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Transmittal Letter

SUBJECT: **REVISED** Proposed Draft Bill: Enhanced Prosecution of Dangerous
Juvenile Offenders Act

DEADLINE: 10am Monday, December 18, 1995

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, OMB requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President.

Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the "Pay-As-You-Go" revisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

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Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed is a legislative proposal to amend the federal juvenile delinquency statutes, 18 U.S.C. § 5031 et seq., to facilitate the vigorous prosecution of serious juvenile offenders.

The legislation I am transmitting today is intended to respond to the critical problem of youth violence by dramatically strengthening the federal laws which can be used to deal with certain serious juvenile offenders who fall within federal jurisdiction. While, as with most crime, it is the States that must shoulder the bulk of the burden with respect to violent juvenile offenders, the Federal Government has the responsibility to assure that its laws represent an effective and contemporary framework for protecting the public safety.

In this regard, current federal law is outmoded and inadequate. While rehabilitation must remain an important and dominant goal for most federal juvenile offenders, our statutes need to be amended to better address the small but highly dangerous and growing number of juvenile offenders whose criminal records or offenses are so serious that they have forfeited the right to lenient treatment and must, like adults, receive swift and certain punishment as well as prison sentences that will ensure the public's safety.

This legislation will accomplish this objective. The proposed legislation would afford prosecutors the discretion to determine whether or not a juvenile offender should be prosecuted as an adult criminal or as a juvenile delinquent. This system, in force in several States, will greatly simplify current, cumbersome procedures by eliminating the need for time-consuming judicial hearings and interlocutory appellate review. In addition, the proposed bill toughens federal law, by adding certain serious drug and firearms offenses to the list of serious offenses for which juveniles can be tried as adults, and by increasing the time for which juveniles adjudicated delinquent

for serious misconduct may be confined.

We urge early consideration and enactment of this important legislation. The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection from the standpoint of the Administration's program to the presentation of this legislative proposal.

Sincerely,

Andrew Fois
Assistant Attorney General

Now it is time to look to the challenges of today and tomorrow. America was built on challenges, not promises. Challenges we have lived up to from our birth to the present day. When we work together, we never fail. That is the key to a more perfect union: our individual dreams must be realized by our common efforts.

Tonight, I want to speak about the challenges we face as a people.

Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen the American family.

Families are the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger nation.

Strong families begin with taking more responsibility for our children. It is hard to be a parent today; but it is even harder to be a kid. All of us -- our businesses, our parents, our media, our schools, our teachers, our communities, and government -- have a responsibility to help children make it.

To the media: I say you should create movies, CDs and television shows you would want your own children and grandchildren to enjoy. I call on Congress to pass the requirement for a "V" chip in TV sets, so parents can screen out programs which they believe are inappropriate for their younger children. When parents control what their children see, that's not censorship. That's enabling parents to assume more responsibility for their children. And I urge them to do it. The "V Chip" requirement is part of the telecommunications bill now pending. It has bipartisan support, and I urge you to pass it now.

To make the "V Chip" work, I challenge the broadcast industry do what movies have done, rate your programming to help parents protect their children.

I invite the leaders of major media corporations and the entertainment industry to come to the White House next month to work with us on concrete ways to improve what our children see on television. I am ready to work with you.

I say to those who produce and market cigarettes: Every year, a million children take up smoking; 300,000 of them will have their lives shortened as a result. My administration has taken steps to stop the massive marketing campaign that appeals to our children. We are saying: Market your products to adults, if you wish -- but draw the line on children.

I say to those on welfare: For too long, our welfare system has undermined the values of family and work, instead of supporting them. Congress and I are near agreement on sweeping welfare reform. We agree on time limits, tough work requirements, and the toughest possible child support enforcement. But we must also provide child care so

mothers can go to work without worrying about their children. So I challenge Congress: Send me a bipartisan welfare reform that will really move people from welfare to work and do right by our children, and I will sign it.

But passing a law is only the first step. The next step is to make it work. I challenge people on welfare to make the most of this opportunity for independence. And I challenge American business to give them the chance. We applaud the work of church and community groups that care for the poor. More than anyone else, they know the difficulty of this task, and are in a position to help. Every one of us should join with them.

To strengthen the family, we must do everything we can to keep the teen pregnancy rate going down. It is still far too high. Tonight I am pleased to announce that a group of prominent Americans is responding to that challenge by forming an organization that will support grass roots community efforts in a national campaign against teen pregnancy. And I challenge every American to join them.

I call on American men and women to respect one another. We must end the deadly scourge of domestic violence. I challenge America's families to stay together.

In particular, I challenge fathers to love and care for their children. If your family has separated, you must pay your child support. We are doing more than ever to make sure you do, and we are going to do more. But let's admit: A check will never be a substitute for a father's love and guidance, and only you can make the decision to help raise your children -- no matter who you are, it is your most basic human duty.

Our second Challenge is to provide Americans with the educational opportunities we need for a new century.

Every classroom in America must be connected to the information superhighway, with computers, good software, and well-trained teachers. We are working with the telecommunications industry, educators and parents to connect 20% of the classrooms in California by this spring, and every classroom and library in America by the year 2000. I ask Congress to support our education technology initiative to make this national partnership successful.

Every diploma ought to mean something. I challenge every community, school and state to adopt national standards of excellence, measure whether schools are meeting those standards, cut red tape so that schools have more flexibility for grassroots reforms, and hold them accountable for results by embracing our Goals 2000 initiative.

I challenge every state to give all parents the right to choose which public school their children attend, and let teachers form new schools with a charter they can keep only if they do a good job.

I challenge all schools to teach character education: good values, and good citizenship. And if it means teenagers will stop killing each other over gang jackets, then public schools should be able to require school uniforms.

I challenge parents to be their children's first teachers. Turn off the TV. See that the homework gets done. Visit your children's classroom.

Today, higher education is more important than ever before. We have created a new student loan program that has made it easier to borrow and repay loans; and dramatically cut the student loan default rate. Through AmeriCorps, our national service program, this year 25,000 students will earn college money by serving in their communities. These initiatives are right for America; we should keep them going.

And we should open the doors to college even wider. I challenge Congress to expand work study and help one million young Americans work their way through college by the year 2000; to provide a \$1,000 merit scholarship for the top five percent of graduates in every high school; to expand Pell Grant scholarships for deserving students; and again, to make up to \$10,000 a year of college tuition tax deductible.

Our third challenge is to help every American achieve economic security.

People who work hard still need support to get ahead in the new economy: Education and training for a lifetime, more support for families raising children, retirement security, and access to health care.

More and more Americans are finding that the education of their childhood simply does not last a lifetime. I challenge Congress to consolidate 70 overlapping job training programs into a simple voucher worth \$2,600 for unemployed or underemployed workers to use for community college tuition or other training. Pass this GI Bill for America's Workers.

More and more Americans are working hard without a raise. Congress sets the minimum wage. Within a year, the minimum wage will fall to a 40-year low in purchasing power. \$4.25 an hour is not a living wage. But millions of Americans and their children are trying to live on it. I challenge you to raise their minimum wage.

In 1993, Congress cut the taxes of 15 million hard-pressed working families, to make sure no parent who worked full-time would have to raise their children in poverty. This expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is now worth about \$1,800 a year to a family of four living on \$20,000. The budget bill I vetoed would have reversed this achievement, and raised taxes on nearly 8 million of these people. We must not do that.

We need a tax credit for working families with children. That's one thing most of us can agree on. And it should be part of any final budget agreement.

I challenge every business that can possibly afford it to provide pensions for their employees, and I challenge Congress to pass a proposal recommended by the White House Conference on Small Business, that would make it easier for small businesses and farmers to establish pension plans. That is something Republicans and Democrats can agree on.

We should also protect existing pension plans. Two years ago, with bipartisan support, we protected the pensions of 8 million working people and stabilized the pensions of 32 million more. Congress should not let companies endanger their worker's pension funds. I vetoed such a proposal last year, and I would veto it again.

Finally, if working families are going to succeed in the new economy, they must be able to buy health insurance policies they don't lose when they change jobs or when someone in their family gets sick. Over the past two years, over one million Americans in working families lost their health insurance. We must do more to make health care available to every American. We need to do more to make health care available to every American. And Congress should start by passing the bipartisan bill offered by Senators Kassebaum and Kennedy to require insurance companies to stop dropping people when they switch jobs, or denying coverage for pre-existing conditions.

And we must preserve the basic protections Medicare and Medicaid give, not just to the poor, but people in working families, including children, people with disabilities, people with AIDS, and senior citizens in nursing homes. In the past 3 years we have saved \$15 billion just by fighting health care fraud and abuse. We can save more. But we cannot abandon our fundamental obligations to the people who need Medicare and Medicaid. America cannot become stronger if they become weaker.

The GI Bill for Workers, tax relief for education and child-rearing, pension availability and protection, access to health care, preservation of Medicare and Medicaid, these things -- along with the Family and Medical Leave Act passed in 1993 -- will help responsible hard-working American families to make the most of their own lives.

But, employers and employees must do their part as they are in so many of our finest companies, working together, putting long-term prosperity ahead of short-term gains. As workers increase their hours and their productivity, employers should make sure they get the skills they need and share the benefits of the good years as well as the burdens of the bad ones. When companies and workers work as a team, they do better. And so does America.

Our fourth great challenge is to take back our streets from crime, gangs, and drugs.

At last, we have begun to find the way to reduce crime -- forming community partnerships with local police forces to catch criminals and to prevent crime. This strategy, called community policing, has begun to work. Violent crime is coming down all across

America.

In New York City, murders are down 25%, in St. Louis 18%, in Seattle 32%. But we still have a long way to go before our streets are safe and our people are free of fear.

The Crime Bill of 1994 is critical to the success of community policing. It provides funds for 100,000 new police in communities of all sizes. We are already a third of the way there. I challenge the Congress to finish the job. Let's stick with a strategy that's working, and keep the crime rate coming down.

Community policing requires bonds of trust between our citizens and our police. I ask all Americans to respect and support our police. And to our police, I say: Our children need you as role models and heroes. Don't let them down.

The Brady Bill has already stopped 44,000 people with criminal records from buying guns. The assault weapons ban is keeping 19 kinds of assault weapons out of the hands of violent gangs. I challenge Congress to keep those laws on the books.

Our next step in the fight against crime is to take on gangs the way we took on the mob. I am directing the FBI and other investigative agencies to target gangs that involve juveniles in violent crime and to seek authority to prosecute as adults teenagers who kill and maim like adults.

And I challenge local housing authorities and tenant associations: Criminal gang members and drug dealers are destroying the lives of decent tenants. From now on, the rule for residents who commit crimes and peddle drugs should be: One strike and you're out.

I challenge every state to match federal policy: to assure that serious violent criminals serve at least 85% of their sentence.

More police and punishment are important, but not enough. We must keep more of our young people out of trouble, with prevention strategies not dictated by Washington, but developed in communities. Houston has the fewest murders in 19 years and juvenile crime has declined because it both expanded community policing, and got thousands of young people into sports leagues and other projects where they get good values, see good role models, and learn the right kind of teamwork. I challenge all communities and adults to give these children futures to say yes to. And I challenge Congress not to abandon the Crime Bill's support of these grassroots efforts.

Finally, to reduce crime and violence, we must reduce the drug problem. The challenge begins at home, with parents talking to their children openly and firmly. It embraces our churches, youth groups, and our schools. I challenge Congress not to cut our support for drug-free schools. All over America, anti-drug efforts in our schools are changing the lives of our kids. People like D.A.R.E. officers are making an impression on

grade school children that will give them the strength to say no when the time comes.

Meanwhile, we continue our efforts to cut the flow of drugs into America. Tonight I am nominating a hero of the Persian Gulf and the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Military's Southern Command, General Barry McCaffrey, as America's new drug czar. He skillfully led our military in its unprecedented efforts to help curtail drug trafficking.

General McCaffrey has earned three purple hearts and two silver stars fighting for America. Tonight I ask that he lead our nation's battle against drugs at home and abroad. To succeed, he needs a force larger than he has ever commanded. He needs all of us. We all have a role to play on this team. Thank you, General McCaffrey, for agreeing to serve your country one more time.

Our fifth challenge is to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation.

Because of a generation of bipartisan effort, we have cleaner air and water. Lead levels in children's blood has been cut by 70 percent, and toxic emissions from factories cut in half. Lake Erie was dead. Now it is a thriving resource.

But ten million children under 12 still live within four miles of a toxic waste dump. A third of us breathe air which endangers our health. And in too many communities, water is not safe to drink. We still have much to do.

Yet Congress has voted to cut environmental enforcement by 25%. That means more toxic chemicals in our water, more smog choking our air, more pesticides in our food. Lobbyists for the polluters have been allowed to write their own loopholes into bills to weaken laws that protect the health and safety of our children. But some in this Congress want to make taxpayers pick up the tab for toxic waste and let polluters off the hook.

I challenge Congress to reverse those priorities. I say the polluters should pay. We can expand the economy without hurting the environment. In fact we can create more jobs over the long run by cleaning it up.

We must challenge businesses and communities to take more initiative and make it easier for them to do so. To businesses, we are saying: If you can find a cheaper, more efficient way than government regulations to meet tough pollution standards, then do it -- as long as you do it right.

We are strengthening community right-to-know laws requiring polluters to disclose their emissions, and challenge community groups to use the information to work with business to cut pollution. People have a right to know that their air and water are safe.

Our sixth challenge is to maintain America's leadership in the fight for freedom

and peace.

Because of American leadership, more people than ever before live free and at peace, and Americans have known 50 years of prosperity and security. We owe thanks especially to our veterans, and to the people on freedom's home front who kept the flame burning.

All over the world, people still look to us. And trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom.

But as the Cold War fades, voices of isolation say America should retreat from its responsibilities. I say they are wrong. The threats we Americans face respect no nation's borders -- terrorism...the spread of weapons of mass destruction...organized crime...drug trafficking... ethnic and religious hatred... aggression by rogue states...environmental degradation. If we fail to address these threats today, we will suffer the consequences of our neglect tomorrow.

We can't be everywhere. We can't do everything. But where our interests and our values are at stake -- and where we can make a difference -- America must lead. We must not be isolationist or the world's policeman. But we can be its best peacemaker. By keeping our military strong . . . by using diplomacy where we can, and force where we must . . . by working with others to share the risk and the cost of our efforts . . . America is making a difference for people here and around the world.

For the first time, since the dawn of the nuclear age, there are no Russian missiles pointed at America's children. North Korea has now frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program. In Haiti, the dictators are gone, democracy has a new day, and the flow of desperate refugees to our shores has ended.

Through tougher trade deals for America, over 80 of them, we have opened markets abroad, and now exports are at an all-time high, growing faster than imports and creating American jobs.

We stood with those taking risks for peace . . . in Northern Ireland, where Catholic and Protestant children now tell their parents that violence must never return . . . and in the Middle East, where Arabs and Jews, who once seemed destined to fight forever, now share knowledge, resources and dreams.

And, we stood up for peace in Bosnia. Remember the skeletal prisoners . . . young men in mass graves . . . the campaigns of rape and torture . . . endless lines of refugees . . . the threat of a spreading war -- all these have now given way to the hope of peace. Now our troops and a strong NATO, together with its new partners from Central Europe and elsewhere, are helping that peace take hold.

Through these efforts, we have enhanced the security of the American people. But important challenges remain. The Start II treaty with Russia will cut our nuclear stockpiles by another 25 percent; I urge the Senate to approve it -- now. We must end the race to create new nuclear weapons by signing a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty -- this year. We can outlaw poison gas forever, if the Senate approves the Chemical Weapons Convention -- this year. We can intensify the fight against terrorists and organized criminals at home and abroad, if Congress passes the anti-terrorism legislation I proposed after the Oklahoma City bombing -- now. We can help more people move from hatred to hope . . . if Congress gives us the means to remain leaders for peace.

The six challenges I have discussed thus far are for all Americans. But our seventh challenge is America's challenge to us here tonight.

If we in Washington are going to fulfil our responsibilities to help the American people meet these challenges, it will require a very different kind of government. It will have to be smaller and less bureaucratic; it will have to focus more results than rules; it will have to work more in partnership with state and local governments, community groups and the private sector. And it will have to earn the respect and trust of the American people.

Last year, this Congress applied to itself the laws that it applies to everyone else, banned gifts and meals from lobbyists, and forced lobbyists to disclose who pays them and what legislation they are trying to pass or kill. I applaud that.

Now I challenge Congress to go further: curb special interest influence in politics by passing the first truly bipartisan campaign finance reform bill in a generation. Show the American people we can limit spending and open the airwaves to all candidates.

And I appeal to Congress to give me the line item veto you promised to give me.

Beyond that, we are creating a government that works better and costs less. Thanks to the work of Vice-President Gore, we are eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary rules and regulations and shifting more decisionmaking out of Washington back to states and communities.

As we move into an era of balanced budgets and smaller government, we must work in new ways to enable people to make the most of their own lives. We are helping America's communities, not with bureaucracy, but with opportunity, through our successful empowerment zones and community development banks to help people in urban and rural areas find jobs and start businesses. And with tax incentives for companies that clean up abandoned industrial property, bringing jobs back to the places that desperately need them.

But there are some areas that the federal government must address directly and strongly. One of these is the problem of illegal immigration. After years and years of neglect, this administration has taken a strong stand to stiffen protection on our borders. We are increasing border patrols by 50%; we are increasing inspections to find illegal

immigrants in the workplace. And tonight, I announce I will sign an executive order to deny federal contracts to businesses that hire illegal immigrants. But let me be clear: we are still a nation of immigrants, and we honor all those immigrants who are working hard to become new citizens. But we are also a nation of laws.

I want to say a special word for those who work for the federal government. Today, the federal workforce is 200,000 employees smaller than the day I took office -- The federal government is the smallest it has been in 30 years, and getting smaller every day. Most of you probably didn't know that, and there's a good reason. The remaining federal workforce is composed of Americans who are working harder and working smarter to make sure that the quality of our services does not decline. Take Richard Dean. He worked for Social Security for 22 years. Last year, he was hard at work in the federal building in Oklahoma City when the terrorist blast killed 169 people and brought the rubble around him. He re-entered the building four times and saved lives of three women. He is here with us this evening. I want to recognize to recognize Richard and applaud both his public service and his extraordinary heroism.

But his story doesn't end there. In November, he was forced out of his office when the government shut down. The second time the government shut down, he continued helping Social Security recipients, working without pay. On behalf of Richard and his family, I challenge all of you in this chamber: never -- ever -- shut the federal government down again. And on behalf of all Americans, I challenge Congress to preserve the full faith and credit of the United States, to honor our obligations as we have for 220 years, to rise above partisanship and pass a straightforward extension of the debt limit.

I have asked a lot of America this evening. But I am confident. When Americans work together in their homes, their schools, their churches, their civic groups or at work, they can meet any challenge.

I say again: The era of big government is over. But we can't go back to the era of fending for yourself. We must go forward ... to the era of working together -- as a community, as a team, as one America -- to solve our problems.

And none of this will work unless all of you, every person in America reach across the lines that divide us and try to find common ground. We must reject any atmosphere of division, discrimination and rancor. We must work together.

I want you to meet two people tonight who do that. Dr. Lucius Wright is a teacher in the Jackson, Mississippi public school system. A Viet Nam veteran, he has created groups that help inner city children turn away from gangs and build futures they can believe in. And Sergeant Jennifer Rodgers is a police officer in Oklahoma City. Like Richard Dean, she helped to pull her fellow citizens out of the rubble and deal with that awful tragedy. She reminds us that, in their response to that atrocity, the people of Oklahoma City lifted us all with their basic sense of values and community.

Lucius Wright and Jennifer Rogers are special Americans. I have the honor tonight to announce that they are the very first of several thousand Americans who will be chosen to carry the Olympic torch on its long journey from Los Angeles to the centennial of the modern Olympics in Atlanta this summer -- not because they are star athletes; they are star citizens -- community heroes meeting America's challenges -- America's real champions.

Each of us must hold high the torch of citizenship in our own lives. But none of us can finish the race alone. We only achieve our destiny together, one hand, one generation, one American connecting to another.

There have always been things we could do together -- dreams we have made real -- which we could never have done apart. We Americans have forged our identity, our very union, from every point of view and every point on the planet. Bound by a faith more powerful than any doctrines that divide us -- by our belief in progress, our love of liberty and our relentless search for common ground -- America has always sought and risen to the challenge.

Who is to say that, having come so far together, we cannot go forward together now? Who is to say that the moment of our greatest potential is not for all Americans?

America is -- and has always been -- a great and good country. But the best is yet to come. If we all do our part.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

January 23, 1996

ROUND TABLE ON LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

LOCATION:	4th District Police Station
DATE:	January 24, 1996
TIME:	1:45pm-2:40pm
FROM:	Rahm Emanuel

I. PURPOSE

To discuss how Community Oriented Policing is working in Louisville and demonstrate your commitment to fighting crime. This is an opportunity to speak directly with officers and citizens about the success of community policing.

II. BACKGROUND

Louisville is a city of approximately 270,000 with a police force of 685 officers. One year ago Louisville received a COPS AHEAD grant of \$1.2 million for 16 new officers who have graduated from the police academy and are currently patrol officers. These funds enabled 16 veteran officers to be deployed in December, 1995 as District Resource Officers (DROs) and work full-time on Community Oriented Policing. There are three DROs in each of the city's five police districts. The 16th officer serves as an administrative DRO. You will be meeting with three DROs and three citizens working on community policing. They will all testify to the importance of this program.

The DRO's are responsible for patrolling beats, identifying local and community leaders, attending community meetings, and developing problem-solving approaches to crime. They also provide on-the-job training of other officers in community problem-solving. The ultimate goal is for every officer in Louisville to be involved in community policing.

Louisville's Fourth District has been involved in community policing since 1990 through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The project eventually expanded to another district and continued even after funding ended. ***Until the crime bill funding, officers did not participate full time and only one district had community policing.**

On Sunday, a 16 year old boy was murdered in a drive-by shooting a few blocks from the police station where the round table is being held. There was an article in the Courier-Journal today entitled, "Teen killed in drive-by shooting near police station Clinton will visit."

Juvenile violence is a problem in Louisville, as it is nationwide, and Community Oriented Policing is one solution -- it puts police officers on the street and takes guns, drugs, and gangs off the street.

The Louisville Police Department recently received a Justice Department grant that will allow it to operate 15 sports camps within the city. Three camps will be held in each of the city's police districts. The camps, in which beat officers participate, will begin around March, 1996

In addition to activities in Louisville, the Jefferson County Police Department (in which Louisville is situated) received grants within the last year for \$1.3 million to hire and redeploy thirty-six officers.

The Louisville Police Department and the Jefferson County Police Departments (the two largest serving Jefferson County), have jointly submitted a Domestic Violence proposal to the Justice Department to apply for domestic violence grant money. The two departments conduct many joint efforts including the Crimes Against Children's Unit (a city-county unit that works with abused, missing and exploited children cases) and the Metro Narcotics Unit (a permanent multi-jurisdictional narcotics unit). They have also received funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Organized Crime Narcotics Program.

RESULTS:

As a result of your crime bill, 31,000 officers have been funded to date to conduct community policing. You stressed in the State of the Union how important the 100,000 Cops program is to your administration and that you will veto any attempts to repeal it.

The results of the Louisville Community Policing programs have not yet been realized because the 16 Clinton Cops have only recently initiated a full-time community policing program.

The Fourth District, which began community policing in 1990, leads the cities in homicides -- however murders dropped in this district 16.7 percent in 1995 from the previous year. The murder rate also dropped citywide, however, you should note that there were increases in the other 9 violent crime categories. **Nationwide, the murder rate is down by 12 percent -- the greatest drop since the FBI started tracking it 35 years ago.**

III. PARTICIPANTS

Administration

The President

The Attorney General

Seated, but not at table:

– John Schmidt, Associate Attorney General

– Joe Brann, Director of the COPS Office at the Justice Department.

Elected Officials

Governor Patton

Mayor Jerry Abramson

Attorney General Ben Chandler

Louisville Community Oriented Policing Participants

Carolyn Mac Luton (the room is named after her)

Nick Altieri

Peggy Dawson

Officer Robin Cook

Officer Stephen Kelsey

Officer Jay Wilkenson

IV. PRESS PLAN

Expanded Pool Press.

All local networks will be covering the event live.

V. SEQUENCE OF PROGRAM

- Police Chief makes welcoming remarks.
- Mayor introduces the President.
- The President makes brief informal remarks.

VI. REMARKS

Talking points provided by Speechwriting.

(SEATED IN ORDER AROUND THE TABLE - BEGINNING ON YOUR RIGHT)

CAROLYN MAC LUTON - (pronunciation...looton) The room is named after her. She is the most recent past president of the COPS Board. (She resigned due to health problems). She was one of the 12 civilians chosen for the original COPS Board when community policing was first implemented because of a federal grant in 1990. She has been extremely active in working with the police on COPS. Since the city received crime bill money that enabled them to bring on additional officers, she has helped develop a more proactive strategy and enhanced relationship between police and the community.

POSSIBLE QUESTION: You have been involved with community policing in Louisville since its beginning. How have you seen community policing progress and succeed?

MAYOR JERRY ABRAMSON - Extremely supportive of the 100,000 COPS Program.

NICK ALTIERI - He has been involved with the Mayor's Block Watch Program for three years. He became involved as he witnessed more property crimes in his neighborhood. He believes that "seeing more police" on the streets is very effective. He supports more funding for the COPS program.

POSSIBLE QUESTION: What compelled you to get involved in Community Policing?

GOVERNOR PAUL PATTON

CONGRESSMAN MIKE WARD

PEGGY DAWSON - Member of COPS Board and Block Watch Council. Her deceased husband was a member of the Strategic Air Command (SAC).

POSSIBLE QUESTION: What is your understanding of policing now that you have been involved in it?

OFFICER CHARLIE WATERS - District Resource Officer (DRO) and active in Block Watch Clubs in 4th District. (Block watches are run by the Mayor's office and are neighborhood groups that have at least one officer assigned to them.) One of the successes he feels he has had as a DRO is working with the community to block the issuance of a liquor license in a high crime area. He also cites significant reductions in the amount of drugs being sold and on-street robberies in certain target areas identified by the community. He is greatly impressed by how much citizens have helped police identify culprits of crime.

POSSIBLE QUESTION: As an officer, are you able to get the support you need and

build the relationship community policing strives for with individuals in your community?

OFFICER STEPHEN KELSEY – District Resource Officer (DRO). He is an ordained Baptist Minister and is very supportive of how community policing has helped the African American community in Louisville. He thinks community policing has improved the attitudes of African Americans towards the police.

POSSIBLE QUESTION: Do you think that community policing is having an impact in the African American community?

ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO

OFFICER ROBIN COOK – District Resource Officer (DRO) in the 2nd district. Her step-father was a Louisville police officer of 34 years. She cites significant cooperation and excitement from business groups, citizens and public agencies in working to alleviate or delete problems in the neighborhood. A few days ago the Courier Journal did an article on community policing which lead with Officer Cook's new idea of a suggestion box and how effectively police have been able to bring the public into the fight against crime.

POSSIBLE QUESTION: What kind of reception have you been getting from the community?

TALKING POINTS

Louisville, Kentucky Round Table

- Last night during the State of the Union, I spoke about one of our greatest challenges in this country being the need to take back our streets from crime and gangs and drugs.
- And for the first time in a long time, America has begun to find the way to stop crime.
- In communities across the country, police officers and citizens are coming together, working hand-in-hand to make their neighborhoods safer.
- We are doing our part by fulfilling our pledge to put 100,000 new community police officers on the street. In just the first year of this program, we have already provided funding for 31,000 new community police officers -- 16 who are here in Louisville. The fact is so clear --- we are going to make this pledge a reality.
- It is a simple philosophy that works -- community policing puts more officers on the streets and takes kids, guns and drugs off the streets.
- But community policing is more than just good policing. It really works when the community itself is involved in making its neighborhoods safer. And that is the purpose of this round table.
- This small forum provides the Attorney General and I the opportunity to speak directly to community police officers and citizens involved in reducing crime in this area. But more importantly, it allows us to listen to you, and to learn.
- We can provide the resources and the money for manpower. But a community will not take back its streets from crime unless we get police out from behind a desk and back on a beat and get people involved.
- So I appreciate you participating in this dialogue. I want to hear your experiences. We want to learn from you; and we want to help. City by city, town by town, neighborhood by neighborhood, we are going to make America safe once again -- and it begins with people like you.

(vice current paragraph)

Tonight I am appointing a hero of the Gulf War, General Barry McCaffrey as my Drug Czar to command a campaign against drugs on our streets. For years, we have needed a strong leader to marshal all our national efforts against the drug scourge. General McCaffrey brings unquestionable credentials to the task. As the leader of the U.S. Southern Command, his personnel have worked side by side with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Colombian government to support efforts to dismantle the Cali Mafia. The leadership of this group is in disarray - some jailed, and some on the run.

Also: Add this sentence after "... solve the drug problem" in previous para:

"Agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, are working hard to remove drug dealers from communities and go after the world's most notorious drug traffickers."

TO: Bruce

Fr: Andy Fois

RE: State of Union

Jan 23

Your request for reaction to speech. I just concentrated on what is wrong or risky.

1. 85% of Federal sentences is fine - it is correct. WH Counsel was asking.

2. Gangs and drugs in public housing is OK per Walter Dellinger if modified to say "criminal" gangs. See attached edits.

3. Need to change the cops "hired" wording to "funded about a third" not "hired a third" because they are not all hired yet and some of the funding is for cops redeployed not new cops hired.

4. The drug czar stuff is very wrong in several regards:

a. no U. S. troops stormed the Cali headquarters, McCaffrey's or otherwise says the DAG. And besides - what would Colombia think about the claim that US troops stormed their country?

b. to say McCaffrey slowed the influx of drugs into the country is:

1. wrong since the influx has not slowed overall

2. certainly not attributable to one man and is an insult to 1,000's of DEA agents risking their lives around the world.

I have suggested changes as attached but even these are based on assumption of some role for McCaffrey on Cali raid which DEA is checking.

5. AG has heard there is immigration stuff somewhere in the speech that INS has not seen. Can you confirm and if so share?



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Additional Message:

- **Executive Order Works within Existing Procurement and Contracting Procedures and Will Not Be Burdensome to Federal Contractors:** With the implementation of this Executive Order, the Attorney General will provide all federal contracting agencies with information about businesses that have a final order stating that the business knowingly hired an illegal alien. The federal contracting agency may use this information to terminate a contract or to bar the contractor from participating in future federal contracts.
- **Executive Order Will Not Result in Discrimination:** Federal laws prohibit employers from discriminating against employees or job applicants on the basis of national origin or race. The Executive Order makes clear that employers must comply with these important anti-discrimination provisions and must review the work authorization documents for all potential employees -- not just those who appear to be foreign born. The Administration will not tolerate discrimination of any kind and will not allow the employer sanctions laws to be used as a vehicle for employment discrimination.

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Protecting Federal Government Contracts for Businesses that Employ Legal Workers

President Clinton announced an Executive Order to keep federal contracts from going to businesses that knowingly hire illegal workers. This Executive Order is part of the Administration's strategy to control illegal immigration, protect American jobs for America's legal workers, reduce the job magnet that draws illegal immigrants to the United States from countries around the world, and to cherish and protect the nation's immigrant heritage.

The Clinton Administration has committed unprecedented resources and undertaken unparalleled steps to reverse decades of lax immigration enforcement. The Administration is working to control illegal immigration from the border to the workplace. Over the past three years, the Administration has deployed new strategies and resources to crackdown on illegal immigration at the border. Now, we are moving to back up these efforts with aggressive worksite enforcement.

It is illegal for employers to hire workers who are illegal immigrants and are not authorized to work in the United States. For too long, this employer sanction law has languished on the books. Now, the Clinton Administration is providing the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the tools that it needs to enforce this law -- new investigators, technology and now, an Executive Order to set a standard for all businesses in America to follow and to back up the INS with an additional sanction for serious violators.

- **The Federal Government Sets a Standard for All Businesses:** The Clinton Administration is asking all employers in the nation to comply with employer sanctions laws. This Executive Order sets a standard for compliance. It states the principle that federal business should not be directed at businesses that hire illegal workers.
- **Government-Wide Debarment: A Strong New Tool to Use Against Employer Sanctions Violators:** The Presidential Executive Order will establish a new basis for debarment from federal contracts: knowingly hiring illegal workers. Under current law, employers who knowingly hire illegal workers can be fined, and are subject to criminal penalties for serious, repeat violations. Now these employers will face the new sanction of debarment -- a powerful threat to any company that contemplates doing business with the federal government. The debarment is generally for one year, but is subject to renewal.
- **Executive Order Will Not Burden Employers Who Violate Minor, Technical Provisions, or Who Innocently Hire Illegal Workers:** The President's Executive Order applies to businesses that knowingly hire illegal workers. It does not apply to employers who are found to have violated paperwork requirements. It also does not apply to employers who reviewed documents that appeared to be genuine, but later turn out to be fraudulent work authorization documents.



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beneficiaries. It's not a very fair criticism, but why raise it? I think it's just as strong to say: (1) states will suffer; and (2) people will lose coverage.]

Between three and six million Americans could lose Medicaid coverage under the Republican Medicaid plan. Samuelson's cavalier attitude is quite amazing. He suggests that if the Republican plan "forced severe cutbacks in coverage", Congress could fix it later. I wonder how many disabled children would go without wheelchairs and how many elderly Americans without nursing home care in the meantime.

[THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS REPLACE THE LAST PARAGRAPH.]

As Mr. Samuelson says, "we pay our political leaders to make choices" and "to be candid about the genuine choices that face the nation." That is precisely the President's point. The President has shown that we can balance the budget -- in seven years and certified by the Congressional Budget Office -- while protecting Medicare and Medicaid and the values that we hold dear in this country. We simply don't need to make the severe changes to Medicare and Medicaid proposed by the Republicans to eliminate the deficit.

