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American Society for Public Administration



Section on Criminal Justice Administration

SEP 22 1982

Mr. Edwin Meese III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

On August 23, 1982, the President of the American Society for Public Administration, A. Lee Fritschler, sent a letter to President Reagan requesting him to establish a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy. Although it is very likely that you have been informed of this request, I felt it best to follow up to make sure, given your long-standing interest and personal efforts to improve criminal justice. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the letter Mr. Fritschler sent to the President along with the full text of the ASPA resolution, and copies of letters sent to Chief Justice Burger and Senate and House Judiciary Committee Chairmen Thurmond and Rodino, respectively.

The concept of a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy originated with the ASPA Section of Criminal Justice Administration on which I serve as an executive board member and White House liaison.

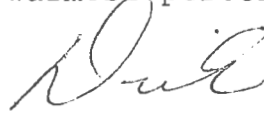
The genesis of the proposed initiative is an outgrowth and reflection of concerns over how best to adjust to changing relations between Federal, State, and local governments and the well-recognized need to achieve effective planning and management of justice system policies, programs, and resources which impact executive, legislative, and judicial branches of Government on an intergovernmental basis. A National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy is another significant way in which the President can demonstrate the Administration's resolve to effectively deal with the Nation's crime problems and improve the administration of justice. It could provide a valuable forum for addressing those problems and conditions which limit or constrain effective intergovernmental relations in the implementation of criminal and civil justice policies and programs. Further, given the broad-based composition of such a commission, it could develop bi-partisan, a-political recommendations to overcome dysfunctions between executive, judicial, and legislative branches of Government which frustrate the achievement of National crime control and justice system improvement goals.

This proposed initiative does not call for a new Federal grant program. It would require relatively little investment of Federal resources, while serving as an important component of the Administration's program to make our Nation's streets safe and its justice systems more effective and efficient. It would complement and enhance the work of the Cabinet Council on Legal Affairs and assist the Department of Justice and Attorney General Smith to achieve the goal of improving coordination among law enforcement and criminal justice agencies at all levels of government. For example, a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy could provide a National-level counterpart to the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees which have been established in each Federal district; tackling broader policy and management questions and issues that transcend any one local Federal district.

In July, I provided Michael Uhlmann with a draft of the ASPA resolution and briefed Lowell Jensen on August 2, 1982. Lowell, who remembered me as a staff member who worked with you in California, expressed interest in the initiative and suggested I get in touch with Rudy Giuliani. This I am prepared to do but thought it best to inform you of the initiative first since (1) it would involve the President directly and (2) it is of sufficient importance to warrant White House staff attention given that the recommended membership on the proposed Commission would invite the participation of Chief Justice Burger, and Chairmen Thurmond and Rodino of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, as well as top-level representation by officials of State and local governments.

If you believe the proposal has merit and would like to expedite its consideration for adoption prior to November 1, I and the members of the Section on Criminal Justice Administration of ASPA stand ready to assist you.

With warmest personal regards,



Richard B. Groskin
c/o: Room 3858
U.S. General Accounting Office
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Washington, D.C. 20548
275-5059

Enclosures - 4

UNPUBLISHED MONOGRAPHS

"Program Evaluation in the Reagan Administration: The California Experience", a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evaluation Research Society, Austin, Texas, October 1, 1981.

"Toward the Integration of Evaluation Research in Criminal Justice Policy: Constructing Alternative Interpretational Models of the Evaluation Utilization Process", a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Newport Beach, California, March 1, 1980.

"A Consideration of the Impact of Discretion in Proposed Changes in Criminal Sentencing Policy: An Exploration of Adaptational Response to Sentencing Reform", University of Maryland, 1979.

"Factors Affecting the Utilization of Evaluation in Policy and Decisionmaking: A Framework for Analysis", a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1979.

"Status and Role of Program Evaluation in Crime and Criminal Justice Problem Solving", a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Dallas, Texas, 1978.

REFERENCES

EDWIN MEESE III, Counselor to the President of the United States
The White House, Washington, D.C.

JOHN D. HELLER, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States
United States General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

DON M. GOTTFREDSON, Ph.D., Dean, School of Criminal Justice,
Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey.

