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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

FOR RELEASE AT 11:45 A.M. EST  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1982

November 16, 1982

TEXT OF REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
TO MIAMI CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME  
AND SOUTH FLORIDA TASK FORCE

Homestead Air Force Base  
Miami, Florida

November 17, 1982

I'm delighted to be here in the prosperous and lovely State of Florida and I'm especially delighted to meet with those of you who are doing so much to keep it that way.

Here at Homestead Air Force Base we see visible evidence of the Federal commitment to the war on criminal drug smuggling in south Florida. Under the leadership of Vice President George Bush, and with the help of his chief of staff Admiral Dan Murphy, and task force director Charles Rinkevich, the Federal Government has also brought in additional prosecutors and judges, extra courtrooms and hundreds of new investigators.

But most important, for the first time, we have brought together the resources of many agencies of the Federal Government, from Customs to the DEA to the FBI and many others, to assist you in a coordinated and concentrated attack on the powerful, highly organized crime rings that deal in the illegal drug trade. We have also mobilized Navy, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard resources to assist in the interdiction of these drugs.

There is no question that the South Florida Task Force has been a clear and unqualified success. Since its inception, drug-related arrests in the area covered by the task force are up 27 percent, drug seizures are up about 50 percent. In the area covered by the task force, the amount of marijuana seized has increased by 35 percent, the amount of cocaine by 56 percent -- and the street value of all these drugs is estimated at more than an incredible \$3 billion.

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What you have done here is an inspiration to those of us in Washington and all your countrymen. Today on their behalf, I want to thank you and promise our continued support for your efforts to make America's homes and neighborhoods safe again.


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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1982

FOR: FRED F. FIELDING  
FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN   
SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks  
on South Florida Task Force

Richard Darman's office asked us to provide comments on the above-referenced draft remarks -- which the President is to deliver Wednesday, November 17, in Miami -- directly to Aram Bakshian by noon today.

The remarks are devoted to praise for the success of the South Florida Task Force's anti-drug efforts and to describing the new nationwide crime initiative announced by the President at the Justice Department in October. I see no legal or other substantive problems with the remarks, other than the fact that Rudy Giuliani's name and title are incorrect.

A memorandum for Bakshian, with copy to Darman, is attached for your review and signature.

Attachment

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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FOR: ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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cc: Richard G. Darman



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**Remarks:** Please forward comments directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office, by noon tomorrow.

Thank you.

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
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**Response:**



(Dolan/BE)  
November 11, 1982  
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SOUTH FLORIDA TASK FORCE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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God bless you all.



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cc: Richard G. Darman

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We especially need the support of all of you here today for the legislative part of this initiative. During talks with the Justice Department prosecutors in the field, Associate Attorney General Rudy Giuliani reports that doing something about our lax bail and parole system and criminal forfeiture laws is constantly mentioned as effective crime-fighting reforms. I wonder how many of you know that we have already proposed to the Congress reforms in these areas that would make life much tougher for the professional criminal. I wonder how many of you know that parole reforms passed the Senate by a vote of 95 to 1, that bail reform passed the Senate by a vote of 95 to 1, and that strengthened criminal forfeiture laws passed the Senate by a vote of 95 to 1. And I wonder how many of you know that in the House of Representatives our crime package has remained bottled up in committee.

The Congress owes it to the American people to act on these proposals and on the rest of our anti-crime agenda. Today I ask for your support and the support of the American people in urging the Congress to take immediate action on this program. I know that support will be forthcoming. What you have done here in South Florida is one example of how seriously the American people are taking the issue of crime and the extent to which they are willing to go to do something about it. I am especially pleased that Senator Paula Hawkins could be with us here today. She is one of the 95. (Applause.)

Now what you have done here is an inspiration to those of us in Washington and to all of your countrymen. Today on their behalf I want to thank you, promise you our continued support for your efforts to make America's homes and neighborhoods safe again. We are going to get the job done between all of us. Thank you for being here and again God bless you all. (Applause.)

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