Instead, the Republicans have chosen to use the current debate about how to balance the budget to pursue a completely different agenda. If this debate were about balancing the budget, we could do that tomorrow. The Republicans have chosen to make it about something else, and both they and Mr. Samuelson should be candid about that.

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Thursday: Mostly sunny, cold. High 38. Low 28. Wind 7-14 mph.
Yesterday: Temp. range: 29-43. Wind chill: 11. Details on Page D2.

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A second Republican public relations official called it "a pretty grim night for the GOP. He [Clinton] took a lot of our issues and made them sound like his own."

Going into the evening, Clinton faced a serious challenge. He would be talking in a room dominated by his political adversaries, at a time when polls said most Americans were disgusted by the impasse over the budget and the federal government shutdowns. He had to find a way to rise above the battle, grab the center ground and still rally his embattled minority party.

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■ Democrats across party spectrum heard something in the president's speech they could march to. Page A15

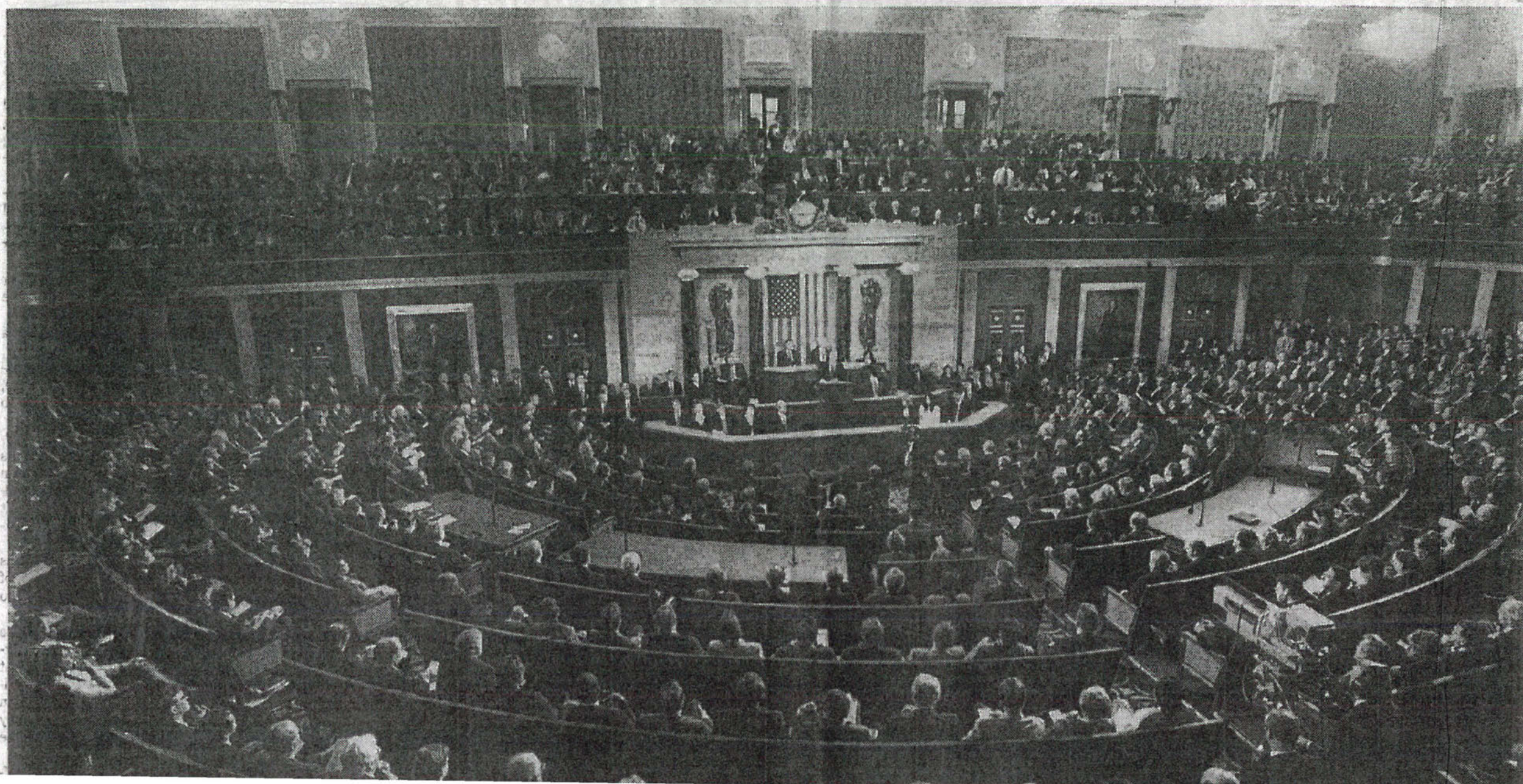


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President Clinton, right, leaves the House chamber following his State of the Union address. The president hewed to a conservative line on role of government. Full text of the speech begins on Page A13, Republican response on A15.

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THE STATE OF THE UNION



President Clinton delivers his State of the Union address to a capacity crowd in the House of Representatives chamber at the Capitol, presenting an upbeat vision of a nation pulling together to ready itself for the new century.

'Era of Big Government Is Over,' Clinton Says in Address

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and brought daughter Chelsea along for her first appearance at a State of the Union address, all but guaranteeing a polite reception. But the first lady remained a visible reminder of the president's continuing, intractable problem with the Whitewater investigations and their many offshoots. It was Hillary Clinton's first public appearance since the announcement Monday that she has been subpoenaed to appear before a criminal grand jury.

Clinton, with an emotional pause and a clenched-jaw look, called the first lady a "wonderful wife, a magnificent mother and a great first lady," producing a standing ovation from Democrats and Republicans alike.

Clinton, who used the rhetorical stiletto more than the ax, scored Republicans for shutting down the government, trying to uproot environmental protections and pushing other measures that pollsters have found unpopular. But in most of his speech, Clinton reenlisted in the smaller government movement in words that could come out of the mouths of most, if not all, Republicans. "Big government does not have all the answers," Clinton said. "There's not a program for every problem. . . . We know we need a smaller, less bureaucratic government in Washington . . . one that lives within its means."

He even managed to praise Republicans for their efforts to balance the budget and to salute Dole for his heroic service in World War II, a recognition that did nothing to make the senator soften his tough message.

Republicans were less than receptive as the president broadly laid out what he called seven challenges

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Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, first lady Hillary Clinton and daughter, Chelsea, applaud Gen. Barry McCaffrey.



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"We can't go back to the era of fending for yourself. We have to go forward to the era of working together—as a community, as a team, as one America."

— President Clinton

for an "Age of Possibility," sketching a future in which individuals, community and other segments of society take more responsibility for making America work.

Among the challenges Clinton outlined for the nation were to strengthen the American family, provide educational opportunities for all Americans, help Americans achieve economic security, protect the nation against criminals and drugs, and preserve the environment.

Clinton managed another rare feat last night—sticking within the normal time bounds of a major presidential speech. His address was about an hour, compared with last year's indoor record for presidential State of the Union addresses—82 minutes.

Virtually all polls show Republican efforts to change federal environmental policy to be highly unpopular, and Clinton took full advantage of that last night. In the most reasoned of tones, Clinton said environmental protection used to be bipartisan but described Republican policy as shredding enforcement and allowing polluters to write environmental laws. Coached to keep their tempers, Republicans glowered.

Despite the rancor of the ongoing budget battle, the partisanship in the chamber was no greater than usual at such events.

Democrats cheered lustily at virtually every applause line and Republicans mostly sat on their hands. Republican applause, when it came, was polite, though they did join in on such uncontroversial matters as opposing domestic violence and violence on television.

There was derisive laughter from Republicans when Clinton said they were near agreement on welfare reform and should pass a bipartisan version. A voice called out: "Been there, done that." Clinton vetoed one version last year.

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Gingrich laughed and said, "I'll get that framed."

Clinton also handed the speaker and Vice President Gore, sitting beside Gingrich, a large envelope that aides said contained an actual text of his remarks.

In a brief segment on foreign policy, the president also said the nation's challenge is to maintain its leadership in the international fight for freedom and peace. And finally, he listed what he called the nation's challenge to politicians to produce a smaller, less bureaucratic government that earns, again, the respect and trust its citizens.

He challenged Congress to pass campaign finance reform as a step in that direction.

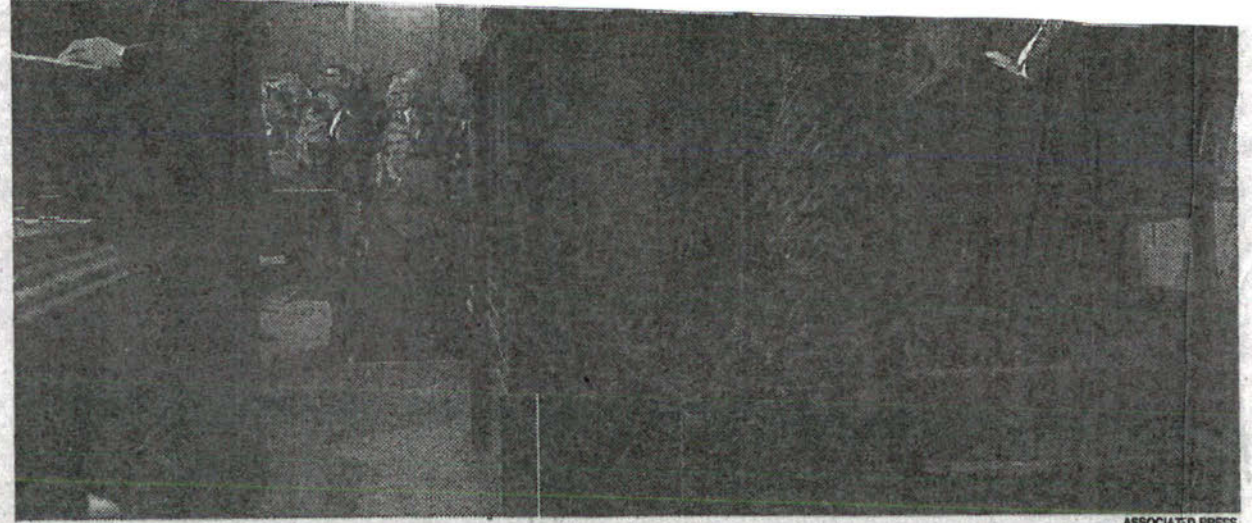
Ending his address with the same "big government is over" assertion as he began it, Clinton said that despite that, "We can't go back to the era of fending for yourself. We have to go forward to the era of working together—as a community, as a team, as one America."

With government funding disappearing and Republicans in charge of Congress, Clinton had little to offer in the way of new government programs, a traditional State of the Union device for Democrats and even some Republicans before the current balance-the-budget era.

Instead, the president suggested a handful of modest proposals aimed primarily at easing middle-class anxieties, including a \$1,000 scholarship for the top 5 percent of all high school graduates.

Aides said it would cost taxpayers \$125 million.

He called for tax incentives for businesses that clean up abandoned properties and expansion of a federally funded college work-study program to 1 million students, up from 700,000 now.



Vice President Gore applauds President Clinton, left, as House Speaker Newt Gingrich remains seated during address.

He called for an FBI-led war against youth gangs and for legislation protecting workers' pensions and insuring health care benefits for employees who change jobs or have preexisting conditions.

By federal program standards, the money involved was a thimble of water in a receding ocean of federal spending.

Next week, Clinton is to formally lay down a 1997 budget that cuts \$297 billion in domestic discretionary spending over seven years, \$159 billion more than the president was proposing only a month ago.

Clinton did not avoid his fights with Republicans over the budget, but he did not emphasize them last night and worked, instead, to wrap around Republican necks the unpopular government shutdowns that ended 1995.

The president reiterated a position he has repeated almost daily since the budget talks broke down almost two weeks ago—that the Republicans should accept an increase in the federal debt ceiling and agree to a balanced budget deal that locks in \$600 billion in savings while deferring settlement of major differences.

What Clinton did emphasize on the budget was the human side to the government shutdown, in the form of Richard Dean, a Social Security Administration employee flown to Washington to sit in the audience and have his story told to the millions watching on television and in the chamber.

With the White House almost giddy the past month in its public relations advantages over the budget, Clinton used Dean to tell the nation—and the Republi-

cans—that government shutdowns are a mistake. Dean, who works in Oklahoma City, helped rescue fellow workers in the bombing there and then was "forced out of his office again" by the government shutdowns.

"On behalf of Richard and his family, I challenge all of you in this chamber: Never, ever, shut the federal government down again," Clinton said.

A dozen or more polls have shown that Americans blame Republicans by a wide margin for shutting down the government during the budget disputes; their faith in GOP handling of economic and budget issues has dropped dramatically.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) has said the shutdown tactic, aimed at forcing Clinton into a budget compromise, was a mistake, and last night had to sit behind the president and grimly listen to Clinton revel in the public popularity of his position.

Clinton was equally sharp on the issue of Republicans using the debt ceiling to try to force presidential budget or other policy concessions.

The Clinton administration has announced that by March 1, the government will no longer use accounting techniques and other devices to keep borrowing to pay its bills and must get a increase in the debt by then.

Clinton last night not only demanded an increase in the debt limit, but said he asked on behalf of Social Security recipients in particular. Republicans could not help but hear the upcoming line of Clinton attack.

Staff writer John E. Yang contributed to this report.

TEXT OF THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

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Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Members of the 104th Congress, distinguished guests, my fellow Americans all across our land.

Let me begin tonight by saying to our men and women in uniform around the world, and especially those helping peace take root in Bosnia, and to their families: I thank you. America is very, very proud of you.

My duty tonight is to report on the state of the Union, not the state of our government but of our American community, and to set forth our responsibilities—in the words of our Founders—to “form a more perfect union.”

The state of the Union is strong.

Our economy is the healthiest it has been in three decades. We have the lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation in 27 years.

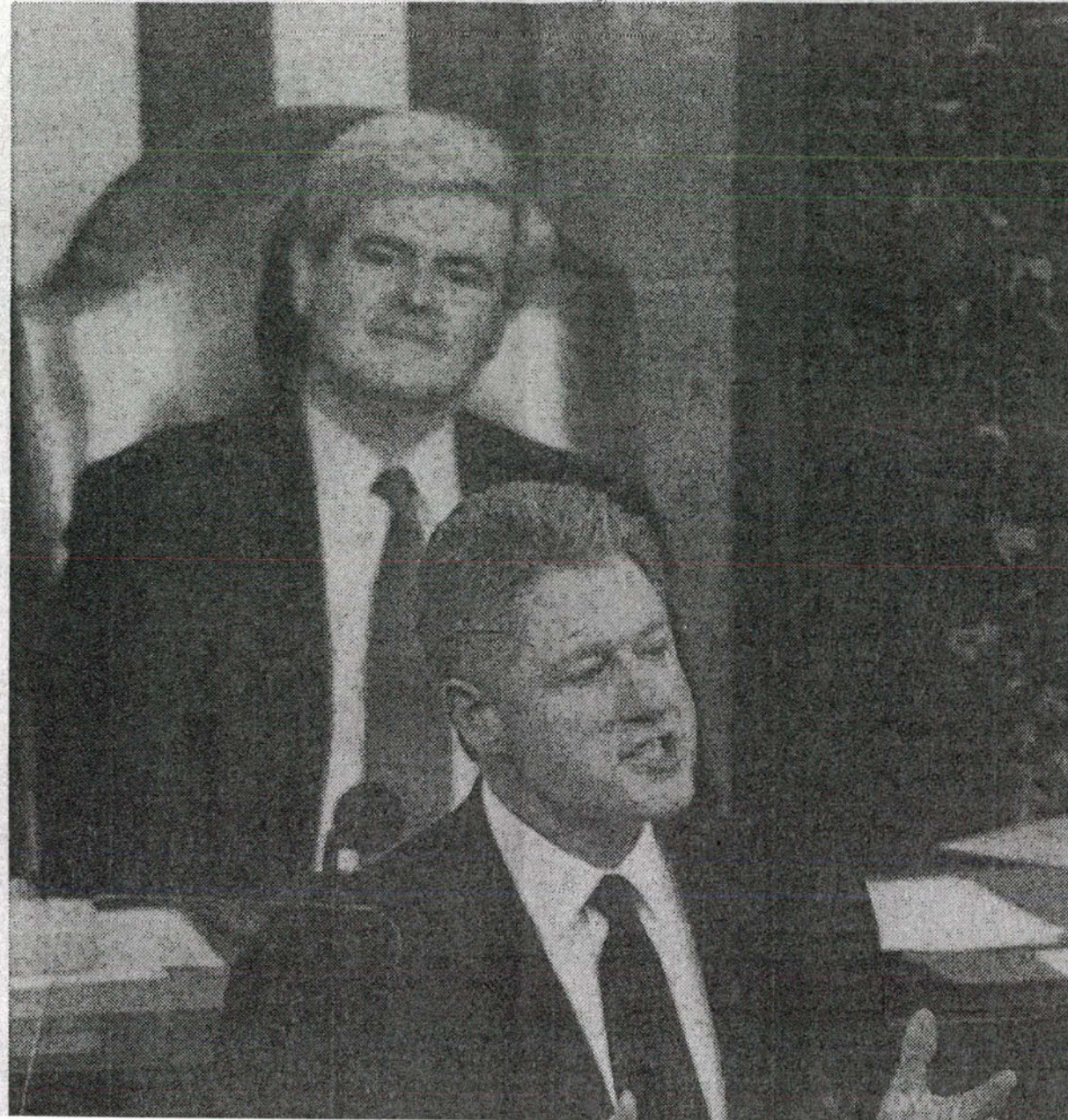
We have created nearly 8 million new American jobs, over a million of them in basic industries like construction and automobiles. America is selling more cars than Japan for the first time since the 1970s and, for three years in a row, we have had a record number of new businesses started in our country.

Our leadership in the world is also strong, bringing hope for new peace. And perhaps most important, we are gaining ground in restoring our fundamental values. The crime rate, the welfare and food stamp rolls, the poverty rate and the teen pregnancy rate are all down, and as they go down, prospects for America's future go up.

‘We Live in an Age of Possibility’

We live in an Age of Possibility. A hundred years ago, we moved from farm to factory. Now we move to an age of technology, information and global competition. These changes have opened vast new opportunities for our people, but they also presented them with stiff challenges. While Americans are living better, too many of our fellow citizens are working harder to keep up, and they are rightly concerned about the security of their families.

We must answer here three fundamental questions: First, how do we make the American dream of opportu-



‘Economic Security in This New Age’

Our third challenge is to help every American who is willing to work for it achieve economic security in this new age.

People who work hard still need support to get ahead in the new economy—they need education and training for a lifetime, they need more support for families raising children, they need retirement security, they need access to health care.

More and more Americans are finding that the education of their childhood simply doesn't last a lifetime. So I challenge Congress to consolidate 70 overlapping, antiquated job training programs into a simple voucher worth \$2,600 for unemployed or underemployed workers to use as they please for community college tuition or other training. This is a GI bill for America's Workers we should all be able to agree on.

More and more Americans are working hard without a raise. Congress sets the minimum wage. Within a year, the minimum wage will fall to a 40-year low in purchasing power—\$4.25 an hour is no longer a minimum wage, but millions of Americans and their children are trying to live on it. I challenge you to raise their minimum wage.

In 1993, Congress cut the taxes of 15 million hard-pressed working families to make sure that no parents who worked full-time would have to raise their children in poverty and to encourage people to move from welfare to work. This expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is now worth about \$1,800 a year to a family of four living on \$20,000.

The budget bill I vetoed would have reversed this achievement and raised taxes on nearly eight million of these people. We should not do that. We should not do that.

I also agree that the people who are helped under this initiative are not all those in our country who are working hard to do a good job raising their children and at work. I agree that we need a tax credit for working families with children. That's one of the thing most of us in this chamber, I hope, can agree on. I know it is strongly supported by the Republican majority and it should be part of any final budget agreement.

I want to challenge every business that can possibly afford it to provide training for its employees, and I

We must answer here three fundamental questions: First, how do we make the American dream of opportunity for all a reality for all Americans who are willing to work for it? How do we preserve our old and enduring values as we move into the future? And third, how do we meet these challenges together, as one America?

We know big government does not have all the answers. We know there's not a program for every problem. We know—and we have worked to give the American people a smaller, less bureaucratic government in Washington. And we have to give the American people one that lives within its means.

The era of big government is over. But we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves. Instead, we must go forward as one America, one nation working together, to meet the challenges we face together. Self-reliance and teamwork are not opposing virtues; we must have both.

I believe our new, smaller government must work in an old-fashioned American way: together with all our citizens, through state and local governments, in the workplace, in religious, charitable and civic associations. Our goal must be to enable all our people to make the most of their own lives with stronger families, more educational opportunity, economic security, safer streets, a cleaner environment and a safer world.

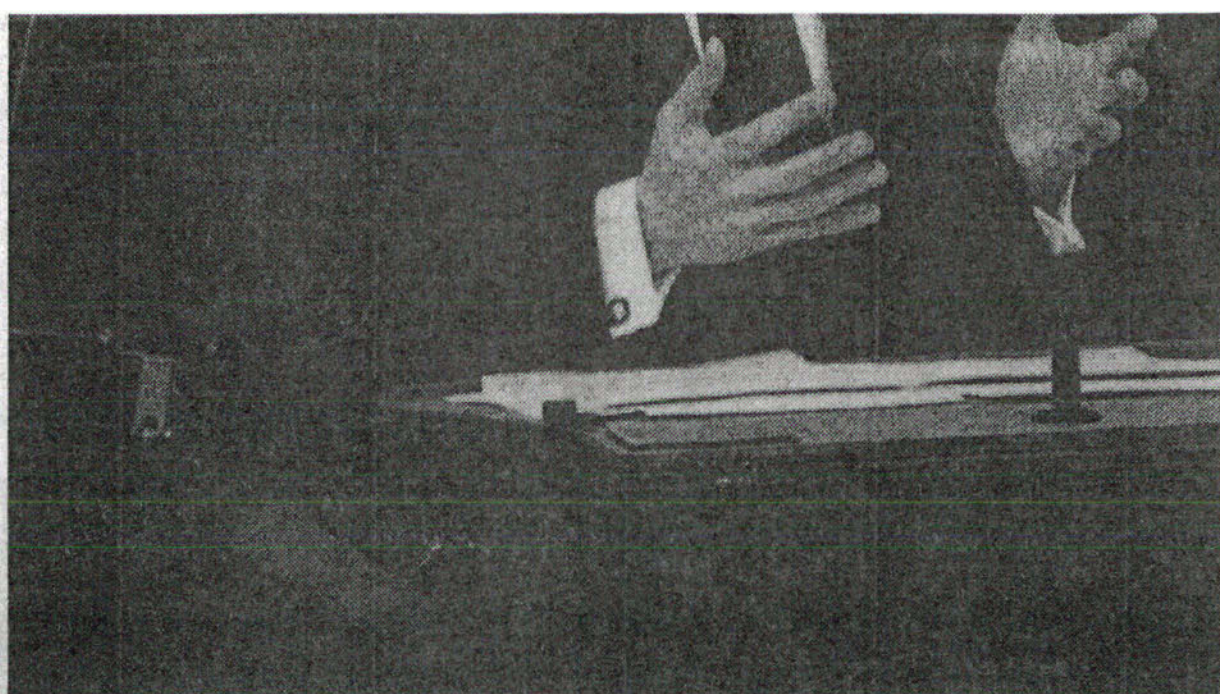
To improve the state of our union, we must ask more of ourselves; we must expect more of each other; and we must face our challenges together.

'This Task of Balancing the Budget'

Here, in this place, our responsibility here begins with balancing the budget in a way that is fair to all Americans. There is now broad bipartisan agreement that permanent deficit spending must come to an end.

I compliment the Republicans for the energy and determination you have brought to this task of balancing the budget. And I thank the Democrats for passing the largest deficit reduction plan in history in 1993, which has already cut the deficit nearly in half in three years.

Since 1993, we have all begun to see the benefits of deficit reduction: lower interest rates have made it easier for business to borrow, to invest and to create new jobs. Lower interest rates have brought down the costs of home mortgages, car payments and credit card rates to ordinary citizens. Now it is time to finish the job and balance the budget. Though differences remain among us which are significant, the combined total of the proposed savings that are common to both plans is more than enough, using numbers from your Congressional Budget Office, to balance the budget in seven years and to provide a modest tax cut. These cuts are real; they will require sacrifice from everyone. But these cuts do not undermine our obligations to our parents, our children and our future by endangering Medicare, Medicaid,



President Clinton delivers his State of the Union address with House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) looking on.

To the media: I say you should create movies, CDs and television shows you'd want your own children and grandchildren to enjoy. I call on Congress to pass the requirement for a "V" chip in TV sets, so parents can screen out programs they believe are inappropriate for their children. When parents control what their young children see, that's not censorship. That is enabling parents to assume more responsibility for their children. And I urge them to do it. The "V" chip requirement is part of the telecommunications bill now pending. It has bipartisan support, and I urge you to pass it now.

To make the "V" chip work, I challenge the broadcast industry to do what movies have done: to identify your programs in ways to help parents to protect their children.

And I invite the leaders of major media corporations and the entertainment industry to come to the White House next month to work with us on concrete ways to improve what our children see on television. I am ready to work with you.

I say to those who make and market cigarettes: Every year, a million children take up smoking, even though it's against the law; 300,000 of them will have their lives shortened as a result. Our administration has taken steps to stop the massive marketing campaign that appeals to our children. We are simply saying market your products to adults, if you wish, but draw the line on children.

'Move People From Welfare to Work'

love and care for their children. If your family has separated, you must pay your child support. We are doing more than ever to make sure you do, and we are going to do more. But let's all admit something about that, too: A check will never substitute for a parent's love and guidance.

And only you—only you can make the decision to help raise your children. No matter who you are, how low or high your station in life, it is the most basic human duty of every American to do that job to the best of his or her ability.

'Every Diploma Ought To Mean Something'

Our second challenge is to provide Americans with the educational opportunities we'll all need for this new century.

In our schools, every classroom in America must be connected to the information superhighway with computers and good software and well-trained teachers.

We are working with the telecommunications industry, educators, and parents to connect 20 percent of California's classrooms by this spring, and every classroom and every library in the entire United States by the year 2000.

I ask Congress to support this education technology initiative so that we can make sure this nation's children

part of any final budget agreement.

I want to challenge every business that can possibly afford it to provide pensions for your employees, and I challenge Congress to pass a proposal recommended by the White House Conference on Small Business that would make it easier for small businesses and farmers to establish their own pension plans. That is something we should all agree on.

We should also protect existing pension plans. Two years ago, with bipartisan support—it was almost unanimous on both sides of the aisle—we moved to protect the pensions of eight million working people and to stabilize the pensions of 32 million more.

Congress should not now let companies endanger those workers' pension funds.

I know the proposal to liberalize the ability of employers to take money out of pension funds for other purposes would raise money for the treasury, but I believe it is false economy. I vetoed that proposal last year and I would have to do so again.

'Make Health Care Available To Every American'

Finally, if our working families are going to succeed in the new economy, they must be able to buy health insurance policies that they do not lose when they change jobs or when someone in their family gets sick. Over the past two years, more than one million Americans in working families have lost their health insurance. We have to do more to make health care available to every American.

And Congress should start by passing the bipartisan bill offered by Senator Kennedy and Senator Kassebaum that would require insurance companies to stop dropping people when they switch jobs and stop denying coverage for pre-existing conditions. Let's all do that.

And even as we enact savings in these programs, we must have a common commitment to preserve the basic protections of Medicare and Medicaid—not just to the poor, but to people in working families, including children, people with disabilities, people with AIDS and senior citizens in nursing homes.

In the past three years, we have saved \$15 billion just by fighting health care fraud and abuse. We have all agreed to save much more. We have all agreed to stabilize the Medicare Trust Fund, but we must not abandon our fundamental obligations to the people who need Medicare and Medicaid. America cannot become stronger if they become weaker.

The GI Bill for Workers, tax relief for education and child-rearing, pension availability and protection, access to health care, preservation of Medicare and Medicaid, these things—along with the Family and Medical Leave Act passed in 1993—these things will help responsible hard-working American families to make the most of

will require sacrifice from everyone. But these cuts do not undermine our obligations to our parents, our children and our future by endangering Medicare, Medicaid, education or the environment.

I have said before, and let me say again, many good ideas have come out of our negotiations. I have learned a lot about the way both Republicans and Democrats view the debate before us. I have learned a lot about the good ideas that each side has that we could all embrace.

We ought to resolve our remaining differences. I am willing to work to resolve them. I am ready to meet tomorrow, but I ask you to consider that we should at least enact these savings that both plans have in common and give the American people their balanced budget, a tax cut, lower interest rates and a brighter future. We should do that now and make permanent deficits yesterday's legacy.

Now it is time to look to the challenges of today and tomorrow beyond the burdens of yesterday. The challenges are significant, but our nation was built on challenges, America was built on challenges, not promises. And when we work together to meet them, we never fail. That is the key to a more perfect union; our individual dreams must be realized by our common efforts.

Tonight, I want to speak about the challenges we face as a people.

'Strengthen the American Family'

Our first challenge is to cherish our children and strengthen the American family.

Families are the foundation of American life. If we have stronger families, we will have a stronger America.

Before I go on, I'd like to take just a moment to thank my own family, and to thank the person who has taught me more than anyone else over 25 years about the importance of families and children. A wonderful wife, a magnificent mother, and a great first lady. Thank you, Hillary.

All strong families begin with taking more responsibility for our children. I've heard Mrs. Gore say that it's hard to be a parent today, but it's even harder to be a child. So all of us—not just as parents, but all of us in our other roles, our media, our schools, our teachers, our communities, our churches and synagogues, our businesses, our government—all of us have a responsibility to help our children to make it and to make the most of their lives and their God-given capacities.

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'Move People From Welfare to Work'

I say to those on welfare—and especially to those who have been trapped on welfare for a long time: For too long, our welfare system has undermined the values of family and work, instead of supporting them. The Congress and I are near agreement on sweeping welfare reform. We agree on time limits, tough work requirements, and the toughest possible child-support enforcement. But I believe we must also provide child care so mothers can go to work without worrying about what is happening to their children. I challenge Congress to send me a bipartisan welfare reform that will really move people from welfare to work, and do the right thing by our children. I will sign it immediately.

But let us be candid about this difficult problem. Passing a law—even the best possible law—is only the first step. The next step is to make it work. I challenge people on welfare to make the most of this opportunity for independence. I challenge American businesses to give people on welfare the chance to move into the work force. I applaud the work of religious groups and others who care for the poor. More than anyone else in our society, they know the true difficulty of the task before us, and they are in a position to help.

Every one of us should join them. That is the only way we can make real welfare reform a reality in the lives of the American people.

To strengthen the family, we must do everything we can to keep the teen pregnancy rate going down. I am gratified, as I'm sure all Americans are, that it has dropped for two years in a row, but we all know it is still far too high.

Tonight, I am pleased to announce that a group of prominent Americans is responding to that challenge by forming an organization that will support grass-roots community efforts all across our country in a national campaign against teen pregnancy. And I challenge all of us and every American to join their efforts.

I call on American men and women in families to give greater respect to one another. We must end the deadly scourge of domestic violence in our country.

And I challenge America's families to work harder to stay together, for families that stay together not only do better economically, their children do better as well.

In particular, I challenge the fathers of this country to

2000.

I ask Congress to support this education technology initiative so that we can make sure this national partnership succeeds.

Every diploma ought to mean something. I challenge every community, every school and every state to adopt national standards of excellence, to measure whether schools are meeting those standards, to cut bureaucratic red tape so that schools and teachers have more flexibility for grass-roots reform, and to hold them accountable for results. That's what our Goals 2000 initiative is all about.

I challenge every state to give all parents the right to choose which public school their children will attend and to let teachers form new schools with a charter they can keep only if they do a good job.

I challenge all our schools to teach character education: to teach good values and good citizenship. And if it means that teenagers will stop killing each other over designer jackets, then our public schools should be able to require the students to wear school uniforms.

I challenge our parents to become their children's first teachers. Turn off the TV. See that the homework is done. And visit your children's classroom. No program, no teacher, no one else can do that for you.

My fellow Americans, higher education is more important today than ever before. We have created a new student loan program that has made it easier to borrow and repay loans—and we have dramatically cut the student loan default rate. That's something we should all be proud of, because it was unconscionably high just a few years ago.

Through AmeriCorps, our national service program, this year, 25,000 young people will earn college money by serving their local communities to improve the lives of These initiatives are right for America and should keep them going. And we should also work hard to open the doors of college even wider.

I challenge Congress to expand work study and help one million young Americans work their way through college by the year 2000; to provide a \$1,000 merit scholarship for the top five percent of graduates in every high school in the United States, to expand Pell Grant scholarships for deserving and needy students; and to make up to \$10,000 a year of college tuition tax deductible. It's a good idea for America.

Act passed in 1993—these things will help responsible hard-working American families to make the most of their own lives.

But employers and employees must do their part as they are in so many of our finest companies, working together, putting long-term prosperity ahead of short-term gains. As workers increase their hours and their productivity, employers should make sure they get the skills they need and share the benefits of the good years as well as the burdens of the bad ones.

When companies and workers work as a team, they do better—and so does America.

'Community Policing Is Clearly Working'

Our fourth great challenge is to take back our streets from crime, and gangs and drugs.

At last we have begun to find the way to reduce crime, forming community partnerships with local police forces to catch criminals and to prevent crime.

This strategy, called community policing is clearly working. Violent crime is coming down all across America. In New York City, murders are down 25 percent, in St. Louis 18 percent, in Seattle 32 percent.

But we still have a long way to go before our streets are safe and our and our people are free of fear. The Crime Bill of 1994 is critical to the success of community policing. It provides funds for 100,000 new police in communities of all sizes. We are already a third of the way there—and I challenge Congress to finish the job. Let us stick with the strategy that's working, and keep the crime rate coming down.

Community policing also requires bonds of trust between citizens and police. I ask all Americans to respect and support our law enforcement officers, and to our police I say, our children need you as role models and heroes. Don't let them down. The Brady Bill has already stopped 44,000 people with criminal records from buying guns. The assault weapons ban is keeping 19 kinds of assault weapons out of the hands of violent gangs. I challenge the Congress to keep those laws on the books.

Our next step in the fight against crime is to take on gangs the way we once took on the Mob. I am directing the FBI and other investigative agencies to target gangs that involve juveniles in violent crime and to seek author-

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ity to prosecute—as adults—teenagers who maim and kill like adults.

And I challenge local housing authorities and tenant associations. Criminal gang members and drug dealers are destroying the lives of decent tenants. From now on, the rule for residents who commit crime and peddle drugs should be: One strike and you're out.

I challenge every state to match federal policy, to assure that serious, violent criminals serve at least 85 percent of their sentence.

More police and punishment are important, but they're not enough. We have got to keep more of our young people out of trouble, with prevention strategies not dictated by Washington, but developed in communities. I challenge all of our communities, all of our adults, to give these children futures to say yes to. And I challenge Congress not to abandon the Crime Bill's support of these grass-roots prevention efforts.

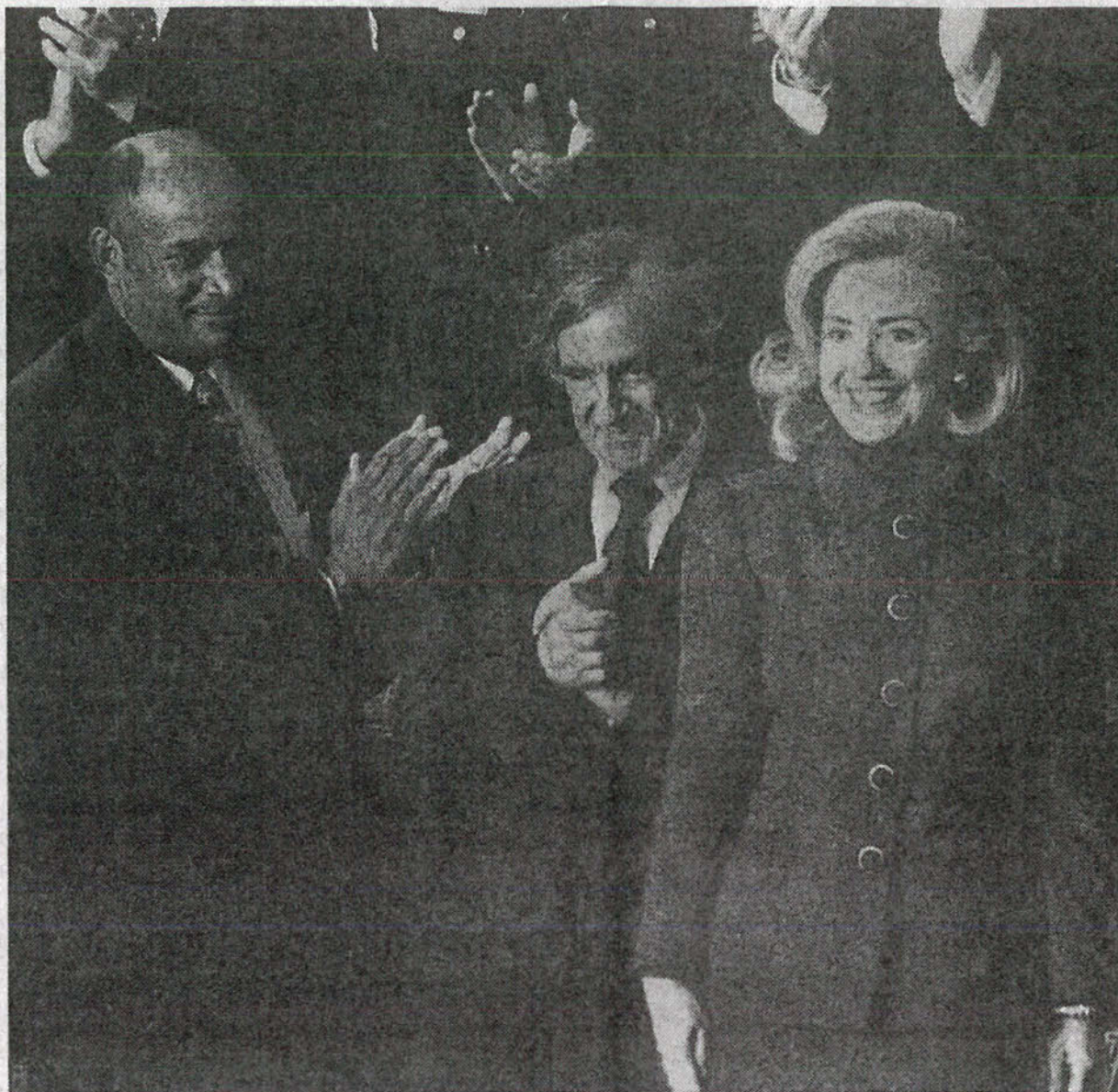
'We Have to Reduce The Drug Problem'

Finally, to reduce crime and violence, we have to reduce the drug problem. The challenge begins in our homes, with parents talking to their children openly and firmly, and embraces our churches and synagogues, our youth groups and our schools. I challenge Congress not to cut our support for drug-free schools. People like these DARE officers are making a real impression on grade school children that will give them the strength to say no when the time comes.

Meanwhile, we continue our efforts to cut the flow of drugs into America. For the last two years, one man in particular has been on the front lines of that effort.

Tonight I am nominating him—a hero of the Persian Gulf War and the commander-in-chief of the United States Military's Southern Command, General Barry McCaffrey, as America's new drug czar.

General McCaffrey has earned three Purple Hearts and two Silver Stars fighting for this country. Tonight I ask that he lead our nation's battle against drugs at home



Lucius Wright, left, and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel applaud President Clinton's mention of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. The president later cited Wright, a teacher in Jackson, Miss., as one of many "community heroes."

to deny federal contracts to businesses that hire illegal immigrants.

Let me be very clear about this: We are still a nation of immigrants; we should be proud of it. We should honor every legal immigrant here working hard to be a good citizen, working hard to become a new citizen. But we are also a nation of laws.

I want to say a special word now for those who work for our federal government. Today, the federal work force is 200,000 employees smaller than it was the day I took office as president.

Our federal government today is the smallest it has been in 30 years and it's getting smaller every day. Most of our fellow Americans probably don't know that and there's a good reason—a good reason.

The remaining federal work force is composed of hard-working Americans who are now working harder and working smarter than ever before to make sure that the quality of our services does not decline.

'Extraordinary Personal Heroism'

I'd like to give you one example. His name is Richard Dean. He's a 49-year-old Vietnam veteran who's worked for the Social Security Administration for 22 years now.

Last year, he was hard at work in the federal building in Oklahoma City when the blast killed 169 people and brought the rubble down all around him. He re-entered the building four times. He saved the lives of three women. He is here with us this evening and I want to recognize Richard and applaud both his public service and his extraordinary personal heroism.

But Richard Dean's story doesn't end there. This last November, he was forced out of his office when the government shut down.

And the second time the government shut down, he continued helping Social Security recipients, but he was working without pay. On behalf of Richard Dean and his family and all the other people who are out there working every day doing a good job for the American people, I challenge all of you in this chamber: Never—ever—shut the federal government down again.

On behalf of all Americans, especially those who need their Social Security payments at the beginning of March. I

ask that he lead our nation's battle against drugs at home and abroad. To succeed, he needs a force far larger than he has ever commanded before. He needs all of us—every one of us has a role to play on this team. Thank you, General McCaffrey, for agreeing to serve your country one more time.

'Work With Business To Cut Pollution'

Our fifth challenge: to leave our environment safe and clean for the next generation. Because of a generation of bipartisan effort, we do have cleaner air and water, lead levels in children's blood has been cut by 70 percent and toxic emissions from factories cut in half. Lake Erie was dead and now it's a thriving resource.

But 10 million children under 12 still live within four miles of a toxic waste dump. A third of us breathe air that endangers our health. And in too many communities, the water is not safe to drink. We still have much to do.

Yet Congress has voted to cut environmental enforcement by 25 percent. That means more toxic chemicals in our water; more smog in our air, more pesticides in our food. Lobbyists for the polluters have been allowed to write their own loopholes into bills, to weaken laws that protect health and safety of our children.

Some say that the taxpayers should pick up the tab for toxic waste and let polluters who can afford to fix it off the hook. I challenge Congress to re-examine those policies and to reverse them.

This issue has not been a partisan issue. The most significant environmental gains in the last 30 years were made under a Democratic Congress and President Richard Nixon. We can work together. We have to believe some basic things.

Do you believe we can expand the economy without hurting the environment? I do. Do you believe we can create more jobs over the long run by cleaning the environment up? I know we can. That should be our commitment.

We must challenge business and communities to take more initiative in protecting the environment and we have to make it easier for them to do it. To businesses this administration is saying: If you can find a cheaper, more efficient way than government regulations require to meet tough pollution standards, do it—as long as you do it right.

To communities, we say we must strengthen community, right-to-know laws requiring polluters to disclose their emissions, but you have to use the information to work with business to cut pollution. People do have a right to know that their air and water are safe.

'I Salute Your Service'

Rodham Clinton. The president later cited Wright, a teacher in Jackson, Miss., as one of many "community heroes."

All over the world, even after the Cold War, people still look to us and trust us to help them seek the blessings of peace and freedom. But as the Cold War fades into memory, voices of isolation say America should retreat from its responsibilities.

I say they are wrong. The threats we face today as Americans respect no nation's borders. Think of them—terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, organized crime, drug trafficking, ethnic and religious hatred, aggression by rogue states, environmental degradation. If we fail to address these threats today, we will suffer the consequences in all our tomorrows.

Of course, we can't be everywhere. Of course, we can't do everything. But where our interests and our values are at stake—and where we can make a difference—America must lead.

'World's Very Best Peacemaker'

We must not be isolationist. We must not be the world's policemen. But we can and should be the world's very best peacemaker.

By keeping our military strong, by using diplomacy where we can and force where we must, by working with others to share the risk and the cost of our efforts, America is making a difference for people here and around the world.

For the first time since the dawn of the nuclear age—for the first time since the dawn of the nuclear age, there is not a single Russian missile pointed at America's children. North Korea has now frozen its dangerous nuclear weapons program. In Haiti, the dictators are gone, democracy has a new day, the flow of desperate refugees to our shores has subsided.

Through tougher trade deals for America, over 80 of them, we have opened markets abroad, and now exports are at an all-time high, growing faster than imports and creating good American jobs.

We stood with those taking risks for peace—in Northern Ireland, where Catholic and Protestant children now tell their parents that violence must never return; in the Middle East, where Arabs and Jews, who once seemed destined to fight forever, now share knowledge and resources and even dreams.

And we stood up for peace in Bosnia. Remember the skeletal prisoners, the mass graves, the campaigns of rape and torture, the endless lines of refugees, the threat of a spreading war—all these threats—all these horrors have now begun to give way to the promise of peace.

Now our troops and a strong NATO, together with our new partners from Central Europe and elsewhere,

by signing a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty—this year.

As we remember what happened in the Japanese subway, we can outlaw poison gas forever, if the Senate approves the Chemical Weapons Convention—this year.

We can intensify the fight against terrorists and organized criminals at home and abroad, if Congress passes the anti-terrorism legislation I proposed after the Oklahoma City bombing—now. We can help more people move from hatred to hope all across the world in our own interest if Congress gives us the means to remain leaders for peace.

'Curb Special-Interest Influence In Politics'

My fellow Americans, the six challenges I have discussed are for all of us. Our seventh challenge is really America's challenge to those of us in this hallowed hall here tonight to reinvent our government and make our democracy work for them.

Last year this Congress applied to itself the laws it applies to everyone else. This Congress banned gifts and meals from lobbyists. This Congress forced lobbyists to disclose who pays them and what legislation they are trying to pass or kill. This Congress did that and I applaud you for it.

Now I challenge Congress to go further: To curb special-interest influence in politics by passing the first truly bipartisan campaign finance reform bill in a generation.

You, the Republicans and Democrats alike, can show the American people we can limit spending and we can open the airwaves to all candidates.

I also appeal to Congress to pass the line item veto you promised the American people.

Our administration is working hard to give the American people a government that works better and costs less. Thanks to the work of Vice President Gore, we are eliminating 16,000 pages of unnecessary rules and regulations, shifting more decision-making out of Washington back to states and local communities.

As we move into an era of balanced budgets and smaller government, we must work in new ways to enable people to make the most of their own lives.

We are helping America's communities—not with more bureaucracy, but with more opportunities—through our successful empowerment zones and community development banks, we are helping people to find jobs and to start businesses. And with tax incentives for the companies that clean up abandoned industrial property, we can bring jobs back to the places that desperately need them.

On behalf of all Americans, especially those who need their Social Security payments at the beginning of March, I also challenge the Congress to preserve the full faith and credit of the United States, to honor the obligations of this great nation as we have for 220 years, to rise above partisanship and pass a straightforward extension of the debt limit and show people America keeps its word.

I know that this evening I have asked a lot of Congress and even more from America, but I am confident. When Americans work together in their homes, their schools, their churches, their synagogues, their civic groups, their work place, they can meet any challenge.

'The Era of Working Together'

I say again: The era of big government is over. But we can't go back to the era of fending for yourself. We have to go forward to the era of working together—as a community, as a team, as one America with all of us reaching across these lines that divide us, with a vision. The discrimination, the rancor—we have to reach across it to find common ground. We have got to work together if we want America to work.

I want you to meet two more people tonight who do just that. Lucius Wright is a teacher in the Jackson, Miss., public school system.

A Vietnam veteran, he has created groups to help inner-city children turn away from gangs and build futures they can believe in.

Sgt. Jennifer Rodgers is a police officer in Oklahoma City. Like Richard Dean, she helped to pull her fellow citizens out of the rubble and deal with that awful tragedy. She reminds us that, in their response to that atrocity, the people of Oklahoma City lifted all of us with their basic sense of decency and community.

Lucius Wright and Jennifer Rodgers are special Americans. And I have the honor to announce tonight that they are the very first of several thousand Americans who will be chosen to carry the Olympic torch on its long journey from Los Angeles to the centennial of the modern Olympics in Atlanta this summer.

Not because they are star athletes, but because they are star citizens—community heroes meeting America's challenges. They are our real champions. Please stand up.

'Hold High the Torch of Citizenship'

Now each of us must hold high the torch of citizenship in our own lives. None of us can finish the race alone. We can only achieve our destiny together—one hand, one generation, one American connecting to another.

There have always been things we could do together, dreams we could make real, which we could never have done on our own. We Americans have forged our identity, our very union, from the very point of view that we can accommodate every point on the planet, every differ-

right to know that their air and water are safe.

'I Salute Your Service'

Our sixth challenge is to maintain America's leadership in the fight for freedom and peace throughout the world. Because of American leadership, more people than ever before live free and at peace, and Americans have known 50 years of prosperity and security. We owe thanks especially to our veterans of World War II.

I would like to say to Senator Bob Dole, and to all others in this chamber who fought in World War II, and to all others on both sides of the aisle who have fought bravely in all our conflicts since, I salute your service, and so do the American people.

peace.

Now our troops and a strong NATO, together with our new partners from Central Europe and elsewhere, are helping that peace to take hold.

As all of you know, I was just there with a bipartisan group and I was so proud, not only of what our troops were doing, but of the pride they evidenced in what they were doing. They knew what America's mission in this world is and they were proud to be carrying it out.

Through these efforts, we have enhanced the security of the American people. But make no mistake about it, important challenges remain. The START II treaty with Russia will cut our nuclear stockpiles by another 25 percent; I urge the Senate to ratify it—now.

We must end the race to create new nuclear weapons

the companies that clean up abandoned industrial property, we can bring jobs back to the places that desperately, desperately need them.

'The Problem of Illegal Immigration'

But there are some areas that the federal government should not leave and should address and address strongly. One of these areas is the problem of illegal immigration. After years and years of neglect, this administration has taken a strong stand to stiffen the protection of our borders. We are increasing border patrols by 50 percent; we are increasing inspections to prevent the hiring of illegal immigrants.

And tonight, I announce I will sign an executive order

done on our own. We Americans have forged our identity, our very union, from the very point of view that we can accommodate every point on the planet, every different opinion, but we must be bound together by a faith more powerful than any doctrine that divides us—by our belief in progress, our love of liberty, and our relentless search for common ground. America has always sought and always risen to every challenge.

Who would say that, having come so far together, we cannot go forward from here? Who would say that this Age of Possibility is not for all Americans?

Our country is—and always has been—a great and good nation. But the best is yet to come, if we all do our part.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America. Thank you.

A PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE

Oklahoma Survivor Called a Hero

By Stephen Barr
Washington Post Staff Writer

Richard H. Dean, the federal employee saluted by President Clinton last night, believes "there are a lot of people who could fill my shoes just as easily as I do. There were a lot of things happening that day."

The day was April 19, 1995. Dean was at his desk in the Social Security office on the first floor of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, finishing his first cup of coffee. Then a truck bomb demolished the building, piling eight stories of concrete and debris on Dean's office.

"I saw a brilliant flash, the lights went off, I heard a huge noise. . . . You could hear people up front yelling for help. But the next thing you heard was like a gravel truck dumping its load. We're talking about a time frame of five to 10 seconds. After that, you didn't hear anybody," Dean said.

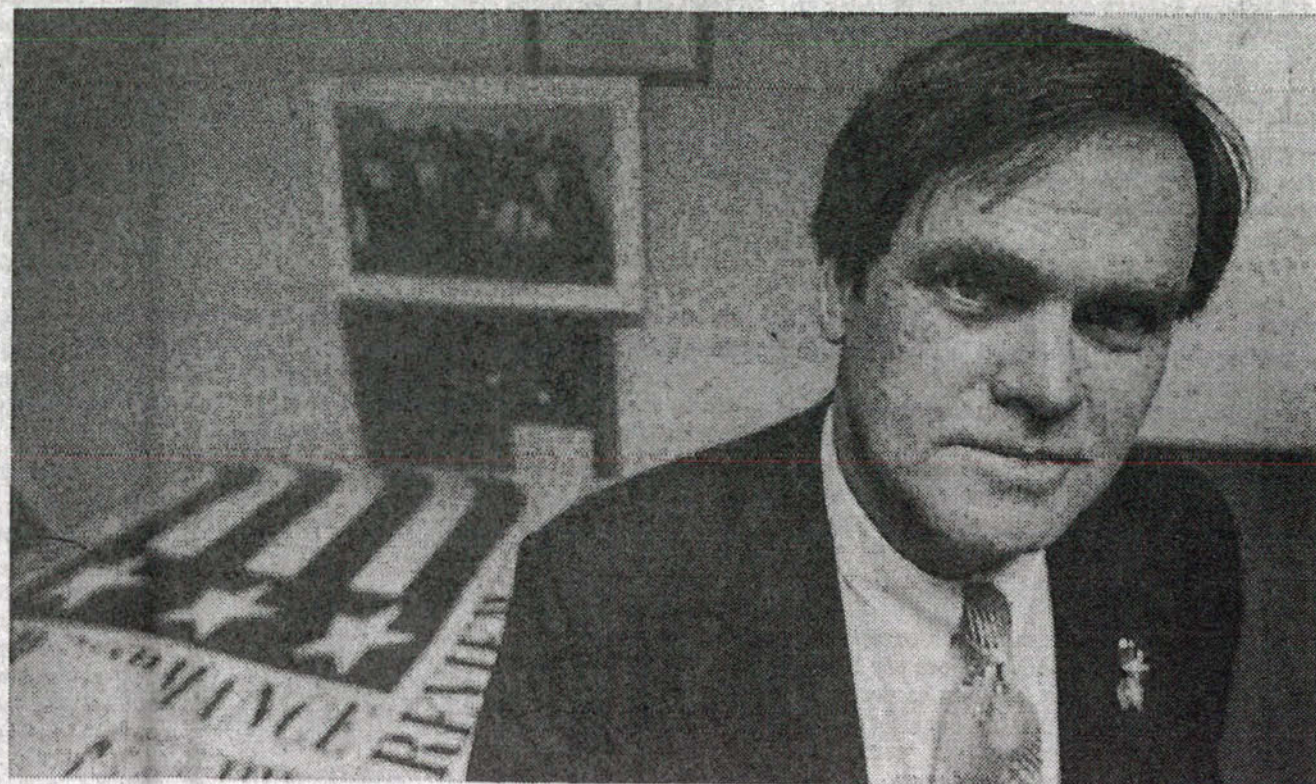
He was buried under ceiling tiles, shattered glass and furniture. Barely able to see because of the dust and darkness, Dean pulled himself free. Minutes later, he started responding to cries for help.

Dean dug through the rubble, trying to comfort hysterical co-workers. He told rescue crews where to find the employees and helped carry them out. Last night, President Clinton praised Dean for his "extraordinary personal heroism," saying he saved the lives of at least three women.

The bombing killed 169 people, including 15 Social Security employees and a volunteer worker. Twenty-two visitors in the Social Security waiting room also were killed.

In his State of the Union address, Clinton also praised Sgt. Jennifer Rodgers, an Oklahoma City police officer who pulled bombing victims out of the rubble, and Lucius Wright, a Jackson, Miss., schoolteacher who has helped inner-city children turn away from gangs.

Like hundreds of thousands of federal workers, Dean, 49, was caught in the two government shutdowns. A claims representative, he was furloughed in November but worked during the recent 21-day shutdown. "I don't understand what they're doing up here in Washington, D.C., but we're doing the best we can where we are," he said.



Federal worker Richard H. Dean, honored by President Clinton, said, "There are a lot of people who could fill my shoes."

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TEXT OF THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE

Following is the Republican response to President Clinton, delivered last night by Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole (R-Kan.):

Good evening. I'm Bob Dole, and I'm here to reply to the president's message on the state of the union. But a reply need not be an argument. Instead, I want to present another view, another way of thinking about the problems we face.

A few years back, I met with a group of a hundred high school seniors, one young man and a woman from every state. During the meeting, one young man stood up and said: "Senator, everybody has somebody who speaks for them, but who speaks for us?" he asked me. "Who speaks for the future?"

That's what I want to talk with you about tonight. The future, and the values that will shape it. Those values are at the heart of our disagreements with the president.

President Clinton says our differences are few, the budget numbers are close and that we should try to find common ground.

We have tried and tried, again and again. But such a place appears to be elusive. For while we share an abiding love of country, we have been unable to agree. Why? Because we have starkly different philosophies of government and profoundly different visions of America.

So all the talk and fighting in Washington can seem very remote. And we political figures can seem detached, and petty, and far removed from the everyday struggle of American citizens and families.

'We Cannot Ignore the Future'

But the truth is, we cannot ignore the future. The point of our lives, after all, is to raise children who are smarter and healthier and nobler than we are; to contribute to a country that is better than today's America; to make a world that is better and finer for all of God's creation.

America's greatness—all that we take such justified pride in today—America's greatness was built by men and women who sacrificed ease and comfort and the joys of today, to build a better future for those who came after.



Senate Majority Leader Dole talks with Sen. Alfonse D'Amato as he leaves House floor following Clinton's address.

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President Clinton has chosen to defend and increase a tax burden that has pushed countless families into their own personal recessions.

And unfortunately he has chosen to veto the first balanced budget in a generation, offering only a fantasy in

deeds are a contradiction. The president claims to embrace the future while clinging to the policies of the past. For three years this administration has valued dependence on government over self-reliance, federal power over community, federal planning over individual enterprise.

people. And if our government returns to them as a matter of national policy.

Now, just like the debate over the budget this winter, our arguments this spring will seem a maze of conflicting numbers, assertions and high-sounding words. But what we're really arguing about are the values that will shape our nation, our government, and the future of that child sleeping down the hall.

'Hijacked by Liberals'

Now, some people try to make these matters complicated, but they're simple in my home town—and probably where you are as well. Americans know that handouts without responsibility destroy human dignity.

We know that the help of a neighbor is preferable to that of a bureaucrat. And we know that wealth is created by free individuals in their smarts and their sweat. Government programs can only spend it. Now, I am a very practical man but I believe in the miracle of America. And I've never gone in for dramatics, but I do believe we have reached a defining moment. It is as if we went to sleep in one America, and woke up in quite another.

It is as though our government, our institutions and our culture have been hijacked by liberals and are careening dangerously off course.

Well, we know the way back, but we must act now. My promise tonight is that we can, and we will.

If there is no agreement, we will send President Clinton another balanced budget, with tax relief for American families, regulatory relief for small businesses, farmers and ranchers, and real welfare reform.

We will always be mindful of the poor and disadvantaged, education, and the environment. But we will begin the defunding of Big Brother by unfunding wasteful programs and meddlesome departments.

We will send the president bill after bill, returning power and programs to the states and to the people. We will challenge President Clinton again and again to walk the talk he talks so well.

As we do, remember this: Our battles will not be about numbers. They'll be about the character of our nation.

Yes, our country has problems. But we can handle them. Whether it's deficit spending or the welfare bureaucracy.

of today, to build a better future for those who came after.

How many pioneers faced a hostile and threatening frontier; and how many immigrants gave their bodies to the mines; how many soldiers lost their lives on distant battlefields, to secure a better future for their children and their children's children.

In every generation, Americans have made these sacrifices, and found in their making a purpose and a direction to life.

Now, we have to do that, in this generation.

And thanks to God and fortune, and to those who went before, we don't have to conquer a dangerous frontier, we don't have to fight another great war. What we do have to do is to face the fact that we cannot give in to all of our own desires.

As we have just heard, President Clinton, and those who share his vision of America, have chosen their ground.

The Lines Clinton Has Drawn

The president has chosen to defend with his veto, a welfare system that no one can defend—for it is a daily assault on the values of self-reliance and family.

He has chosen to defend an education establishment run by liberals whose goal is to operate every school in America by remote control from Washington.

He has chosen to veto a defense bill because it provided for defending America against weapons of mass destruction.

He has chosen to defend the status quo in Medicare—a system on which lives depend, and a program in urgent need of rescue.

And unfortunately he has chosen to veto the first balanced budget in a generation, offering only a fantasy in its place.

Now, if you have a child asleep in your home tonight, you'll probably check on him or her before you go to bed. And as you bend over to tuck your child in, think about this:

If we continue down this path we will place a tremendous burden of debt on every child in America.

Now, how can we betray them, their parents, and grandparents? How can we fail to act?

We cannot, and we will not.

Every political movement, and every public official, must locate a place in his heart where compromise ends—a core of conviction where we keep our conscience.

'Refuse to Bend or Yield'

There comes a time when even practical leaders must refuse to bend or to yield. For Republicans, and countless Democrats and independents, we have arrived at that time.

America's troubles are real but our choices are clear and our will is strong. We must rein in our runaway government. Return power to the people, reduce the tax burden, put parents back in charge of our schools, untie the hands of our police, restore justice to our courts and put our faith once again in the basic goodness, wisdom and self-reliance of our people.

Well, the president spoke with great eloquence about a future with unlimited possibilities. It is a vision we all share, for it is the story of America.

But while the president's words speak of change, his

government over self-reliance, federal power over community, federal planning over individual enterprise.

It has tried to place government experts in charge of our economy, and our health and our lives. It has put liberal judges on the bench to war with our values and it questions the participation of religious people in public life, treating them as fanatics out of step with America.

Clinton's Elitist View

President Clinton shares a view of America held by our country's elites: A nation of special interest groups, united only by a dependence on government, competing with each other for handouts, and held back by outdated values.

Now for those who hold this view, there is only one answer for our problems: More government. Bigger government. And more meddlesome government.

And if you listened closely tonight, that's what President Clinton talked about. President Clinton may well be the rear guard of the welfare state. He is the chief obstacle to a balanced budget, and the balanced budget amendment. He is almost the last public defender of a discredited status quo.

We Republicans will not give up the struggle because America will round the corner to a brighter future if we prevail. I come from Russell, Kansas. There's not much money there, but the people are rich in many other ways. Life isn't always easy, but the values are durable. Love of God and country and family. Commitment to honesty, decency and personal responsibility. And self-reliance tempered by a sense of community.

Those values made America the greatest nation on earth. And there is no doubt in my mind that we can get our country back on track if we reassert them again as a

Yes, our country has problems. But we can handle them. Whether it's deficit spending or the welfare bureaucracy or our liberal courts or the trouble in our schools—what's wrong is that the elites in charge don't believe in what the people believe in.

That, we can fix.

We know what made America great. All we need now is the resolve to lead our country back to her place in the sun. And the courage to speak for the future.

'It's Not Too Late'

So, when you close the door to your child's room tonight, remember, it's not too late.

This is a great country. Our strength has always come from the truth, and from sacrifice and honor, and from the bottomless reservoir of hope and work and courage that is the American people.

Always, we have built for the future, with a half-silent consciousness that we were doing the work of the Lord.

Today, we feel ourselves beset by many difficulties.

By violence and resentment, by racial and partisan divisions, by economic storms, by dizzying changes of every kind. Yet, the blood of greatness, of noble forebears, of men and women of incredible achievement, still runs through us all.

That birthright is what it means to bear the name "American."

In this time, in this generation, in this year, we—like they—can and will overcome. We need only rededicate ourselves to earning the name we have inherited.

Thank you very much, God bless America and good night.

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OTHER GOP VOICES

Sen. Robert J. Dole (Kan.) gave the Republican Party response to President Clinton's State of the Union address. Here are reactions of other GOP presidential candidates.



Lamar Alexander: Any Republican who watched the two speeches tonight must be thinking the same thing: President Clinton can fake a compelling vision while Senator Dole is too decent to try to fake a vision he clearly does not have. It is time for our party to say to Senator Dole with respect: It is time to move



Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes Jr.: President Clinton's actions are no match for his words. He did not propose a John Kennedy-like tax cut to get America moving again. Needless to say, he didn't mention a flat tax that is a tax cut for all Americans because that would smash a still out-of-touch, a still too arrogant Washington

PITCH TO THE PARTY

Themes Appeal to Democratic Spectrum

By John F. Harris
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Gary J. LaPaille has some advice for all his fellow Democrats who tried to save their political skins by running away from President Clinton in 1994: Turn around and start stepping in time with your leader.

"If you're running for Congress or township supervisor, you are going to go up or down as President Clinton goes," LaPaille, the state Democratic chairman in Illinois, said after last night's State of the Union speech. "The worst thing we could do now is nitpick and debate and apologize."

Across the ideological spectrum, many Democrats last

reached out to others, Breaux said. "It was a speech that could have been given in any Rotary Club in the South and been well received," Breaux added.

The speech won praise from Democrats who had lost patience in the past with Clinton's wavering image.

Earl Hutto, a conservative Florida Democrat who did not seek reelection to his House seat last time, said Clinton ran into trouble when "he was elected as a 'New Democrat' but didn't always govern that way."

But Hutto liked Clinton's words last night. "He was constantly promoting the themes of unity and working together," Hutto said. While skeptical of new spending, "I think most Americans believe the government should not be shut



time for our party to say to Senator Dole with respect: It is time to move on to new Republican leadership to carry our banner against Bill Clinton. While it may be Senator Dole's turn, it is not his revolution.



Patrick J. Buchanan: I think it was an effective address. It was well-delivered. Clinton seems to be moving toward Republican positions ... and even toward [my own].... He abandoned Great Society liberalism, at least in rhetoric.... The Republicans better nominate someone who can communicate a vision at least as well as Mr. Clinton.... You can't

defeat Bill Clinton by talking about the budget process.... I think it's going to put Bob Dole on the spot.



Rep. Robert K. Dornan (Calif.): All the general themes—protecting the family and family values—all that is right out of Ronald Reagan's handbook and everything I've been speaking about for 19 years.... I thought I wrote the speech.

NOTE: Alan L. Keyes could not be reached for comment.
SOURCE: Candidate interviews and statements



out-of-touch, a still too arrogant Washington culture. He ignored real education reform.... He had nothing substantive to say about reforming a welfare system that has blighted the lives of millions of Americans.



Sen. Phil Gramm (Tex.): The president tonight talked about reforming welfare, but the president last month vetoed a welfare bill that would have changed welfare as we know it in America, that would have brought back hope and dignity. ... I will never address the American people and suggest that because our children might be

assaulted if they wear a nice jacket, to strip the jacket from their back and put them in uniform.... It is very interesting to me, in listening to Bill Clinton in a speech that begins by saying that government is not the answer, he ends up with the federal government setting the dress code in the schools of our nation. He ends up announcing a half a dozen new government programs.



Sen. Richard G. Lugar (Ind.): The president's comments were so subtly partisan it sounded like an acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention.... The speech was a stunning denial of his role in the failure to get a balanced budget.

we could do now is nitpick and debate and apologize.

Across the ideological spectrum, many Democrats last night apparently felt the same way. Over the past three years, Clinton has by turns alienated conservative Democrats, who felt he abandoned the centrist themes that got him elected and governed like a liberal during his first year in office, as well as traditional liberals, who in recent months have wondered if he had the backbone to stand up to the Republican campaign to dismantle activist government.

But at the start of this campaign year, Clinton in his speech last night managed to do the same thing he did so well during his bid for president four years ago: keep all elements of his disparate party content by giving a little something for everybody.

Conservative and moderate Democrats liked Clinton's vow that "the era of big government is over." Liberals thought he managed to define differences with Republicans on protecting the environment and avoiding deeper cuts in the fast-growing Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"He co-opted the Republicans, took a lot of the issues away from them they thought they were going to use against him," said Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), a leading liberal voice in the House. "It positions us in the middle—that's where the president wants to be, that's where our vulnerabilities are."

"It was almost like it was 1981 and we were the Republicans" with President Ronald Reagan, he said. "We were very up tonight," Matsui added. "Even liberals were standing for the balanced budget lines."

Clinton's speech was first and foremost about positioning himself for reelection, but whether he can rally his dispirited party at the same time he promotes himself remains unanswered as the election year begins.

Clinton spent much of the past year distancing himself from congressional Democrats and trying to position himself above the partisan battles in Congress, just as many Democrats seeking election in 1994 sought to distance themselves from him. But party leaders say that in 1996, when the president, the entire House and a third of the Senate are on the ballot, it is unlikely that Democrats can mend their party without more unity from top to bottom.

Conservative Sen. John Breaux (D-La.) said Clinton's speech, in its appeal for bipartisanship and sensitivity to issues ranging from a balanced budget to crime and drugs, "gives us an opportunity to expand our base, which is always a problem for Democrats."

By talking about protecting traditional Democratic priorities, Clinton covered the party's more liberal base but also

er, Hutto said. Most Americans believe the government should not be shut down."

Even so, Hutto said one speech wasn't about to erase Clinton's liberal image. And in contrast to the advice of LaPaille and others, he said most candidates would be better off running on their own reputations, not by tying themselves to Clinton or other national Democrats.

Former Wyoming governor Mike Sullivan, who last year lost his bid for the Senate in part because he was a Clinton friend, advised candidates to find a middle ground. "They should say, 'Look, I'm me, but I'm not going to run away from someone who I think has the right ideas.'"

Sullivan, a conservative Democrat, was one of the people Clinton turned to for occasional advice after the 1994 election debacle. Of Clinton's speech, he said: "Is this something Democrats can run on? I don't know how they could not. ... He hit on the [needs of] the middle and lower class, he hit on the theme of community. It's what we need."

But even as Clinton's message soothed his party's centrists, it did not chase away unabashed liberals. Rep. Maxine Waters, who represents south central Los Angeles, said the speech had something for "the most leftward Democrats and the most rightward Democrat. ... He spoke of some core Democratic issues, but he also challenged all of us to live within the new era of limits. ... The admonition that we can't expect from government that which we have expected in the past was something we all have to think about."

These sentiments express something of an evolution in the thinking of many House Democrats. Many of these same people were furious last year when Clinton chose to match the Republicans in advocating a balanced budget, accusing him of not standing up for Democratic programs.

Freshman Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Tex.) said the central themes of the speech reflected the concerns of his Austin district. "These are the issues I'm talking about with people—and I think they work for us," he said.

Sen. Bob Kerrey (Neb.), chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said he thought the tone and specifics of the speech will "help a great deal" with Democratic campaigns for Congress. "He was speaking straight to basic mainstream American values and appealing to our better side that understands we accomplish more as individuals when we act as a community," Kerrey said.

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THE STATE OF THE UNION

For Clinton, a Double Perspective on the Best Economic Course

By Steven Pearlstein
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In crafting the economic message of his State of the Union speech, President Clinton faced a tough political choice.

He could focus on the impressive list of economic statistics that lead many experts to conclude that the economy is in remarkably good shape: low unemployment and inflation, 8 million new jobs, a boom in exports and a surge of new business starts.

Or he could declare that the economic glass remains only half full and throw his lot with the economically anxious—that majority of Americans who are fearful of corporate layoffs, resentful of the growing gap between the rich and everyone else, and doubtful about the future of the American Dream.

In the end, Clinton chose to pursue both strategies—simultaneously the rosy optimist and dissatisfied critic.

"We live in an age of possibility," the president declared. "A hundred years ago, we moved from farm to factory. Now we move to an age of technology, information and global competition. These changes have opened vast new opportunities for our people, but they have also presented them

with stiff challenges. More Americans are living better; but too many of our fellow citizens are working harder just to keep ahead and they are rightly concerned about the security of their families."

While conservatives have traditionally stressed self-reliance and liberals the benefits of collective action, the president refused to accept what he called the false choice between them.

"The era of big government is over," Clinton said. "But we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves."

At times, Clinton was the "Goldman Sachs Democrat," vowing to balance the budget, lower interest rates and never—ever—let the Treasury default on its obligations.

At other times, he was the "Bowling League Democrat," fighting for higher incomes and more job security for those who worked hard, played by the rules and now find themselves on the short end of the economic stick. For them, the president argued for an increase in the minimum wage, a tax credit for each child, employer-sponsored pension and health plans and a new "GI Bill" for Americans without jobs.

Longtime Clinton-watchers point out that this refusal to choose which kind of Democrat he wants to be is vintage Clinton, a reflection of his deep-seated personal need to

please all and offend few. But the ambivalence also reflects division within the administration's own ranks. In recent months, for example, Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich has urged a more populist campaign theme that focuses on cutting corporate tax breaks, raising the minimum wage and increasing spending for education and training. Reich's strategy has been opposed by Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and others who argue not so much with the policy proposals as with the idea of packaging it in confrontational rhetoric that demonizes the rich and antagonizes big corporations.

Thus, for example, the president "challenged" corporations that have restructured and reengineered themselves to share with their workers "the benefits of the good years as well as the burdens of the bad ones"—a familiar Reichian theme. But having raised the issue, he stepped back from criticizing corporations for holding back pay raises while racking up record profits.

This "Battle of the Bobs" inside the administration—like the battle between Clinton and Clinton—mirrors a similar one going on outside between authors of two recent books.

In "The End of Affluence," journalist Jeffrey Madrick argues that, after an extraordinary 200 years of rapid economic growth, the United States has exhausted most of its

distinctive competitive advantages. Our only choice, he argues, is to acknowledge our changed circumstance and adopt bold policies to stimulate economic growth. The alternative, says Madrick, is to be resigned to a future of social discord and economic decline.

Madrick's opposite in this debate is Robert J. Samuelson, Newsweek's economic columnist. In "The Good Life and Its Discontents," Samuelson argues that the American economy is in the midst of a painful transition that is already giving way to greater productivity and prosperity. Some of our economic anxiety, Samuelson writes, results from unrealistic expectations. But much of the rest stems from misleading statistics and overly pessimistic political rhetoric that ignore the undeniable fact that more Americans are better off than at any time in the past.

But while there were echoes of both Samuelson and Madrick in last night's speech, the president made clear that his real aim was to continue his search for the "common ground" between them. It was the same patch of political territory that eluded Clinton during his crusade for health care reform, and more recently during the fight over a seven-year balanced budget plan.

His gamble now is that he will be able to reach it by the time the polls open in November.

President Overshadows Dole in Rhetorical Matchup That Could Preview '96 Debates

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Observers said he seemed to have done all three. David R. Gergen, a public relations adviser to President Ronald Reagan and Clinton who is now back in journalism, called it "the most artful and effective" State of the Union Clinton has given. "It shows how tough he will be in the coming campaign."

Intentionally or not, the television cameras helped Clinton make the Republicans

and he'll feel their pain and he'll give a very good answer."

If the other contestant is Dole, Alexander says, "the response is about OMB and CBO and Washington and getting a bill out of subcommittee. We've got President Clinton for four more years and we've got a Democratic Congress for four more years."

Another presidential rival, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, has asked voters, "When is the last time anybody remembers Senator



The theatrics of the contest, as always, favored the president. He got to go first, with the leaders of all three branches of government, the military and the diplomatic corps gazing up at him from the floor of the House of Representatives, and with a cross-section of American heroes seated in the gallery.

He radiated reasonableness throughout the speech, rarely alluding to his vetoes and stressing how eager he was to sign a balanced budget, a welfare reform bill and other measures.

Intentionally or not, the television cameras helped Clinton make the Republicans look like narrow partisans. On most of the applause lines that brought Vice President Gore and the Democrats to their feet cheering, House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), also seated behind the president, sat with hands folded, looking grim.

The cutaway TV shots to glowering Republicans on the House floor heightened the impression created by Clinton's words that he was the reasonable conciliator, confronting a party of stony-faced and rigid ideologists.

"Clinton played the Republicans as skillfully in the speech as he has in the whole budget negotiations," said one Democratic consultant who does not work for the White House. "They have to be going crazy trying to figure him out."

For Dole, fighting for his party's nomination, the challenge was even more immediate. Rivals have charged that Dole could not match up to Clinton if he were to face him in the autumn presidential debates.

One of Dole's opponents, former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander, has been asking Republican audiences to imagine those debates, where Clinton will "walk out from behind the podium and over to the questioners and he'll look them in the eye

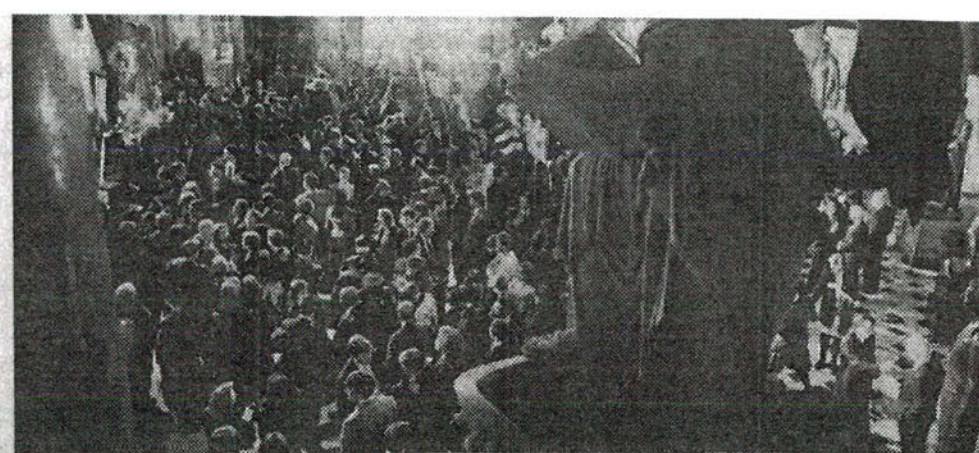
Gramm or Texas, has asked voters, "when is the last time anybody remembers Senator Dole responding to President Clinton in such a way that they said, 'Bob hit the nail right on the head?'"

Actually, Dole bested Clinton politically the last time they squared off. It was State of the Union night in 1994 and then, too, Dole gave the Republican response.

Anticipating that Clinton would use his speech to plead for quick action on his ambitious health care reform plan, Dole borrowed a chart devised by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) that made the administration proposal look like the ultimate big-government, Rube Goldberg device. "It's a big chart, containing 207 boxes," Dole said. "It would take a long time to explain—if I fully understood it myself. . . . But the president's idea is to put a mountain of bureaucrats between you and your doctor."

That speech was a signal event in the successful Republican effort to kill the main domestic policy initiative of Clinton's first term. It set the stage for the spectacularly successful GOP campaign against "big government" in the midterm elections of 1994.

In a clear preemptive strike, Clinton three times asserted last night that he and other Democrats realize "the era of big government is over." He sounded conservative



Members of Congress and news media gather in Capitol's Statuary Hall after the address.

themes on family values and crime, and even set out to trump Dole on getting more wholesome entertainment onto television and movie screens. Dole had won praise for going to Hollywood last year and telling film moguls to clean up their act. Clinton said he was summoning the moguls to the White House next month to demand "concrete ways to improve what our children see."

Dole could have asked someone else to respond to last night's address since it was his

turn, as Senate leader, to designate the party spokesman. A year ago, Gingrich passed up the honor and enlisted New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman (R).

But Dole has used his position as leader of the Senate as the main prop for his presidential campaign. Aides said he thought the response was "part of his responsibility." Giving it was certainly part of his strategy of seeming to be on a different plane of leadership than the others in the big GOP field.

stressing how eager he was to sign a balanced budget, a welfare reform bill and other measures.

That left it to Dole to make the Republican argument that "we have starkly different philosophies of government and profoundly different visions of America."

Dole may have helped himself with the Republican primary voters by vowing that he would not "bend or yield" to Clinton—a rebuttal to the charges from Gramm and others that he was too ready to compromise.

But early voter samplings indicated that he had less success convincing independent-minded voters that the Republicans were right in insisting on their own versions of tax, Medicare and Medicaid changes.

Despite his frequent allusions to youths and children and the future, Dole's body language and lackluster delivery gave rivals an opening to argue that, at 72, he is no match for the television-savvy Democratic president. Alexander and conservative commentator Patrick J. Buchanan both faulted Dole's presentation and suggested that the GOP could not risk having him as the nominee.

Whether any of Dole's opponents would have fared better is a question they do not have to answer—yet.

Washington Opera to Bid for Woodies Store

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ed large mixed-use projects in other cities; and Robert Gladstone, whose Quadrangle Development Corp. in the District created the Shops at National Place and numerous other area projects.

The opera company's entrance into the bidding process was announced yesterday by its board, which accepted a multimillion-dollar gift from its chairman, Betty Casey, to purchase the building. The group would convert the department store to an opera complex featuring a hall for about 70 annual performances, a restaurant and some space for other performing arts groups.

The opera company's idea surprised Woodies executives and District officials, and it faces several sit-

ater also would not generate nearly as much sales tax as a retail development. And theater tickets are not taxable in the District.

The Woodies building will be sold at auction just as the chain itself—which was operating under bankruptcy protection—was sold last summer. Initially, Woodies struck a deal with Federated Department Stores Co., which had planned to convert most Woodies stores into Macy's. But at an auction last August, which was required under bankruptcy law, the May Department Store Co., the owner of Hecht's, made a higher bid in partnership with J.C. Penney Co. and ended up buying the venerable chain.

Several developers will be joining the opera company at this auction.

"We will be there, and we will bid confidently because we were one of

equal to this," Mossel said of the donation to the company. Board members said the widow of Montgomery County land baron Eugene Casey plans to stay in the bidding for the building as long as the price is "reasonable." Others put Casey's donation at about \$10 million. A separate fund-raising effort would be launched, if the opera company's bid were accepted, to cover its estimated renovation costs of \$105 million.

Wilbur L. Ross Jr., a consultant to Woodies' unsecured creditors, who also must approve the sale of the building, said he personally favors an opera house at the Woodies site. "I think Woodies had been a Washington institution, and I think it would be quite appropriate if another Washington institution were able to make an alternate use out of the facility as proposed

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PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATE OF THE UNION: AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

The American people should have a sense of realistic optimism about the progress America is making. We are moving in the right direction; we have more to do; and if we come together as a nation, we can meet our challenges.

The President will deliver the State of the Union next Tuesday, January 23, 1996 at 9:00 pm in the Capitol. He will challenge the American people to come together as a nation and face the future together. The President will talk about the big concerns facing our people, and show in concrete ways how Americans working together can meet our challenges.

Everyone must do their part. If we are going to seize the promise of our times, we must all work together. Not government alone. Not individuals alone. The President will talk about what we as a nation can accomplish together. He will call on every one of us: as parents and children, as employers and employees, teachers and students, community leaders and community members, as government and as citizens. We can only meet the challenges of this new time together.

The President will address a number of challenges we must meet together, including:

Balancing the budget. As the President prepares the State of the Union, he is working hard on the first of these challenges: a seven-year balanced budget that upholds our values. It is within our grasp. With his plan, certified by Congress' own economists, Democrats and Republicans have already agreed on enough cuts to balance the budget in seven years and give working families a modest tax cut.

Crime. Our progress: The crime rate is declining. Murders are down 12%, robberies are down 10% and car theft is down 5%. Over 45,000 fugitives and felons have been blocked from buying handguns because of the Brady Bill. The assault weapons ban outlawed 19 of the deadliest assault weapons. America's challenge: To keep all our citizens safe from crime, violence, and drugs.

Children and education. Our progress: More of our students are going to college and fewer students are dropping out of high school. America's challenge: To renew our schools so every American child has the chance to get the best possible education for the 21st century. At the same time, we must protect our children from violent and harmful influences.

Economy. Our progress: The lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968. 7.7 million new jobs in the last three years. Revitalized auto and construction industries: 700,000 new construction jobs after losing 800,000 jobs in the four years before President Clinton. America's challenge: To make sure hard work still pays, and all Americans have the tools to be winners of economic change.

The World. Our progress: From Haiti to Northern Ireland, from the Middle East to Bosnia, America is leading the world towards peace and freedom. America's challenge: To keep America the strongest force for peace in the world.

Community. America's challenge: To live up to the duty we owe one another. To come together around our values; to help our communities, our neighbors, and our country.

MAKING COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES

Our neighborhoods and schools are the common thread of American life. President Clinton is committed to making our homes and classrooms safer and more secure for all Americans. The crime rate across the country is falling, thousands of criminals have been prevented from buying guns and more police are on the street. President Clinton is taking on the gun lobby and standing up for America's families. That's why the President is leading the fight to:

- Put more police on our streets.
- Ban deadly assault weapons.
- Take career criminals off the streets.
- End violence against women.
- Break the vicious cycle of drugs and violence.

ACTION

- **Implemented the Toughest Most Comprehensive Crime Bill Ever**

In 1994, after more than six years of gridlock, a bipartisan majority in Congress passed the smartest, toughest Crime Bill in the nation's history. It passed with the strong support of every major law enforcement organization in the country, as well as prosecutors, mayors, and state and local officials of both parties.

Tougher Penalties and More Prison Space

- A targeted "**three strikes and you're out**" provision to keep career violent offenders behind bars for life;
- The **death penalty** for drug kingpins and the murder of a Federal law enforcement officer;
- Increased penalties for **sex offenders** and a registration requirement for violent sexual offenders;
- \$7.9 billion for **100,000 more prison cells** to help states make sure that violent offenders serve their full sentences.

ACTION

More Police and Community Policing

- The President's plan to put **100,000 more police** on the street in community policing represents the federal government's biggest commitment ever to local law enforcement -- **\$8.8 billion** -- or an almost **20%** increase in the nation's police force levels. Over **31,000** more officers have been funded.

Enacted the Assault Weapons Ban as Part of the Crime Bill

- Bans **19 of the deadliest assault weapons** and their copies, but specifically protects more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons. Cop-killing assault weapons, like the Uzi, are the weapons of choice for drug dealers and gangs -- not hunters and sportsmen.

Passed the Brady Bill

- Provides for a **5-day waiting period** and background check of prospective handgun buyers. In two years, the Brady Law has stopped more than **45,000 fugitives and felons** from purchasing handguns.

Signed the Violence Against Women Act as Part of the Crime Bill

- Triples funding for battered women's shelters.
- Announced **\$26 million in state grants** to bolster their law enforcement, prosecution and victims services to better address violence against women.
- Improves the responses of police, prosecutors and judges to domestic violence and other violence against women; enhances lighting at bus stops and other dark public places; forces sex offenders to pay restitution to their victims.

Signed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act -- helps schools fight violence and drug abuse through after school programs, drug prevention programs, counseling and additional school security.

- Issued a Presidential Directive Enforcing a **"Zero Tolerance" Gun Policy in Schools**.

AGENDA

While overall crime rates have been dropping, kids today are increasingly the perpetrators -- and the victims -- of some of society's most violent crimes. That is why reducing youth crime and violence are key components of President Clinton's continuing crime-fighting agenda. While the President moves forward with additional initiatives to rid our streets and neighborhoods of crime and drugs, such as **community policing**, he will fight any misguided attempts to erode our progress -- such as any effort to:

- Repeal the **Assault Weapons Ban**;
- Reduce the number of **police** in our communities.

THE STORY OF 1995

A YEAR OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LEADERSHIP

In this season of hope, we can look back at a year of great progress for America. Under President Clinton's leadership, Americans are gaining renewed faith in our economy and our shared prospects for the future. Around the world, the President's vision is bringing peace to places that have until recently known only terror and war. Nineteen-ninety-five was a year of enormous challenges. We faced terrible moments and hard decisions. But we met them head on. Tragedies that could have stopped us instead brought us together and drove us forward. As the year comes to a close, we should be very proud of all that we have accomplished together: We have done much to build a stronger, safer world for our children -- and for generations of Americans to come. We have shown again that America is built on three basic values: That we believe we can all have dreams of a better future; that we believe our hard work can make our dreams come true; and that in America, we are all in this together -- not as individuals acting alone, but as one nation moving forward in unison.

PEACE AT HOME: STANDING UP FOR OUR SHARED VALUES

Much of the year has been devoted to the debate over the budget. The debate over the budget is nothing less than a debate about our values and our future. Americans spent 1995 talking with each other about what kind of country we will be as we enter a new century -- deciding what kind of a world we want to give our children and grandchildren. The budget process hasn't always been easy, but under President Clinton's leadership Americans have used this national discussion to state clearly what we think is essential:

- Balancing the budget, because we must lift the burden of reckless debt off the backs of future generations. Since President Clinton came to office, he has cut the deficit nearly in half. He has done so in a way that is fair to all and protects our fundamental values. Now we must finish the job of balancing the budget. But we must do so in a manner that remains true to these core convictions that have served us so well for so long.
- Protecting Medicaid and Medicare, so that we honor our commitment to our parents, to our children, and to Americans with disabilities by seeing to it that all have health care.
- Educating our children, so they can make the most of their lives and pass a better America on to their children.

- Preserving our environment and protecting the public health, by making sure that the water we drink and the air we breathe are safe, and that our magnificent natural wonders are preserved for generations to come.

The budget debate has also reminded many people that the national government **can** improve the lives of Americans. Government should be streamlined, and in the last three years President Clinton has reduced the federal workforce by more than 200,000 positions. But to dismantle the national government entirely would be to walk away from our obligations to one another and to future generations. In America, our government has always been one of the ways we make concrete our commitment to our families, our communities, our country.

PEACE AT HOME: WORKING FOR COMMON GROUND

In moments of great adversity, Americans refused to come apart, and instead we came together.

- We rushed to the aid of the victims and survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing. Americans spoke with one voice to repudiate those who had turned away from the democratic process and advocated violence as a means to achieving political ends.
- Instead of heightening racial tensions, Americans transformed the Million Man March into an opportunity to renew our discussion about the racial divide in our country. Under President Clinton's leadership, we found not rancor, but honesty.

PEACE AROUND THE WORLD: AMERICAN LEADERSHIP MADE THE DIFFERENCE

President Clinton has used his leadership to help bring about peace and reconciliation around the world. Under the President's vision, America is not a policeman, but a peacemaker.

- With our leadership, the tragic assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin became not an excuse to stop the Middle East peace process, but a reason to give it new life. Finally, Israel and Syria will sit down together in the United States to find a way to live together peacefully.
- The Dayton Agreement and our decision to join in the international effort to secure the peace in Bosnia has given the people of the former Yugoslavia a chance to rebuild their lives. In the face of four years of horrible violence, Americans decided that we have a moral obligation to help peace take root in that war-torn country.

- In Northern Ireland, they are celebrating their second Christmas of peace. In Haiti, they are celebrating the peaceful transfer of power from one democratically elected president to another. During President Clinton's visits to both these countries, the gratitude for America's leadership was visible in dramatic ways.

HARD WORK OF DEMOCRACY

Democracy is hard work. It is never quiet. And in times of great change, like those in which we live today, it is rarely tidy. But in our more than 200 years as a country, the harder we have worked, the more progress we have made. And in 1995, Americans, under President Clinton's leadership, worked very hard. We found the strength to work through problems that had once defeated us. We moved beyond short-term concerns and political pageantry to work creatively to build our home together. Yes, we still have a lot to do: too many children grow up in the shadow of crime and poverty; too many children miss out on the opportunity of a good education; too many hard-working Americans are putting in long hours for low pay. But there's no reason we can't meet these challenges, too. The inspiring changes we've seen in 1995 put the American people - with their ability and their values -- in a strong position to help make the American Dream real for all our citizens.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

- Nearly 7.7 million new jobs created since President Clinton took office.
- Under President Clinton, the deficit has been cut dramatically, from \$290 billion in 1992 to \$164 billion.
- In 1995 the deficit was reduced for the third year in a row, the first time that has happened since Harry Truman was in office.
- Consumer sentiment has been higher under President Clinton than under any administration since Lyndon Johnson's.
- Lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968.
- Falling interest rates.
- Rising stock market closed at 5,000 for first time ever.
- Unemployment now under 6 percent for the 15th month in a row, widely considered to be the definition of full employment.
- Dramatic decrease in unemployment in traditionally high unemployment regions.
- 15-year high in homeownership; Nearly 1 million new homeowners in the past year.
- A new high in new business formation, with more than approximately 2 million new businesses since 1993.
- 20,000 more police officers on the streets since the signing of the President's crime bill in 1994.
- Violent crime down 5% for the first half of 1995.
- Reported homicides are down 12% in the first half of 1995 when compared with the same time in 1994, the largest drop in at least 35 years.
- Federal workforce cut by over 200,000 positions since the President took office; 16,000 pages of regulations eliminated. Government on its way to being the smallest it's been since John F. Kennedy was President.
- Welfare rolls, the poverty rate, teen pregnancies and business failures are down. The number of students going to college and people leaving welfare for work is up.
- 47 percent of Americans say they are better off today than they were four years ago. Only 26 percent think they are worse off.

New York City Muder Rate

1993:

1,927 murders

1994:

1,582 murders

This translates to 345 fewer people killed in New York City between 1993-94

Murder decreased by 17.9% between 1993-94

1995:

1,182 murders

Murder decreased by 25.28% between 1994-95

Murder decreased by 38.66% between 1993-95

This translates to 400 fewer murders between 1994-95

This translates to 745 fewer murders between 1993-95

Please note that 1995 statistics are preliminary statistics, although the murder rate is the easiest rate to calculate and subject to minor changes if any as final data are confirmed.

New York City Shooting Victims

1993:

5,862 people were vicitms of gun shootings in New York City in 1993

1994:

4,973 people were victimnes of gun shootings in New York City in 1994

This translates to 889 fewer victims of gun shootings between 1993-94

1995:

3,749 people were victims of gun shootings in New York City in 1995

This translates to 1,224 fewer victims of gun shootings between 1994-95

This translates to 2,113 fewer victims of gun shootings between 1993-95

Please note that 1995 data are preliminary statistics, although shooting victimization rates are also fairly straight forward and subject to minor changes when final data are confirmed.

WEEKLY CRIME/COMPLAINT COMPARISON REPORT
REPORT COVERING THE WEEK OF 12/25/95 THROUGH 12/31/95

Date Prepared: 01/02/96

1995 WTD	1994 WTD	%CHANGE	CRIME COMPLAINTS			1995 YTD	1994 YTD	CURRENT %CHANGE	1993 YTD	2 YEAR %CHANGE	
			1995 MTD	1994 MTD	%CHANGE						
19	27	-29.63%	96	109	-11.93%	1182	1582	-25.28%	1927	-38.66%	MURDER
56	43	30.23%	237	257	-7.78%	3020	3196	-5.51%	3225	-6.36%	RAPE
055	1162	-9.21%	5162	5688	-9.25%	59721	72550	-17.68%	85892	-30.47%	ROBBERY
514	606	-15.18%	2362	2839	-16.80%	35526	39773	-10.68%	41121	-13.61%	FEL. ASSI
263	1475	-14.37%	5826	7026	-17.08%	75648	90383	-16.30%	100936	-25.05%	BURGLAR
109	1226	-9.54%	5400	6797	-20.55%	65431	75459	-13.29%	85737	-23.68%	GR. LARCI
203	1523	-21.01%	5846	7583	-22.91%	71803	94523	-24.04%	111618	-35.67%	G.L.A.
1219	6062	-13.91%	24929	30299	-17.72%	312331	377466	-17.26%	430456	-27.44%	TOTAL
71	76	6.58%	310	326	-4.91%	3749	4973	-24.61%	5862	-36.05%	SHOOT VI
61	72	12.50%	267	293	-8.87%	3249	4411	-26.34%	5269	-38.34%	SHOOT IN
44	32	37.50%	178	186	-4.30%	2340	2371	-1.31%	2255	3.33%	RAPE 1°

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

January 1996

Creating Economic Opportunity and Security For All Americans

- Signed the *Economic Package*, August 10, 1993.
- The economy created *7.7 million new jobs* in the first 34 months of this Administration.
- Passed the largest *deficit-cutting* plan in history — saving more than *\$1 trillion* over seven years.
- On track for three consecutive years of *deficit reduction* — for the first time since Harry Truman.
- *Cut federal spending* by \$255 billion over 5 years.
- Made *new tax cuts* available to over 90% of small businesses.
- *Unemployment* has fallen from 7% when President Clinton took office to its current rate of *5.6%*.
- Lowest *combined rate of unemployment and inflation* since 1968.
- 1994 real *GDP growth* was the highest in a decade.
- Proposed a plan to balance the budget while *protecting critical investments* in education.

Promoting a Future of Opportunity

- Increased *Head Start* funding by almost \$760 million.
- Signed the *Student Loan Reform Act*, August 10, 1993.
- Signed the *National Service Act*, September 21, 1993.
- Signed the *Goals 2000: Educate America Act*, March 31, 1994.
- Signed the *School-to-Work Opportunities Act* on May 4, 1994.
- Signed the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization*.

Making Communities and Schools Safe For Our Families

- Signed a tough \$30 billion *Crime Bill*, September 13, 1994.
- Signed the *Brady Bill*, November 30, 1993.
- Signed the *Assault Weapons Ban* as part of the Crime Bill.
- Put *100,000 new police* on the street — nearly 31,000 more officers have been funded.
- Signed the *Violence Against Women Act* as part of the Crime Bill.
- Signed the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act*, October 20, 1994.
- Signed Presidential Directive enforcing a “*Zero Tolerance*” *gun policy* in schools, October 22, 1994.
- Submitted and fought for the *most comprehensive Drug Control budget* ever.

MAKING ALABAMA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Alabama Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Alabama Has Declined from 7.3% to 5.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **16% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Alabama than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Huntsville*, the number of crimes reported declined 18% in the first half of 1995. In *Montgomery*, the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped by 30% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Alabama.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **374,672 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 374,672 working families make ends meet.
- **432 New Police Officers in Alabama.** The President's Crime Bill puts 432 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **629,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 629,275 workers in Alabama.

MAKING ALASKA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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Alaska Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Alaska Has Dropped from 8.1% to 7.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **New Home Building Has Increased 28% Per Year in Alaska, After Declining During the Previous 12 Years.**
- **Bank Lending Has Increased 10% Annually, After Decreasing 6% Annually During the Previous 12 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Alaska.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **20,299 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 20,299 working families make ends meet.
- **93 New Police Officers in Alaska.** The President's Crime Bill puts 93 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **66,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 66,000 workers in Alaska.

MAKING ARIZONA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Arizona Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Arizona Has Dropped from 6.9% to 4.7%.**
- **240,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Over 3 1/2 Times As Many Per Year as During the Previous Administration.**
- **28,400 New Manufacturing Jobs in Arizona -- After 15,300 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Phoenix*, the number of aggravated assaults fell by 8% in the first half of 1995. In *Tempe*, the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped by 23% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Arizona.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **255,836 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 255,836 working families make ends meet.
- **440 New Police Officers in Arizona.** The President's Crime Bill puts 440 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **561,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 561,000 workers in Arizona.

MAKING ARKANSAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
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- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Arkansas Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Arkansas Has Dropped from 6.6% to 4.9%.**
- **100,500 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **19,800 New Manufacturing Jobs in Arkansas -- Nearly Twice As Many Jobs As During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Little Rock*, the number of crimes reported fell by 18% in the first half of 1995 and the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped by 28%.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Arkansas.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **202,759 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 202,759 working families make ends meet.
- **335 New Police Officers in Arkansas.** The President's Crime Bill puts 335 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **344,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 344,121 workers in Arkansas.

MAKING CALIFORNIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

California Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in California Has Dropped from 9.4% to 7.8%.**
- **229,400 New Jobs Added in 33 Months -- After 63,200 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Los Angeles*, the number of robberies reported fell by 8% in the first half of 1995. In *San Diego*, the reported number of murder dropped by 25% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in California.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **2,146,915 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 2,146,915 working families make ends meet.
- **4,513 New Police Officers in California.** The President's Crime Bill puts 4,513 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **298,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 297,914 workers in California.

MAKING COLORADO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Colorado Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Colorado Has Dropped from 6.1% to 4.0%.**
- **183,700 New Jobs Added in 33 Months -- More than During the Entire Previous 4 Years.**
- **6,400 New Manufacturing Jobs Created in Colorado -- After 2,900 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Denver*, the number of crimes reported fell by more than 9% in the first half of 1995, and the reported number of robberies dropped by 31%.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Colorado.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **171,838 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 171,838 working families make ends meet.
- **392 New Police Officers in Colorado.** The President's Crime Bill puts 392 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **564,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 564,008 workers in Colorado.

MAKING CONNECTICUT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

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- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Connecticut Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Connecticut Has Dropped from 6.5% to 5.1%.**
- **17,600 New Jobs Added in 33 Months -- After 148,800 Lost During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Home Sales Have Increased 21% Per Year in Connecticut -- After Declining During the Previous 4 years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Hartford*, the number of reported murders fell 33% in the first half of 1995. In *Stamford*, the reported number of robberies dropped by 39% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Connecticut.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **84,379 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 84,379 working families make ends meet.
- **320 New Police Officers in Connecticut.** The President's Crime Bill puts 320 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **670,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 670,429 workers in Connecticut.

MAKING DELAWARE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
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Delaware Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Delaware Has Dropped from 4.9% to 4.3%.**
- **21,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than 6 1/2 Times the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Delaware.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **36,050 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 36,050 working families make ends meet.
- **264 New Police Officers in Delaware.** The President's Crime Bill puts 264 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **147,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 147,236 workers in Delaware.

MAKING FLORIDA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Florida Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Florida Has Dropped from 7.4% to 6.7%.**
- **599,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Twice As Many As the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **2,100 New Manufacturing Jobs in Florida -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Miami*, the number of reported murders fell 27% in the first half of 1995. In *Tampa Bay*, the reported number of crimes dropped by 27% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Florida.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **899,441 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 899,451 working families make ends meet.
- **1,625 New Police Officers in Florida.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1,625 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,004,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,004,330 workers in Florida.

MAKING GEORGIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Georgia Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Georgia Has Dropped from 6.1% to 4.9%.**
- **389,300 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Three Times As Many As In the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **31,000 New Manufacturing Jobs in Georgia -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Atlanta*, the number of reported murders fell 7% in the first half of 1995. In *Macon*, the reported number of crimes dropped by 21% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Georgia.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **537,103 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 537,103 working families make ends meet.
- **592 New Police Officers in Georgia.** The President's Crime Bill puts 592 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,180,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,180,079 workers in Georgia.

MAKING HAWAII A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Hawaii Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Home Sales Have Increased 5% Per Year -- After Decreasing During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43% -- After Dropping During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **The Help Wanted Index Has Increased 14%.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Hawaii.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **41,263 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 41,263 working families make ends meet.
- **67 New Police Officers in Hawaii.** The President's Crime Bill puts 67 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **198,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 198,105 workers in Hawaii.

MAKING IDAHO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Idaho Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Idaho Has Dropped from 6.6% to 5.1%.**
- **10% More New Jobs Per Year Than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **22% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Idaho than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Idaho.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **61,983 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 61,983 working families make ends meet.
- **137 New Police Officers in Idaho.** The President's Crime Bill puts 137 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **123,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 122,675 workers in Idaho.

MAKING ILLINOIS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Illinois Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Illinois Has Dropped from 6.8% to 4.8%.**
- **275,900 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than 2 1/2 Times the Previous 4 Years Combined.**
- **29,800 New Manufacturing Jobs in Illinois -- After Declining During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Chicago*, reported murders fell 18% in the first half of 1995, and the number of reported robberies dropped more than 10% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Illinois.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **599,271 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 599,271 working families make ends meet.
- **2,073 New Police Officers in Illinois.** The President's Crime Bill puts 2,073 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,185,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,185,099 workers in Illinois.

MAKING INDIANA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Indiana Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Indiana Has Declined from 5.9% to 4.2%.**
- **190,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in 33 months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **38,300 New Manufacturing Jobs in Indiana -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Fort Wayne*, reported murders fell 35% in the first half of 1995. In *South Bend*, the number of reported robberies dropped 35% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Indiana.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **291,392 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 291,392 working families make ends meet.
- **446 New Police Officers in Indiana** The President's Crime Bill puts 446 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **998,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 998,000 workers in Indiana.

MAKING IOWA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Iowa Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Iowa Has Dropped from 4.2% to 3.3%.**
- **95,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **16,100 New Manufacturing Jobs in Iowa -- Nine Times More Than the Previous 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Iowa.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **118,638 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 118,638 working families make ends meet.
- **220 New Police Officers in Iowa.** The President's Crime Bill puts 220 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **446,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 445,605 workers in Iowa.

MAKING KANSAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Kansas Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Kansas Has Dropped from 4.7% to 3.0%.**
- **92,900 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **10,600 New Manufacturing Jobs in Kansas -- After Dropping During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Wichita*, reported murders fell 21% in the first half of 1995, and the overall number of reported crimes dropped 9% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Kansas.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **117,402 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 117,402 working families make ends meet.
- **300 New Police Officers in Kansas.** The President's Crime Bill puts 300 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **390,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 390,454 workers in Kansas.

MAKING KENTUCKY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Kentucky Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Kentucky Has Dropped from 6.3% to 5.3%.**
- **42% More New Jobs Per Year Than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 60%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Louisville*, reported murders fell 43% in the first half of 1995. In *Lexington*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 11% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Kentucky.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **236,592 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 236,592 working families make ends meet.
- **318 New Police Officers in Kentucky.** The President's Crime Bill puts 318 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **543,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 543,188 workers in Kentucky.

MAKING LOUISIANA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Louisiana Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Louisiana Has Dropped from 7.5% to 6.8%.**
- **167,100 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 74%, After Falling During the Prior 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *New Orleans*, reported murders fell 20% in the first half of 1995. In *Shreveport*, the number of burglaries dropped 24% in the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Louisiana.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **390,496 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 390,496 working families make ends meet.
- **438 New Police Officers in Louisiana.** The President's Crime Bill puts 438 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **583,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 582,680 workers in Louisiana.

MAKING MAINE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%-- the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Maine Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Maine Has Declined from 7.4% to 5.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **37,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in Maine -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Maine.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **60,818 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 60,818 working families make ends meet.
- **100 New Police Officers in Maine.** The President's Crime Bill puts 100 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **168,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 168,000 workers in Maine.

MAKING MARYLAND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Maryland Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Maryland Has Declined from 6.3% to 4.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **69,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in Maryland -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Baltimore*, the number of reported motor vehicle thefts fell 23% in the first half of 1995, while robberies dropped 3% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Maryland.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **24,534 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 24,534 working families make ends meet.
- **544 New Police Officers in Maryland.** The President's Crime Bill puts 544 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **785,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 785,000 workers in Maryland.

MAKING MASSACHUSETTS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Massachusetts Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Massachusetts Has Declined from 7.9% to 5.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Previous Four Years.**
- **134,100 New Private-Sector Jobs -- After Losing Jobs During the Prior Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Lowell*, the number of reported robberies fell 40% in the first half of 1995. In *Springfield*, the overall number of reported crimes dropped 8% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Massachusetts.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **184,491 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 184,491 working families make ends meet.
- **978 New Police Officers in Massachusetts.** The President's Crime Bill puts 978 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **841,400 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 841,400 workers in Massachusetts.

MAKING MICHIGAN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Michigan Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Michigan Has Declined from 7.0% to 4.4%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 84%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **294,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Detroit*, the number of reported robberies fell 23% in the first half of 1995; In *Grand Rapids*, the number of reported robberies dropped 37% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Michigan.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **392,321 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 392,321 working families make ends meet.
- **654 New Police Officers in Michigan.** The President's Crime Bill puts 654 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,502,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,502,000 workers in Michigan.

MAKING MINNESOTA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Minnesota Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Minnesota Has Declined from 5.2% to 3.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **72% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Minnesota than During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Minnesota.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **155,348 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 155,348 working families make ends meet.
- **410 New Police Officers in Minnesota.** The President's Crime Bill puts 410 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **845,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 845,000 workers in Minnesota.

MAKING MISSISSIPPI A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Mississippi Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Mississippi Has Declined from 6.6% to 5.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **43% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in Mississippi than During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Mississippi.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **306,581 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 306,581 working families make ends meet.
- **360 New Police Officers in Mississippi.** The President's Crime Bill puts 360 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **333,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 333,000 workers in Mississippi.

MAKING MISSOURI A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Missouri Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Missouri Has Declined from 6.1% to 4.0%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **196,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Over 3 Times More than the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Kansas City*, the number of reported murders fell 38% in the first half of 1995. In *St. Louis*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 11% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Missouri.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **294,982 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 294,982 working families make ends meet.
- **826 New Police Officers in Missouri.** The President's Crime Bill puts 826 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **921,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 921,000 workers in Missouri.

MAKING MONTANA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Montana Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Montana Has Declined from 6.6% to 5.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **39,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Montana.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **47,638 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 47,638 working families make ends meet.
- **120 New Police Officers in Montana.** The President's Crime Bill puts 120 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **76,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 76,000 workers in Montana.

MAKING NEBRASKA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Nebraska Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Nebraska Has Declined from 2.7% to 2.5%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **53,500 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Lincoln*, the number of reported robberies dropped 34% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Nebraska.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **77,448 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 77,448 working families make ends meet.
- **202 New Police Officers in Nebraska.** The President's Crime Bill puts 202 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **264,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 264,000 workers in Nebraska.

MAKING NEVADA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Nevada Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Nevada Has Declined from 7.2% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **146,400 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Las Vegas*, the number of reported murders dropped 24% in the first half of 1995; in *Reno*, murders fell 27% during the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Nevada.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **74,516 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 74,516 working families make ends meet.
- **145 New Police Officers in Nevada.** The President's Crime Bill puts 145 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **261,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 261,000 workers in Nevada.

MAKING NEW HAMPSHIRE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New Hampshire Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New Hampshire Has Declined from 7.6% to 4.0%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **30,900 New Private-Sector Jobs in New Hampshire -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New Hampshire.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **40,803 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 40,803 working families make ends meet.
- **132 New Police Officers in New Hampshire.** The President's Crime Bill puts 132 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **181,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 181,000 workers in New Hampshire.

MAKING NEW JERSEY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New Jersey Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New Jersey Has Declined from 7.6% to 5.8%.**
- **141,600 New Jobs in 33 Months -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **New Home Building Increased in New Jersey -- After Falling 17% During the Prior 4 Years.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Newark*, the number of reported robberies fell almost 12% in the first half of 1995. In *Paterson*, the number of reported burglaries dropped 10% during the same time period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New Jersey.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **350,842 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 350,842 working families make ends meet.
- **1,198 New Police Officers in New Jersey.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1,198 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,417,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,417,000 workers in New Jersey.

MAKING NEW MEXICO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New Mexico Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New Mexico Has Declined from 7.2% to 6.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **90,100 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New Mexico.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **133,845 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 133,845 working families make ends meet.
- **231 New Police Officers in New Mexico.** The President's Crime Bill puts 231 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **176,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 176,000 workers in New Mexico.

MAKING NEW YORK A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

New York Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in New York Has Declined from 8.5% to 6.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 20%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **188,100 New Private-Sector Jobs in New York -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *New York City*, the number of reported crimes fell 15% with the number of reported murders declining 31% in the first half of 1995. In *Buffalo*, murders dropped 34% during the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in New York.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **890,568 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 890,568 working families make ends meet.
- **3,189 New Police Officers in New York.** The President's Crime Bill puts 3,189 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **3,141,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 3,141,000 workers in New York.

MAKING NORTH CAROLINA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

North Carolina Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in North Carolina Has Declined from 5.6% to 3.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **247,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Durham*, the number of reported murders fell 31% in the first half of 1995. In *Winston Salem*, the number of reported murders dropped 45% in the same period
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in North Carolina.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **524,849 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 524,849 working families make ends meet.
- **707 New Police Officers in North Carolina.** The President's Crime Bill puts 707 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,250,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,250,000 workers in North Carolina.

MAKING NORTH DAKOTA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

North Dakota Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in North Dakota Has Declined from 4.7% to 2.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **56% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in North Dakota than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in North Dakota.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **28,986 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 28,986 working families make ends meet.
- **75 New Police Officers in North Dakota.** The President's Crime Bill puts 75 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **76,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 76,000 workers in North Dakota.

MAKING OHIO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Ohio Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Ohio Has Declined from 7.0% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **293,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- Nearly 3 Times As Many As the Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Cincinnati*, the number of reported crimes fell 11% in the first half of 1995. In *Columbus*, the number of reported murders dropped 38% during the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Ohio.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **509,774 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 509,774 working families make ends meet.
- **924 New Police Officers in Ohio.** The President's Crime Bill puts 924 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,987,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,987,000 workers in Ohio.

MAKING OKLAHOMA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Oklahoma Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Oklahoma Has Declined from 5.7% to 4.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 74%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **90,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Tulsa*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 12%, while reported burglaries fell almost 10% during the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Oklahoma.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **213,568 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 213,568 working families make ends meet.
- **298 New Police Officers in Oklahoma.** The President's Crime Bill puts 298 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **418,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 418,000 workers in Oklahoma.

MAKING OREGON A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Oregon Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Oregon Has Declined from 8.0% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 43%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **155,000 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Oregon.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **145,323 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 145,323 working families make ends meet.
- **332 New Police Officers in Oregon.** The President's Crime Bill puts 332 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **431,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 431,000 workers in Oregon.

MAKING PENNSYLVANIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Pennsylvania Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Pennsylvania Has Declined from 7.6% to 5.1%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 20%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **101,000 New Private-Sector Jobs in Pennsylvania -- After Losing Jobs During Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Pittsburgh*, the number of reported crimes dropped 10% during the first half of 1995. In *Philadelphia*, the number of reported motor vehicle thefts fell almost 9% over the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Pennsylvania.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **510,127 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 510,127 working families make ends meet.
- **1100 New Police Officers in Pennsylvania.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1100 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,129,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,129,000 workers in Pennsylvania.

MAKING RHODE ISLAND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Rhode Island Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Rhode Island Has Declined from 8.0% to 6.8%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 44%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **7,000 New Private-Sector Jobs in Rhode Island -- After Losing Jobs During Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Providence*, the number of reported crimes fell 13%, while the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 14% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Rhode Island.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **38,141 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 38,141 working families make ends meet.
- **113 New Police Officers in Rhode Island.** The President's Crime Bill puts 113 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **164,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 164,000 workers in Rhode Island.

MAKING SOUTH CAROLINA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

South Carolina Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in South Carolina Has Declined from 6.9% to 5.1%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **85,100 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in South Carolina.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **306,881 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 306,881 working families make ends meet.
- **335 New Police Officers in South Carolina.** The President's Crime Bill puts 335 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **590,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 590,000 workers in South Carolina.

MAKING SOUTH DAKOTA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

South Dakota Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in South Dakota Has Declined from 3.5% to 2.9%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 78%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **27% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year in South Dakota than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Sioux Falls*, the reported number of aggravated assaults fell 13%, while the reported number of burglaries dropped 6% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in South Dakota.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **39,016 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 39,016 working families make ends meet.
- **158 New Police Officers in South Dakota.** The President's Crime Bill puts 158 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **88,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 88,000 workers in South Dakota.

MAKING TENNESSEE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Tennessee Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Tennessee Has Declined from 5.9% to 5.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **212,800 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Chattanooga*, the number of reported aggravated assaults fell 39% in the first half of 1995; in *Memphis*, aggravated assaults dropped 8% over the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Tennessee.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **384,057 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 384,057 working families make ends meet.
- **486 New Police Officers in Tennessee.** The President's Crime Bill puts 486 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **898,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 898,000 workers in Tennessee.

MAKING TEXAS A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Texas Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Texas Has Declined from 7.6% to 6.2%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 60%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **739,800 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Dallas*, the number of reported robberies fell 20% in the first half of 1995. In *Houston*, the number of reported murders dropped 30% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Texas** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **1,441,104 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 1,441,104 working families make ends meet.
- **1,703 New Police Officers in Texas.** The President's Crime Bill puts 1,703 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **2,812,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 2,812,000 workers in Texas.

MAKING UTAH A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Utah Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Utah Has Declined from 4.3% to 3.3%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **135,800 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Salt Lake*, the reported number of aggravated assaults dropped almost 6%, while the number of reported robberies fell 6.2% in the first half of 1995.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Utah.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **81,437 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 81,437 working families make ends meet.
- **192 New Police Officers in Utah.** The President's Crime Bill puts 192 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **271,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 271,000 workers in Utah.

MAKING VERMONT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Vermont Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Vermont Has Dropped from 5.8% to 4.1%.**
- **15,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- After Losing Jobs During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **1,700 New Manufacturing Jobs in Vermont -- After Falling During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 44%, After Falling During the Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Vermont.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **25,715 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 25,715 working families make ends meet.
- **80 New Police Officers in Vermont.** The President's Crime Bill puts 80 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **79,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 78,678 workers in Vermont.

MAKING VIRGINIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Virginia Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Virginia Has Dropped from 5.3% to 4.6%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 58%, After Dropping During the Previous Four Years.**
- **205,300 New Private-Sector Jobs in 33 Months -- More than 12 Times the Number During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Richmond*, reported murders fell 29% in the first half of 1995. In *Norfolk*, the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped nearly 15% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Virginia.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **332,266 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 332,266 working families make ends meet.
- **530 New Police Officers in Virginia.** The President's Crime Bill puts 530 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **1,050,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 1,050,000 workers in Virginia.

MAKING WASHINGTON A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Washington Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Washington Has Dropped from 8.2% to 6.3%.**
- **Housing Sales are Up 6.5%.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 43% -- After Dropping During Prior 4 Years.**
- **Crime Is Down.** In *Seattle*, reported murders fell 37% in the first half of 1995, and the number of reported aggravated assaults dropped 36% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Washington.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **210,040 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 210,040 working families make ends meet.
- **429 New Police Officers in Washington.** The President's Crime Bill puts 429 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **768,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 767,575 workers in Washington.

MAKING WEST VIRGINIA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

West Virginia Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in West Virginia Has Dropped from 11.1% to 8.0%.**
- **46,200 New Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **Consumer Confidence is Up 58%, After Falling During the Prior 4 Years.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in West Virginia.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **105,017 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 105,017 working families make ends meet.
- **199 New Police Officers in West Virginia.** The President's Crime Bill puts 199 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **210,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 210,312 workers in West Virginia.

MAKING WISCONSIN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Wisconsin Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Wisconsin Has Declined from 4.3% to 3.8%.**
- **55% More New Private-Sector Jobs Per Year Than During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **38,500 New Manufacturing Jobs in Wisconsin -- After Declining During the Previous 4 Years.**
- **Crime is Down.** In *Green Bay*, reported murders fell 33% in the first half of 1995. In *Milwaukee*, reported murders dropped 21% in the same period.
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Wisconsin.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **193,349 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 193,349 working families make ends meet.
- **392 New Police Officers in Wisconsin** The President's Crime Bill puts 392 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **883,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 883,000 workers in Wisconsin.

MAKING WYOMING A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

America Is Moving In the Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Stronger Economy.** The combined rate of unemployment and inflation is at its lowest level since 1968.
- **7.7 Million New Jobs.** The economy has created 7.7 million new jobs under President Clinton. Private sector job growth rate 8 times greater than during previous Administration.
- **Renewed Growth in Key Industries.** After a decade of enormous job losses in construction, manufacturing, and autos, these industries have made a remarkable recovery -- nearly one million new jobs combined under President Clinton.
- **Deficit Cut in Half.** The President's economic plan cut the deficit for three years in a row for the first time since Harry Truman was President -- the largest reduction in history.
- **Keeping Guns Away from Criminals.** More than 45,000 fugitives and felons blocked from buying handguns because President Clinton fought to pass the Brady Bill.
- **Safer Communities.** The crime rate is down and the number of murders reported dropped 12%--the largest decline in 35 years.
- **Stronger Families.** Teen pregnancy is falling, the poverty rate is decreasing, and the number of people on welfare is declining.

Wyoming Is Moving In The Right Direction Under President Clinton

- **Unemployment Rate in Wyoming Has Declined from 5.2% to 4.7%.**
- **Consumer Confidence Is Up 71%, After Dropping During the Prior Four Years.**
- **3,900 New Private-Sector Jobs in 33 Months -- More than the Entire Previous Administration.**
- **\$15,000 of Reduced Federal Debt for Every Family of Four in Wyoming.** The President's economic plan is reducing the federal debt for each family of four by about \$15,000.
- **24,038 Working Families Receive a Tax Cut.** The President's expanded Earned Income Tax Credit is helping 24,038 working families make ends meet.
- **30 New Police Officers in Wyoming.** The President's Crime Bill puts 30 new police officers on the street, strengthens drug courts helping keep adult and juvenile offenders from cycling through the legal system, and helps protect women and children from domestic violence and sexual offenders.
- **48,000 Workers Protected by Family and Medical Leave.** The Family and Medical Leave Act allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the birth of a child or to care for a sick family member. This law covers about 48,000 workers in Wyoming.

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATE OF THE UNION: AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

The American people should have a sense of realistic optimism about the progress America is making. We are moving in the right direction; we have more to do; and if we come together as a nation, we can meet our challenges.

The President will deliver the State of the Union next Tuesday, January 23, 1996 at 9:00 pm in the Capitol. He will challenge the American people to come together as a nation and face the future together. The President will talk about the big concerns facing our people, and show in concrete ways how Americans working together can meet our challenges.

Everyone must do their part. If we are going to seize the promise of our times, we must all work together. Not government alone. Not individuals alone. The President will talk about what we as a nation can accomplish together. He will call on every one of us: as parents and children, as employers and employees, teachers and students, community leaders and community members, as government and as citizens. We can only meet the challenges of this new time together.

The President will address a number of challenges we must meet together, including:

Balancing the budget. As the President prepares the State of the Union, he is working hard on the first of these challenges: a seven-year balanced budget that upholds our values. It is within our grasp. With his plan, certified by Congress' own economists, Democrats and Republicans have already agreed on enough cuts to balance the budget in seven years and give working families a modest tax cut.

Crime. Our progress: The crime rate is declining. Murders are down 12%, robberies are down 10% and car theft is down 5%. Over 45,000 fugitives and felons have been blocked from buying handguns because of the Brady Bill. The assault weapons ban outlawed 19 of the deadliest assault weapons. America's challenge: To keep all our citizens safe from crime, violence, and drugs.

Children and education. Our progress: More of our students are going to college and fewer students are dropping out of high school. America's challenge: To renew our schools so every American child has the chance to get the best possible education for the 21st century. At the same time, we must protect our children from violent and harmful influences.

Economy. Our progress: The lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation since 1968. 7.7 million new jobs in the last three years. Revitalized auto and construction industries: 700,000 new construction jobs after losing 800,000 jobs in the four years before President Clinton. America's challenge: To make sure hard work still pays, and all Americans have the tools to be winners of economic change.

The World. Our progress: From Haiti to Northern Ireland, from the Middle East to Bosnia, America is leading the world towards peace and freedom. America's challenge: To keep America the strongest force for peace in the world.

Community. America's challenge: To live up to the duty we owe one another. To come together around our values; to help our communities, our neighbors, and our country.

MAKING COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES

Our neighborhoods and schools are the common thread of American life. President Clinton is committed to making our homes and classrooms safer and more secure for all Americans. The crime rate across the country is falling, thousands of criminals have been prevented from buying guns and more police are on the street. President Clinton is taking on the gun lobby and standing up for America's families. That's why the President is leading the fight to:

- Put more police on our streets.
- Ban deadly assault weapons.
- Take career criminals off the streets.
- End violence against women.
- Break the vicious cycle of drugs and violence.

ACTION

- **Implemented the Toughest Most Comprehensive Crime Bill Ever**

In 1994, after more than six years of gridlock, a bipartisan majority in Congress passed the smartest, toughest Crime Bill in the nation's history. It passed with the strong support of every major law enforcement organization in the country, as well as prosecutors, mayors, and state and local officials of both parties.

Tougher Penalties and More Prison Space

- A targeted "**three strikes and you're out**" provision to keep career violent offenders behind bars for life;
- The **death penalty** for drug kingpins and the murder of a Federal law enforcement officer;
- Increased penalties for **sex offenders** and a registration requirement for violent sexual offenders;
- \$7.9 billion for **100,000 more prison cells** to help states make sure that violent offenders serve their full sentences.

ACTION

More Police and Community Policing

- The President's plan to put **100,000 more police** on the street in community policing represents the federal government's biggest commitment ever to local law enforcement -- **\$8.8 billion** -- or an almost **20%** increase in the nation's police force levels. Over **31,000** more officers have been funded.

Enacted the Assault Weapons Ban as Part of the Crime Bill

- Bans **19 of the deadliest assault weapons** and their copies, but specifically protects more than 650 legitimate sporting weapons. Cop-killing assault weapons, like the Uzi, are the weapons of choice for drug dealers and gangs -- not hunters and sportsmen.

Passed the Brady Bill

- Provides for a **5-day waiting period** and background check of prospective handgun buyers. In two years, the Brady Law has stopped more than **45,000 fugitives and felons** from purchasing handguns.

Signed the Violence Against Women Act as Part of the Crime Bill

- Triples funding for battered women's shelters.
- Announced **\$26 million in state grants** to bolster their law enforcement, prosecution and victims services to better address violence against women.
- Improves the responses of police, prosecutors and judges to domestic violence and other violence against women; enhances lighting at bus stops and other dark public places; forces sex offenders to pay restitution to their victims.

Signed the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Act -- helps schools fight violence and drug abuse through after school programs, drug prevention programs, counseling and additional school security.

- Issued a Presidential Directive Enforcing a **"Zero Tolerance" Gun Policy in Schools**.

AGENDA

While overall crime rates have been dropping, kids today are increasingly the perpetrators -- and the victims -- of some of society's most violent crimes. That is why reducing youth crime and violence are key components of President Clinton's continuing crime-fighting agenda. While the President moves forward with additional initiatives to rid our streets and neighborhoods of crime and drugs, such as **community policing**, he will fight any misguided attempts to erode our progress -- such as any effort to:

- Repeal the **Assault Weapons Ban**;
- Reduce the number of **police** in our communities.

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DAILY POINTS

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATE OF THE UNION: AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

January 22, 1996



The President will deliver the State of the Union tomorrow, January 23, 1996 at 9:00 pm in the Capitol. He will challenge the American people to come together as a nation and face the future together. Right now, we have reached agreement to balance the budget, cut government and provide a responsible tax cut. In the State of the Union, the President will talk not only about what we have agreed to for today, but what we must do together for tomorrow.

Everyone must do their part. If we are going to seize the promise of our times, we must all work together. Not government alone. Not individuals alone. The President will challenge Americans to work together -- in their communities, their families, businesses, churches, schools, and in our government -- to help Americans make the most of their own lives in the new century. We can only meet the challenges of this new time together.

The President will outline the crucial challenges for all Americans in his speech:

Providing new security for the new economy

- * Opening access to education and training so all Americans can be the winners of economic change;
- * Ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care and the security of a decent retirement.

Educating our children so they can keep their dreams alive.

- * Bringing our schools into the 21st century by setting the highest standards and ensuring that all our children have access to new technology.
- * Throwing open the doors of college as never before.

Keeping our children safe from crime.

- * A renewed assault on the gangs and drugs that threaten our children.

Preserving the environment for every future generation.

- * First: Do no harm. Do not undermine the strong bipartisan efforts that have given us the safe, clean air and water we enjoy today;
- * Making environmental protection in businesses' best interest, providing incentives for corporations to take responsibility to keep our environment clean and safe.

Continuing America's leadership role as responsible peacemaker throughout the world.

Challenging Americans to recognize the responsibility and duty we owe to one another.

- * In our government: better government for less money, and political reform;
- * In our families and for our children;
- * In our communities.

**The Cabinet
State of the Union Amplification**

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The Cabinet and sub-Cabinet will do targeted regional print and radio press both before and after the State of the Union. The following is a sampling of the Cabinet's press plans and will be updated when we get additional information:

- Secretary Rubin will do the New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Chicago Tribune editorial boards. He will also do public radio in NY and Pennsylvania.
- Attorney General Reno will do the Baltimore Sun, Boston Globe and Denver Post editorial boards. She will do radio in Maryland, New Jersey, Colorado and Massachusetts.
- Secretary Babbitt will do radio and television events as he travels through Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. In addition, he will do specialty Native American press.
- Secretary Glickman will do the Shreveport Times, Charleston Gazette and Baton Rouge Advocate editorial boards. He will also do radio in Louisiana and West Virginia.
- Secretary Ron Brown will do the Chicago Tribune, Minneapolis Star Tribune and The Arlington Heights Herald editorial boards. He will do radio in Illinois and Minnesota. He also will do specialty press including Jet Magazine.
- Secretary Reich will do radio and TV in Michigan and St. Louis, MO. Deputy Secretary Glynn will do Iowa press.
- Secretary Shalala will do the Phoenix Gazette, Miami Herald and Orlando Sentinel editorial boards. She will do specialty radio and press in Florida as well as radio in Arizona.
- Secretary Cisneros will do the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cincinnati Post and Youngstown Vindicator editorial boards (January 24). He will do radio in Ohio. He will also do specialty press including National Newspaper Publishers Association. The Secretary will give the keynote address at the National Association of Hispanic Publications' 10th Annual Convention. (January 25)

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Secretary Peña will do Connecticut press, including Hartford Courant, New Haven Register and The Day editorial boards and various radio in. He will also do specialty press, including Hispanic Link and La Opinion Hispanic Magazine.

- Secretary O'Leary will do the Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star Telegram and Houston Chronicle editorial boards. She will do radio in Texas. She will also do specialty press, including Crusader Publications, Chicago Defender and Chicago Citizen Newspaper Group.
- Secretary Riley will do the Tennessean, Knoxville News-Sentinel and Louisville Courier Journal editorial boards. He will do radio in Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia.
- Secretary Jesse Brown will do the central Florida editorial boards (January 24). He will do radio in Florida and specialty press in Baton Rouge, Houston and Atlanta, including The Atlanta Voice, Atlanta Daily World and The People's Crusader. Deputy Secretary Gober will do Arkansas newspapers and radio.
- Administrator Browner will do the Cincinnati Post. Deputy Administrator Hanson will do the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and The Oregonian editorial boards. She will do radio in Oregon and Washington.
- Ambassador Kantor will do the San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Daily News and San Diego Union-Tribune editorial boards as well as radio in California. He will also do specialty press including Los Angeles Sentinel, Post Newspaper Group and The Reporter Publishing Co.
- Administrator Lader will do The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Buffalo News editorial boards. He will do radio in North Carolina and South Carolina.
- Administrator Johnson will do the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Wisconsin State Journal and Green Bay Press Gazette editorial boards. He will do radio in Wisconsin.
- Conference calls with specialty press will be done by several Cabinet officials.

EVENTS

The following Administration officials will be highlighting the major themes of the State of the Union address in numerous events before and after the State of the Union in targeted states.

- Secretary Christopher will speak at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government on January 18.
- Secretary Perry will satellite to BusinessWeek Presidents' Forum in Palm Springs on January 18.
- Chairman Shalikashvili will address the Naval War College in Rhode Island on January 23.
- The Attorney General will participate in your Cops and Community event in Louisville, KY on January 24.
- Secretary Babbitt will participate in an environmental van tour in Charlotte and Durham, NC and Atlanta, Savannah and Macon, GA. (January 24, 25)
- Secretary Ron Brown will do a technology and schools event in Chicago and West Virginia.
- Secretary Reich will do a jobs event in St. Louis.
- Secretary Shalala will speak at Union College in Schenectady, NY on January 24.
- Secretary Cisneros will participate in a public housing and gangs event in Toledo.
- Secretary Riley will do a charter schools event in Minneapolis.
- Administrator Browner will highlight environmental and business cooperation during her speech before the U.S. Conference of Mayors on January 24. She will also do a brownfields event in Cincinnati.
- Tony Lake will address the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations on January 29.
- Dr. Tyson will address the Detroit Women's Economic Club on January 25.

January 21, 1996

The Clinton Anti-Crime Agenda: Progress made, Challenges for the Future

Progress Made

Over the last 3 years, the Clinton Administration has made tremendous gains in reducing violent crime in this country.

Since day one, the main focus of the Clinton anti-crime program was to put more police on the beat, and get kids, guns, and drugs off the street. We have already made tremendous strides in that direction by creating a 100,000 community police officer program, banning deadly assault weapons, passing the Brady Bill, making "3 Strikes You're Out" the law of the land, and by taking guns out of schools with a "Zero Tolerance" gun policy and developing adult supervised after school programs for kids,

We have already funded over 30,000 new community police officers across the country and stopped over 45,000 felons and fugitives from purchasing a handgun. The Assault Weapons Ban has checked the terrible proliferation of military-style semiautomatic weapons in our country. And the Clinton Administration is the first to develop a comprehensive program to address the issue of violence against women.

And we can not let up.

We are going to continue to focus our resources and energy on reducing violent juvenile crime and drug abuse.

The Clinton Administration is working to change the environment that kids grow up in today. That is why we established a policy to reduce guns in schools, supported drug testing of high school athletes, and endorsed uniforms in public schools -- a simple measure that has lead to less violence and better grades in schools that have adopted this policy.

But we have so much more to do.

President Clinton is committed to making our homes and classrooms safer and more secure for all Americans.

**"America's challenge is to crack down on
violent crime and turn our young people
away from drugs and gangs."**

**William J. Clinton
State of the Union
January 23, 1996**

America's Challenge for the Future

State and local government, parents, teachers, students, law enforcement, lawyers, business, and the community in general all must play a role in reducing crime and providing a safer America. In his State of the Union, President Clinton challenged each of these sectors of society to respond to a call for reducing crime. These challenges, if answered, will reduce crime in our streets and cities and make our nation safe once again.

Challenge to States --- Reform your Criminal Justice Systems

In the following areas, the Federal Government has implemented reforms that have made the its criminal justice system more efficient and effective than the overwhelming amount of States. President Clinton challenges the States to adopt these criminal justice reforms -- they will provide swifter and more certain justice.

Drug Testing -- President Clinton recently signed a Directive to the Attorney General to initiate a policy in which every offender who enters the Federal criminal justice system will be drug tested. The President and Attorney General have already urged States and locals governments to adopt a similar program to clean out our criminal justice system and end the cycle of crime and drugs.

Truth in Sentencing \ No Parole -- Federal prisoners must serve at least 85% of the sentence imposed and are not eligible for parole. States have been playing a cruel hoax on citizens and victims by letting criminals out sometimes with less than half their sentenced served. States should ensure by the year 2000 that prisoners serve 85% of their sentence and should abolish parole.

Speedy Trial Acts -- Justice delayed is justice denied. Like the Federal criminal justice system, States should require that defendants be indicted within 30 days of arrest and tried within 70 days or arraignment --- criminals can stop make a mockery of our criminal justice systems and victims can be assured that the system will be responsive and just.

Detention without Bail -- Federal law allows Federal courts to detain a defendant without bail, either when the defendant poses a risk of flight or when the defendant poses a risk of

danger to the community. Most states limit bail to flight risks and do not consider dangerousness.

Criminal Gun Possession -- Federal law requires a sentence of at least five years in addition to any term of years imposed for the underlying crime when a firearm is used or possessed during and in connection with a crime of violence. Few States have followed the Federal lead on this punishment.

Victim Allocution -- The Clinton Crime Bill gave sex crime victims the right to speak at the defendant's sentencing and does not leave this to the whim of the judge. All states (and Federal) give the defendant the right to speak at sentencing, but don't give this right to the victim.

