

3/31 Pensioner	4/5 - CSE	4/10 - WR Cabinet mtg.	4/17 - O-3
4/1 FCC	4/7 - Race	4/11 - ASNE	4/18 - Teacher of Yr.
4/2 Calif.	4/8 - Canada	4/12 - Service Scholars	4/19 - Not Day
4/3 Autos (Gene)	4/9 - Shanker/ Am. Reads	4/15 - Kick Butts	4/25 - Foot Safety
Subject:	Status of DPC Crime and Drug Initiatives		

Date: March 24, 1997

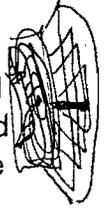
CSE + Treasury	4/5	Radio
Brownfields	4/15	VP
HS Service	4/12	Radio
Victims	4/14	Rahn/VP/AG
Childrens EO: FmCA	4/16-17	
Pensions	3/31	

Ideas - Crime

Megan's Law Guidelines

Background: Justice Department is finalizing state guidelines on Megan's Law -- requiring community notification of sex offenders -- and reforms to the Wetterling Act -- which requires convicted sex offenders to register with states for 10 years:

Action: On Thursday March 27th, at a White House event, the President will 1) announce Megan's Law guidelines; and 2) sign a Directive to the AG and Secretary of Defense to instruct federal and military offenders to notify state registration agencies concerning the release to their areas of federal sex offenders.



Assault Weapons Clips

Background: Senator Feinstein has written and spoken to the President regarding the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices into the United States.

Action: Treasury Department has provided information on current extent of the problem. Issues to be resolved: 1) congressional fallout for supporting/proposing a ban on the importation of assault weapon clips.

Victims Directive

Background: Last April, when the President announced his support for a victims rights constitutional amendment, he also directed the Attorney General to report back to him with recommendations on how to improve the protections and services in the Federal system for victims.

Action: Justice Department has been sitting on a draft report for several months. They have been informed that we would like to announce it the during Victims Week -- April 14-19.

POTUS letter to FCC on Hard Liquor ads

Background: Draft letter to FCC urging them to review the decision of some liquor companies to bread their voluntary agreement to not purchase TV ads.

Action: Presidential event scheduled for April 1st.

Outstanding issue: Shalala opposition to letter.

DoJ's Report on Internet Bomb-Making material

Background: A provision in the Anti-Terrorism Bill directed the Attorney General to conduct a study concerning the extent to which there is available to the public material in any medium that provides instruction on how to make bombs, the extent to which information has been used in incidents of terrorism, and the need for additional laws on this issue.

Action: The Justice Department has completed a report that concludes that it would be "appropriate and beneficial to adopt further legislation to address this problem directly, if that can be accomplished in a manner that does not impermissibly restrict the wholly legitimate publication and teaching of such information, or otherwise violate the First Amendment."

Outstanding issue: Should we announce suggested legislation outlined in the report as an Administrative proposal?

Brady Case Strategy

Background: Supreme Court will soon decide on the constitutionality of the Brady Law.

Action: Several prong strategy -- 1) Legislation reforming Brady Law in response to Supreme Court decision 2) Pledge signed by chiefs and sheriffs to continue to enforce Brady 3) Reno/Rubin letter to all chiefs and sheriffs urging them to continue to enforce Brady 4) ATF letter to all FFLs notifying them of their continued legal obligations under the rest of the Brady Law.

Nanny Checks

Background:

Action:

Regulating Prescriptions Drug in the mail

Background: During ABC Radio Town Hall, the President stated that he was going to examine whether we can better regulate prescriptions drugs traveling through the mail.

Action: ONDCP has contacted FDA and Postal Service for information on current regulations on prescriptions drugs sent through the mail. Should

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have some feedback from ONDCP early this week.

Upcoming Issues

Crack Cocaine

Sentencing Commission has informed us that they will be proposing amendments to the sentencing guidelines on May 1st to resolve the disparity between crack and powder cocaine sentences. In 1995, the Sentencing Commission recommended that crack cocaine sentencing guidelines be reduced to powder cocaine levels. Congress passed legislation rejecting those recommendations and the President signed this legislation. It appears Sentencing Commission will now propose a "pinch" solution -- lower crack penalties partially and raise powder cocaine penalties.

Outstanding issue: Administration position on any changes to sentencing guidelines needs to be determined.

Supreme Court Internet-porn case

Background: The Supreme Court just heard oral arguments on the constitutionality of the Communications Decency Act -- which makes transmitting indecent material on the Internet punishable by two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A decision striking down the provision as unconstitutional could come down early this summer.

Action: We should begin considering legislation that would address an adverse Court decision.

Meetings

COPS Program --- rescheduled