

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Crime - Drugs

December 11, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES

FROM: RAHM EMANUEL

SUBJECT: DRUGS

Following is a list of possible Presidential announcements we could schedule for the latter half of December.

- Release HHS Survey (shows an increase in youth drug use)
- Announce Enhanced Juvenile Prosecution legislation
- Announce Drug-Gun Legislation
- Presidential Directive on School Uniforms
- Radio Address
- Presidential Proclamation on Drunk Driving Awareness Month
- Presidential Directive on Drug Testing

December 1995

Monthly Planner

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3-26 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3-27

SUBJECT: Jim Buale Proposal on Bi-Partisan Drug Commission

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REMARKS: Any views on this?

RESPONSE:

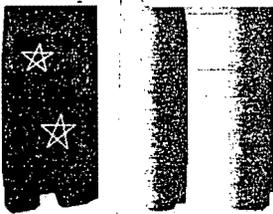
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March 25, 1996

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM: RAHM EMANUEL *RE*
SUBJECT: DRUGS

Attached is a letter from Jim Burke, who is Chairman of the Partnership For A Drug-Free America. He thinks it is very important for you to see this letter.



PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

JAMES E. BURKE
Chairman

March 22, 1996

Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I'm writing you in regards to an opportunity somewhat similar to the one we discussed in your office when I brought up the possibility of a bipartisan commission on drugs to be headed up by Bill Bennett. At that time, you seemed quite responsive to the idea but for a lot of reasons it never happened.

It is my understanding that the Republican Party is moving towards taking a public position on the drug problem which is, at this point, likely to be highly partisan. I strongly believe that this is not only bad for the country, but also bad politics if we end up conflicted on this issue along party lines. This would be highly unfortunate in view of the fact that all our considerable research tells us that the country is remarkably unified on what needs to be done to help solve the drug problem.

I discussed with Bill Bennett the possibility of you, Mr. President, making a report to the nation from the Oval Office, attended by General McCaffrey, Bill Bennett, Speaker Gingrich, and Senator Dole that there was strong agreement for a bipartisan approach to the drug issue. An announcement would be made that, within 60 days, General McCaffrey and Bill Bennett would present their specific recommendations to the President and Republican leadership. I believe, Mr. President, that such an announcement could have a profoundly positive effect on the drug problem.

Bill Bennett was excited about the idea and asked me if I would be able to meet with you to discuss it. I was convinced in Bill Bennett's belief that he could persuade Bob Dole to the importance of this initiative.

If you feel this idea has merit, I would be happy to play whatever role you might designate in bringing Speaker Gingrich and Senator Dole to the table. I am morally certain that Bill Bennett passionately believes that this issue should be a bipartisan one. I am also convinced, from my discussions with Speaker Gingrich and the anti-drug community coalitions he has helped to launch, that he would agree as well.

Honorable William J. Clinton

March 22, 1996

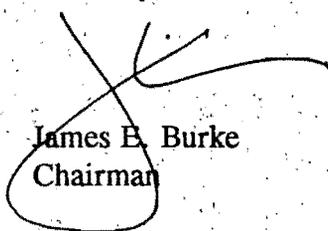
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I do hope you are intrigued enough with this proposal to permit me to meet with you for 15 minutes to plead my case, as soon as your schedule permits.

I am currently on vacation and can be reached at 801-647-0055 until Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm EST when I will depart Salt Lake City and return to New York. After midnight EST on Sunday, I can be reached at 212-751-3134. On Monday, March 25th, I can be reached at 212-973-3514, at the offices of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

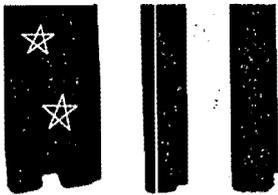
Mr. President, with great respect, I am genuinely convinced that this is a significant opportunity for the nation.

Sincerely,



James E. Burke
Chairman

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JAMES E. BURKE
Chairman

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April 7th, 1995

Mr. Leon Panetta
Chief of Staff
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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

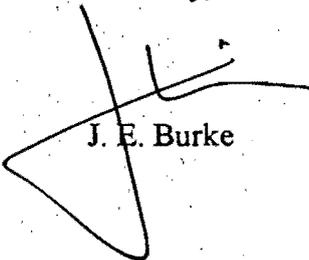
Dear Leon:

Vernon Jordan suggested that I follow-up the attached letter to the President with copies to you and to Erskine Bowles and Carol Rasco.

I truly believe that we have an opportunity to make this bi-partisan approach happen if we can move expeditiously. I think this is particularly important in view of the pro-legalization "ABC News Special" which aired at 10:00pm last evening.

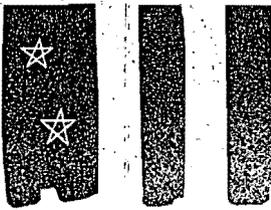
I am forwarding to each of your offices a videotape of the program as well as the "Nightline" piece that followed.

Sincerely,


J. E. Burke

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Enclosures
cc: E. Bowles
C. Rasco

V. Jordan



PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

JAMES E. BURKE
Chairman

April 3, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

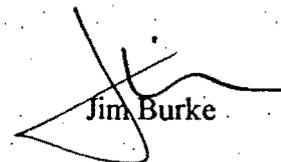
Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for meeting with me last Tuesday to discuss possible initiatives in regards to the drug problem.

Since you indicated you wished to follow-up on the issue upon your return, I thought it might be useful to provide you with a specific recommendation which is attached.

It is my belief that Speaker Gingrich will support this idea and I know that Bill Bennett, John Walters and Bill Kristol agree with me.

With Admiration and Respect,


Jim Burke

JEB:dmp
Attachment

**Recommendation for Bi-Partisan, Private Sector Initiative to
Reduce the Demand for Illicit Drugs**

The Problem - The erosion of anti-drug attitudes with the consequence of increasing drug usage among our children.

The Solution - Strong bi-partisan leadership to reach all key constituencies in society in order to reaffirm the importance of zero tolerance of drug use among our children.

This recommends that the President schedule a well publicized speech to the nation on the drug problem in America as soon as possible. In attendance could be Speaker Gingrich, Senator Dole, Lee Brown and William Bennett.

The purpose of this event would be to "showcase" three important messages:

First - that as a country we have made enormous progress on the drug issue in terms of **reducing the number of users** from 24 million to 12 million or by 50% over the past 8 years! This progress was accomplished on a bi-partisan basis ... and many elements of the private and public sectors have been involved. The nation's children have been heroic in this regard... and this is especially important because almost 90% of current drug users started in their teens.

The 3,000 community coalitions should be recognized as well for their extraordinary efforts and examples of success, e.g. The Miami Story might be highlighted. The President would emphasize how important the private sector is as well as federal, state and local governments to this issue.

Second - to remind the country that we still have an enormous problem because of the "epidemic" of drug usage beginning in the '60's and peaking in the early '80's (to date almost 80 million "triers") we have created a large pool of addicts many of them highly disordered.. The results are now embedded in every major social issue that the nation is concerned about ... crime...violence...AIDS...healthcare costs...teenage pregnancy...the homeless, etc. This country will spend a long time and a good deal of our wealth in cleaning up the results of this period of massive experimentation with drugs (an estimated 70% of the "baby boomer" generation have tried illegal drugs).

Furthermore, we see a re-emergence of the trends of the '70's in a sharp increase in the trial of illegal drugs particularly among our youngest children (8th graders who are on the average 13 years old!) These trends are clearly due to a weakening of anti-drug attitudes by our children which can and must be reversed on a bi-partisan basis ... and everyone must be involved.

Third - to announce a bi-partisan approach to getting "back on track" in continuing to reduce the trial of illegal drugs by our children. The President would announce the establishment of a bi-partisan commission (or advisory council) with blue ribbon representatives from all key segments of society that impact on the problem, to be chaired by Bill Bennett.

The advisory committee will be directed to (working with Lee Brown and ONDCP) present to the President in 60 days, a series of recommendations to the President and the Congress as to what initiatives should be taken by the private and public sectors necessary to achieve and maintain a goal of less than 3% of the public as "regular" or past-month drug users (as defined by SAMHSA Household Survey). This would be a reduction of approximately 50% from the current national estimates of approximately 6% of the public who are "regular" users: If this could be accomplished, the country will have reduced the number of regular drug users first from approximately 24 million to 12 million, and now from 12 million to 6 million. Progress against this new goal would be reviewed with the public on an annual basis with a target date of the year 2000 or over the next 3 1/2 years.

I believe this to be achievable based on the carefully tracked experience in Miami, Florida where they have achieved a similar goal in less than two years.

As a part of this plan the federal government would not only track progress nationally, but in key drug markets like New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver, Washington D.C., and Miami. (Other cities might wish to establish their own goals and track progress using the same statistical methodologies.)

Summary - This would be a national commitment upon the part of the country to work toward a drug free America. Everyone would be asked to play a part and everyone could take satisfaction in the outcome.