Tracking Released Violent Offenders -- The Clinton Crime Bill required the Federal Bureau of Prisons to notify State and local law enforcement concerning the release of Federal violent and drug trafficking offenders who are on supervised release. The Clinton Crime Bill also encourages State registration and tracking of dangerous child abusers and sexual predators after release from prison. But that is not enough. States should develop better systems for keeping track of other released and convicted criminals -- especially violent and drug trafficking offenders -- so law enforcement can better assure the public safety.

Challenge to States -- Stop Violence Against Women

The Violence Against Women Act, part of the Clinton Crime Bill, combines tough new law enforcement strategies with important safeguards for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Although the Federal Government has made major strides in combatting violence against women, it can't do it all on its own.

President Clinton challenges the States to take these measures and provide protection and peace of mind for women and their families.

Full Faith and Credit / Firearms Disability -- Under the Violence Against Women Act, a victim with a valid protection order issued by one State is entitled to immediate protection under that order in every other State in the country. The Act also prohibits abusers who are subject to certain restraining orders from possessing firearms. States must play a critical role in implementing "full faith and credit" and the firearms disability. For example, States should adopt mechanisms to help law enforcement officers and judges assess the validity of out-of-state protection orders and should maintain accurate records of persons against whom restraining orders are issued.

Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification -- The Clinton Crime Bill contained the Jacob Wetterling Act, which gives States a financial incentive to register convicted child molesters and sex offenders. The Act also allows States, when necessary for public safety, to notify community members when a convicted sex offender moves into their area. By complying with the Act, States will provide peace of mind to families and help to prevent sex offenders from striking again.

FBI CODIS Program -- The Clinton Crime Bill established the "next generation" crime fighting tool -- a national DNA index system to help states link serial crimes like rape using DNA evidence. But to be fully effective, States must require convicted sex offenders and other violent criminals to provide DNA samples and establish the highest quality DNA labs.

Similar Crimes Evidence -- The Clinton Crime Bill made it easier for prosecutors in Federal sexual assault and child molestation cases to introduce evidence that the defendant has committed other similar offenses. States should adopt comparable reforms, using the Federal rule as a model.

Background Check System for Child Care -- The FBI operates a national system that allows child care, elder care, and disabled care providers to do background checks on employees and job applicants. States should enact laws ensuring that these employers have access to the national database of criminal history records.

Antistalking Laws -- The Clinton Administration [check if that is right] issued a model State law that makes stalking a crime. States should ensure that stalking is a crime within their borders and that stalkers are prosecuted and punished to the fullest extent.

Confidential Communications -- The Clinton Administration has developed model State laws that protect the confidentiality of communications between sexual assault and domestic violence victims and their counselors. States should adopt legislation that provides the maximum protection possible for these communications.

Challenge to Schools

We can not educate our children, though, in schools where guns, gang violence and drugs threaten their safety. Our children must not be afraid to go to school. We must do everything possible to ensure that schools provide a safe and secure environment where the values of discipline, hard work, respect and responsibility can thrive and be passed on to our children. By far, most of our schools are very safe. They are usually the safest place in a community. But we must have zero tolerance for unsafe conditions in our schools.

Action Guide for Safe and Disciplined Schools

The President will direct the Secretary of Education to produce within 30 days an "Action Guide for Safe and Disciplined Schools."

Every school board, principal, teacher, parent in our nation's 16,000 public school districts should have the tools available to make schools safe places for children to learn the values they need to succeed.

The Action guide will show schools how they can take concrete steps that will make schools safer and more disciplined places for our children to learn.

School Uniforms -- School's that have adopted uniform policies have witnessed more disciplined students, higher grades, and a reduction in crime. In 1994, the Long Beach Unified School District became the first school district in the country to require all its students to wear uniforms to class. The uniform is determined by each school, and most schools require dark pants or skirts or white tops.

According to the school district during the last school year, drug cases have dropped 74 percent, sex offenses 74 percent, assault and battery cases 34 percent, and recorded fights are down 51 percent. The Action Guide will explain how other schools have the option to follow this encouraging lead.

Student Athlete Drug Testing -- In a case in which the Administration filed an Amicus on behalf of the school district, the Supreme Court recently upheld the right of a school district to conduct random drug testing of student athletes as part of an effort to reduce drug use among students. Those testing programs serve compelling interests: they protect student athletes from injury and they stem drug use by other students. Testing can be an important part of a comprehensive program to keep our schools drug-free and to create an environment conducive to learning. The Action Guide will describe model testing programs and explain how other schools can implement such programs.

Drug and Weapons Searches -- Schools that conduct periodic, reasonable searches of school premises, including student lockers, to eliminate the presence of drugs and weapons have improved the safety of their classrooms and grounds. The Action Guide will explain how schools can use this technique to make their own students safer.

Truancy Reduction -- Too many of America's young people attend school on an irregular basis resulting in a failure in school and eventual delinquency behavior. Truancy has been rated among the top 10 problems facing schools, with the daily absentee rate being as high as 30 percent in some cities. As a number of studies have documented, high rates of truancy are linked to high daytime burglary rates and vandalism. Truancy reductions programs are having positive effects on both school attendance and juvenile crime. Indeed, a truancy prevention program in Portland, Oregon improved school attendance and disciplinary referrals dropped dramatically -- students in elementary school raised their grades by 47% and middle school students by 70%. The Action Guide will outline truancy reductions programs that work and explain how other schools can adopt such programs.

Cops in Schools

Communities have a responsibility to provide an appropriate education for all youth in a disciplined, safe, and secure environment. Schools can do their part in reducing crime in schools. They are a natural environment to extend the link for community policing. Schools are not immune from the community environment; schools both reflect and shape the community.

Few school districts have developed comprehensive strategies and programs to respond to increasing levels of school violence, usually their strategies or programs are ad hoc. To make schools violence free, we need to make communities and families violence free; school is only one influencing environment.

The President challenges communities to provide police officers for their schools. To this end, the President will announce a Cops in Schools program that would be administered by the COPS Office at the Department of Justice in conjunction with the Department of Education. The Program would focus on placing cops in schools and require applications to reflect that criterion. Any school that would want or need a cop would now be able to afford one.

Challenge to Communities

Community Block Watches ...

involved kids in discussions about reducing crime...

Turn our young people away from ... gangs.

Over the past decade, street gangs have become the major force in the distribution of narcotics and the commission of violent crimes. Gangs are a significant problem affecting not only our inner cities but also suburban and rural communities throughout the country.

The Clinton Administration has and will continue to make fighting violent gang crime a priority.

Justice Department Anti-Gang Initiatives

Starting in 1994, the Justice Department's Anti-Violent Crime Strategy -- in which Federal prosecutors work in tandem with members of their local law enforcement and communities -- has lead to the prosecution of thousands of violent and repeat offenders.

Under this initiative, the Departments of Justice and Treasury have formed unprecedented and lasting partnerships with local law enforcement agencies to stem the tide of gang violence.

These law enforcement partnerships have succeeded by identifying those gangs which pose the greatest threat to the citizens and tailoring their strategies to remove the threat -- immediately through federal pretrial detention, and permanently by lengthy incarceration.

National Gang Strategy -- Building on the success of the Anti-Violent Crime Initiative, on behalf of the Administration, the Justice Department has developed a comprehensive anti-gang strategy that it will submit to Congress later this week.

Adult Prosecution of Juveniles -- In addition, the President has submitted legislation to Congress that would provide Federal prosecutors the discretion to prosecute juvenile offenders as adults. Juveniles who commit adult crimes should be treated like adults. Congress should pass this legislation now.

COPS Gangs Program -- The President's 100,000 community policing program will also tackle the gang problem in this country in 1996. The Administration will establish a program called COPS Gangs in which grants totalling \$10 million will be distributed to 10 cities to develop community policing programs focusing on combating the rise of youth gangs and gang violence.. This program will put more officers on these streets in the 10 of the worst gang-infested areas of the country.

In general, the COPS Gangs Initiative challenge jurisdictions to use tough and innovative community policing techniques to reduce the number of violent crimes committed by gangs; target "recruiter" gangs that prey on juveniles and young adults; and disrupt drug and gun markets by gangs and gang members.

HUD -- Gangs in Public Housing

The Federal Government is doing its part by cracking down on gangs and drugs in public housing. Large, violent street gangs have controlled entire projects in some of our cities, recruiting children as young as 7 years old to sell drugs.

President Clinton has challenged HUD, local governments and the public housing residents to join arms in ousting drug dealers and violent crime from public housing. In city after city, the count for abusive residents involved in drugs and crime will now be "one strike and you're out." Under this plan, the President will direct the Secretary of HUD to implement a one strike program for public housing. We will no longer tolerate these drug dealers and violent offenders to terrorize residents in their homes. Similar to the President's "Three Strikes and you're out" policy for violent criminals, the message will be clear -- break the rules and you are out.

Kids and Guns

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Turn our young people away from drugs.

The Clinton Administration's drug strategy has resulted in a string of dramatic accomplishments. Major drug traffickers -- at all levels from international trafficking organizations to the violent local street gangs -- have been targeted and pursued.

The Clinton Administration has successfully cracked down on major international drug organizations, such as the Cali cartel of Colombia. Two years ago, they lived as billionaires, beyond the law; now many are living as prisoners behind bars.

In Operation Cornerstone, for instance, the Clinton Administration has sought and received 58 indictments on individuals for narcotics, money laundering, and racketeering charges in connection with the operation of the Cali Cartel.

Similarly, the Clinton Administration has struck serious blows against major Mexican drug trafficking organizations. This month, one of the most powerful Mexican drug kingpins, Juan Garcia-Abrego, who was one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" fugitives, was arrested by Mexican authorities and was expelled to stand trial in a Texas Federal court. Abrego's drug organization is responsible for transporting tons of Colombian cocaine into the United States for the Cali Cartel and for authorizing acts of violence including murders, to promote drug activities.

On the streets of our nation, we have brought down a number of drug traffickers and their organizations. In Operation "Crackshot," the Clinton Administration successfully targeted two large, violent Chicago-based drug trafficking organizations, the Gangster Disciples and the Vice Lords. Through the efforts of the Clinton Justice Department, many of those gang members -- including several high-ranking members -- have been convicted at trial or have pleaded guilty.

With the enactment of the Clinton crime bill, law enforcement and drug prevention and treatment efforts have been strengthened -- including the toughest punishment ever for drug traffickers and capital punishment for drug kingpins.

Drug Testing -- Cleaning out the Criminal Justice System

Illegal drugs are an enormous factor behind the current levels of crime and violence in America. More than half of all individuals brought into the Nation's criminal justice systems

have substance abuse problems. Unless we break the cycle of drugs and violence, criminal addicts will end up back on the street, committing more crimes, and back into the criminal justice system still hooked on drugs.

Our criminal justice system should reduce drug demand, not prolong, enhance, or tolerate it. The Clinton Administration believes that by implementing drug testing and sanctions as a way to reduce the level of drug use in the population of offenders under criminal justice supervision, the level of drug use and other criminal behavior will also be reduced.

As a first step to ensuring that we are doing all we can to break the cycle of drugs and crime, the President directed the Attorney General to implement a universal policy providing drug testing of all Federal arrestees prior to the determination for pre-trial detention or release. He further directed her to establish a policy whereby federal prosecutors will request sanctions, such as detention, and on-going testing for arrestees who fail these initial drug tests. In the coming months, the Clinton Administration will have implemented this drug testing initiative and begin in the direction of cleaning out the Federal criminal justice system of drugs.

The Federal criminal justice system already serves as a model for State criminal justice systems -- where the majority of criminal cases are processed and the cycle of repeat drug-related offenders is most evident. It should in this area, too. Therefore, the President directed the Attorney General to take all appropriate steps to encourage States to adopt and implement the same policies that we are initiating at the Federal level.

Razing "Speed Labs"

The Clinton Administration will remain vigilant to anticipate and confront new forms of drug trafficking. The trafficking of methamphetamine ("speed") is a perfect and timely example.

Methamphetamine is an illegal drug whose usage has been increasing at alarming rates -- especially among teens. It can be easily manufactured and mass produced by anyone with a basic understanding of chemistry.

To respond to this growing problem, President Clinton will direct Attorney General Reno to develop, within 60 days, a comprehensive strategy for responding to trafficking in this drug.

Disarming and locking-up gun-wielding drug traffickers

Drug trafficking spawns violence for a simple reason -- drug traffickers are usually heavily-armed and are willing and able to shoot and kill. It is a fact of the street that assault

weapons and other firearms are "tools of the trade" for drug traffickers.

Unfortunately, a recent ruling by the Rehnquist Court severely limited Federal prosecutors ability to prosecute drug traffickers who possess firearms.

To rectify this Rehnquist Court decision, the Clinton Administration will be submitting legislation to Congress to legislatively overrule that case so that we can ensure that drug traffickers receive increased criminal penalties for possessing firearms.

January 21, 1996

***The Clinton Anti-Crime Agenda:
Law Enforcement Technology for the 21st Century***

Gun Detection

In response to the growing public concern over the illegal possession of concealed weapons on the streets and in public buildings, the Clinton Administration has initiated a program to promote the development of technology that would enhance the detection and identification of weapons carried by unauthorized individuals. Three different technologies, utilizing different physical principles, have been selected for support using Clinton Crime Bill funding..

This technological advances will dramatically improve the detectors used in airports and schools. It will also lead to portable and eventually hand-held detectors that will permit law enforcement officers to know whether a criminal is carrying a concealed weapon and provide probable cause for a search.

The public safety benefit of these technologies is monumental. These gun detection technologies will deter criminals from carrying weapons, which will thereby reduce crime and save lives.

DNA

The Clinton Administration believes that progress in DNA identification technologies to be integral to the investigation and prosecution of violent crimes because it would allow law enforcement at all levels to identify offenders quickly, with high accuracy and at low cost without the benefit of eye-witness testimony, and utilizing minuscule sources of physical evidence.

That is why the Clinton Administration has.....

Drug Testing Technology

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TOTAL COPS GRANTS

To date, more than 9,000 grants totaling \$1.5 billion in funding have been awarded which authorize the hiring or redeployment of more than 31,000 community policing officers and deputies. (These numbers include the pre-crime bill Police Hiring Supplement (PHS) awards. The totals without PHS are more than 8,800 grants totaling \$1.35 billion for more than 29,000 cops.)

YOUTH FIREARMS VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

The COPS Office awarded up to \$1 million to 10 police departments to develop tough and innovative community policing strategies to curb the rise of youth firearms violence. These efforts include proactive patrols and handgun suppression strategies in targeted youth violence "hot spots," youth-focused community policing in high-crime areas, and enhanced penalties for gang members.

COPS GANG INITIATIVE

Building on the successes of the COPS Youth Handgun Initiative, the Department of Justice intends to provide up to \$10 million to ten cities to support community policing initiatives focused on combating the rise of youth gangs and gang violence. In general, the COPS Gang Initiative will encourage jurisdictions to use tough and innovative community policing techniques to:

- ◆ reduce the number of violent crimes committed by gangs;
- ◆ target "recruiter" gangs that prey on juveniles and young adults; and
- ◆ disrupt drug and gun markets run by gangs and gang members.

The ten jurisdictions selected by the Department will serve as models for other cities across the country.

COMMUNITY POLICING TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The COPS Office will provide up to \$20 million for innovative community policing efforts aimed at domestic violence. This program provides law enforcement agencies with a unique opportunity to execute well-planned, innovative strategies employing community policing to combat domestic violence. Police departments are encouraged to partner with non-profit, non-governmental victim service programs, domestic violence shelters, or community service groups.

Challenge to States -- Stop Violence Against Women

The Violence Against Women Act, part of the Clinton Crime Act, combines tough new law enforcement strategies with important safeguards for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Although the federal government has made major strides in combating violence against women, it can't do it all on its own. President Clinton challenges the states to take these measures and provide protection and peace of mind for women and their families.

Full Faith and Credit/Firearms Disability -- Under the Violence Against Women Act, a victim with a valid protection order issued by one state is entitled to immediate protection under that order in every other state in the country. The Act also prohibits abusers who are subject to certain restraining orders from possessing firearms. States must play a critical role in implementing "full faith and credit" and the firearms disability. For example, states should adopt mechanisms to help law enforcement officers and judges assess the validity of out-of-state protection orders and should maintain accurate records of persons against whom restraining orders are issued.

Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification -- The Clinton Crime Act contained the Jacob Wetterling Act, which gives states a financial incentive to register convicted child molesters and sex offenders. The Act also allows states, when necessary for public safety, to notify community members when a convicted sex offender moves into their area. By complying with the Act, states will provide peace of mind to families and help to prevent sex offenders from striking again.

FBI's CODIS Program -- The Clinton Crime Act established the "next generation" crime fighting tool -- a national DNA index system to help states link serial crimes like rape using DNA evidence. But to be fully effective, states must require convicted sex offenders and other violent criminals to provide DNA samples and establish the highest quality DNA labs.

Similar Crimes Evidence -- The Clinton Crime Act made it easier for prosecutors in federal sexual assault and child molestation cases to introduce evidence that the defendant has committed other similar offenses. States should adopt comparable reforms, using the federal rule as a model.

Background Check System for Child Care -- The FBI operates a national system that allows child care, elder care, and disabled care providers to do background checks on employees and job applicants. States should enact laws ensuring that these employers have access to the national database of criminal history records.

Antistalking Laws -- The Department of Justice issued a model state law that makes stalking a crime. States should ensure that stalking is a crime within their borders and that stalkers are prosecuted and punished to the fullest extent.

Confidential Communications -- The Department of Justice has developed model state laws that protect the confidentiality of communications between sexual assault and domestic violence victims and their counselors. States should adopt legislation that provides the maximum protection possible for these communications.

DRUG TESTING OF FEDERAL ARRESTEES

To ensure that we are doing all we can to break the cycle of drugs and crime, on December 18, 1995, I directed the Attorney General to develop a universal policy providing for drug testing of all Federal arrestees before decisions are made on whether to release them into the community pending trial. I have asked, moreover, that the Attorney General take all appropriate steps to encourage States to adopt and implement the same policies.

More than half of all individuals brought into the Nation's criminal justice system have substance abuse problems. Too often, the same criminal drug users cycle through the court, corrections, and probation systems still hooked on drugs, and still committing crimes to support their habit. This initiative recognizes that all agencies of the criminal justice system -- prosecutors, judges, corrections officials, and probation, parole and pretrial services administrators -- can play a critical role in reducing the level of continuing drug abuse and criminal behavior by individuals arrested, charged, or convicted of crimes.

SAFE SCHOOLS

The President may direct the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop national guidelines for safe and disciplined schools that will share with state and local officials how schools can take concrete steps that will make them safer places for children to learn. The guidelines will share the experiences and successes some school districts have had with implementing school uniform policies, student athlete drug testing and drug and weapons searches. The guidelines will not mandate any particular action.

STATE OF THE UNION: CRM DIV MATERIALS

I. Drug Enforcement Accomplishments:

Our drug enforcement strategy has resulted in a year of dramatic accomplishments. Pursuant to that strategy, we have successfully targeted and pursued major drug traffickers at all levels -- from international trafficking organizations to the local street gangs whose violence imperils our communities.

Internationally, we have crippled the Cali cartel, which imported massive amounts of cocaine into the United States. In Operation Cornerstone, for instance, 58 individuals have been indicted on narcotics, money laundering, and racketeering charges in connection with the operation of the Cali cartel. Similarly, we have struck serious blows against major Mexican drug trafficking organizations. Indeed, just last week, the leader of one of those organizations -- Juan Garcia-Abrego, who was one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" fugitives -- was arrested by the Mexican authorities and expelled to stand trial in the United States.

On the streets of our nation, we have brought down a number of drug traffickers and their organizations. In Operation "Crackshot," for instance, we successfully targeted two large, violent Chicago-based drug trafficking organizations, the Gangster Disciples and the Vice Lords. Many of those gang members -- including several high-ranking members -- have been convicted at trial or have pleaded guilty.

This Administration is firmly committed to continuing this struggle with every power at our disposal. Our strategy has been, and will remain, to protect our citizens by disrupting and destroying major drug trafficking organizations, both internationally and nationally.

II. Methamphetamine Strategy:

Moreover, we will remain vigilant to anticipate and confront new forms of drug trafficking. To that end, I have directed Attorney General Reno to develop, within 60 days, a strategy for responding to trafficking in methamphetamines, an illegal drug whose usage has been increasing at alarming rates. I am confident that, under the Attorney General's leadership, the Department of Justice, and the brave men and women involved in drug enforcement, will meet this new challenge as splendidly as they have met previous challenges.

Moreover, I am pleased to introduce a new ally in our drug enforcement efforts: [drug czar announcement].

III. Bailey [note: proposed legislation not yet cleared by AG]:

As a further part of our effort to protect the citizens of this nation from violent crime, we will be submitting legislation designed to ensure that increased criminal penalties are imposed on drug traffickers who possess weapons.

IV. Gang Strategy:

This Administration also has made it a priority to fight violent gang crime. In March 1994, we announced the Anti-Violent Crime Initiative. Under this Initiative, the Departments of Justice and Treasury have formed unprecedented and lasting partnerships with local law enforcement agencies to stem the tide of gang violence.

In addition to working with local officials to develop objectives and strategies which best serve the needs of their communities, we are also devoting more federal resources toward fighting violent crime. Not only have we provided funds for the hiring of thousands of additional local police, but we have significantly increased the number of federal law enforcement officers engaged in the front-line partnership in the struggle against gang violence.

Our policies are having a significant impact. As described in a report we have just delivered to Congress, we have witnessed remarkable achievements over the last twenty months by law enforcement officers and prosecutors in combatting gang violence.

Tremendous strides are being made by the men and women in federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies who are partners in our effort to dismantle violent gangs. It is their tireless devotion and vigilance that will ensure success as we strive to make our communities safer for all Americans.

These law enforcement partnerships have succeeded by identifying those gangs which pose the greatest threat to the citizens and tailoring their strategies to remove the threat -- immediately through federal pretrial detention, and permanently by lengthy incarceration. Within the past year, the people of Chicago, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Shreveport, Louisiana, San Juan, Puerto Rico and other cities throughout the country have witnessed the important advances we have made in targeting and prosecuting gang violence.

V. Youth Violence:

But we are also seeing a disturbing trend -- the growth in violence committed both by and against our youth. While the increase in violent crimes committed by adults appears to be easing, the upward spiral in juvenile violent crime is projected to escalate. Arrests of juveniles for serious violent offenses increased 68% between 1984 and 1993.

We can not, and will not, allow this to continue.

We are proposing major revisions to the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act, which -- if passed -- will simplify juvenile prosecutions. These revisions will closely follow existing state statutes, which recognize that certain violent juveniles -- those who commit serious violent crimes -- should be prosecuted as adults.

Our enforcement strategy will have three principal goals:

- 1) incarcerating the most violent juveniles;
- 2) keeping juveniles out of gang activity; and
- 3) reducing handgun possession by juveniles by disrupting the markets that provide guns to them.

I believe that this strategy -- coupled with community programs to assist our youth -- will be a major step in the direction of making communities safer for our children.

VI. International Terrorism Accomplishments:

This past year also has seen major achievements in fighting international terrorism. Last week, Egyptian Sheik Omar Ahmad Rahman and nine other defendants received sentences -- ranging from 25 years to life in prison -- following their convictions for having conspired to wage a war of urban terrorism against the United States. That conspiracy involved the bombing of the World Trade Center, as well as plans to bomb the United Nations, a federal building, the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, and the George Washington Bridge.

In addition, in the past year, a number of individuals have been apprehended overseas and returned to the United States to stand trial on terrorism charges. Those charges include participation in the World Trade Center bombing and in a plot to bomb U.S. civilian airliners on Asia-Pacific routes.

These apprehensions and prosecutions demonstrate our firm resolve to pursue those who would commit terrorist acts against United States citizens, no matter where they might try to hide.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM MATTERS

On October 1, 1995, Egyptian Sheik Omar Ahmad Rahman and nine other defendants were convicted in the Southern District of New York on charges which included a conspiracy to levy a war of urban terrorism against the United States. That conspiracy involved the bombing of the World Trade Center and plans to bomb the United Nations, a federal building, the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, and the George Washington Bridge. On January 17, 1996, the defendants received sentences ranging from 25 years in prison to life in prison.

Four defendants had previously been convicted in the Southern District of New York of bombing the World Trade Center and have received life sentences. In February 1995, Ramzi Yousef, who is charged with involvement in the World Trade Center bombing, was apprehended overseas and transported to the United States. Subsequently, another World Trade Center defendant, Eyad Ismoil, was extradited to the United States.

In January 1995, a plot was uncovered in the Philippines to bomb U.S. civilian airliners on Asia-Pacific routes. Ramzi Yousef has been indicted in the Southern District of New York for his involvement in that conspiracy. Additionally, two other defendants in that conspiracy, Abdul Hakim Murad and Wali Khan Shah, have been apprehended overseas and returned to the United States to face trial for their roles in that plot.

Additionally, pretrial preparation continues for a trial in the District of Columbia of Omar Muhammed Ali Rezaq for the 1985 hijacking in the Middle East of an Egyptair flight, during which the defendant is alleged to have murdered an American passenger. This case demonstrates the U.S. commitment to seek out and apprehend terrorists. Rezaq's apprehension occurred more than seven years after the crime.

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Investigating and prosecuting drug traffickers is a top law enforcement priority of the United States Government. The United States targets and pursues all levels of drug distribution -- from the international importers, through the national and regional distribution networks, to the local, street-level retailers. While federal law enforcement focuses on the international, national and regional trafficking organizations, it also attacks local gangs who imperil our communities with violence in furtherance of the drug trade.

A cornerstone of this Administration's drug enforcement strategy is the disruption and destruction of major drug trafficking organizations -- particularly those portions operating within the United States and in transit countries such as Mexico -- to stop the flow of narcotics across our borders and into our communities. International traffickers bring the twin scourges of illegal drugs and their accompanying violence not only to consumer nations, such as the United States, but also to Mexico and other transit countries through which the drugs travel and in which their traffickers flourish.

Federal law enforcement is able to pursue international and national objectives, including negotiation and cooperation with the governments of countries that have demonstrated the political will to meet their drug enforcement responsibilities; interdiction at the borders; coordinated investigations of multi-jurisdictional (including international) drug trafficking enterprises; attacks on drug money laundering and the diversion of precursor and essential chemicals; and the collection and dissemination of foreign and nationwide drug law enforcement intelligence. Nationally, cocaine is still the principal drug threat in the United States, with notable increases in the use of heroin and dangerous drugs such as methamphetamine, and a resurgence of marijuana. U.S. efforts are directed against organizations trafficking in all these drugs.

Because effective law enforcement ultimately requires prosecutions, convictions and appropriate sentences, the U.S. federal government aims at the prosecution of the highest echelons of the trafficking organizations over whom the United States is likely to be able to exercise jurisdiction. The goal is not to tally up numbers of prosecutions, but rather to build cases that will help dismantle major drug trafficking organizations. Federal efforts against the leadership of international organizations focus on their operational infrastructure here in the United States, with the objective of destroying the organizations' functional networks (production, transportation, distribution, money laundering and communications) as well as prosecuting the hierarchy and membership at the highest possible levels.

U.S. federal law bases sentencing of convicted drug traffickers on the type and quantity of drug sold or possessed, and the criminal history of the individual convicted. Certain drugs and quantities trigger "mandatory minimum" sentencing of five or ten years, regardless of other considerations, although there is a "safety valve" exemption from the mandatory minimums for certain non-violent drug offenders.

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Recent statistics reflect the success of our drug law enforcement strategy:

- The U.S. Department of Justice filed over 9,000 indictments in FY 1994 (the most current available data), charging 18,832 defendants with drug offenses.
- In the same time period, 15,579 convictions were obtained.
- By far, drug offenders constitute the single largest category of defendants prosecuted by the federal government, accounting for 37% of all defendants charged and 37% of all defendants convicted.
- In the federal courts, 93% of drug defendants sentenced in 1994 were convicted of drug trafficking (most of the remaining 7% were sentenced for drug possession). Of those traffickers sentenced, 94% received prison terms, with the average sentence exceeding 90 months.
- Of the nearly 100,000 offenders incarcerated in federal prisons, 53% were convicted of drug trafficking offenses.

State and local law enforcement statistics reflect similar success:

- At the State level, 19% of the nearly 900,000 felony convictions in 1992 (the most recent data currently available) were for drug trafficking; an additional 12% were for drug possession. Of those traffickers sentenced, 75% were sentenced to some term of incarceration, averaging 72 months.
- Of the 830,000 inmates held in State prisons in 1993, 22% were convicted of drug offenses. The total number of inmates held in State prisons for drug offenses in 1993 (186,000) is nearly ten times higher than it was in 1980 (19,000).

But mere statistics do not tell the full story. The following are illustrative examples of recent federal prosecutions:

- **Operation Foxhunt ("Zorro"):** A comprehensive and cooperative investigative and prosecution effort against the Cali cocaine, by several U.S. Attorneys' Offices, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and State and local law enforcement, this case focuses on the Herrera faction of the Cali cartel. Federal charges have been brought in courts throughout the country, over \$2 million has been seized, and 28 individuals have been arrested. The defendants range from the those operating at the highest rung of the Cali cartel's U.S. operations to street level dealers. The investigation revealed that the Herrera faction of the Cali cartel was sending large quantities of cocaine into the United States through Los Angeles to several wholesale distribution points, such as San Francisco, Chicago, and New York, and on to

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consumer distribution points, such as St. Louis, New Orleans, San Antonio, and the Washington, D.C. area. There is every indication from cartel and other sources that this operational unit and its infrastructure have been dismantled.

- **Operation "Cornerstone" -- United States v. Rodriguez-Orejuela, et al.** (Southern District of Florida): This two-year investigation has resulted in the indictment of 58 individuals, charging narcotics and money laundering offenses, as well as violation of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute. The target of this prosecution is the Cali-based organization led by brothers Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez-Orejuela, Helmer Herrera-Buitrago and Jose Santacruz-Londono. The members of this organization conspired to import and distribute in the United States approximately 200,000 kilograms of cocaine; to engage in criminal activity to obstruct justice; to murder a cooperating witness; and to launder the proceeds of the narcotics trafficking. Four attorneys are among those charged in the indictment. One has already pleaded guilty, along with three attorneys who pleaded guilty to related charges prior to the return of the indictment.
- **United States v. Santiago-Lugo** (District of Puerto Rico): This investigation targeted street-level drug-dealing gangs terrorizing housing projects (primarily in the San Juan area) and responsible for more than 60 murders. These gangs distributed heroin, cocaine powder, crack and marijuana. The indictment charged 31 individuals with conspiracy to distribute narcotics and conspiracy to launder the proceeds of narcotics trafficking. Israel Santiago-Lugo is charged with being the principal administrator of a continuing criminal enterprise and, if convicted, is subject to a mandatory life sentence. Twenty-eight of the defendants have been arrested and detained pending trial, scheduled to commence this month. Since the arrest of these individuals, there has been a significant reduction in the homicide rate in several communities, particularly the public housing projects.
- **Avianca Bombing -- United States v. Dandeny Muñoz-Mosquera** (Eastern District of New York): On December 15, 1994, a Colombian national, Dandeny Muñoz-Mosquera, "La Quica," was found guilty of charges which included the bombing of Avianca Airlines Flight 203 and the killing of 110 persons. Muñoz, a key assassin and terrorist in the Medellin cocaine cartel, has been sentenced to several life terms. The prosecution was the result of an intense 11-month investigation by the DEA into the activities of Medellin cocaine cartel leader Pablo Escobar and Muñoz-Mosquera.
- **Garcia-Abrego Organization:** A federal indictment in Houston, Texas charges that Juan Garcia-Abrego is the leader of a powerful Mexican drug organization responsible for transporting tons of Colombian cocaine into the United States for the Cali cartel and for authorizing acts of violence, including murders, to promote drug activities. Garcia-Abrego is currently on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list of fugitives. The FBI, the DEA, and the United States Attorneys for five districts around the country have participated in the investigation and prosecution of the Garcia-Abrego

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organization, which has already resulted in the conviction of more than 70 individuals and the seizure of more than 14 tons of Colombian cocaine.

- United States v. Jose Loaiza-Montoya, et al. (Southern District of Texas): This multi-district investigation targeted the Loaiza-Montoya (a/k/a Sejo) organization, which was responsible for the transportation of cocaine from Houston to other major cities throughout the United States and the collection of proceeds that were then laundered through various sources. All of the nine persons indicted, except Loaiza, who remains a fugitive in Colombia, have pleaded guilty to drug-related offenses. In addition, the investigation resulted in the seizure of 70 kilograms of cocaine and \$10 million of drug proceeds and the dismantling of the Houston cell of this organization. A related case resulted in the dismantling of an associated Mexican transportation organization, the convictions of its leader, Joel Guillermo Chavez-Quezada, and 11 other members, and the seizure of approximately seven tons of cocaine and \$1 million in assets in various U.S. cities. Related cases are pending in two other districts.
- Operation "Crackshot" (Northern District of Illinois): Crackshot targeted two large, violent Chicago-based drug trafficking organizations, the Gangster Disciples and the Vice Lords, which are estimated to have tens of thousands of members in Chicago and elsewhere in the State of Illinois. Together, they are believed to be responsible for trafficking over 500 kilograms of crack cocaine per year in the Midwest. Since the beginning of this operation, a significant number of gang members have either been found guilty at trial or have pleaded guilty, including several high-ranking members of both gangs.

MAJOR GANG CASES FROM PAST YEAR:

● On September 29, 1995, a federal jury in Bridgeport, Connecticut, convicted nine leaders and soldiers of the Latin Kings street gang of racketeering and drug dealing. Each of the defendants faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. The indictment alleged, and the jury found, that the defendants conspired with one another to sell drugs and commit acts of violence, including nine murders and several drive-by shootings, often in an effort to protect their drug trafficking operations in New Haven and Bridgeport.

