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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN

FROM:

TOM GIBSON *TG*
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUBJECT:

Background Materials on the President and First
Lady's Initiatives in the Crusade Against Drug
Abuse

Attached, for your information and use, are materials that review the President's comprehensive program to ensure that this Administration will play a major role in America's crusade against drug abuse.

In this package I have enclosed Talking Points that include: An executive summary of the comprehensive package; a summary of the President's Executive order; a summary of accomplishments of this Administration in fighting drug abuse; and a listing of Agency initiatives. I have also included a fact sheet on the President's legislative program.

Feel free to duplicate and circulate these materials as you wish. If you have any questions on this information, please call the White House Office of Public Affairs at (202) 456-7170.

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PRESIDENT REAGAN'S COMMITMENT TO THE NATIONAL CRUSADE AGAINST DRUGS

Executive Summary/Fact Sheet

Personal Leadership

The President has committed the prestige of his office, the leadership of his own personal example, the example of his immediate staff and that of the Federal government in leading America to becoming a drug-free society.

- o Drug abuse was a major national problem when President Reagan took office in 1981, and fighting drug abuse became one of his earliest priorities. There have been many successes. But there is more that needs to be done.
- o On August 4, the President declared a redoubled effort to lead America in ending the ruined lives, destroyed families, and weakened communities caused by drug abuse. Illegal drug use is not a private matter. All Americans must pay the social, health, and economic costs that drug abuse brings to our communities.
- o The Federal role in fighting drug abuse is vital, but it is only a component of what must be the total resolve of our nation to end illegal drug use. All segments of American society -- labor, business, the clergy, educators, and those in sports and media must share in the role of making drug abuse unacceptable.
- o The President's new program involves six goals: eliminating illegal drugs from our workplaces; eliminating drug abuse from our schools; providing effective treatment for those suffering from past drug abuse; improving international cooperation to stop the inflow of illegal drugs; further strengthening law enforcement; and increasing public awareness and drug abuse prevention.

The President is committed to using all the tools at his disposal to accomplish his six goals and to bring the full force of the Federal government in the crusade against illegal drugs.

Executive Action -- Executive Order to Achieve a Drug Free Federal Workplace

Consistent with his authority as President and as head of America's largest employer (2.8 million civilian employees), the President has determined that the Federal workforce should be a model for eliminating drug abuse from the workplace.

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With an Executive order and proposed changes in laws governing Federal employment (Title I; The Drug-Free America Act of 1986), the President has ordered reforms that will improve the health, safety, and productivity of Federal workers and encourage state and local governments, as well as private sector employers, to work for a drug free workplace.

Legislative and Administrative Proposals -- Nearly \$900 million in Increased Resources and Tougher Laws

Increased resources called for in the President's Drug-Free America Act of 1986 and budget proposals will bring nearly \$900 million of increased resources to the Federal effort to fight drug abuse. These additional resources, combined with existing efforts, amount to nearly \$3.2 billion for FY 1987.

Budget Proposals

o Drug-Free Work Places (\$56 million)

Additional resources will be dedicated to implementing the President's policy against illegal drug use by Federal employees.

o Drug Free Schools (\$100 million)

The Department of Education will provide \$80 million in assistance to local school districts for teacher training, technical assistance, and efforts to coordinate with state law enforcement agencies. \$20 million will be devoted to the development of program models, materials, and research.

o Capacity-Building Grants to States (\$100 million)

Administered by the Public Health Service under its existing authority, the Administration proposes to dedicate \$100 million in grants to States to enhance drug abuse treatment capacity.

o Community Systems Development Programs (\$69 million)

The Department of Health and Human Services will provide financial assistance (on a matching basis with declining Federal share) to communities to assist them in integrating efforts to reduce drug abuse and build upon existing public and private sector institutions.

o Increased Law Enforcement and Interdiction (\$500 million)

Redoubled enforcement resources will be applied to fighting illegal drug trafficking on the Southwest Boarder (\$400 million) in the Southeastern United States (\$100 million).

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o Prevention Activities (\$30 million)

The Department of Health and Human Services will increase its capacity to assist public and volunteer efforts and to disseminate information gained from prevention research.

o Research (\$34 million)

The Administration will research better and more effective methods of preventing, detecting, diagnosing, and treating illicit drug use and intervening with high risk children and adolescents.

o Public Awareness (\$5 million)

Private sector initiatives and work at all levels of government will be expanded by the White House and ACTION to foster and promote volunteerism.

Consistent with the President's commitment to fiscal responsibility, these budget proposals redirect resources within the existing Federal budget. Approximately \$384 million along with offsets in that amount will be submitted to the Congress as amendments to the President's FY 1987 budget request and existing law. The remainder will be redirected by the heads of the appropriate agencies.

Drug-Free America Act of 1986

The President has sent to Congress his comprehensive "Drug-Free America Act of 1986," and is strongly committed to its passage before adjournment of the 99th Congress.

The President's proposed legislation contains six titles that represent the six goals of the Administration's anti-drug abuse effort. Title I is intended to work in tandem with the President's Executive order for a drug free Federal work place. Specific provisions include:

- o Title I -- The "Drug-Free Federal Workplace Act of 1986" together with the President's Executive order, assists the Federal Government, as the Nation's largest employer to set an example for all employers to provide drug-free workplaces. It amends two statutes, the Rehabilitation Act and The Civil Service Reform Act, to make clear that they do not bar personnel actions to achieve drug-free workplaces.
- o Title II -- The "Drug-Free Schools Act of 1986" authorizes \$100 million in FY 1987 to promote excellence in American education by achieving and maintaining a drug-free learning environment in our nations's elementary and secondary schools.

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- o Title III -- The "Substance Abuse Services Amendments of 1986" responds to the grave health threats posed by the use of illegal drugs. It will extend from FY 1988 through FY 1992, a block grant under which funds are made available to the states for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health programs. The Title also eliminates unnecessary restrictions in current law that limit the flexibility of the states to put these funds to work where they are most needed.
- o Title IV -- The "Drug Interdiction and International Cooperation Act of 1986" emphasizes the need for greater international cooperation. Title IV provides forfeiture provisions relating to foreign drug activities; repeals the "Mansfield Amendment" which has impeded United States drug enforcement activities overseas; facilitates deportation of illegal aliens involved in drug trafficking; significantly strengthens the Customs laws in order to curtail drug smuggling; and amends the authority of the Coast Guard to stop and board vessels for violations of United States drug laws.
- o Title V -- The "Anti Drug Enforcement Act of 1986" contains several measures to strengthen the ability of our law enforcement personnel and courts to ensure that those convicted of illegal drug offenses are suitably punished and deprived of the profits of their crimes. Title V raises penalties for large-scale domestic drug trafficking and provides mandatory minimum penalties; requires mandatory punishment for simple possession of controlled substances; provides the death penalty for murder related to large scale continuing drug enterprises; and raises the punishment of those who engage the services of minors in drug trafficking.
- o Title VI -- The "Public Awareness and Private Sector Initiatives Act of 1986" removes statutory impediments for increased cooperation between the private sector and the government in educating the public about the hazards of drug abuse by removing statutory impediments.

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The President's Executive Order for a Drug Free Federal Workplace

On September 15, 1986, the President, as head of the 2.8 million civilian Federal workforce, signed an Executive order establishing a policy against the use of illegal drugs by Federal employees, whether on-duty or off-duty. (The military services have separate procedures for detecting drug use and are not covered by this order.)

The first of the six goals announced by the President in August is to provide all Americans a drug-free workplace. The President's Executive order gives Federal workers the same opportunity to enjoy a drug-free workplace that an increasing number of private sector employers are providing their employees.

The President directed the head of each Executive agency to develop plans to achieve the objective of a drug-free workplace.

Programs to be Implemented by Agency Heads

The head of each Executive agency is required to develop plans that must include:

- o A statement of agency policy regarding illegal drug use.
- o Employee Assistance Programs emphasizing education, counseling, referral to rehabilitation and coordination with community resources.
- o Supervisory training to assist in identifying and addressing drug abuse by agency employees.
- o Procedures for individual employees to voluntarily seek counseling for rehabilitation services and for supervisors to make such referrals which protect personal privacy.
- o Procedures for identifying illegal drug users.

Drug Testing

The Executive order authorizes the use of drug testing programs as a diagnostic tool to identify drug use in certain circumstances and among certain employees.

- o The head of an agency must establish a testing program for employees in sensitive positions based on the agency's mission, the employees' duties, and the potential consequences of employee drug use to public health and safety or to national security.

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- o The head of an agency may order the testing of any employee (1) when there is a reasonable suspicion that the employee uses illegal drugs, (2) as part of an investigation of an accident or unsafe practice, and (3) as part of or as a follow-up to counseling or rehabilitation through an Employee Assistance Program.
- o Voluntary testing programs will be established for employees in nonsensitive positions. Applicants may be tested at the discretion of the hiring agency.

Measures to be Taken Against Illegal Drug Users

- o Users of illegal drugs will be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions (ranging from private reprimand to determinate suspensions) unless they voluntarily seek assistance.
- o All employees found to be using illegal drugs, in addition to other personnel actions, will be referred to an Employee Assistance Program for counseling and appropriate treatment or rehabilitation.
- o Employees in sensitive positions who are found to use illegal drugs will not be permitted to remain on duty. However, agency heads may allow an employee to return to duty after successful completion of rehabilitation.
- o Any employee who uses illegal drugs and refuses counseling or rehabilitation or returns to using illegal drugs after a rehabilitation effort will be removed from Federal service.

Protection of Employees

- o Testing procedures must include notification 60 days prior to the start of a drug testing program, an opportunity to submit documentation to support legitimate medical use of drugs, and procedures to protect the confidentiality of test results and medical records.
- o Disciplinary actions must be in compliance with laws governing the personnel practices of the Federal government (Civil Service Reform Act and Rehabilitation Act). An employee will be able to challenge any finding that he or she uses illegal drugs, including the results of any underlying drug test.
- o Testing procedures must allow individual privacy, unless the agency has reason to believe that a particular individual may alter or substitute the specimen.

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Current Accomplishments in the
Administration's Campaign Against Drug Abuse

Early in the first year of his Administration, President Reagan described drug abuse as "one of the gravest problems facing us." The President warned that "we run the risk of losing a great part of a whole generation" if we fail to act, and he launched a nationwide campaign against drug abuse and drug trafficking.

The President's Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking was published in 1982, and was followed with the publication of a National Strategy in 1984. Together with a major initiative to rid our military of drug abuse, the President's strategy has provided a comprehensive plan of action in five areas:

- o International Cooperation
- o Drug Law Enforcement
- o Drug Abuse Prevention
- o Drug Abuse Treatment
- o Research

Successes Prove That America's Crusade Against Drug Abuse Can Be Won

Federal efforts have produced major accomplishments toward fulfilling the President's original strategy. In addition, the President's established priorities and First Lady Nancy Reagan's tireless campaign against drug abuse among young people have helped to spark concern and promote creative anti-drug programs in the private sector and by state and local governments.

Drug Abuse in the Armed Forces

The Department of Defense has been in the forefront of creating a drug-free workplace for its military and civilian employees. The results have been impressive.

- o The number of military personnel reporting illegal drug use dropped 67 percent between 1980 and 1985 reflecting the Department's aggressive program of testing, education and rehabilitation.
- o In August 1986, DOD established a civilian drug testing program for employees in sensitive positions.

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International Cooperation

President Reagan has fulfilled his pledge to establish "a foreign policy that vigorously seeks to interdict and eradicate illicit drugs, wherever cultivated, processed, or transported."

Enhanced interdiction has increased U.S. seizures of illegal drugs. In 1981, the U.S. seized two tons of cocaine. In 1985, the U.S. seized 20 tons -- a ten-fold increase. Other measures of success:

- o Today, 14 countries are eradicating narcotic plants, compared to only one country in 1981. Shortages of marijuana are now being reported throughout the country, primarily as a result of eradication.
- o In mid-1984, the Government of Colombia implemented a cannabis eradication program using herbicides, a significant milestone in international narcotics control.
- o The precedent-setting Colombia program was the capstone of efforts in several other Latin American and Caribbean countries. In 1985, Panama and Belize eradicated cannabis with herbicides.
- o The Government of Peru began eradicating coca bushes in mid-1983, the first agreement under the U.S. strategy to couple enforcement and eradication support with development assistance.
- o Aggressive enforcement activity against cocaine manufacturers in Colombia, Peru and Bolivia is disrupting the flow of cocaine.
- o Operation "Blast Furnace" in Bolivia is an example of how the U.S. military is helping foreign police attack the drug traffic.
- o The United States Information Agency has mobilized its media elements -- the Wireless File, Worldnet, the Voice of America, and the Television and Film Service -- to send drug abuse awareness messages to overseas audiences.
- o The global priority of drug control was made clear at the economic summit in May 1985, when President Reagan and the heads of the other governments declared their collective commitment to eliminating the supply and use of illegal drugs worldwide.
- o Prevention efforts also received a strong global boost through the "mother-to-mother" conferences which Mrs. Reagan hosted in April and October 1985 for First Ladies from around the world.

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- o In April 1986, President Reagan declared the international drug traffic to be a threat to national security, and authorized the use of military surveillance and intelligence capabilities to fight drug smuggling.

Drug Law Enforcement

When President Reagan took office, efforts in Congress to reduce penalties for the use of marijuana had been in progress for a decade. Today, Congress is not talking about liberalizing America's drug laws (the last time legislation was introduced to legalize the use of marijuana was 1981). In part, the success of the President's commitment to toughen drug law enforcement is seen in a national change of attitude about the serious nature of illegal drug use.

Further, the success of the President's commitment to toughen drug law enforcement is seen in his providing additional resources. Federal spending for drug law enforcement will triple from about \$700 million in 1981 to \$2.4 billion in FY 1987.

Major Accomplishments:

- o In 1982, the President established, under the direction of Vice President Bush, the South Florida Task Force as a major new interagency initiative against drug smuggling and associated illegal financial activities.
- o The President expanded this interagency concept to all borders of the United States in early 1983 by establishing the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, also headed by Vice President Bush. This is the first time the U.S. has had a national cooperative drug interdiction system.
- o In 1982, President Reagan established the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, under the direction of the Attorney General, to attack major criminal organizations. Task Forces are operational in 13 locations throughout the Nation. Under the efforts of the Task Force, over 3,600 drug criminals have been convicted and more than \$300 million of their assets seized.
- o The Administration provided leadership for a national eradication campaign to stop marijuana production in the United States. Today, participation has expanded from seven states in 1981 to all 50 states.
- o Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees, established by the Attorney General in each of the 94 Federal judicial districts, focus Federal, state and local investigative and prosecutorial resources on the most serious crime problems in the district.

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- o On January 21, 1982, for the first time, the Administration brought the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the fight against illegal drugs.
- o On July 28, 1983, President Reagan named a President's Commission on Organized Crime to study organized crime involvement in the drug traffic and to recommend ways of dealing with it. The Commission made its report to the President in March 1986.
- o In 1985, the Drug Enforcement Policy Board, Chaired by the Attorney General, was established to coordinate the efforts of all Cabinet-level departments and agencies involved in drug enforcement activities.

Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Research

Attitudes are changing -- In 1985, polls showed 73 percent of our teenagers believed that possession of small amounts of marijuana should be treated as a criminal offense, compared to 44 percent in 1979. High school seniors using marijuana on a daily basis have dropped from 1 in 14 in 1981 to 1 in 20 in 1984-85.

- o The First Lady is truly the leader in the prevention effort. Mrs. Reagan has traveled over 100,000 miles to 53 cities in 28 states and 6 foreign countries in her campaign to fight school age drug and alcohol use. She has hosted two international conferences on drug abuse, one attended by 47 First Ladies from around the world.
- o Since 1981, the parent movement in the United States has expanded from about 1,000 loosely organized groups to 9,000 groups, with national organization and their own national and international resource center. The parent groups have taken a no-nonsense position on youthful drug use and have brought about new laws, public policies, and attitudes.
- o Our school-age children have formed over 10,000 "Just Say No" Clubs around the country to provide positive peer pressure to hundreds of thousands of young people to say no to drugs.
- o The number of individuals who are using illegal drugs has stabilized in most categories and decreased in several, most notably in the high schools.
- o In 1982, the Federal share of funding for treatment support was incorporated in the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services block grants and has provided the states with the ability to be more responsive to local priorities and flexibility in determining specific treatment needs.

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(Drug Accomplishments Cont.)

- o The Administration's approach also supports the integration of drug and alcohol services into the general health care system and has provided for more effective and efficient treatment.
- o The Administration's research efforts have focused on developing more appropriate and cost effective treatment for drug users including:
 - the development of a new drug for potential use in the treatment of narcotics addiction; and
 - knowledge has been expanded about both the acute and chronic effects of marijuana and cocaine use.

Private Sector Efforts and Successes

Businesses and civic organizations have taken up the challenge of providing accurate information about drug abuse in a credible way to large segments of the population. The Administration has provided information and technical assistance.

