmaking Capacity (Draft Reply Enclosed by Dr. Lane)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1999

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NEAL LANE *Neal*
SUBJECT: National Bioethics Advisory Commission Report, "Research Involving Persons with Mental Disorders That May Affect Decisionmaking Capacity"

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Harold Shapiro, chairman of your National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) has delivered their report, *Research Involving Persons with Mental Disorders That May Affect Decisionmaking Capacity* (Tab A). The report sets parameters for conducting ethically acceptable research on human subjects who have diminished capacity for decisionmaking due to mental disorders, and addresses the adequacy of federal regulatory protections for these subjects. NBAC made 21 recommendations in the following five areas: review bodies; research design; informed consent and capacity; categories of research; and surrogate decisionmaking.

I plan to ask the Committee on Science of the National Science and Technology Council to review the report. The NSTC agencies that conduct research with human subjects will provide formal comments to us about the recommendations in the report, including their views on implementation of the recommendations, within 90 days. Based on the comments received, we will decide what, if any, further action will be taken.

A draft interim response to Dr. Shapiro is attached (Tab B) for your consideration.

Attachment(s)

Tab A NBAC Report and Transmittal Letter

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

DRAFT

January 13, 1999

Dr. Harold Shapiro
Chair
National Bioethics Advisory Commission
6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01
Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508

Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Thank you for submitting the National Bioethics Advisory Commission report, *Research Involving Persons with Mental Disorders That May Affect Decisionmaking Capacity*. Your report illuminates a fundamental principle of our research enterprise: ensuring that research on people is done in an ethically acceptable manner requires that the rights and welfare of all human subjects, particularly those that are more vulnerable, be protected.

I have asked Dr. Neal Lane, my Science Advisor, to ensure that all agencies that conduct research with human subjects review the report and respond to the recommendations of the Commission. He will keep you apprised of the progress of the review and deliberations on next steps.

I thank you and the Commissioners for your hard work and thoughtful consideration of a difficult and important problem.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton