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NOTE TO CAROL

FROM: JOSE

SUBJECT: **New Yorkers for Drug Policy Reform**

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Carol, I strongly recommend not meeting with the New Yorkers for Drug Policy Reform (read: New Yorkers for legalization). Their board includes some of most prominent spokespersons for the pro-legalization movement, and I don't see that anything good can come from you meeting with them. They will only use a WH meeting to further their credibility and the credibility of the legalization movement. Given that the SG's comments have already given new life to so-called drug policy reformers and the legalization debate in general, I don't think it would be wise to give these folks a WH audience and an opportunity to trumpet their views from the WH.

THE WHITE HOUSE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

05-Jul-1994 11:36am

TO: Jose Cerda, III
FROM: Fred W. Garcia
National Drug Control Policy
SUBJECT: new york response

Jose:

I agree that this group or other groups of similar bent should not meet with Carol or Dr. Brown. ODR staff have met with these folks before and we are open to discussing the issues with them again. At this point it becomes for them a posturing meeting rather than an exchange of information, and my office is appropriate to deal with that.

Fred

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF DOMESTIC POLICY

CAROL H. RASCO
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

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JUN 28 REC'D

New Yorkers for Drug Policy Reform, Inc.
 226 West 4th Street, Suite 4 New York, New York 10014 (718) 392-5036

June 28, 1994

Carol Rasco, Assistant to the President
 c/o Pat Romani
 The White House
 West Wing, Second Floor
 Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Ms. Rasco:

I write as a member of the Board of Directors of New Yorkers for Drug Policy Reform, Inc. This organization is committed to seeking responsible ways to deal with the drug dilemma that affects every state in the United States.

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Sincerely,



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Carol H. Rasco - Call List

CALLER	DATE/TIME	MESSAGE	FOLLOW-UP	DISPOSITION
<p>Sue Gaskin <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">P6(b)(6)</div></p>	<p>6/3 10:15am</p>	<p>no message</p>	<p>Roz returned this call and got no answer</p>	
<p>B.A. Rudolph <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px;">P6(b)(6)</div></p>	<p>6/3 11:20am</p>	<p>called about a barbeque tonight</p>	<p>was told that CHR was out of the office until Monday.</p>	
<p>David Crockett Bd of Directors New Yorkers for Drug Policy Reform (212) 675-7945</p>	<p>6/3 12:00</p>	<p>wants to discuss decriminalization of personal drug use in Italy and setting up a meeting with CHR (has already met with ONDCP)</p>	<p>Was told CHR is out of the office until Monday.</p>	<p><i>Handwritten:</i> Handwritten notes and scribbles</p>
<p>Shirley Chater SSA Commissioner</p>	<p>6/3 5:10pm</p>	<p>will call back on Monday a.m. about press release and Social Security Advisory Cncl</p>	<p>Was told CHR out of the office until Monday.</p>	<p><i>Handwritten:</i> left msg Mon a.m.</p>

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05-Jul-1994 11:58am

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Domestic Policy Council
CC: Rosalyn A. Miller
SUBJECT: NY Drug Types