Private sector efforts have in large part contributed to the growing awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and resultant positive changes in attitudes. Examples:

- o A Weekly Reader survey, sponsored by Xerox Education Publications, has provided important information about children's attitudes concerning drugs and alcohol.
- o Over four million special drug awareness, adventure comic books have been distributed to elementary school students. The comic books were sponsored by D.C. Comics, The Keebler Company, the National Soft Drink Association, International Business Machines (IBM), and the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth. IBM sponsored another million comic books in August 1986, including, for the first time, comic books published in Spanish.
- o The Keebler Company expanded their drug abuse prevention efforts to include traveling shows in shopping malls across the country. In the Fall of 1986, Keebler will make educational video tapes targetted for 3rd to 5th grade youth.
- o In 1982, McNeil Pharmaceutical made a commitment to Mrs. Reagan to begin a national awareness campaign with the local pharmacist as the focal point for information on drug abuse within the community. The "Pharmacists Against Drug Abuse," program is now firmly established across the country and has been expanded to several foreign countries.

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- o At the urging of the President and Mrs. Reagan in 1982, the heads of professional sports associations have been helpful in public campaigns against drugs abuse and have since implemented programs within their organizations to achieve a drug free workplace.
- o The International Association of Lions Clubs, which represents 1.4 million members in 155 countries, has launched a "Lions' War Against Drugs."
- o The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) sponsored the "Don't Be a Dope" drug abuse awareness campaign for parents and young people.
- o "The Chemical People" Project, a nationwide series of television broadcasts and local community events, resulted in an unprecedented number of organized "town meeting groups." The campaign was aired by public broadcasting stations, produced by WQED (PBS) in Pittsburgh, sponsored by the National Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and hosted by the First Lady.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S COMMITMENT
TO THE NATIONAL CRUSADE AGAINST DRUGS

Summary of Presidential Goals and Other Agency Initiatives

President Reagan has established six goals in a national crusade to build upon what has been accomplished and lead us toward a drug-free America:

- o Drug-Free Workplaces for all Americans;
- o Drug-Free Schools from elementary to university level;
- o Expanded Drug Abuse Treatment and Research to tackle the health dangers posed by drugs;
- o Improved International Cooperation to achieve full and active involvement by every country with which the United States must work to defeat international drug trafficking;
- o Strengthened Drug Law Enforcement to take additional initiatives which will hit drug traffickers with renewed force; and
- o Increased Public Awareness and Prevention -- the goal on which success ultimately depends -- to help every citizen understand the stakes and get involved in fighting the drug menace.

GOAL #1 -DRUG-FREE WORKPLACES

This goal is to protect the public and the workforce and to increase productivity by ensuring that workers are clear minded and free of the effects of illegal drugs. The Federal Government, as the Nation's single largest employer, must take a leading role in achieving a drug-free workplace for all Americans. A balance between intolerance of illegal drug use by workers and fair treatment for the individual is fundamental to the goal.

- o By Executive order, the President has established a firm policy against illegal drug use by Federal employees.
- o \$56 million in additional resources will be dedicated to implementing the President's policy against illegal drug use by Federal employees.

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(Summary and Initiatives Cont.)

- o The President has also directed:
 - that drug abuse awareness and prevention programs among the Federal workforce be expanded;
 - that agency heads be allowed to require selected contractors, particularly those in positions involving public safety and national security, to meet the drug-free requirements established for the Federal workforce; and
 - that Federal agencies provide guidance to government contractors concerning the philosophy, importance and procedures for achieving a drug-free workplace.
- o President Reagan will write to key state and local government officials asking other levels of government to follow his lead in developing drug-free workplaces.
- o Cabinet members and agency heads are sending letters to the heads of their counterpart organizations in state and local governments, encouraging drug-free policies.
- o President Reagan will ask business and labor leaders to support efforts to rid the workplace of illegal drug use.
- o The Secretary of Health and Human Services will operate a toll-free "Drug-Free Workplace Helpline" to answer questions about illegal drugs and how to eliminate their use by workers.
- o The Secretary of Labor will distribute a booklet on Workplaces Without Drugs to provide reliable and practical information about the problem of illegal drug use in the workplace and what can be done to stop it.
- o The Secretary of Labor will make available a team of experts to provide on-site technical assistance and training to businesses and unions developing or expanding programs to get illegal drugs out of the workplace.

GOAL #2 - DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

This goal is to promote excellence in American education by achieving and maintaining a drug-free environment in our Nation's educational institutions, from elementary schools through universities. The Secretary of Education will continue his vigorous role as national advocate of drug-free schools. Key elements of this effort include:

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(Summary and Initiatives Cont.)

- o The Drug Free Schools Act, part of the Drug-Free America Act of 1986, will be forwarded to Congress to provide \$100 million in 1987, including \$80 million to be used as state discretionary grants to school districts which have prepared a sound plan for getting drugs out of their schools and keeping them out.
- o The Juvenile Drug Trafficking Act of 1986, part of the Drug-Free America Act of 1986, extends Federal laws against distributing drugs in or near schools to include university and college campuses.
- o The President has directed the Secretary of Education to:
 - send a letter to all heads of state educational boards outlining the President's six goals, and the important role of school administrators and teachers;
 - issue a pamphlet titled Schools Without Drugs to provide parents, school officials, students and communities with reliable and practical information about the problem of school-age drug use and what they can do to achieve drug-free schools. The booklet will be disseminated to all elementary and secondary schools, and will be available free of charge;
 - encourage local school districts to expand their drug abuse education;
 - encourage efforts to train student leaders in developing anti-drug activities in their schools and communities;
 - work with the Department of Defense schools to develop a model drug prevention program for those schools; and
 - work with the Attorney General to ensure that all appropriate educational and law enforcement officials are aware of the Federal law regarding distribution of drugs in or near schools.

GOAL #3 - EXPAND DRUG TREATMENT AND RESEARCH

This goal is to ensure that appropriate treatment is available to illegal drug users who are experiencing health damage and addiction, and that illegal drug users receive the professional assistance they need to quit using illegal drugs.

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(Summary and Initiatives Cont.)

The President has directed the establishment of:

- o A \$100 million grant to states. The grants will increase treatment capacity to meet high demands for services by endemic drug users who could not otherwise afford treatment;
- o Financial assistance to communities through Community Systems Development Programs at the Department of Health and Human Services. Federal grants totaling \$69 million (on a matching basis) will enable communities to help themselves in mobilizing comprehensive, integrated treatment and prevention efforts to reduce illegal drug use;
- o Legislation to remove various restrictions now imposed on states on the use of funds under the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant, thereby giving the states spending flexibility as originally intended by the Administration, and extend the Block Grants for an additional five years;
- o A Center for Substance Abuse Prevention within the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration. The Center will carry out a national program of prevention, education and early intervention activities to facilitate, monitor and, as necessary, support Federal activities in cooperation with public and volunteer efforts;
- o Enhanced epidemiology and surveillance systems at the Department of Health and Human Services which will assure accurate tracking of the incidence and prevalence of alcohol and drug use and improved identification of risk factors and risk groups;
- o Expanded research by the Department of Health and Human Services to strengthen means to prevent, identify and treat illegal drug use;
- o Consultations between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that Federal drug abuse prevention programs are using the most accurate and effective strategies and materials available; and
- o Guidelines on drug testing and rehabilitation programs by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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GOAL #4 - IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

President Reagan has implemented a foreign policy that vigorously seeks to interdict and eradicate illegal drugs in foreign source and transshipment countries. Earlier this year, the President identified the international trafficking of illegal drugs as a threat to national security. This goal will build on what has already been accomplished and move forward to obtain full and active cooperation from every country with which the United States must work in drug enforcement and prevention programs.

The President has directed the establishment of:

- o A conference for U.S. Ambassadors to convene in October 1986 to convey an international sense of urgency and to discuss increased regional cooperation; and
- o Title IV of the President's "Drug Free America Act of 1986" to emphasize the need for increased international cooperation in the fight against drugs.

GOAL #5 - STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vigorous drug law enforcement reduces the availability of illegal drugs in the United States, deters drug-related crime and creates an environment favorable to the implementation and development of long-range programs to eliminate the production and use of illegal drugs. Since the early days of the Administration, President Reagan has provided strong personal leadership to the drug law enforcement effort, expanding Federal drug law enforcement to the highest level in U.S. history. This goal will build upon the existing major programs by taking steps to hit drug traffickers with renewed force.

The President has directed the establishment of:

- o The Southwest Border initiative, known as Operation Alliance. It was recently established to increase cooperative drug law enforcement along the United States-Mexico border and will increase the Administration's already strong drug law enforcement budget by about \$400 million;
- o A companion \$100 million, Southeast Border initiative is being developed to enhance the drug enforcement capabilities along the entire southern border; and
- o Title V of the Administration's "Drug-Free America Act of 1986" will strengthen the tools available to law enforcement personnel and the courts to ensure suitable punishment for drug traffickers.

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GOAL #6 - INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Every person must become involved in the President and Mrs. Reagan's crusade to make illegal drug use unacceptable in our society. Attitudes have changed, awareness has increased, and many people are seeking ways to join in the fight.

- o President and Mrs Reagan will continue to challenge and encourage citizens and private organizations to participate in the national crusade to eliminate the use of illegal drugs.
- o The President has directed the establishment of:
 - an initiative for a drug-free America to promote and identify related private sector efforts and potential sources of support for drug prevention activities;
 - a high-level interagency working group to provide oversight and coordination of initiatives to encourage private sector efforts;
 - partnership between the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Labor to work with local Public Housing Authorities, state and Federal law enforcement officials, and appropriate local agencies to achieve drug-free public housing; and
 - a proposed Center for Substance Abuse Prevention in the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration as a central reference point with a toll-free number for technical assistance, information and general referrals.
- o The Administration will encourage the use of the theme of "Just Say No" as a consistent message in campaigns against the use of illegal drugs.
- o Employers will be encouraged to broaden employee assistance programs to include prevention and education not only for their employees, but for their families and their communities.
- o A major media campaign of public service announcements on the problems and dangers of drug abuse will be encouraged.

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Office of the Press Secretary

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THE DRUG-FREE AMERICA ACT OF 1986

FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

The President is sending to Congress a legislative package, entitled the "Drug-Free America Act of 1986," comprised of six titles to address the problem of illegal drug use and drug trafficking. This legislation is designed to curtail the use of illegal drugs by: 1) reducing the demand for illegal drugs through prevention and education programs in both the workplace and in our schools; and 2) reducing the supply of illegal drugs by adding or amending criminal law provisions designed to punish drug traffickers, eliminating drug trafficking operations, and enhancing international cooperation. Additional provisions of the Act extend and make improvements in substance abuse services programs and remove statutory impediments to a public sector-private sector partnership to make America drug-free.

Title I, the "Drug-Free Federal Workplace Act of 1986," amends two statutes, the Rehabilitation Act and the Civil Service Reform Act, to make clear that they do not bar personnel actions to achieve drug-free workplaces.

Title II, the "Drug-Free Schools Act of 1986," is designed to promote excellence in American education by achieving and maintaining a drug-free environment in our nation's schools.

Title III, the "Substance Abuse Services Amendments of 1986," extends and makes improvements in substance abuse services programs.

Title IV, the "Drug Interdiction and International Cooperation Act of 1986," amends the Controlled Substances Act to provide forfeiture provisions relating to foreign drug activities; repeals the "Mansfield Amendment" which has impeded United States drug enforcement activities overseas; facilitates deportation of illegal aliens involved in drug trafficking; significantly strengthens the Customs laws in order to curtail drug smuggling; and amends the authority of the Coast Guard to stop and board vessels for violations of United States drug laws.

Title V, the "Anti-Drug Enforcement Act of 1986," provides a series of statutory amendments 1) raising penalties for large-scale domestic drug trafficking and providing mandatory minimum penalties; 2) requiring mandatory punishment for simple possession of controlled substances; 3) providing the death penalty for murder related to large scale continuing drug enterprises; and 4) raising the punishment of those who engage the services of minors in drug trafficking. Additional provisions in Title V are designed to: modernize and clarify the statutory basis for the activities of the United States Marshals Service; establish a system of record keeping and identification requirements to keep precursor and essential chemicals out of the hands of drug traffickers and to identify suspicious purchasers of these chemicals; combat money laundering; attack the problem of controlled substance analogs

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(popularly known as synthetic or "designer" drugs); expand permissible uses of the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund and provide for forfeiture of additional assets of drug traffickers; and provide a good faith exception to the Exclusionary Rule.

Title VI, the "Public Awareness and Private Sector Initiatives Act of 1986," provides two amendments that are designed to remove statutory impediments to ongoing efforts to recruit private sector groups for volunteer programs to educate the public about the dangers of drug use.

TITLE I

The "Drug-Free Federal Workplace Act of 1986," amends two statutes, the Rehabilitation Act and the Civil Service Reform Act, to make clear that they do not bar personnel actions to achieve drug-free workplaces.

The statement of findings recognizes that illegal drug use is having alarming and tragic effects on the national work force and costs billions of dollars each year in lost productivity. It further notes that the Federal government is the largest employer and ought to lead the way in making clear that drug use in the workplace will not be tolerated. Additionally, safe transportation of people and goods is another critical objective of our national drug-free program.

The bill amends the Rehabilitation Act to provide that the term "handicapped individual" (i.e., those who are entitled to benefits and protections under the Act) does not include someone whose only "handicap" is his addiction to or use of, illegal drugs. This would ensure that if the Federal government or another covered employer attempted to take disciplinary action against an individual for his or her use of drugs, the employee could not claim that such discipline against him or her was prohibited discrimination under the Rehabilitation Act. The bill would affect non-Federal employee drug users who are employees of Federal contractors and employees and participants under programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance; such individuals could no longer benefit from the protections provided to "handicapped individuals" under the Act.

The bill also makes a similar conforming change to the Civil Service Reform Act to make clear that nothing in that Act would "permit or require the employment of an applicant or employee" who uses illegal drugs. Absent this change, a drug-using employee might attempt to argue that his off duty drug use has no "nexus" or relationship to the performance on the job, and that under section 2302(b)(10) of Title 5, it would be a "prohibited personnel practice" to take disciplinary action against him.

Finally, the Act would become effective on its date of enactment and would apply to all pending litigation.

TITLE II

The "Drug-Free Schools Act of 1986" would authorize a new State-administered grant program to assist State and local educational agencies to establish a drug-free learning environment within elementary and secondary schools and to prevent drug use among students.

The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$100 million for fiscal year 1987 and such sums as may be necessary thereafter through fiscal year 1991, and it prescribes how funds would be allotted.

The bill also authorizes State projects, including: training for teachers and school administrators; the development and implementation of curricula and teaching materials to prevent drug and alcohol use; educating parents about the symptoms and effects of drug use; and cooperative programs between schools and law enforcement agencies and drug and alcohol treatment programs.

The bill authorizes funds for local projects to be undertaken by educational agencies. An agency must first submit to the State educational agency a three-year plan (described in the bill) for achieving and maintaining drug-free elementary and secondary schools. Agencies will be required to demonstrate progress in achieving the goal of drug-free schools before it could receive additional aid. The bill establishes the Federal share of the cost of local projects as no more than 67 percent.

The bill authorizes the Secretary of Education to carry out national programs directly, or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with State or local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and other public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions and to coordinate activities with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, when appropriate.

The bill specifies that it shall not be unlawful under Federal law for any educational institution to require as a condition of admission or continued enrollment that students refrain from the use of illegal drugs. The bill also provides that it shall not be unlawful under Federal law for any educational institution to conduct drug testing of its students or applicants for admission to determine if they use illegal drugs and to take disciplinary action against a student, including suspension or expulsion, who uses illegal drugs.

Finally, the bill requires that State and local educational agencies use funds under the Act to supplement and, to the extent practicable, increase the amount of non-Federal funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds, be made available for the purposes of the Act, and not to supplant such non-Federal funds.

TITLE III

The "Substance Abuse Services Amendments of 1986" authorizes appropriations of \$490 million for fiscal year 1988 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1989 through 1992 for the alcohol and drug abuse and mental health services block grant program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The bill also eliminates various restrictions now imposed on States on the uses of funds under the block grant. These changes have long been sought by some State officials who claim that existing restrictions on the block grant severely

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restrict their ability to combat alcohol and drug abuse. These changes give States greater flexibility in making funds available for services which are most needed.

TITLE IV

Title IV, the "Drug Interdiction and International Cooperation Act of 1986," consists of several sections: The "International Forfeiture Enabling Act of 1986" adds a new section to the Controlled Substances Act to provide for civil forfeiture of assets derived from drug trafficking in foreign countries which are found in the United States. Such legislation has been called for by working groups of drug law enforcement experts from around the world meeting under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of American States. This legislation also provides for the sharing of forfeited assets (or proceeds from their sale) with foreign governments where there was joint cooperation in a particular investigation or where required by an international agreement, such as our recent Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Italy.

The "Mansfield Amendment Repeal Act of 1986" repeals the provision of current law which impedes the activities of United States law enforcement officers overseas. While no dramatic change is contemplated in our enforcement activities in areas of foreign jurisdiction, experience has shown that existing law needlessly impedes effective cooperation between United States and foreign law enforcement officials.

The "Narcotic Traffickers Deportation Act of 1986" removes the unnecessary distinction in Title 21 of the United States Code among narcotic drugs, cocaine, marijuana, and other controlled substances for purposes of describing offenses for deportation under the immigration statutes. Presently, a sentencing judge has statutory authority to make a binding recommendation to the Attorney General that aliens convicted of a variety of Federal offenses not be deported. One exception to this authority involves aliens who have been convicted of drug offenses explicitly listed in the immigration statutes. It expands this exception to allow deportation, without judicial involvement, in all matters involving controlled substance offenses.

The "Customs Enforcement Act of 1986" combines and strengthens the existing reporting requirements for certain vessels, aircraft, vehicles, and pedestrians entering the country, as found in various provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 and the Federal Aviation Act. The bill strengthens provisions for the forfeiture, storage, and destruction of seized merchandise and adds various civil and criminal penalties for the unlawful unloading or transshipment of merchandise.

The "Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Prosecution Improvements Act of 1986" codifies those circumstances under which United States and international law permit the Coast Guard to board vessels to enforce United States law. It serves to reduce needless litigation related to criminal prosecution of those transporting illegal drugs by sea.

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TITLE V

The "Anti-Drug Enforcement Act of 1986" is composed of several elements: The "Drug Penalties Enhancement Act of 1986" contains a series of amendments to the Controlled Substances Act that set out penalties for large-scale domestic drug trafficking.

The legislation increases the maximum term of imprisonment authorized for large scale drug trafficking up to life for a second offense, provides mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for such large scale trafficking, and increases fines for first and repeat offenders. It broadens the scope of this statute to cover cocaine and marijuana as well as other especially dangerous narcotics.

The bill also contains mandatory terms of imprisonment for large scale drug traffickers in cases where death results from someone using drugs supplied by the trafficker. The maximum term of imprisonment for trafficking in smaller amounts of controlled substances is raised from fifteen to twenty years, and fines are also increased for trafficking in smaller amounts.

The "Drug Possession Penalty Act of 1986" amends the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act setting out the punishment for simple possession of controlled substances. It provides for a mandatory large fine for a first offense and mandatory jail term for a second or subsequent offense.

The "Continuing Drug Enterprise Penalty Act of 1986" amends the Continuing Criminal Enterprise Statute to increase fines and provides for the death penalty for those who intentionally cause death while committing an offense under this "drug kingpin" statute. This provision is similar to the capital punishment provision recently approved by the House of Representatives.

The "United States Marshals Service Act of 1986" clarifies the statutory basis for the activities of the Marshals Service. The Marshals Service is responsible for assuring that dangerous prisoners are produced for trial, courts operate safely and securely, witnesses are protected from threat, fugitives are tracked down and apprehended, and drug assets are seized and managed until they can be disposed of with the proceeds ultimately returned to the United States Treasury.

The "Controlled Substances Import and Export Penalties Enhancement Act of 1986" conforms the penalties for import and export violations to those established in the Controlled Substances Act, as amended in the Drug Penalties Enhancement Act of 1986, supra, including the mandatory minimum and greater maximum sentences.

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The "Juvenile Drug Trafficking Act of 1986" provides for an enhanced fine and jail term for adults who act in concert with a person under 21 in violating the Controlled Substances Act. In addition, provisions of the Controlled Substances Act which prohibit the distribution of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a public, private, elementary, or secondary school are strengthened to also prohibit the manufacturing of a controlled substance within that area. The category of protected institutions is also expanded to include vocational schools, colleges, and universities.

The "Chemical Diversion and Trafficking Act of 1986" expands the Controlled Substances Act by establishing a system of record keeping and identification requirements that are designed to keep drug precursor and essential chemicals out of the hands of drug traffickers and identify suspicious purchasers of these chemicals.

The "Money Laundering Crimes Act of 1986" attacks money laundering by directly punishing money laundering as an offense. (in comparison with present law which punishes only the failure to file certain currency transaction reports). The bill also includes stiff penalties and criminal and civil forfeiture provisions as additional sanctions for money launderers. Moreover, to facilitate investigation and prosecution, the offense of money laundering would be added as a predicate for purposes of the wiretap, RICO and ITAR (Interstate Travel in Aid of Racketeering) statutes. The Right to Financial Privacy Act would be amended to encourage financial institutions voluntarily to provide law enforcement authorities with information about suspected criminal activities. The bill also strengthens the enforcement provisions in the Bank Secrecy Act. The provisions of this bill are similar to the Money Laundering and Related Crimes Act transmitted to the Congress.

The "Controlled Substances Technical Amendments Act of 1986" provides a series of technical amendments to the Controlled Substances Act which, in the aggregate, would significantly aid Federal investigators and prosecutors.

The "Controlled Substance Analogs Enforcement Act of 1986" adds a new section to the Controlled Substances Act making it unlawful to manufacture with the intent to distribute, to distribute or to process controlled substance analogs (popularly known as synthetic or "designer" drugs) intended for human consumption unless such action is in conformance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, regarding new drug approval. This is similar to the proposal transmitted to the Congress.

The "Asset Forfeiture Amendments Act of 1986" strengthens the special fund established in 1984 to encourage increased drug forfeitures by providing a mechanism to finance forfeiture-related expenses incurred by Federal law enforcement agencies. The bill also amends the RICO and drug forfeiture provisions, as enacted by the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, to add a provision permitting forfeiture of so-called "substitute assets" of a defendant whose property subject to forfeiture upon conviction could not be forfeited because, e.g., of its transfer to a third party, or its transfer outside the United States.

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The "Exclusionary Rule Limitation Act of 1986" clarifies the admissibility of evidence if the search for and resulting seizure of the evidence were undertaken in an objectively reasonable belief that it was in conformity with the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. This expands upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which recognized that the purpose of the Exclusionary Rule is to deter police misconduct and that the purpose of the Rule is not served where the officer involved in a seizure of evidence was properly trained and had both an objectively reasonable and good faith belief that the officer was acting properly.

TITLE VI

The "Public Awareness and Private Sector Initiatives Act of 1986" makes two changes to remove statutory impediments to ongoing efforts to recruit private sector groups for volunteer programs to educate the public about the dangers of drug use. Both changes are limited in scope and do not reflect any fundamental criticism of the statutes being amended. Instead, they merely seek to change anomalies in the law, which we do not believe the Congress ever intended, to ensure that they do not interfere with efforts to establish a public sector/private sector partnership seeking a drug-free America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND THE FIRST LADY
IN A NATIONAL TELEVISION ADDRESS ON
DRUG ABUSE AND PREVENTION

The West Hall
The Residence

8:00 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening. Usually, I talk with you from my office in the West Wing of the White House. But tonight, there's something special to talk about, and I've asked someone very special to join me.

Nancy and I are here in the West Hall of the White House, and around us are the rooms in which we live. It's the home you have provided for us, of which we merely have temporary custody.

Nancy's joining me because the message this evening is not my message, but ours. And we speak to you not simply as fellow citizens -- but as fellow parents and grandparents and as concerned neighbors.

It's back to school time for America's children, and while drug and alcohol abuse cuts across all generations, it's especially damaging to the young people on whom our future depends. So tonight, from our family to yours -- from our home to yours, thank you for joining us.

America has accomplished so much in these last few years, whether it's been rebuilding our economy or serving the cause of freedom in the world. What we've been able to achieve has been done with your help -- with us working together as a nation united.

Now, we need your support again. Drugs are menacing our society. They're threatening our values and undercutting our institutions. They're killing our children.

From the beginning of our administration, we've taken strong steps to do something about this horror.

Tonight, I can report to you that we've made much progress. Thirty-seven federal agencies are working together in a vigorous national effort, and by next year our spending for drug law enforcement will have more than tripled from its 1981 levels.

We have increased seizures of illegal drugs. Shortages of marijuana are now being reported. Last year alone, over 10,000 drug criminals were convicted, and nearly \$250 million of their assets were seized by the DEA, the Drug Enforcement Administration.

And in the most important area -- individual use -- we see progress. In four years, the number of high school seniors using marijuana on a daily basis has dropped from 1 in 14 to 1 in 20.

The U.S. military has cut the use of illegal drugs among its personnel by 67 percent since 1980.

These are a measure of our commitment and emerging signs that we can defeat this enemy. But we still have much to do.