E. K. NELSON, Ph. D., former Dean, School of Public Administration,
University of Southern California, San Francisco, California.

PETER S. VENEZIA, Ph. D., former Co-Director of the Research Center of
the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Davis, California.

SOLOMON KOBRIN, Ph.D., Professor and Senior Research member of the Social
Science Research Institute of the University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, California.

- 1977 SPEAKER, "Evaluation Planning in Criminal Justice Administration", Second Annual Southwest Conference on Public Justice, Dallas, Texas.
- 1976 CHAIRMAN, "Workshop on Program Evaluation", the American Society for Public Administration.
- 1975 CONTRIBUTOR/REVIEWER, "Safe Streets Reconsidered: The Block Grant Experience, 1968-1975", Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C.
- 1971 CONSULTANT, University of Wisconsin.
- 1967 STAFF THERAPIST, Hollidaysburg State Hospital, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.
- 1966 ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 1964 SUPERVISORY ANALYST, Alan M. Vorhees & Associates, Washington, D.C.
- 1964-1966 RESEARCH ASSISTANT AND TEACHING ASSISTANT, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Cost-Effective Treatment of Delinquents", Contemporary Psychology, Vol.25, No. 9, 1980.
- "Fear, Social Control, and the Solicitation to Violence in Schools", in Theoretical Perspectives on School Violence and Poverty, Volume III, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS., Springfield, VA., National Technical Information Service, 1979
- "The California Evaluation Program - Year Two", Evaluation Branch, Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Sacramento, California, January 1975.
- "The California Evaluation Program - Year One", Evaluation Branch, Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Sacramento, California, July 1974.
- "Evaluating Residential Community Corrections Programs", in A Primer for Developing a Community Corrections Project, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Washington, D.C., June 1974.
- "The Community Integration Program Evaluation", with Peter S. Venezia and Walter J. Larson, Research Center of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Davis, California, November 1973.
- "The Community Integration Program: A Residential Program of Services for Convicted Offenders", National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Parmus, N.J., October 1972 and June 1973.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1982 Re-appointed to the Executive Committee on National Policy for Justice Administration, American Society of Criminology.
- 1982 Re-appointed as White House Liason, Executive Board, American Society for Public Administration, SCJA; Co-Chair National Policy Issues Committee.
- 1981 Elected to the Executive Board, American Society for Public Administration, SCJA; appointed White House Liason.
- 1981 Appointed to the Executive Committee on National Policy for Justice Administration, American Society of Criminology.
- 1981 SPEAKER, "Criminal Justice Planning and Policy Issues in the 1980's", at the Mid-Winter Meeting of the National Association of Criminal Justice Planners, Washington, D.C.
- 1981 SPEAKER, "Program Evaluation in the Reagan Administration: The California Years", at the Annual Meeting of The Evaluation Research Society, Austin Texas.
- 1980 SPEAKER, "Evaluation Research Utilization in Criminal Justice Policy and Decisionmaking", at the Annual Meeting of the Western Criminological Society, Newport Beach, California.
- 1979 PROGRAM ORGANIZER AND CONVENOR, "Formulating Policy for Research in Crime, Delinquency, and Criminal Justice-- A Federal Perspective", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1979 SPEAKER, Panel on "The Political Contexts of Criminal Justice Evaluation Research: Achieving Utility with Integrity", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1978 PANELIST, "Issues in Criminal Justice Evaluation", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 1978 SPEAKER, "Meeting the Evaluation Needs of Policymakers, Decisionmakers, and Planners", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 1978 PANELIST, "Performance Measurement in Criminal Justice", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration.
- 1977 PANELIST, "Evaluation and the State Planning Agencies", and "Issues in Evaluation", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 1977 SPEAKER, "Some Organizational Considerations in Evaluating Change and Innovations in Criminal Justice", at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration.
- 1977 LECTURER, "Evaluation and Oversight", Management and Administration Seminar, University of Texas, Arlington, Texas.

Other duties involved providing consultation to the Office of the Governor in the form of short-term management and technical assistance to establish and organize the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and providing staff support and classified forms of assistance to development and implementation of law enforcement investigative programs of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission during its formative period.

Examples of work performed:

- development of 3 annual statewide comprehensive plans for improving law enforcement and the administration of justice;
 - program planning and budgeting of resource allocations for crime control and criminal justice improvement programs;
 - design and implementation of statewide surveys of "line" law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to obtain baseline data for planning, program development and evaluation purposes;
 - preparation of special reports for use by the Governor, the State legislature, Federal executive agencies, and the United States Congress;
 - policies and procedures for planning and development of criminal justice improvement programs;
 - design for implementing a statewide program evaluation of drug abuse prevention and treatment programs;
 - methodology for the critical analysis of grant proposals.
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1980-1982	PROFESSOR, ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE The American University College of Public and International Affairs School of Justice	Washington, D.C.
1979-1981	LECTURER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINOLOGY University of Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology	College Park, MD.
1972	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY The Pennsylvania State University	Mont Alto, PA.
1968-1969	INSTRUCTOR, SOCIOLOGY Lebanon Valley College	Annville, PA.

of administrative and management systems for program evaluation and applied research techniques for policymaking and decisionmaking in law enforcement, criminal justice, crime and delinquency prevention, and other human services programs.

As a Research Center staff director my duties involved supervising research and administrative personnel, recruiting additional staff as needed to carry out additional projects.

Examples of work performed:

- consultation and technical assistance in program evaluation, research, and systems planning;
- development and preparation of proposals, program plans, evaluation/research designs, and related measurement instruments;
- direction of professional research staff engaged in psychometric testing, interviewing and followup tracking and analysis;
- report preparation and related administrative tasks required in operating a regional office of a National research organization.

1969-1972

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND EVALUATION

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Justice
Governor's Justice Commission

Harrisburg, PA.

Duties and responsibilities:

As Director of Planning, responsibilities included directing Pennsylvania's Statewide comprehensive planning efforts for improving law enforcement and the administration of justice. Duties included supervising a combined headquarters and regional office staff of over 50 professionals.

Duties as Director of Research involved supervising staff engaged in the scientific investigation and assessment of crime and delinquency and identification of program approaches having potential for prevention and control.

As director of Evaluation, duties included the design and development of Pennsylvania's first program monitoring system and strategy for planning and implementing program evaluations. Additional responsibilities included the supervision of professional staff engaged in evaluating the impact and effectiveness of law enforcement and criminal justice improvement and crime and delinquency prevention programs.

Examples of work performed:

- a 5 year strategic evaluation plan for the State of California;
- a program of technical assistance for planning and designing evaluation studies in criminal justice, drug abuse, and related human services programs;
- a "competency-based" training program in evaluation methods, techniques, management, and utilization;
- a research and development program designed to produce reliable measurement and prediction procedures and standardized data bases for evaluating the impact and relative effectiveness of law enforcement and criminal justice programs;
- an evaluation information system to provide for the analysis of evaluation data using advanced statistical techniques to determine the validity and applicability of evaluation findings in decisionmaking, policy analysis, and planning;
- an "evaluation resource and reference service" which serves as a clearing-house for the dissemination and timely feedback of evaluation information and advanced evaluation techniques;
- Statewide "program-level" evaluations in juvenile diversion and community corrections, involving the simultaneous assessment of 105 separate projects representing over \$ 15 million;
- an evaluation component of an automated grants management information system;
- training conferences and seminars for managers and users of evaluation;
- staff assistance to the Governor's "Public Safety Planning Council" and the Standards and Goals program on planning and evaluation chaired by the Governor's Executive Assistant, Edwin Meese III;
- agency workplans, budgets, reports and briefings for the Governor, cabinet-level policymakers, and committees of the State legislature.

1972-1973

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, EVALUATION

Research Center of the National
Council on Crime and Delinquency

Davis, CA.

Duties and responsibilities:

Major responsibilities included (1) on-site direction of the National evaluation of the "Community Integration Program", (2) development of an evaluation/research capability of the Research Center to service the Eastern United States, and (3) consultative services to Federal, State, and local officials in design and development

- supervised the development of nation-wide plans which authorize GAO's audit and evaluation coverage of law enforcement, criminal and civil justice programs and agencies;
- directed a survey of the decisionmaking and policymaking needs of U.S. Senate and House Committees and subcommittees in law enforcement and the administration of justice policy area to target GAO planning and resource allocations to better meet the needs of Congressional users of GAO reports and information;
- directed staff studies/policy analyses for Congressional users and prepared testimony for presentation before Congressional Committees;
- supervised studies of the operations, organizational, and management effectiveness planning, resource allocation, and related evaluative techniques;
- designed an "in-house" management system for evaluating the implementation effectiveness of GAO program review activities;
- provided consultation, technical, and management assistance in the planning, design, and assessment of GAO audit and evaluation activities.