The thirty-three members of this organization were charged in December 1994 in a thirty-eight count indictment alleging drug conspiracies and a variety of other crimes. Sixteen of the defendants, including the gang's top leaders convicted at the trial, were charged with violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) along with nine murders and two murder conspiracies. Sixteen of the defendants indicted in this case pleaded guilty prior to the start of the trial. A second trial of the remaining eight gang members is scheduled for this winter.

This prosecution represents an example of what can be accomplished in the effort against gang violence when effective law enforcement partnerships are forged. An Assistant State's Attorney for New Haven joined forces with two Assistant U.S. Attorneys to prosecute this case. The other law enforcement agencies which formed an integral part of the investigation included the Bridgeport and New Haven Police Departments, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Department of Corrections, and the FBI, DEA, and ATF. As Attorney General Reno stated, this Latin Kings prosecution "demonstrates that we are not powerless to act against those who terrorize our communities. We are working more closely than ever before with state and local police to take these criminals off our streets."

● On November 2, 1994, in Texarkana, Texas, two men were conversing in a parking lot when they were approached by a loosely-knit gang of nine juveniles. The gang members threatened the victims with two shotguns and two handguns and robbed them of a set of car keys. One victim was then shot at point-blank range but was not seriously injured. The second victim was struck repeatedly by shotgun and handgun fire. He received almost thirty separate wounds, but miraculously survived. The Texarkana Police Department and FBI quickly recovered the stolen vehicle and all nine juveniles were arrested within a few days of the robbery.

At the request of local authorities, the case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution since it was believed that state law would not punish the juveniles adequately. All nine gang members were subsequently prosecuted as adults in federal court. They entered guilty pleas to

offenses ranging from carjacking and firearms violations to misprision of felony. The defendants received a total of 130 years imprisonment, ranging from 36-1/2 years for the most culpable offender to 27 months for the least involved juvenile.

● On August 31, 1995, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies, announced that a federal grand jury in Chicago returned three separate indictments charging a total of thirty-nine individuals, including Larry Hoover and other top leaders of the Gangster Disciples, with a twenty-five year conspiracy to distribute cocaine, crack, heroin, and marijuana and to extort protection money from street dealers in Chicago and its suburbs. The defendants were also charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise which, over the past quarter-century, has been responsible for the retail sale of enormous quantities of narcotics, generating millions of dollars in revenue in the process. The indictments charge that the Gangster Disciples have controlled narcotics trafficking in large areas of the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs, and have ruthlessly protected their interests and territory through violence, intimidation, and extortion.

The indictments also allege that the gang's "community outreach organizations," such as Save the Children Inc. and 21st Century V.O.T.E. (Voices of Total Empowerment), were used to launder drug sales and street tax extorted from gang members and other narcotics dealers who were allowed to operate in their territory. Larry Hoover, also known as "The Chairman" and alleged leader of the gang, has been incarcerated for over twenty years in the Illinois state prison system, and is alleged to have controlled the gang's illegal activities from inside state prison walls. These indictments are the result of an investigation begun in 1989 by the U.S. Attorney's Office, which brought together a task force of personnel from state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies including DEA, ATF, IRS, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Housing Authority Police Department, Illinois State Police, and Illinois Department of Corrections. The Federal Protective Service and the City of Chicago Department of Aviation also assisted in this case.

● On June 5, 1995, an FBI/Puerto Rico Police Safe Streets Task Force arrested Jorge Solano Moreta, the leader of the island's most violent gang, who had eluded capture for over a year. The following week, thirty-seven members of Moreta's gang were indicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and heroin. Moreta and two other gang leaders are charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise (CCE) including five predicate murders. The cases against Moreta and his gang members are currently pending trial. Moreta's gang operated in two public housing projects in the San Juan area, Las Gardenias and Virgillio Davila. Local officials in the public housing projects in San Juan, where the gang operated, have reported to the U.S.

Attorney's Office that the level of violence has dropped precipitously since the indictment and arrests.

The Moreta case, which is currently pending trial, is typical of the major gang investigations spearheaded by the United States Attorney's Office in Puerto Rico. The Department of Justice has worked closely with federal and local officials in Puerto Rico in response to the staggering carjacking and homicide rates the island experienced in 1994. The large drug gangs are responsible for a substantial portion of these violent crimes. By 1995, significant results of this intensive federal effort were achieved. During the first six months of 1994, 410 murders and 1,538 carjackings were reported compared to 490 murders and 1,974 carjackings during the same period in 1994. The U.S. Attorney's Office is also coordinating efforts targeting violent fugitives, illegal aliens, and major drug importers.

• In the Western District of Louisiana, 49 federal and local warrants were issued against the "Bottoms Boys," a violent drug gang in the Ledbetter Heights neighborhood of Shreveport. A federal racketeering indictment charged 14 defendants with operating a continuing criminal enterprise and committing offenses that involved murder and drive-by shootings as well as drug distribution. Twelve gang leaders and organizers were convicted of virtually all counts and received prison sentences ranging from ten to thirty-five years. Of the thirty-five defendants charged in state court with narcotics offenses, all were convicted. According to Shreveport Police, a comparison of crime data for the five months preceding and following the September 1994 arrests reflects a 34% decrease in violent crime in the neighborhood that had been controlled by the Bottoms Boys.

We will continue to work with federal
authorities to break the gang strongholds in
other parts of the city.

- Shreveport Police Chief Steve Prator



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Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee, I appreciate the opportunity to testify before you today. My name is Joe Brann and I am the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services or "COPS Office" of the U.S. Department of Justice. I am accompanied today by my two deputies Mr. Ben Tucker and Mr. Tony Sutin. Ben Tucker serves as Deputy Director for Operations, responsible for overseeing Grants Administration, and the Training and Technical Assistance Division. Tony Sutin serves as Deputy Director for Administration, where he is responsible for Administration, Communications, Public Liaison, Congressional Relations Divisions and Legal Divisions, also serving as General Counsel.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on the implementation of the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994. And I am very proud to report that we are ahead of schedule. To date the COPS Office has authorized funding for police, sheriffs' deputies and state troopers to put an additional 23,913 officers on our nation's streets. With the 2,020 officers funded by the 1993 Police Hiring Supplement program, this will result in a total of 25,933 more officers serving our communities — small, large, urban, rural, Native American — across the country. These officers will serve 80% of the American public, and more than 75% of the officers funded under our hiring programs thus far have already been hired.

Mentor Young People

Young people will tell you that what they really need to stay out of trouble is someone to talk to. Becoming a mentor and offering realistic standards and a consistent and positive presence in a child's life can make all the difference. Improving the attitudes, skills, and practices of those working with adolescents can also help.

- Young people are involved as mentor-trainers and in the decision-making process at the Omega Boys Club in Oakland, California. They offer intensive mentoring and peer counseling to 10- to 20-year-olds, including youth at juvenile detention centers; they conduct workshops on violence prevention, politics, and spirituality; and they are establishing community centers in the schools and computer centers in middle schools. The program began six years ago with 15 members; today it has more than 300; it reaches 200,000 young people weekly through its radio call-in program. More than 100 program members, many of them former gang members and drug dealers, have been placed in college and have obtained community support to help pay for their education.



Involve Young People

Involving young people in violence prevention does not mean just putting a youth's face on the cover of a brochure. Young people can and should be involved in planning and decision-making; they should have real responsibilities for concrete tasks. Sometimes they are the only ones to whom other youth will listen. They can be peer counselors and tutors. They can produce public service announcements. They can implement or help to implement programs. Involving young people helps them to develop skills they need to become productive adults—as workers and citizens. Whether or not the youth are at risk, they can play effective, important roles in the community.

- A group of young people in Decatur, Georgia, started Ujima because they felt there was a lack of grassroots organizations in the Atlanta area that focused on community needs. They have taken on a remarkable array of issues: the "Unity in Community" campaign, "Peace in the Streets" and environmental campaigns, concerts to attract young people's attention, reducing gang violence, AIDS awareness programs, anti-violence projects, visits to elderly communities, and self-defense classes.
- The Youth as Resources programs in more than 20 communities enables youth to tackle problems of great concern to them, and to make a real change in the city and community. Young people identify needs, develop approaches, and calculate budgets. If their presentations to community boards are accepted, they get the funds to carry out the project. Teens designed and built a playground at a shelter for abused children, established a peer counseling program, painted anti-drug murals in their neighborhoods, and produced a video to educate their peers on the effects of drug abuse on teens, their families, and their friends.

Increase Accountability of Juvenile Offenders and Their Parents

Individuals can help ensure that youthful offenders are both held accountable and rehabilitated. Young people's behavior most often depends on the values and patterns of behavior both stated and demonstrated by their families and communities. For interventions to work best, they must be swift, consistent, include increasing sanctions, and involve the offender's family and community, according to studies of effective programs. Parents can

be made to respond more immediately to youthful behaviors that disrupt the community. One community requires that the parent pick up a truant child before the child can re-enter school or when a curfew is violated. Parents aware of their civil liability for the offenses committed by their children, such as vandalism and graffiti, are more likely to discourage such behavior. Family courts and family therapy for youthful offenders offer promise for healing family breaches and making families more effective. Innovative sentencing options include restitution to victims, or work on community projects. In addition, youth can operate courts in which they judge their peers, and in which sentences are binding under law, and the entire community can support after-care programs that integrate juvenile offenders back into the community.

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- In July 1992, Wilmington, Delaware, was awarded a federal Weed and Seed grant to "weed" out crime elements and "seed" prevention programs in two target neighborhoods. The initiative focuses on efforts that make youth more accountable and provide them with opportunities for improvement. These include drug enforcement, community policing, intensive probation during which serious youth offenders are watched closely, parole supervision, targeted prosecution, substance abuse treatment services, recreational and tutoring programs, victim services, and parenting skills training. Occurrences of assault and homicide offenses have dropped, sentencing practices are being restructured, a drug court is being established, and a range of intermediate sanctions is being developed.
- One community addressed needs of young offenders by improving the home detention program in which youth are monitored and must report their whereabouts, and developing community-based foster and group homes, using community organizations' facilities for secure detention. The community is also reviewing cases of juveniles entering the system to determine which of them could be safely placed in small-scale community-based programs, and is striving to enhance communication among the various agencies concerned with juvenile justice in the county. Since the Broward County, Florida, Detention Project was established in 1988, the average daily population of the county detention facility has decreased by two-thirds. Juveniles supervised in the community have honored their court appearances. The program has resulted in a substantially reduced cost to taxpayers without any increase in public safety concerns.

Prevent Gangs and Related Behavior

Establishing anti-truancy programs and curfews; improving ways to help runaway and homeless youngsters so that they won't feel compelled to undertake illegal activities such as robbery, assault and prostitution; enforcing regulations against loitering and drinking in city parks; reporting businesses that sell alcohol to minors; or starting a boycott or campaign to remind business owners of penalties for selling alcohol to minors—all can help prevent the delinquency and gang-related actions that lead to violent behavior.

- The city of Paramount, California, had relied on law enforcement to resolve the problem of gang violence. Law enforcement had been mostly reactive and had not shared information freely with other organizations or even within the agency. In response to increased gang violence, a multi-agency task force was formed to include law enforcement and city officials, school officials, probation, parole, and prosecution, personnel and social services and citizen participants. The coalition has a four-part strategy for preventing gang violence:
 - A 15-week program to teach recognition of gang activity and gang members to students in area elementary schools;
 - A follow-up curriculum and program for middle school students;
 - Parent-community awareness meetings; and
 - An information and case management program focusing on the most violent offenders.

An evaluation revealed that only three percent of the young participants in Paramount's Alternative to Gang Membership Program (AGMP) ever joined a gang. Furthermore, significant reductions in gang-related violence have been achieved. The AGMP model has been replicated by several communities since it was established in 1980.

Offer Job Training and Skills Development

Jobs offer young people a legitimate source of income, positive activity, and a source of self-esteem. Partnerships that bring together employers and youth employment services can help to reduce the chances of violence and help youth to make a successful transition from school to the workplace.

- A coalition of neighborhood developers and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the South Central district of Los Angeles developed the Youth Empowerment Project. The program has recruited, employed, and trained youth leaders to design and implement an internship and job placement program, a community development plan, a public policy resources initiative, and a youth recreation program that provides constructive activities for 1,000 youngsters.
- The University of North Carolina, Durham County Health Department, Durham Business and Professional Chain, and Durham Employment and Training Office joined in a partnership to Support Adolescents with Guidance and Employment (SAGE) in Durham, North Carolina. The intervention components include cultural and values education programs designed for African American males ages 13 to 16 as well as a mentoring program, an entrepreneurial program, and a job training and placement program. The 250 young men exposed to the program, initially skeptical, became highly enthusiastic participants. Their job experiences have included working at libraries, the local YMCA, museums, sports facilities, and with African-American entrepreneurs in the district.

Create Healthy, Supportive Communities That Involve Citizens

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Feeling attached to and caring about their communities is critical for young people and for adults. Making connections across neighborhoods creates a web of support for the healthy growth of children, youth, and families.

How can this web be built? List, in order of priority, local problems that contribute to violence. Determine what resources are available to prevent those problems or enhance positive aspects of the community. Obtain the support of other city or community organizations, realistic goals, and choose, as a group, strategies or combinations of strategies that have proven effective in dealing with issues most relevant to your community.

Be Active in Efforts To Protect Neighborhoods

Having strong neighborhood, apartment building, business, and similar watch programs helps build communities. Creating drug-free and gun-free zones in which penalties for violations are doubled or tripled can be effective, especially if community mem-

bers and businesses actively report violence-related activity. Posters and signs can send clear messages about expected and tolerated behavior. Citizens can influence licensing and zoning decisions for businesses that might attract crime.

- The Newport News, Virginia, Crime Watch Coalition promotes the concept with block captains throughout the city and fosters communication between residents and police through monthly meetings on special topics. The coalition has helped police apprehend a serial rapist, won city council funding for its work and, in addition, has played a role in essay contests for kids; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; citywide food and clothing drives; drug prevention and child abuse prevention efforts; workshops on rape prevention and self defense; forming welcome committees for new neighbors; and volunteer work with shelters.

Encourage Community-Oriented Policing

Community policing has teamed police in areas ranging from Dade County, Florida, to San Diego, California, to Lansing, Michigan, with public works staffs, social workers, school officials, public health professionals, and other service providers to address community and family issues that contribute to delinquency and violence. Expanding the number of neighborhood-oriented patrol officers, fostering and rewarding prevention strategies, establishing mini-stations in neighborhoods or public housing communities, and serving as mentors, are a few ways in which police can develop a closer understanding of how to help a community prevent violence. Officers have positive opportunities to get to know local youth and other residents; they also get to know situations that might lead to crime in a community; and they learn to work with youth and other community members on solving problems.

- Memphis, Tennessee, was the site of a strong community approach to addressing drug, youth gang, and violent crime problems. The county sheriff's department joined with the area Neighborhood Watch, more than a dozen other groups, and 53 professionals to conduct the Violence Reduction Project at a local public housing complex. In a wide-ranging program that includes tutoring, positive activities, cultural celebrations, health education, community service, and field trips, children and parents in the neighborhood learn how to protect themselves against crime and drugs, handle schoolwork better, and

express themselves in nonviolent ways. A Junior Deputy Program and special Neighborhood Watch training helps both youth and adults to meet and develop positive relationships with the law enforcement community.

Reclaim Public Spaces

Many communities have recognized the connection between neighborhood deterioration and crime. Often, in areas where housing, health, safety, and fire codes are violated, street violence is endemic. Establishing or enforcing drug-free clauses in rental leases; passing and enforcing anti-graffiti ordinances; using noise and other nuisance abatement laws to close unsafe or illegally used buildings; starting campaigns against drug use that also aim to prevent the sale of drug-related paraphernalia; upgrading lighting standards, initiating programs to restore parks to legitimate recreational use; and enforcing of standards for housing, health, and fire codes; can all lead to a more positive neighborhood image and a safer neighborhood.

Partnerships of the community, the police department, and other government agencies (such as transportation, housing, health, sanitation, and public utilities) can also help clean up neighborhoods, ridding them of properties used for drug trafficking and making them inhospitable to would-be criminals.

Neighborhood initiatives can go even further by working with other organizations to ensure that the community is involved in citywide planning; advocating for conveniently located services (grocery, laundry, pharmacy, service stations, etc.); ensuring that parks are maintained; and embracing and sponsoring economic development ideas, including initiatives that seek to turn former drug houses into affordable housing.

- Youth Build offers young people vocational skills, leadership training, and the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency diploma while learning fundamentals of the construction trade, providing rehabilitated low-income housing and earning a wage. The program has also employed young people as clerical workers, aides to senior citizens, and workers on such beautification projects as vacant lot clean-ups. In less than five years, Youth Build expanded into 14 inner cities.
- Each neighborhood of St. Petersburg, Florida, is surveyed for code violations as part of the city's Operation Commitment. The multi-agency project is the catalyst for implementation of neighborhood-based improvement plans that target areas with housing, crime and code problems. Since it was established in

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1993, the program has removed tons of trash, replaced hundreds of street lights, inspected over a thousand commercial and residential properties for violations of fire codes, and rehabilitated a dozen dilapidated houses.

- The Alisco-Pico Recreation Center in Los Angeles involves hundreds of children each week in recreational, cultural, and academic programs. In 1980, residents of the area noticed that children were no longer using the park near the center because it had become dominated by gang members and graffiti. They organized, along with the business community, to secure funding to rebuild the park and establish additional recreation programs there.

Provide Opportunities To Serve the Community

Many people, young and old, are willing—even eager—to teach someone what they have learned from life or to contribute to their community. But opportunities to help out are not always obvious. Local governments, school boards, the Housing Authority, and other organizations can develop or encourage youth service projects (as a requirement for graduation or for scholastic credit, for example) to give students the opportunity to contribute to solving community problems that they feel are important.

A gamut of service activities, including housekeeping services for senior citizens, Study Buddies, etc., community-based programs such as painting murals, creating neighborhood gardens, rehabilitating housing, trimming shrubbery in the park, and repairing and maintaining public places such as parks and recreational facilities, help to reclaim the neighborhood as a public resource, and also can reduce vandalism and provide jobs.

Integrate Services to Youth and Families

Procedures and structures that coordinate the delivery of services are essential to providing a continuum of care to youth and families. Effective coordination also eliminates duplication of services, saves money and improves morale. Establishing a multi-agency youth violence task force can help start and guide this process of integration.

- The Contra Costa County, California, Prevention Program is directed by a collaboration of the county health services department, the school district, city and district representatives, and grass-roots organizations. The program emphasizes getting diverse people and organizations to work together for

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violence prevention. It pays specific attention to issues of economic, sexual, racial, and political discrimination as they relate to violence. Programs address the effects of unemployment, the media, drugs and alcohol, aggressive behavior, post-traumatic stress, burn-out among professionals, and conflict resolution.

Base Services Where They Are Most Needed

Services located where the customers are—at the neighborhood level—are more likely to be used and useful. If they are consolidated and coordinated, they can be even more effective. Work with the local housing authority, parent-teacher organization, schools, health organizations, domestic violence support services, or drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, to provide a local comprehensive community health program or a multi-purpose prevention resource center. Offer quick and easy access to crime-prevention information; organizations that can provide counseling, job training, or job opportunities; a bulletin board or a newsletter to communicate important current information; mentors; and a directory to take profile opportunities for the many concerned people who want to volunteer their time.

Effective coordination eliminates duplication of services, saves money and improves morale.

- Since 1990, the Sparrow Estates Community in Lansing, Michigan, has benefitted from the Neighborhood Network Center. The center was formed after a community police officer from the area worked with residents to identify crime-related problems and prioritize possible solutions. The full-time service center right in the neighborhood offers a variety of services, including parenting classes, drug abuse counseling, health care advice, dropout-prevention programs, job placement assistance, interpreters for non-English-speaking residents, and coordinated efforts to close drug houses through enforcement of local codes. After three years, the neighborhood experienced a 75 percent reduction in reported crime. Law enforcement has closed several drug houses and sponsored youth programs. Other service providers have helped residents locate jobs and housing, and residents have organized community cleanups.

The efforts of health care, social service and criminal justice professionals in St. Paul, Minnesota, have produced the Midwest Children's Resource Center. This collaborative fosters positive working relationships between youth' service and

health care providers and, more important, provides children with the care they need in one location, and reduces the need for repetitive examinations and visits to other sites.

Involve Health Providers and Hospitals

The health care system is often the first and only place to which a victim of violence turns for help. As a result, doctors and community health professionals are natural allies in violence prevention efforts. They recognize that violence is not just a law enforcement problem but also a daily public health problem.

Youth Alive, in partnership with the Oakland, California, Unified School district and the Pediatric Spinal Injury Service, uses two strategies to address this problem:

- "Teens on Target" trains high-risk eighth and ninth graders to become health advocates for preventing gun violence, family violence, drugs and alcohol and street violence. They arrange visits to urban emergency rooms to see first-hand the plight of victims and the value of prevention.
- "Caught in the Crossfire" sends these young counselors into neighborhood hospitals to try to persuade teenaged gunshot victims to avoid further violence. Since 1989, the program has trained 50 Oakland students who, in turn, have reached 3,000 other youth.

Develop Community and Business Partnerships

Local businesses can contribute much to violence prevention efforts. They know that the community's gain is their gain. They can work with schools and the community to provide scholarships and support for young people; they can "Adopt a School" or "Adopt a Block"; sponsor safety and self-defense workshops for the community; become part of a crime prevention action plan committee; or build employee commitment to staying in the community. They bring skills and resources to complement those of residents and public sector agencies.

- As part of a plan to spur economic development in a targeted area of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Commercial Development Corporation started a model business crime prevention program that coordinates an annual Crime Prevention Month observance and offers free security surveys and business crime-prevention seminars in English, Spanish, and Korean to small businesses. Since its creation in 1981, the program has devel-

oped a strong relationship with the police and district attorney, provided more than \$800,000 in matching funds for security improvements to small businesses, and advised more than 800 businesses on prevention strategies.

Start a Campaign To Educate the Media

Television violence, stereotypes, and frightening headlines have a direct impact community efforts to prevent violence. But the media also can be a major ally in preventing violence. They can educate the community on the costs of violence and the importance of prevention; they can make an editorial column available for youth perspectives or promote youth as an important resource in the community. The media can develop a pledge to provide more coverage of positive youth-related events; seek to better serve the educational and informational needs of children; and restrict times when violent entertainment is aired.

Residents can also lobby for content warnings to precede violent television programs; media literacy programs that teach critical viewing skills; a meaningful program-rating system; lock-out switches that let parents control television channel selection; and anti-violence themes in programming.

- The Department of the Attorney General in Hawaii has taken on an unusual role — production of a television talk show for teens. “Bridging the Gap” provides a platform for teens to voice their concerns, and to tackle such topics as runaways, teen suicides, anger management, teen alcoholism, AIDS, sexual harassment, teen pregnancy, date rape, and violence in dating. The program provides not only a forum for young people, but also offers information to teens and parents. The teen pregnancy discussion, for example, generated so many phone calls from parents unaware of how prevalent is the problem that the program was extended 30 minutes. As a result of its successes, the partnership between the Attorney General and the media has expanded to include businesses, foundations, and other government agencies.

Sponsor Rallies, Marches, Vigils and Prayers

Public rallies, marches, candlelight vigils, and neighborhood events are great ways to bring a community together, initiate a project, motivate others to get involved, or celebrate a successful program. They also are a sign that residents are reclaiming control of the neighborhood. Invite speakers to a shopping mall or

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some other well known place that is visible and safe, and have the youngsters organize music, skits, and small sessions to discuss issues. End the event with a vigil against violence or plan a citywide week of prayer during which congregations give special attention in worship services to violence issues.

- The Houston Recreation Action Plan includes a "Crime-Kicker" carnival, the theme of which is crime and crime prevention. The subject of guns, gangs, drugs, burglaries, and crime prevention strategies are addressed through skits. Morality and punishment are illustrated by a fund-raiser booth called "locks and stocks." Games are designed to entertain, but also to serve as a means to release frustration. Strolling, costumed figures, such as the "Magic Crook" magician and other crime-fighting heroes, add further to the carnival atmosphere.
- The Greater San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission asked each religious congregation in the city to dedicate a day of prayer against violence. Over 800 churches and other faith organizations participated in the city-wide week of prayer in 1993, and all delivered anti-violence messages and encouraged members to join neighborhood crime prevention efforts.

Remove Items Associated with Violence

The availability of guns has a self-evident impact on the lethality of youth violence. Keeping guns out of the hands of young people, supporting efforts to have manufacturers mark toy guns so that they can be distinguished from real guns, or blocking production of certain types of guns reduces this availability. Increasing the penalties for using a gun in the commission of a crime helps discourage gun-toting offenders. Gun buy-back or amnesty programs provide incentives for residents to give up guns. In 1974, the City of Baltimore decided to offer \$50 per gun in a buy-back program. In three months, 13,792 guns were turned in to the police. In 1991, St. Louis collected 7,547 guns by offering cash. In 1994, in Hartford Connecticut, 226 assault weapons (at \$500 each), 3,577 operable guns (at \$100 each), and 378 inoperable guns (at \$50 each) were turned in.

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STATE OF THE UNION: CRM DIV MATERIALS

I. Drug Enforcement Accomplishments:

Our drug enforcement strategy has resulted in a year of dramatic accomplishments. Pursuant to that strategy, we have successfully targeted and pursued major drug traffickers at all levels -- from international trafficking organizations to the local street gangs whose violence imperils our communities.

Internationally, we have crippled the Cali cartel, which imported massive amounts of cocaine into the United States. In Operation Cornerstone, for instance, 58 individuals have been indicted on narcotics, money laundering, and racketeering charges in connection with the operation of the Cali cartel. Similarly, we have struck serious blows against major Mexican drug trafficking organizations. Indeed, just last week, the leader of one of those organizations -- Juan Garcia-Abrego, who was one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" fugitives -- was arrested by the Mexican authorities and expelled to stand trial in the United States.

On the streets of our nation, we have brought down a number of drug traffickers and their organizations. In Operation "Crackshot," for instance, we successfully targeted two large, violent Chicago-based drug trafficking organizations, the Gangster Disciples and the Vice Lords. Many of those gang members -- including several high-ranking members -- have been convicted at trial or have pleaded guilty.

This Administration is firmly committed to continuing this struggle with every power at our disposal. Our strategy has been, and will remain, to protect our citizens by disrupting and destroying major drug trafficking organizations, both internationally and nationally.

II. Methamphetamine Strategy:

Moreover, we will remain vigilant to anticipate and confront new forms of drug trafficking. To that end, I have directed Attorney General Reno to develop, within 60 days, a strategy for responding to trafficking in methamphetamines, an illegal drug whose usage has been increasing at alarming rates. I am confident that, under the Attorney General's leadership, the Department of Justice, and the brave men and women involved in drug enforcement, will meet this new challenge as splendidly as they have met previous challenges.

Moreover, I am pleased to introduce a new ally in our drug enforcement efforts: [drug czar announcement].

III. Bailey [note: proposed legislation not yet cleared by AG]:

As a further part of our effort to protect the citizens of this nation from violent crime, we will be submitting legislation designed to ensure that increased criminal penalties are imposed on drug traffickers who possess weapons.

IV. Gang Strategy:

This Administration also has made it a priority to fight violent gang crime. In March 1994, we announced the Anti-Violent Crime Initiative. Under this Initiative, the Departments of Justice and Treasury have formed unprecedented and lasting partnerships with local law enforcement agencies to stem the tide of gang violence.

In addition to working with local officials to develop objectives and strategies which best serve the needs of their communities, we are also devoting more federal resources toward fighting violent crime. Not only have we provided funds for the hiring of thousands of additional local police, but we have significantly increased the number of federal law enforcement officers engaged in the front-line partnership in the struggle against gang violence.

Our policies are having a significant impact. As described in a report we have just delivered to Congress, we have witnessed remarkable achievements over the last twenty months by law enforcement officers and prosecutors in combatting gang violence.

Tremendous strides are being made by the men and women in federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies who are partners in our effort to dismantle violent gangs. It is their tireless devotion and vigilance that will ensure success as we strive to make our communities safer for all Americans.

These law enforcement partnerships have succeeded by identifying those gangs which pose the greatest threat to the citizens and tailoring their strategies to remove the threat -- immediately through federal pretrial detention, and permanently by lengthy incarceration. Within the past year, the people of Chicago, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Shreveport, Louisiana, San Juan, Puerto Rico and other cities throughout the country have witnessed the important advances we have made in targeting and prosecuting gang violence.

V. Youth Violence:

But we are also seeing a disturbing trend -- the growth in violence committed both by and against our youth. While the increase in violent crimes committed by adults appears to be easing, the upward spiral in juvenile violent crime is projected to escalate. Arrests of juveniles for serious violent offenses increased 68% between 1984 and 1993.

We can not, and will not, allow this to continue.

We are proposing major revisions to the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act, which -- if passed -- will simplify juvenile prosecutions. These revisions will closely follow existing state statutes, which recognize that certain violent juveniles -- those who commit serious violent crimes -- should be prosecuted as adults.

Our enforcement strategy will have three principal goals:

- 1) incarcerating the most violent juveniles;
- 2) keeping juveniles out of gang activity; and
- 3) reducing handgun possession by juveniles by disrupting the markets that provide guns to them.

I believe that this strategy -- coupled with community programs to assist our youth -- will be a major step in the direction of making communities safer for our children.

VI. International Terrorism Accomplishments:

This past year also has seen major achievements in fighting international terrorism. Last week, Egyptian Sheik Omar Ahmad Rahman and nine other defendants received sentences -- ranging from 25 years to life in prison -- following their convictions for having conspired to wage a war of urban terrorism against the United States. That conspiracy involved the bombing of the World Trade Center, as well as plans to bomb the United Nations, a federal building, the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, and the George Washington Bridge.

In addition, in the past year, a number of individuals have been apprehended overseas and returned to the United States to stand trial on terrorism charges. Those charges include participation in the World Trade Center bombing and in a plot to bomb U.S. civilian airliners on Asia-Pacific routes.

These apprehensions and prosecutions demonstrate our firm resolve to pursue those who would commit terrorist acts against United States citizens, no matter where they might try to hide.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM MATTERS

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Four defendants had previously been convicted in the Southern District of New York of bombing the World Trade Center and have received life sentences. In February 1995, Ramzi Yousef, who is charged with involvement in the World Trade Center bombing, was apprehended overseas and transported to the United States. Subsequently, another World Trade Center defendant, Eyad Ismoil, was extradited to the United States.

In January 1995, a plot was uncovered in the Philippines to bomb U.S. civilian airliners on Asia-Pacific routes. Ramzi Yousef has been indicted in the Southern District of New York for his involvement in that conspiracy. Additionally, two other defendants in that conspiracy, Abdul Hakim Murad and Wali Khan Shah, have been apprehended overseas and returned to the United States to face trial for their roles in that plot.

Additionally, pretrial preparation continues for a trial in the District of Columbia of Omar Muhammed Ali Rezaq for the 1985 hijacking in the Middle East of an Egyptair flight, during which the defendant is alleged to have murdered an American passenger. This case demonstrates the U.S. commitment to seek out and apprehend terrorists. Rezaq's apprehension occurred more than seven years after the crime.

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Investigating and prosecuting drug traffickers is a top law enforcement priority of the United States Government. The United States targets and pursues all levels of drug distribution -- from the international importers, through the national and regional distribution networks, to the local, street-level retailers. While federal law enforcement focuses on the international, national and regional trafficking organizations, it also attacks local gangs who imperil our communities with violence in furtherance of the drug trade.

A cornerstone of this Administration's drug enforcement strategy is the disruption and destruction of major drug trafficking organizations -- particularly those portions operating within the United States and in transit countries such as Mexico -- to stop the flow of narcotics across our borders and into our communities. International traffickers bring the twin scourges of illegal drugs and their accompanying violence not only to consumer nations, such as the United States, but also to Mexico and other transit countries through which the drugs travel and in which their traffickers flourish.

Federal law enforcement is able to pursue international and national objectives, including negotiation and cooperation with the governments of countries that have demonstrated the political will to meet their drug enforcement responsibilities; interdiction at the borders; coordinated investigations of multi-jurisdictional (including international) drug trafficking enterprises; attacks on drug money laundering and the diversion of precursor and essential chemicals; and the collection and dissemination of foreign and nationwide drug law enforcement intelligence. Nationally, cocaine is still the principal drug threat in the United States, with notable increases in the use of heroin and dangerous drugs such as methamphetamine, and a resurgence of marijuana. U.S. efforts are directed against organizations trafficking in all these drugs.

Because effective law enforcement ultimately requires prosecutions, convictions and appropriate sentences, the U.S. federal government aims at the prosecution of the highest echelons of the trafficking organizations over whom the United States is likely to be able to exercise jurisdiction. The goal is not to tally up numbers of prosecutions, but rather to build cases that will help dismantle major drug trafficking organizations. Federal efforts against the leadership of international organizations focus on their operational infrastructure here in the United States, with the objective of destroying the organizations' functional networks (production, transportation, distribution, money laundering and communications) as well as prosecuting the hierarchy and membership at the highest possible levels.

U.S. federal law bases sentencing of convicted drug traffickers on the type and quantity of drug sold or possessed, and the criminal history of the individual convicted. Certain drugs and quantities trigger "mandatory minimum" sentencing of five or ten years, regardless of other considerations, although there is a "safety valve" exemption from the mandatory minimums for certain non-violent drug offenders.