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Despite our best efforts, illegal cocaine is coming into our country at alarming levels, and four to five million people regularly use it. Five hundred thousand Americans are hooked on heroin. One in twelve persons smokes marijuana regularly.

Regular drug use is even higher among the age group 18 to 25 -- most likely just entering the work force.

Today, there's a new epidemic -- smokable cocaine -- otherwise known as "crack." It is an explosively destructive and often lethal substance which is crushing its users. It is an uncontrolled fire.

And drug abuse is not a so-called "victimless crime." Everyone's safety is at stake when drugs and excessive alcohol are used by people on the highways or by those transporting our citizens or operating industrial equipment. Drug abuse costs you and your fellow Americans at least \$60 billion a year.

From the early days of our administration, Nancy has been intensely involved in the effort to fight drug abuse. She has since traveled over 100,000 miles to 55 cities in 23 states and six foreign countries to fight school-age drug and alcohol abuse. She's given dozens of speeches and scores of interviews and has participated in 24 special radio and TV tapings to create greater awareness of this crisis.

Her personal observations and efforts have given her such dramatic insights that I wanted her to share them with you this evening. Nancy.

THE FIRST LADY: Thank you. As a mother, I've always thought of September as a special month -- a time when we bundled our children off to school, to the warmth of an environment in which they could fulfill the promise and hope in those restless minds.

But so much has happened over these last years -- so much to shake the foundations of all that we know and all that we believe in.

Today, there's a drug and alcohol abuse epidemic in this country, and no one is safe from it -- not you, not me, and certainly not our children, because this epidemic has their names written on it.

Many of you may be thinking: "Well, drugs don't concern me." But it does concern you -- it concerns us all because of the way it tears at our lives and because it's aimed at destroying the brightness and life of the sons and daughters of the United States.

For five years, I've been traveling across the country -- learning and listening. And one of the most hopeful signs I've seen is the building of an essential new awareness of how terrible and threatening drug abuse is to our society. This was one of the main purposes when I started, so of course it makes me happy that that's been accomplished.

But each time I meet with someone new or receive another letter from a troubled person on drugs, I yearn to find a way to help share the message that cries out from them.

As a parent, I'm especially concerned about what drugs are doing to young mothers and their newborn children. Listen to this news account from a hospital in Florida of a child born to a mother with a cocaine habit:

"Nearby, a baby named Paul lies motionless in an incubator, feeding tubes riddling his tiny body. He needs a respirator to breathe and a daily spinal tap to relieve fluid buildup on his brain. Only one month old, he's already suffered two strokes."

Now, you can see why drug abuse concerns every one of us -- all the American family. Drugs steal away so much. They take and take, until finally every time a drug goes into a child, something else is forced out -- like love and hope and trust and confidence. Drugs take away the dream from every child's heart and replace it with a nightmare. And it's time we in America stand up and replace those dreams.

Each of us has to put our principles and consciences on the line -- whether in social settings or in the workplace -- to set forth solid standards and stick to them.

There's no moral middle ground. Indifference is not an option. We want you to help us create an outspoken intolerance for drug use. For the sake of our children, I implore each of you to be unyielding and inflexible in your opposition to drugs.

Our young people are helping us lead the way. Not long ago, in Oakland, California, I was asked by a group of children what to do if they were offered drugs. And I answered: "Just say no." Soon after that, those children in Oakland formed a "Just Say No" club, and now there are over 10,000 such clubs all over the country.

Well, their participation and their courage in saying no needs our encouragement. We can help by using every opportunity to force the issue of not using drugs to the point of making others uncomfortable -- even if it makes -- means making ourselves unpopular.

Our job is never easy because drug criminals are ingenious. They work everyday to plot a new and better way to steal our children's lives -- just as they've done by developing this new drug, "crack." For every door that we close, they open a new door to death. They prosper on our unwillingness to act. So we must be smarter and stronger and tougher than they are. It's up to us to change attitudes and just simply dry up their markets.

And finally, to young people watching or listening -- I have a very personal message for you:

There's a big, wonderful world out there for you. It belongs to you. It's exciting and stimulating and rewarding. Don't cheat yourselves out of this promise. Our country need you. But it needs you to be clear-eyed and clear-minded.

I recently read one teenager's story -- she's now determined to stay clean, but was once strung out on several drugs. What she remembered most clearly about her recovery was that during the time she was on drugs, everything appeared to her in shades of black and gray. And after her treatment, she was able to see colors again.

So to my young friends out there -- life can be great, but not when you can't see it. So open your eyes to life -- to see it in the vivid colors that God gave us as a precious gift to His children -- to enjoy life to the fullest and to make it count.

Say yes to your life. And when it comes to drugs and alcohol: Just say no.

THE PRESIDENT: I think you can see why Nancy has been such a positive influence on all that we're trying to do.

The job ahead of us is very clear. Nancy's personal crusade -- like that of so many other wonderful individuals -- should become out national crusade. It must include a combination of government and private efforts which complement one another. Last month I announced six initiatives which we believe will do just that.

First, we seek a drug-free workplace -- at all levels of government and in the private sector.

Second, we'll work toward drug-free schools.

Third, we want to ensure that the public is protected and that treatment is available to substance abusers and the chemically dependent.

Our fourth goal is to expand international cooperation while treating drug trafficking as a threat to our national security. In October, I will be meeting with key U.S. Ambassadors to discuss what can be done to support our friends abroad.

Fifth, we must move to strengthen law enforcement activities such as those initiated by Vice President Bush and Attorney General Meese.

And finally, we seek to expand public awareness and prevention.

In order to further implement these six goals, I will announce tomorrow a series of new proposals for a drug-free America. Taken as a whole, these proposals will toughen our laws against drug criminals, encourage more research and treatment and ensure that illegal drugs will not be tolerated in our schools or in our work places. Together with our ongoing efforts, these proposals will bring the federal commitment to fighting drugs to \$3 billion.

As much financing as we commit, however, we would be fooling ourselves if we thought that massive new amounts of money alone will provide the solution. Let us not forget that in America people solve problems and no national crusade has ever succeeded without human investment. Winning the crusade against drugs will not be achieved by just throwing money at the problem.

Your government will continue to act aggressively, but nothing would be more effective than for Americans simply to quit using illegal drugs. We seek to create a massive change in national attitudes which ultimately will separate the drugs from the customer -- to take the user away from the supply. I believe, quite simply, that we can help them quit.

And that's where you come in.

My generation will remember how America swung into action when we were attacked in World War II. The war was not just fought by the fellows flying the planes or driving the tanks. It was fought at home by a mobilized nation -- men and women alike -- building planes and ships, clothing sailors and soldiers, feeding Marines and airmen. And it was fought by children planting victory gardens and collecting cans.

Well, now we're in another war for our freedom, and it's time for all of us to pull together again. So, for example, if your friend or neighbor or a family member has a drug or alcohol problem, don't turn the other way. Go to his help or to hers. Get others involved with you -- clubs, service groups, and community organizations -- and provide support and strength.

And, of course, many of you have been cured through treatment and self-help. Well, you are the combat veterans, and you have a critical role to play. You can help others by telling your story and providing a willing hand to those in need.

Being friends to others is the best way of being friends to ourselves.

It's time, as Nancy said, for America to "just say no" to drugs.

Those of you in union halls and workplaces everywhere -- please make this challenge a part of your job every day. Help us preserve the health and dignity of all workers.

To businesses large and small -- we need the creativity of your enterprise applied directly to this national problem. Help us.

And those of you who are educators -- your wisdom and leadership are indispensable to this cause.

From the pulpits of this spirit-filled land -- we would welcome your reassuring message of redemption and forgiveness and of helping one another.

On the athletic fields -- you men and women are among the most beloved citizens of our country. A child's eyes fill with your heroic achievements. Few of us can give youngsters something as special and strong to look up to as you. Please don't let them down.

And this camera in front of us -- it's a reminder that in Nancy's and my former profession, and in the newsrooms and production rooms of our media centers -- you have a special opportunity with your enormous influence to send alarm signals across the nation.

To our friends in foreign countries, we know many of you are involved in this battle with us. We need your success as well as ours.

When we all come together, united -- striving for this cause -- then those who are killing America and terrorizing it with slow but sure chemical destruction will see that they are up against the mightiest force for good that we know. Then, they will have no dark alleyways to hide in.

In this crusade, let us not forget who we are. Drug abuse is a repudiation of everything America is. The destructiveness and human wreckage mock our heritage.

Think for a moment how special it is to be an American. Can we doubt that only a Divine Providence placed this land, this island of freedom, here as a refuge for all those people in the world who yearn to breathe free?

The revolution out of which our liberty was conceived signaled an historical call to an entire world seeking hope. Each new arrival of immigrants rode the crest of that hope. They came -- millions seeking a safe harbor from the oppression of cruel regimes. They came -- to escape starvation and disease. They came -- those surviving the Holocaust and the Soviet gulags. They came -- the boat people, chancing death for even a glimmer of hope that they could have a new life. They all came to taste the air redolent and rich with the freedom that is ours.

What an insult it will be to what we are -- and whence we came -- if we do not rise up together in defiance against this cancer of drugs.

And there's one more thing. The freedom that so many seek in our land has not been preserved without a price. Nancy and I shared that remembrance two years ago at the Normandy American Cemetery in France.

In the still of that June afternoon, we walked together among the soldiers of freedom -- past the hundreds of white markers which are monuments to courage and memorials to sacrifice.

Too many of these and other such graves are the final resting places of teenagers who became men in the roar of battle.

Look what they gave to us who live. Never would they see another sunlit day glistening off a lake or river back home, or miles of corn pushing up against the open sky of our plains. The pristine air of our mountains and the driving energy of our cities are theirs no more. Nor would they ever again be a son to their parents or a father to their own children.

They did this for you -- for me -- for a new generation to carry our democratic experiment proudly forward. Well, that's something I think we're obliged to honor, because what they did for us means that we owe as a simple act of civic stewardship to use our freedom wisely for the common good.

As we mobilize for this national crusade, I'm mindful that drugs are a constant temptation for millions. Please remember this when your courage is tested: You are Americans. You're the product of the freest society mankind has ever known. No one, ever, has the right to destroy your dreams and shatter your life.

Right down the end of this hall is the Lincoln Bedroom. But in the Civil War, that room was the one President Lincoln used as his office. Memory fills that room, and more than anything, that memory drives us to see vividly what President Lincoln sought to save. Above all, it is that America must stand for something. And that our heritage lets us stand with a strength of character made more steely by each layer of challenge pressed upon the nation.

We Americans have never been morally neutral against any form of tyranny. Tonight, we're asking no more than that we honor what we have been and what we are by standing together.

THE FIRST LADY: Now we go on to the next stop -- making a final commitment not to tolerate drugs by anyone, anytime, anyplace. So, won't you join us in this great new national crusade?

THE PRESIDENT: God bless you and good night.

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Address by the President and First Lady
On America's Crusade Against Drug Abuse

Sunday, September 14, 1986

FACT SHEET

In a nationally-televised address from the Residence of the White House, the President and Mrs. Reagan called upon all Americans to join in a national crusade against drug abuse. The President said, "In this crusade, let us not forget who we are. Drug abuse is a repudiation of everything America is. The destructiveness and human wreckage mock our heritage." Mrs. Reagan stated, "Drugs take away the dream from every child's heart and replace it with a nightmare. And it's time we in America stand up and replace those dreams."

The President restated his six goals in the national crusade to lead us toward a drug-free America:

- **Drug-Free Workplaces** for all Americans;
- **Drug-Free Schools** from elementary to university level;
- **Expanded Drug Abuse Treatment and Research** to tackle the health dangers posed by drugs;
- **Improved International Cooperation** to achieve full involvement by every country in defeating international drug trafficking;
- **Strengthened Drug Law Enforcement** to take additional initiatives which will hit drug traffickers with renewed force; and
- **Increased Public Awareness and Prevention** -- the goal on which success ultimately depends -- to help every citizen understand the stakes and get involved in fighting the drug menace.

The President and Mrs. Reagan called for a relentless effort by every segment of society to free the drug user from drugs and prevent others from becoming users. The President stated, "Let us not forget that in America, people solve problems and no national crusade has ever succeeded without human investment." Recalling how America swung into action when we were attacked in World War II, the President said, "Now we're in another war for our freedom, and it's time for all of us to pull together again."

THE REAGAN COMMITMENT

The national crusade is the latest phase in the President's comprehensive strategy to stop drug abuse. Early in his Administration, the President implemented a tough foreign policy to cut off drugs at their source. Today, 14 countries are eradicating drug plants, compared to one in 1981. Vice President Bush is coordinating the massive interdiction effort at our borders, and the Attorney General is directing an aggressive attack on the drug traffickers.

In 1981, Mrs. Reagan began a personal campaign to increase public awareness of drug abuse and to get people involved in helping young people "Just Say No" to drugs. Since the First Lady became involved, the number of parent groups has increased from 1,000 to 9,000, and the Nation's children have formed over 10,000 "Just Say No" Clubs. Mrs. Reagan has hosted two international conferences and has become the national leader in the effort to stop drug abuse by young people.

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ILLEGAL DRUG USE IN AMERICA

Despite gains in many areas, illegal drug use remains widespread -- an estimated 5 million people are cocaine users, roughly 19 million are marijuana users, and 500,000 are heroin users. In addition, millions of individuals try an illicit drug each year. The use of illegal drugs is becoming increasingly intensive and dangerous. There are new, more dangerous forms of illegal drugs, including crack cocaine, black tar heroin, and the deadly "designer drugs."

ILLEGAL DRUG USE CAN BE STOPPED

America is recognizing that success is possible when illegal drug use becomes unacceptable in our society. Public attitudes have strengthened against the use of illegal drugs. Employers are recognizing the tremendous cost of drugs in the workplace; parents and students are recognizing how illegal drugs in the schools erode the quality of education. Drug abuse poses an obvious threat to public safety and national security. A new understanding exists: Drug abuse is not a so-called "victimless crime" -- the costs are paid by all of society.

The First Lady set the tone of the national crusade when she stated, "There is no moral middle ground. Indifference is not an option. We want you to help us create an outspoken intolerance for drug use." The drug criminals "prosper on our unwillingness to act. So, we must be smarter and stronger and tougher than they are. It's up to us to change attitudes and just simply dry up their markets."

WORKING TOWARD A DRUG-FREE SOCIETY

President Reagan has asked all Americans to join the national crusade for a drug-free America, and he has committed the Federal Government to do all in its power to help. The initiatives stress leadership and cooperative action with state and local governments and grass-roots efforts to get everyone involved in working toward a drug-free society.

Goal #1 - Drug-Free Workplaces:

During the last 25 years, the escalation in illegal drug use has brought significant risks to workers, public safety, and the economy. The Department of Defense, in the forefront with their aggressive program of testing, education and rehabilitation, has reduced illegal drug use in the military by 67 percent since 1981. Also, many companies have established drug-free policies. Such measures have brought gains in productivity and reductions in health costs, on-the-job crime, and accidents.

The President's initiatives will accelerate work toward a drug-free Federal workplace, encourage state and local governments to develop drug free-workplaces, work with government contractors to establish drug-free policies, and mobilize the Nation to fight illegal drugs in the workplace.

Goal #2 - Drug-Free Schools:

Drug abuse has spread among American students, not only in secondary schools and universities, but in elementary schools as well. The use of drugs by students constitutes a grave threat to their well-being and significantly impedes the learning process. Prompt action by our Nation's schools, assisted by parents and the community, will bring us much closer to the goal of a drug-free generation.

The President's initiatives to encourage drug-free schools include communicating practical information on how to achieve a drug-free school and encouraging all schools to establish a policy of being drug free. President Reagan has called on all teachers to take a

pledge to be drug free and to do all within their capabilities to stop drugs on school campuses.

Goal #3 - Expanded Drug Treatment and Research:

A drug-free society requires not only that we prevent illegal drug use by potential users, but also that we do what is necessary to have current drug users stop using illegal drugs. While it may improve an individual workplace or school to force out an illegal drug user, effective treatment and rehabilitation could restore the individual to a productive role in society.

The President's initiatives will assist states and communities in providing appropriate treatment to illegal drug users who are experiencing health damage and addiction. In addition, drug-related rehabilitation and research at the Federal level will be expanded.

Goal #4 - Improved International Cooperation:

President Reagan has implemented a foreign policy that vigorously seeks to interdict and eradicate illegal drugs in foreign source and transshipment countries. Earlier this year, the President identified international trafficking of illegal drugs as a threat to national security.

The new initiatives will build on what has already been accomplished and move forward with drug enforcement and prevention programs. One such initiative, announced by the President on August 6, 1986, is a conference for U.S. Ambassadors in October 1986 to convey an international sense of urgency and to discuss increased regional cooperation.

Goal #5 - Strengthened Law Enforcement:

Strong and visible drug law enforcement reduces the availability of illegal drugs and deters drug-related crime. The Administration is taking additional initiatives to pursue drug traffickers and expand border interdiction.

The National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, headed by Vice President Bush, has been successful in achieving unprecedented agency coordination in drug interdiction efforts, such as Hat Trick I and II, and in involving the Department of Defense and the intelligence community in supporting the offensive against the drug traffic.

Operation Alliance, a new initiative announced on August 14, 1986, is a major cooperative drug law enforcement effort along the 2,000-mile United States-Mexico border.

Goal #6 - Increased Public Awareness and Prevention:

Ultimately, the demand for illegal drugs will be stopped only when all Americans recognize the personal dangers and societal harms which result from the use of illegal drugs and take action. The answer to the drug problem is as simple as Mrs. Reagan's message to young people: "Say yes to your life. And when it comes to drugs and alcohol: Just say no."

As the President said in his address:

"...America must stand for something. And...our heritage lets us stand with a strength of character made more steely by each layer of challenge pressed upon the Nation. We Americans have never been morally neutral against any form of tyranny. Tonight, we are asking no more than that we honor what we have been and what we are by standing together."

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MR. PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. (Applause.) Well, thank you all very much and, Rob, thank you for that kind introduction. I was hearing it through the other side of the door there. (Laughter.) And welcome to the Old Executive Office Building.

I'm delighted to be with you today and to have this opportunity to talk to you about our private sector initiatives program. And I want to extend special thanks to John Phelan, Bill Verity, and Rob Mosbacher who, in the best tradition of private giving, have donated their time and considerable talents to making PSI the success that it is today.

Coming over here, I was thinking about the spirit of giving and cooperation that is represented by this group, and that reminded me of a story. (Laughter.) Something always does. (Laughter.) This one's a story of contrast with you and what you're doing here. And maybe you've heard it before, but, then, forgive me. After you pass 40, there is a tendency to just repeat stories over and over again. (Laughter.) This is the story about the two friends who are out hiking in the woods and suddenly saw coming toward them over the hill a grizzly bear. And one of them dropped to his knees, started peeling off his boots and reached in his pack and pulled out a pair of sneakers. And the other one says, "You don't think you can outrun that bear, do you?" And he says, "I don't have to outrun the bear, I just have to outrun you." (Laughter.)

Well, as the success of PSI shows, whether a bear is coming over the hill or not, you're in the contrast to that. Americans are sticking together, carrying on the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor that's made this country so great. And whether it's raising a barn on a neighboring farm, or raising money for the neighborhood church -- the history of America shows that the freest people on Earth are also the most generous.

You here in this room today are an example of that spirit of generosity. I have to interject here a little something -- an experience I had. I won't name the country, but one night at a dinner at the White House a couple of years ago, the wife of an ambassador happened to be on my right at our table. And something came up in the conversation around the table about here in America some cause that we were supporting and was going forward. And very quietly this wife of the ambassador of a European country turned to me and said, "Yes, but you see, you're unique." And I said, "Well, what do you mean?" She says, "Yes, in your country that will be done by the people voluntarily." "But," she said, "only in your country." She said, "The rest of us aren't that way." She said, "And the rest of us, we just think it's up to the government to take care of that." And I thought it was pretty brave and big of her to make that statement, but I've never forgotten it. And then I've paid a little more attention -- and we are unique. And we're going to stay that way.

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The four regional conferences which you've been hearing about this morning wouldn't be possible without the commitment of each and every one of you. Public/Private partnerships have emerged as one of the most effective methods of providing service to our citizens. Innovative partnerships have been formed at the federal, state, and local level dealing with such issues as child care, neighborhood revitalization, education, and even food distribution programs for the needy. And I just want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for all that you're doing.

Many of you have heard me talk about the International Conference on Private Sector Initiatives that will be taking place in Paris, France, this November. Well, I'm very pleased at the initiative that my Board of Advisors has demonstrated in hosting this unique conference because this is a kind of an answer now after a few years to that Ambassador's wife.

I'm proud of what we've been able to accomplish in the United States in promoting private sector activity. In fact, it's a subject that I've often enjoyed discussing with leaders from other countries. This conference will enable the key private sector leaders and government officials from seven nations to get together, share information on innovative new private sector programs from each of the countries.

And this international cooperative effort is the first of its type and I'm optimistic about the many good things that can result from it. The planning of this unique conference has been a partnership in itself involving governments, corporations, and charitable groups from around the world. It seems that the more people hear about this, the more willing they are to become involved.

I want to take a moment to talk about an issue in which private involvement will make all the difference: and that's our national crusade to rid America of the horror of drugs. This Sunday, Nancy and I will be addressing the nation on TV with an urgent message that now is the time to stand up, get involved, and do something about drugs. We must hold the sellers and users of illegal drugs accountable for their actions. We must seek ways to help users quit using and accept no excuses.

And we all know that the drug problem is an international one. I can assure you that we're working with other nations to curtail production, and we're developing better means to stop the flow of drugs over our borders. But we have to set our own house in order.

Everyone will have to participate: business, private sector leaders foremost among them, not just making sure your own workplaces are drug-free, but joining arms with the rest of America in this battle against this most insidious of all evils. None of us can rest while our children are still prey to pushers and a culture of license that encourages drug use -- promising kicks, but delivering only despair and destruction. None of us can be content while so many millions -- the American dream is drowned in a nightmare of drug addiction.

This is a question that must burn on the national conscience until we all get involved; until we get the pushers behind bars and the drugs off the streets and out of the schoolyards; until we bring hope and joy back into so many lives ravaged by drug use.

And in this issue, as in so many others, we'll be looking for leadership from you -- the private sector. Let's turn the spirit of enterprise to work in getting America to "Just Say No" to drugs. I know we can count on you.

And it's -- already this is taking hold. Yesterday an annual event occurred in the Oval Office -- a group of sponsors and those who helped fund the Boy's Clubs of America came in for their

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annual visit with the young man -- a teenager who has been chosen the first youth in America. He and his four companions, runners-up, were in there. And believe it or not, this young fellow -- Pittsfield, Massachusetts -- he turned around and held up a plaque that was a pledge to me that he was presenting -- the Boy's Clubs of America, supported by those private enterprise people who are keeping the Boy's Clubs alive, are pledging that at next year's meeting they will bring in a million signed pledges from young people in America that they are going to get to sign those pledges rejecting drugs. And I think they'll make it.

So this -- and this international meeting that I mentioned again is just an example that once the word gets around -- and there's another thing that's happened, thanks to people like yourselves all over this country. You know, we've gone through a period of a big build-up of the welfare state -- and that government was the answer to all the problems. And I don't know how many of you were aware that in many instances, government, with those programs, literally competed private efforts that were dealing with the same problems out of existence -- that this was government's province. And the reverse is now true -- today there is a growing partnership -- wherever government has a legitimate hand in, government now is working with private groups -- not putting the private groups out of business.

So, progress has been made and there's more to be made and God bless all of you and thank you for what you're doing. Thank you. (Applause.)

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RE: Implementation of Executive Order 12564

The President's Executive Order establishing a drug-free federal workplace requires the head of each Executive agency to develop certain plans, programs and procedures for achieving the objective of a drug-free workforce at his or her agency. Below, I have summarized the actions required for implementation of the order.

a. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is to promulgate "scientific and technical guidelines for drug testing programs." Section 4(d) of the order allows agencies to implement drug testing programs even though HHS has not yet promulgated guidelines.

b. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management is required to provide government-wide guidance on implementation of the order including:

- Providing Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan coverage for drug users;
- Developing a model Employee Assistance Program;
- Developing training programs for supervisors in conjunction with HHS; and
- Developing a drug awareness campaign for the federal workforce in conjunction with HHS.

c. The Attorney General is to render legal advice to agencies in connection with the mandatory consultation process of the order.

d. Agency heads are required to establish plans to reach the goal of a drug free workplace which are to include the following:

- A general policy statement;
- Employee Assistance Programs for rehabilitation;
- Supervisory training to assist managers in identifying drug users; and
- Referral mechanisms for self-identified drug users and referral mechanisms for employees identified as drug users by management.

e. Agency heads are required to establish a program to test employees for illegal drug use. These programs are to include:

- testing for sensitive employees, with the scope and extent to be determined by the agency head;
- voluntary testing;
- testing for any employee upon reasonable suspicion, in connection with an accident or as part of or as a follow-up to a rehabilitation program;
- applicant testing if the agency head desires;
- 60-days notice for the initiation of a new drug testing program; and
- Other procedural protections such as recordkeeping and privacy.

It has been suggested that the Domestic Policy Council may wish to remain involved in monitoring the implementation of the Executive Order. If this recommendation is accepted, we are ready to assist the DPC process in any way you feel would be helpful.