1973-1975

DIRECTOR OF EVALUATION

State of California
Office of Criminal Justice Planning Sacramento, CA.

Duties and responsibilities:

My duties included directing the planning, design, development, and implementation of a \$ 5 million statewide "California Evaluation Program". The primary objectives of this program were to (1) provide valid and reliable information and data to improve policymaking and decisionmaking in planning, programming, and allocating resources to crime control, delinquency prevention, and related criminal justice programs, (2) identify program and project interventions which can be successful in preventing and controlling crime and delinquency, and (3) improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system, by employing "utilization-focused" evaluations that are decision-based to aid in problem-solving action program development, and project implementation as part of California's \$ 10 million yearly Federal grant-in-aid program.

Other responsibilities included supervising sixteen professional employees and over 40 evaluation research specialists under contract; as well as coordinating program evaluation activities carried out in 21 regional planning districts throughout the State.

RESUME OF
RICHARD BOND GROSCHIN

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EDUCATION

Doctoral	University of Maryland Criminal Justice and Criminology-A.B.D. (1976-1982)	College Park, MD.
Masters	Lehigh University Social Relations-M.A. (1967-1969)	Bethlehem, PA.
Bachelors	The Pennsylvania State University Sociology and Psychology-B.A. (1963-1967)	University Park, PA.

EXPERIENCE

1975 to present **RESIDENT CRIMINOLOGIST AND PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**
United States General Accounting Office Washington, D.C.

Duties and responsibilities:

As the Resident Criminologist my duties involve serving as the "in-house" consultant on crime, delinquency, law enforcement and the administration of justice policies and programs and adviser to the Comptroller General of the United States.

As the Planning Director for law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice my responsibilities include directing GAO's planning activities for this National policy issue area. Duties also involve directing and reviewing studies, special analyses, program reviews and evaluations.

Other responsibilities include directing long-range planning, futures research, and policy-planning for a cross-section of general government programs and operations staff liaison for program evaluation, organizational development, resource planning, and related management sciences.

Examples of work performed:

- directed the planning and management of nationwide assessments of the impact and effectiveness of Federal and federally-assisted law enforcement and criminal justice programs;
- directed and managed reviews of intergovernmental program evaluation systems.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

November 20, 1980

Mr. Richard Bond Groskin
4108 Hamlin Avenue
Chantilly, VA 22021

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter including your resume.

I'll see to it that the selection committee knows of your interest in taking an active role in the Administration.

Pen James, who is handling background material of this caliber appointment, will be in touch with you.

Thanks, too, for giving me the benefit of your thinking in the briefing paper you enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ed Meese", with a stylized, flowing script.

Edwin Meese III
Director of Transition

September 22, 1982

Edwin Meese, III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ed:

Please excuse the informality of slipping in this note with the preceeding letter on the National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy. I just wanted to tell you how much we all appreciate the outstanding job you have been doing and let you know that I will continue to do whatever I can to help, as I am sure Herb Ellingwood, Mike Uhlmann, Lou Giuffrida, Lois Herrington, and others may attest.

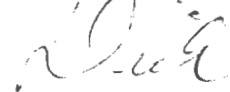
Unfortunately, I still have not heard from White House Personnel about an appointment since Pendleton James letter of December 3, 1980 in response to your forwarding of my vita in November 1980. (Attached are copies of your letter of November 20, 1980, the letter from Penn James and an updated resume).

Both Senator Spector and Congressman Bud Shuster have written in support of my qualifications and interest in serving in the Administration, and Frank Carrington told me that he has mentioned to Ken Crib that I am still able and willing to join the team. Two areas, in addition to law enforcement and criminal justice, where I believe I can be of further direct assistance to you and the President are (1) strengthening policy-planning, evaluation, and review functions to assure cogent implementation of Administration policy and (2) improving executive branch agency management processes and operations, possibly in conjunction with the new Cabinet Council which you head.