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Recent statistics reflect the success of our drug law enforcement strategy:

- The U.S. Department of Justice filed over 9,000 indictments in FY 1994 (the most current available data), charging 18,832 defendants with drug offenses.
- In the same time period, 15,579 convictions were obtained.
- By far, drug offenders constitute the single largest category of defendants prosecuted by the federal government, accounting for 37% of all defendants charged and 37% of all defendants convicted.
- In the federal courts, 93% of drug defendants sentenced in 1994 were convicted of drug trafficking (most of the remaining 7% were sentenced for drug possession). Of those traffickers sentenced, 94% received prison terms, with the average sentence exceeding 90 months.
- Of the nearly 100,000 offenders incarcerated in federal prisons, 53% were convicted of drug trafficking offenses.

State and local law enforcement statistics reflect similar success:

- At the State level, 19% of the nearly 900,000 felony convictions in 1992 (the most recent data currently available) were for drug trafficking; an additional 12% were for drug possession. Of those traffickers sentenced, 75% were sentenced to some term of incarceration, averaging 72 months.
- Of the 830,000 inmates held in State prisons in 1993, 22% were convicted of drug offenses. The total number of inmates held in State prisons for drug offenses in 1993 (186,000) is nearly ten times higher than it was in 1980 (19,000).

But mere statistics do not tell the full story. The following are illustrative examples of recent federal prosecutions:

- **Operation Foxhunt ("Zorro"):** A comprehensive and cooperative investigative and prosecution effort against the Cali cocaine, by several U.S. Attorneys' Offices, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and State and local law enforcement, this case focuses on the Herrera faction of the Cali cartel. Federal charges have been brought in courts throughout the country, over \$2 million has been seized, and 28 individuals have been arrested. The defendants range from the those operating at the highest rung of the Cali cartel's U.S. operations to street level dealers. The investigation revealed that the Herrera faction of the Cali cartel was sending large quantities of cocaine into the United States through Los Angeles to several wholesale distribution points, such as San Francisco, Chicago, and New York, and on to

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consumer distribution points, such as St. Louis, New Orleans, San Antonio, and the Washington, D.C. area. There is every indication from cartel and other sources that this operational unit and its infrastructure have been dismantled.

- **Operation "Cornerstone" -- United States v. Rodriguez-Orejuela, et al.** (Southern District of Florida): This two-year investigation has resulted in the indictment of 58 individuals, charging narcotics and money laundering offenses, as well as violation of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute. The target of this prosecution is the Cali-based organization led by brothers Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez-Orejuela, Helmer Herrera-Buitrago and Jose Santacruz-Londono. The members of this organization conspired to import and distribute in the United States approximately 200,000 kilograms of cocaine; to engage in criminal activity to obstruct justice; to murder a cooperating witness; and to launder the proceeds of the narcotics trafficking. Four attorneys are among those charged in the indictment. One has already pleaded guilty, along with three attorneys who pleaded guilty to related charges prior to the return of the indictment.
- **United States v. Santiago-Lugo** (District of Puerto Rico): This investigation targeted street-level drug-dealing gangs terrorizing housing projects (primarily in the San Juan area) and responsible for more than 60 murders. These gangs distributed heroin, cocaine powder, crack and marijuana. The indictment charged 31 individuals with conspiracy to distribute narcotics and conspiracy to launder the proceeds of narcotics trafficking. Israel Santiago-Lugo is charged with being the principal administrator of a continuing criminal enterprise and, if convicted, is subject to a mandatory life sentence. Twenty-eight of the defendants have been arrested and detained pending trial, scheduled to commence this month. Since the arrest of these individuals, there has been a significant reduction in the homicide rate in several communities, particularly the public housing projects.
- **Avianca Bombing -- United States v. Dandeny Muñoz-Mosquera** (Eastern District of New York): On December 15, 1994, a Colombian national, Dandeny Muñoz-Mosquera, "La Quica," was found guilty of charges which included the bombing of Avianca Airlines Flight 203 and the killing of 110 persons. Muñoz, a key assassin and terrorist in the Medellin cocaine cartel, has been sentenced to several life terms. The prosecution was the result of an intense 11-month investigation by the DEA into the activities of Medellin cocaine cartel leader Pablo Escobar and Muñoz-Mosquera.
- **Garcia-Abrego Organization:** A federal indictment in Houston, Texas charges that Juan Garcia-Abrego is the leader of a powerful Mexican drug organization responsible for transporting tons of Colombian cocaine into the United States for the Cali cartel and for authorizing acts of violence, including murders, to promote drug activities. Garcia-Abrego is currently on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list of fugitives. The FBI, the DEA, and the United States Attorneys for five districts around the country have participated in the investigation and prosecution of the Garcia-Abrego

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organization, which has already resulted in the conviction of more than 70 individuals and the seizure of more than 14 tons of Colombian cocaine.

- **United States v. Jose Loaiza-Montoya, et al.** (Southern District of Texas): This multi-district investigation targeted the Loaiza-Montoya (a/k/a Sejo) organization, which was responsible for the transportation of cocaine from Houston to other major cities throughout the United States and the collection of proceeds that were then laundered through various sources. All of the nine persons indicted, except Loaiza, who remains a fugitive in Colombia, have pleaded guilty to drug-related offenses. In addition, the investigation resulted in the seizure of 70 kilograms of cocaine and \$10 million of drug proceeds and the dismantling of the Houston cell of this organization. A related case resulted in the dismantling of an associated Mexican transportation organization, the convictions of its leader, Joel Guillermo Chavez-Quezada, and 11 other members, and the seizure of approximately seven tons of cocaine and \$1 million in assets in various U.S. cities. Related cases are pending in two other districts.
- **Operation "Crackshot"** (Northern District of Illinois): Crackshot targeted two large, violent Chicago-based drug trafficking organizations, the Gangster Disciples and the Vice Lords, which are estimated to have tens of thousands of members in Chicago and elsewhere in the State of Illinois. Together, they are believed to be responsible for trafficking over 500 kilograms of crack cocaine per year in the Midwest. Since the beginning of this operation, a significant number of gang members have either been found guilty at trial or have pleaded guilty, including several high-ranking members of both gangs.

MAJOR GANG CASES FROM PAST YEAR:

● On September 29, 1995, a federal jury in Bridgeport, Connecticut, convicted nine leaders and soldiers of the Latin Kings street gang of racketeering and drug dealing. Each of the defendants faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. The indictment alleged, and the jury found, that the defendants conspired with one another to sell drugs and commit acts of violence, including nine murders and several drive-by shootings, often in an effort to protect their drug trafficking operations in New Haven and Bridgeport.

The thirty-three members of this organization were charged in December 1994 in a thirty-eight count indictment alleging drug conspiracies and a variety of other crimes. Sixteen of the defendants, including the gang's top leaders convicted at the trial, were charged with violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) along with nine murders and two murder conspiracies. Sixteen of the defendants indicted in this case pleaded guilty prior to the start of the trial. A second trial of the remaining eight gang members is scheduled for this winter.

This prosecution represents an example of what can be accomplished in the effort against gang violence when effective law enforcement partnerships are forged. An Assistant State's Attorney for New Haven joined forces with two Assistant U.S. Attorneys to prosecute this case. The other law enforcement agencies which formed an integral part of the investigation included the Bridgeport and New Haven Police Departments, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Department of Corrections, and the FBI, DEA, and ATF. As Attorney General Reno stated, this Latin Kings prosecution "demonstrates that we are not powerless to act against those who terrorize our communities. We are working more closely than ever before with state and local police to take these criminals off our streets."

● On November 2, 1994, in Texarkana, Texas, two men were conversing in a parking lot when they were approached by a loosely-knit gang of nine juveniles. The gang members threatened the victims with two shotguns and two handguns and robbed them of a set of car keys. One victim was then shot at point-blank range but was not seriously injured. The second victim was struck repeatedly by shotgun and handgun fire. He received almost thirty separate wounds, but miraculously survived. The Texarkana Police Department and FBI quickly recovered the stolen vehicle and all nine juveniles were arrested within a few days of the robbery.

At the request of local authorities, the case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution since it was believed that state law would not punish the juveniles adequately. All nine gang members were subsequently prosecuted as adults in federal court. They entered guilty pleas to

offenses ranging from carjacking and firearms violations to misprision of felony. The defendants received a total of 130 years imprisonment, ranging from 36-1/2 years for the most culpable offender to 27 months for the least involved juvenile.

● On August 31, 1995, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies, announced that a federal grand jury in Chicago returned three separate indictments charging a total of thirty-nine individuals, including Larry Hoover and other top leaders of the Gangster Disciples, with a twenty-five year conspiracy to distribute cocaine, crack, heroin, and marijuana and to extort protection money from street dealers in Chicago and its suburbs. The defendants were also charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise which, over the past quarter-century, has been responsible for the retail sale of enormous quantities of narcotics, generating millions of dollars in revenue in the process. The indictments charge that the Gangster Disciples have controlled narcotics trafficking in large areas of the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs, and have ruthlessly protected their interests and territory through violence, intimidation, and extortion.

The indictments also allege that the gang's "community outreach organizations," such as Save the Children Inc. and 21st Century V.O.T.E. (Voices of Total Empowerment), were used to launder drug sales and street tax extorted from gang members and other narcotics dealers who were allowed to operate in their territory. Larry Hoover, also known as "The Chairman" and alleged leader of the gang, has been incarcerated for over twenty years in the Illinois state prison system, and is alleged to have controlled the gang's illegal activities from inside state prison walls. These indictments are the result of an investigation begun in 1989 by the U.S. Attorney's Office, which brought together a task force of personnel from state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies including DEA, ATF, IRS, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Housing Authority Police Department, Illinois State Police, and Illinois Department of Corrections. The Federal Protective Service and the City of Chicago Department of Aviation also assisted in this case.

● On June 5, 1995, an FBI/Puerto Rico Police Safe Streets Task Force arrested Jorge Solano Moreta, the leader of the island's most violent gang, who had eluded capture for over a year. The following week, thirty-seven members of Moreta's gang were indicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and heroin. Moreta and two other gang leaders are charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise (CCE) including five predicate murders. The cases against Moreta and his gang members are currently pending trial. Moreta's gang operated in two public housing projects in the San Juan area, Las Gardenias and Virgillio Davila. Local officials in the public housing projects in San Juan, where the gang operated, have reported to the U.S.

Attorney's Office that the level of violence has dropped precipitously since the indictment and arrests.

The Moreta case, which is currently pending trial, is typical of the major gang investigations spearheaded by the United States Attorney's Office in Puerto Rico. The Department of Justice has worked closely with federal and local officials in Puerto Rico in response to the staggering carjacking and homicide rates the island experienced in 1994. The large drug gangs are responsible for a substantial portion of these violent crimes. By 1995, significant results of this intensive federal effort were achieved. During the first six months of 1994, 410 murders and 1,538 carjackings were reported compared to 490 murders and 1,974 carjackings during the same period in 1994. The U.S. Attorney's Office is also coordinating efforts targeting violent fugitives, illegal aliens, and major drug importers.

● In the Western District of Louisiana, 49 federal and local warrants were issued against the "Bottoms Boys," a violent drug gang in the Ledbetter Heights neighborhood of Shreveport. A federal racketeering indictment charged 14 defendants with operating a continuing criminal enterprise and committing offenses that involved murder and drive-by shootings as well as drug distribution. Twelve gang leaders and organizers were convicted of virtually all counts and received prison sentences ranging from ten to thirty-five years. Of the thirty-five defendants charged in state court with narcotics offenses, all were convicted. According to Shreveport Police, a comparison of crime data for the five months preceding and following the September 1994 arrests reflects a 34% decrease in violent crime in the neighborhood that had been controlled by the Bottoms Boys.

We will continue to work with federal
authorities to break the gang strongholds in
other parts of the city.

- Shreveport Police Chief Steve Prator

Attachment Two

LARGE CITIES (OVER 100,000 pop.) WITH ANNUAL DECREASES IN MURDER RATE: 1992-1994

Cities Over 100,000	Murder Rate 1991	Murder Rate 1992	Murder Rate 1993	Murder Rate 1994	Pct Change 1994/93
* San Diego, CA	14.73	12.68	11.46	9.67	-15.6%
Stockton, CA	25.54	24.23	20.28	19.69	-2.9%
Miami, FL	36.42	34.24	34.09	30.53	-10.5%
Detroit, MI	59.35	56.99	56.76	52.92	-6.8%
* New York, NY	29.31	27.05	26.49	21.28	-19.7%
Columbus, OH	21.61	17.57	16.23	15.44	-4.9%
* Houston, TX	36.50	27.43	25.87	21.33	-17.5%
Fort Worth, TX	42.65	32.88	29.13	27.95	-4.1%
Norfolk, VA	32.40	29.33	24.07	23.46	-2.5%

Cities Over 100,000	Murders 1991	Murders 1992	Murders 1993	Murders 1994
San Diego, CA	167	146	133	113
Stockton, CA	55	53	45	44
Miami, FL	134	128	127	116
Detroit, MI	615	595	579	541
New York, NY	2154	1995	1946	1561
Columbus, OH	138	113	105	100
Houston, TX	608	465	446	375
Fort Worth, TX	195	153	135	132
Norfolk, VA	86	79	62	61

Cities Over 100,000	Population 1991	Population 1992	Population 1993	Population 1994
San Diego, CA	1,133,681	1,151,853	1,160,603	1,168,785
Stockton, CA	215,336	218,757	221,867	223,431
Miami, FL	367,945	373,791	372,519	379,980
Detroit, MI	1,036,246	1,044,128	1,020,062	1,022,283
New York, NY	7,350,023	7,375,097	7,347,257	7,336,224
Columbus, OH	638,533	643,028	646,933	647,860
Houston, TX	1,665,756	1,695,239	1,724,327	1,758,016
Fort Worth, TX	457,171	465,262	463,373	472,288
Norfolk, VA	265,392	269,347	257,617	260,038

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports, 1991 through 1994.

Note: The murder rate represents the number of murders per 100,000 residents.

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Hey - just got an update on Town Watch
in Milwaukee. See last 2 pgs on p2 for
very current data.

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City of West Allis - State of Wisconsin

The City of West Allis is a suburb of Milwaukee with a population of approximately 64,000 residents. The definition of Crime Prevention is to anticipate, recognize and appraise a possible crime risk and then take action to reduce or remove that risk before the crime occurs. With this in mind we have taken a proactive approach to meeting our law enforcement responsibilities.

GOALS OF THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU

1. To increase community awareness of Crime Prevention and criminal activity.
2. To develop innovative educational programs for the students in the West Allis School system.
3. To implement and develop new Crime Prevention Programs to meet the needs of the citizens of West Allis.
4. To maintain Crime Prevention Programs once they have been started.

To meet the needs of our community, the Crime Prevention Bureau has implemented and developed many programs. These programs are separated into two categories, general and specialized. The general programs include Neighborhood Watch, Apartment Watch, Business Alert, Bank Alert, Free Home Security Program, Crime Victim Compensation, Crime Stoppers, and Combat Auto Theft. The specialized programs are the Officer Friendly Program, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, the Options and Responsibilities Program and the High School Liaison program.

These specialized programs are taught in the public and private schools in the City of West Allis and Village of West Milwaukee.

Other specialized programs include National Night Out, Neighborhood Drug Use and Violence Prevention, Concerned Parents Alcohol and Drug Prevention, McGruff Phone Tip Line for Kids, Officer Friendly Bike Rodeo and Alternative Activities to Drug Use.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch is neighbor watching out for neighbor. Because they know their neighborhoods better than most police officers, we ask citizens to help protect their own neighborhood by calling the station at the first sign of suspicious activity,

In order to begin a new Neighborhood Watch group, a concerned citizen is selected to become the block captain for the area. An initial meeting is organized and the program is presented to the entire neighborhood. Once a Neighborhood Watch group begins, large metal signs are posted on the light poles and stickers are provided for doors and windows. The signs and stickers will deter a certain type of criminal, but not every criminal! The signs and stickers serve three purposes:

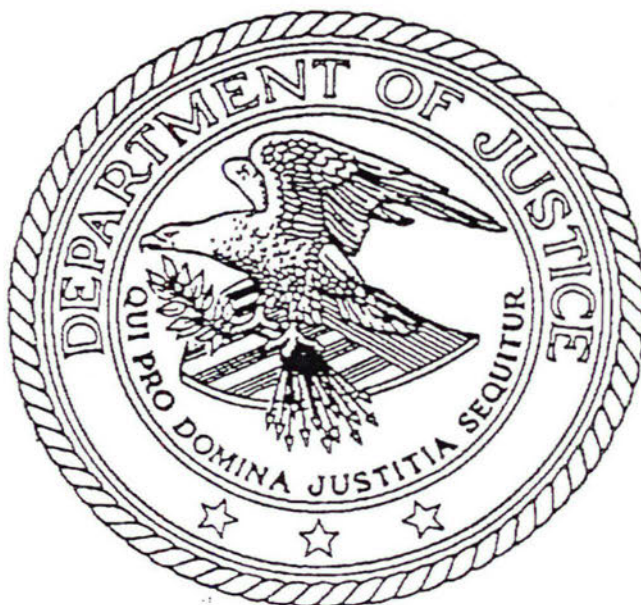
1. Warn the would-be criminal that the neighborhood is organized and the residents will call the police at the first sign of suspicious activity.
2. Prevent some burglaries from occurring. Statistics show that there is less crime in Neighborhood Watch areas. It is difficult to determine if a crime is prevented by the warning signs or other crime prevention devices (deadbolt locks, lights, etc.), but it appears to be working.
3. The signs and stickers are also a constant reminder to all residents in the area that they are members of a watch group and they have a commitment to each other. Neighborhood Watch Groups preserve the good quality of life in West Allis.

Other Crime Prevention programs such as home security, how to avoid being the victim of a street crime, and fraud/con games are presented to the Neighborhood Watch groups. We maintain contact with the groups through the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter which is published monthly and distributed to individual homes by the block captains. Through the Newsletter, we keep citizens informed about current crime problems facing the city and list crime prevention tips to prevent future crime.

In the last year, 25 new Neighborhood Watch groups were started but, more importantly, we maintained our existing 385 groups. There are now a total of 410 Neighborhood Watch groups located throughout the city with a total of 12,103 homes participating in our Neighborhood Watch Program, which is about 53% of the city.

In 1995, there were 498 burglaries in the city. Since the advent of our Neighborhood Watch program in 1987, the burglary rate has dropped 41%. We are very proud of our active Neighborhood Watch program and feel it, along with aggressive Patrol, is partially responsible for the reduction in the number of burglaries.

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COMMENTS: Dennis, I cannot verify the murder rate changes quoted for NY, St. Louis, and Seattle, (please see Attachment 1). Consequently, I am providing alternatives where murder rates are down during each of the last 3 years (see Attachment 2).

Attachment One

MURDER RATES AND ANNUAL CHANGES IN SELECTED CITIES

City	1991 Murders	1991 Population	1991 Murder Rate
New York, NY	2,154	7,350,023	29.3
Saint Louis, MO	260	399,858	65.0
Seattle, WA	43	532,418	8.1

City	1992 Murders	1992 Population	1992 Murder Rate	Pct Chg 1991-92
New York, NY	1,995	7,375,097	27.1	-7.70%
Saint Louis, MO	231	402,573	57.4	-11.75%
Seattle, WA	60	544,940	11.0	36.33%

City	1993 Murders	1993 Population	1993 Murder Rate	Pct Chg 1992-93
New York, NY	1,946	7,347,257	26.5	-2.09%
Saint Louis, MO	267	387,053	69.0	20.22%
Seattle, WA	67	531,274	12.6	14.54%

City	1994 Murders	1994 Population	1994 Murder Rate	Pct Chg 1993-94
New York, NY	1,561	7,336,224	21.3	-19.66%
Saint Louis, MO	248	390,437	63.5	-7.92%
Seattle, WA	69	540,268	12.8	1.27%

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 1991 through 1994.

Note: Murder rate is defined as the number of murders per 100,000 residents.

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CLINTON ADMINISTRATION THIRD YEAR-ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND SECURITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

- **Released 1995 Economic Report of the President which chronicles the strongest economy in 30 years** with 3.5 million jobs created in 1994, deficit reduction for a third year, inflation at its lowest since 1965, and consumer confidence at a 4-year high. February 13, 1995.
- Issued an Executive Order **prohibiting federal agencies from doing business with employers that permanently replace striking workers**, thereby preserving workers' rights. March 8 1995.
- Established the **National Homeownership Strategy which strives to boost homeownership to 67.5 percent by the year 2000**. June 5, 1995.
- **Created 7 million jobs** with over 92% of them in the private sector in the first 30 months. July 7, 1995.
- Signed reforms to the **Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act wetlands programs to benefit homeowners**. The reforms eliminated restrictions on single family homeowners with five or fewer acres of land. Similarly, for wetlands programs, the Army Corps of Engineers issued a new nationwide permit to allow homeowners to construct or expand their residences without an individual permit. July 12, 1995.
- **The economy has created 7.3 million new jobs. Unemployment fell to 5.6%.** September 1, 1995.
- Announced that the **deficit** has been **cut** by almost one-half, from **\$290 billion** in 1992 to **\$164 billion** through September 30th. October 27, 1995.
- Provided a **2.6 percent cost-of-living increase for our Nation's service-disabled veterans and the surviving spouses and children**. November 22, 1995.
- Lifted the export ban on the **Alaskan North Slope oil** which will produce **25,000 U.S. jobs** and create **\$10 billion** in new investment and drilling. September 34, 1995.
- In 34 months, the **economy has created 7.7 million new jobs with unemployment at 5.6%, its lowest level in almost 5 years**. December 8, 1995.

MAKING COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES

- **Instructed Department of Justice to formulate plans to address family planning clinic security** after recent attacks. The U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshalls Offices will coordinate efforts to safeguard these clinics and the people who work in them. January 2, 1995.
- **Requested \$14.6 billion for the 1995 National Drug Control Strategy, the largest budget ever for fighting drugs.** The Strategy contains four major initiatives: Empowering communities to respond to their own drug problems through community policing, the Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities program etc.; Improving prevention and treatment through grant consolidation; Fighting hardcore drug-use through drug-courts, substance abuse treatment in prisons, and the Substance Abuse Performance Partnership; Increasing efforts in source countries through democratic institution building, dismantling narcotics trafficking organizations, and interdicting drugs. February 7, 1995.
- Transmitted to Congress the "**Antiterrorism Amendments of 1995**," which provide an effective and comprehensive response to the **threat of terrorism**, while also protecting our **civil liberties**. The amendments increase the authority of law enforcement agencies to pursue terrorists and imposes tougher penalties on them. May 3, 1995.
- **Created 7 million jobs** with over 92% of them in the private sector in the first 30 months. July 7, 1995.
- Issued an Executive Order which **blocks assets of and prohibits transactions with significant narcotics traffickers**. October 21, 1995.
- Issued **Presidential Directive** requiring anyone entering the federal criminal justice system to be **tested for drug use**. This action is part of the Administration's larger strategy to breaking the link between **crime and drugs**. December 18, 1995.

MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK BETTER AND COST LESS

- Proposed consolidating **271** federal programs into **27 "Performance Partnerships."** January 31, 1995.
- Announced **Regulatory Reinvention Initiative** that will create a less bureaucratic and more flexible government. Includes a page-by-page review of the rules, judging regulations by results, and forming groups consisting of regulators and the people who are affected by them. February 21, 1995.
- Introduced proposal to **reinvent the Food Stamp Program** that will stop criminals from defrauding the system and profiting from the hunger of others. March 1, 1995.
- Signed the **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act** into law, which restricts Congress from passing on new mandates to state and local governments without paying for them. March 22, 1995.
- Signed the **Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**, which dramatically cuts unnecessary paperwork, red tape, and irrational rules while protecting the environment and the health of citizens. May 22, 1995.
- Announced that **federal employment** has dropped more than **160,000**, nearly a full year ahead of schedule; **\$58 billion** of **Reinventing Government's** \$108 billion in proposed savings in 1993 are already in the bank; **16,000 pages** of **obsolete regulations** were eliminated and another **31,000 pages** of regulations are being reworked; **Regulatory and administrative burdens** on the public will be reduced by nearly **\$28 billion**. September 7, 1995.
- Signed into law the **Lending Enhancement Act** which will enable the SBA to **extend up to \$33 million in additional loan guarantees per day with no additional cost to the taxpayer**. The Act establishes new guarantee levels for guaranteed loan programs of the Small Business Administration and contains important elements of the Vice President's National Performance Review proposal's and SBA's reinvention proposal. October 12, 1995.

FINDING COMMON GROUND

- Directed the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General to provide each school district with a detailed explanation of the **religious expressions permitted in schools** to **protect** students' **religious rights** and promote understanding. July 12, 1995.
- Ordered a review of the government's **affirmative action** programs and concluded that affirmative action is still an **effective and important tool** to expand **educational and economic opportunity** when done right. In the future, all affirmative action programs must meet 4 principles: **No quotas, no reverse discrimination, no preferences for unqualified** individuals and no continuation of programs that have **met** their goals. July 29, 1995.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

- Reformed the regulations implementing the **Community Reinvestment Act** to **make it easier for institutions to implement**. The reforms increase access to credit and decrease federal regulatory burdens. April 19, 1995.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH

- Signed an Executive Order to improve the quantity, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of **Recreational Fisheries**. July 7, 1995.
- Reached an agreement with oil companies to **protect sensitive coastal areas off Florida and Alaska from oil drilling**. July 31, 1995.
- Signed into law the Fisheries Act of 1995 which implements international agreements designed to **protect important fish stocks both in high seas areas of the world's oceans and off our coasts**. It demonstrates the extent to which the United States is involved, and must remain involved, in international initiatives with global impact. November 3, 1995.

PROMOTING HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS

- Provided **compensation for Persian Gulf War veterans** with chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses related to the War. Gulf War veterans will now receive compensation checks for their illnesses under a new law signed by the President in November. February 22, 1995.
- **Permanently extended the deduction of health insurance premiums to self-employed individuals** and their dependents by amending the Internal Revenue Code so that 30% of these costs will be deductible. This legislation considers these individuals to be more like other businesses and makes them more competitive. April 11, 1995.
- Issued an Executive Order establishing a **Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses** to **identify the causes** of the illness and **provide care** to Gulf War veterans who served during the Persian Gulf conflict. May 26, 1995.
- **Established the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.** This 30-member Council provides advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding programs and policies intended to promote effective prevention of HIV disease, advance research on HIV and AIDS, and promote quality services to persons living with HIV and AIDS. June 14, 1995.
- Issued an executive order that **sharply restricts the advertising, promotion, distribution, and marketing of cigarettes to children.** As a result, young people will have to prove their age when buying cigarettes; cigarette vending machines sales will be prohibited; schools and playgrounds will be free of tobacco advertising; marketing gimmicks will no longer be targeted to children; and the tobacco industry must fund and implement an annual \$150 million campaign aimed at stopping teenage smoking. August 10, 1995.

PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILIES

- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **South Carolina** that helps the state promote work, parental responsibility, and the security of children, while freeing it from federal rules and regulations. January 6, 1995.
- **Signed Executive Order that dramatically steps up efforts to track down federal workers who fail to pay child support** by implementing wage withholding and employing a federal parent locator, a crossmatch for delinquent parents, and a number of other actions. The Order will streamline the service of legal papers to federal employees in paternity establishment and child support enforcement orders. February 27, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Nebraska**. February 27, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **California**. March 1, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Ohio**. March 7, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Oklahoma**. March 13, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Arkansas**. April 5, 1995.
- Approved **California's 2nd welfare reform waiver/demonstration** of the year. April 11, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Montana** and **Missouri**. April 18, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver** for **Delaware**. May 8, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Arizona**. May 22, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Virginia**. July 1, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Texas, Utah, and West Virginia**. July 31, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Massachusetts**. August 4, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Maryland and Wisconsin**. August 14, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Mississippi**. September 1, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Florida and Ohio** (Ohio's 2nd of the year). September 6, 1995.
- Approved **California's 3rd welfare reform waiver/demonstration** of the year. September 11, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **North Dakota**. September 28, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Washington**. September 29, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Illinois**. September 30, 1995.
- Approved a **welfare reform waiver/demonstration** for **Georgia**. October 6, 1995.

RESTORING TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT

- Signed the **Congressional Accountability Act** into law, which requires Congress to live under the laws it imposes on the American people. January 22, 1995.
- Signed the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 which **requires professional lobbyists, for the first time, to fully disclose who they are working for and what legislation they are trying to pass or kill**. This bill works to restore the trust of the people in their government. December 19, 1995.

OPENING FOREIGN MARKETS TO AMERICAN GOODS

- **Directed the U.S. Export-Import Bank to expand its programs with Central and Eastern Europe.** This will include expanded financial coverage, a new project finance division to help build private projects in the region, a global environmental export program, support for the modernization of air traffic control, and a new U.S.-CEE Export Financing Program. January 13, 1995.
- **Signed two Bilateral Investment Treaties with Albania and Latvia** that will expand U.S. trade and investment in the region. January 13, 1995.
- **Announced U.S. Government support for two privately owned and managed equity funds that could leverage over \$3 billion for business ventures in Central and Eastern Europe.** The Bancroft Fund will make direct equity investments in private or privatizing companies through Central and Eastern Europe. The Auburndale Property Fund will develop light manufacturing, distribution, and related facilities in the region. January 13, 1995.
- After threatening more than \$1 billion in punitive tariffs, the United States reached an **agreement with China** that will provide **protection of intellectual property rights** for U.S. companies and provide market access for U.S. intellectual property-based products. Under the agreement, the Chinese government committed itself to taking immediate steps to address rampant piracy throughout China, making long-term changes to ensure effective enforcement of intellectual property rights, and providing U.S. right holders with enhanced access to the Chinese market. February 26, 1995.
- **Extended preferred trading status to the West Bank and Gaza Strip** by adding these areas to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and making them beneficiaries of the Generalized System of Preferences. March 17, 1995.
- **Established the Commission on United States-Pacific Trade and Investment Policy.** This 15-member Commission will report to the President on steps the United States should take to achieve a significant opening of Japan, China, and other Asian and Pacific markets to U.S. businesses. June 21, 1995.
- Reached a historic agreement with **Japan** that opens its **automotive market** to billions of dollars worth of **American cars and parts**. June 28, 1995.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

- **Signed Executive Order blocking assets in the U.S. of terrorist organizations** that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process and prohibiting financial transactions with these groups. January 24, 1995.
- Implemented **comprehensive policy that governs the transfers of conventional arms** that meets the continuing security needs of the U.S. and its allies and restrains arms transfers that may be destabilizing or threatening to regional peace and security. February 17, 1995.
- Signed **four agreements with Mexico** implementing a \$20 billion support package that protects U.S. jobs, exports, immigration interests, and security concerns that were threatened by Mexico's financial crisis. Because of Congressional inaction, President Clinton secured \$10 billion in U.S. support through Executive Order and secured the sufficient collateral from the Mexican government. February 21, 1995.
- Signed Emergency Appropriations for the Department of Defense, which **preserves and enhances our military readiness**. It replenishes the Pentagon for funds used in the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Rwanda, Haiti. April 10, 1995.
- Reached agreement with **Cuba to ensure the migration** of Cuban refugees to the United States will be safe, legal, and orderly. May 2, 1995.
- Issued an Executive Order that prohibits any business dealings or contracts having to do with **Iranian** goods, technology, services, and investment. These steps are a response to **Iran's** continuing support for **international terrorism**, as well as its intensified efforts to acquire **weapons of mass destruction**. May 6, 1995.
- Led the international effort to secure the indefinite and unconditional **extension** of the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)**. More than 170 member countries of the Treaty joined in taking this critical step that will **reduce the danger of nuclear proliferation** around the world. May 11, 1995.
- In consultation with our allies and the UN, ordered **NATO airstrikes** against Bosnian-Serb positions following the **Bosnian-Serb defiance** of the UNPROFOR's demands for the return of heavy weapons to designated weapons collection points. May 25, 1995.
- **Reached agreement with North Korea that will keep the country's dangerous nuclear facilities frozen** and leads to the eventual elimination of North Korea's dangerous nuclear program. June 13, 1995.
- **Normalized Diplomatic Relations with Vietnam**. Helping to bring Vietnam into the community of nations and to support their economic success and contribution to a more stable, prosperous and peaceful Asia. July 11, 1995.
- Co-sponsored the Middle East Peace negotiations and helped bring forward the signing of the **Israeli-Palestinian West Bank Accord**. September 28, 1995.
- Helped broker a **comprehensive peace agreement between Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia** to bring an end to the worst conflict in Europe since World War II. November 21, 1995.

MAKING COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES

- **Instructed Department of Justice to formulate plans to address family planning clinic security** after recent attacks. The U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshalls Offices will coordinate efforts to safeguard these clinics and the people who work in them. January 2, 1995.
- **Requested \$14.6 billion for the 1995 National Drug Control Strategy, the largest budget ever for fighting drugs.** The Strategy contains four major initiatives: Empowering communities to respond to their own drug problems through community policing, the Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities program etc.; Improving prevention and treatment through grant consolidation; Fighting hardcore drug-use through drug-courts, substance abuse treatment in prisons, and the Substance Abuse Performance Partnership; Increasing efforts in source countries through democratic institution building, dismantling narcotics trafficking organizations, and interdicting drugs. February 7, 1995.
- Transmitted to Congress the "**Antiterrorism Amendments of 1995**," which provide an effective and comprehensive response to the **threat of terrorism**, while also protecting our **civil liberties**. The amendments increase the authority of law enforcement agencies to pursue terrorists and imposes tougher penalties on them. May 3, 1995.
- Issued an Executive Order which **blocks assets of and prohibits transactions with significant narcotics traffickers**. October 21, 1995.
- Issued **Presidential Directive** requiring anyone entering the federal criminal justice system to be **tested for drug use**. This action is part of the Administration's larger strategy to breaking the link between **crime and drugs**. December 18, 1995.