Forgive me for intruding on your busy schedule to pursue this matter; I feel that you would prefer being informed that I have not yet had the opportunity to come aboard with the Administration rather than be left to assume that I am no longer interested, which I can assure is not the case.

Please let me know what I can do to be of further help.

With warmest personal regards,



Richard Bond Groskin

Attachments (3)
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Lee Fritschler
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September 8, 1982

Chief Justice Warren Burger
The Chief Justice of the United States
The Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) has requested that President Reagan formulate a clear statement of national policy on the prevention, control and reduction of crime. We specifically have asked the president to establish a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy. A copy of our letter is enclosed for your reference.

We suggest the Commission give special attention to addressing those problems and conditions which limit or constrain effective intergovernmental relations in the implementation of criminal and justice policies and programs at federal, state, and/or local levels or which generate dysfunctions between executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in pursuit of common crime control and justice system improvement goals.

We ask for your support in helping to bring about the establishment of what we believe to be a very important Commission.

Sincerely,



A. Lee Fritschler
President

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Enclosure

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A. Lee Fritschler
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September 8, 1982

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Thurmond:

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) has requested that President Reagan formulate a clear statement of national policy on the prevention, control and reduction of crime. We specifically have asked the president to establish a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy. A copy of our letter is enclosed for your reference.

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We ask for your support and that of your committee in helping to bring about the establishment of what we believe to be a very important Commission.

Sincerely,



A. Lee Fritschler
President

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Enclosure

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee

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Lee Fritschler
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September 8, 1982

The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rodino:

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) has requested that President Reagan formulate a clear statement of national policy on the prevention, control and reduction of crime. We specifically have asked the president to establish a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy. A copy of our letter is enclosed for your reference.

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We ask for your support and that of your committee in helping to bring about the establishment of what we believe to be a very important Commission.

Sincerely,



A. Lee Fritschler
President

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Enclosure

cc: House Judiciary Committee

Lee Fritschler
President

Patricia S. Florestano
President-Elect

Keith F. Mulrooney
Executive Director

August 23, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. President:

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) requests that you formulate a clear statement of national policy on the prevention, control and reduction of crime. We recognize that you and key members of your administration have spoken on this issue, such as your September 1981 speech to the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Specifically, we request that you establish a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy. We ask that you call upon the Senate and House Judiciary Committees of the Congress and the Federal Judicial Conference under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice of the United States to join you in convening such a Commission. The National Council of ASPA has adopted a resolution on this matter. A copy is attached.

We feel that this Commission should be given authority to review the state of the nation's justice systems and recommend policies, legislation and actions designed to prevent, control, and reduce crime and delinquency and improve the management and operational effectiveness of criminal and civil justice in the United States. The Commission should give special attention to addressing those problems and conditions which limit or constrain effective intergovernmental relations in the implementation of criminal and civil justice policies and programs at federal, state, and/or local levels or which generate dysfunctions between executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in pursuit of common crime control and justice system improvement goals. The statement contains a recommended composition for the Commission.

Our Society recognizes the serious efforts and initiatives which your administration has already taken toward effective crime control, specifically including the Attorney General's

Task Force on Violent Crime and the resulting Law Enforcement Coordinating Committees, the Vice President's South Florida Task Group, your recently appointed Task Force on Victims of Crime, and the numerous legislative proposals that have emanated from the Department of Justice. We are also aware that your focus on macro-economic issues has precluded any sizable federal expenditures in support of the traditional criminal justice functions of state and local jurisdictions.

My colleagues and I in the field of public administration believe, however, that a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy established and convened under your leadership will aid in achieving "new federalism" goals and provide a needed institutional framework for policy-planning, coordination and cooperation among and between the various levels and branches of government responsible for combating crime and administering the nation's justice systems. We recognize the role that major criminal justice interest groups might wish to play in the formation of such a Commission.

At your convenience, I would be most happy to meet with your representative to discuss our proposal and offer the assistance of ASPA to bring about its implementation.

Please accept my deepest appreciation and warmest regards.
I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. Lee Fritschler".

A. Lee Fritschler
President

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Enclosure

A RESOLUTION
OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society for Public Administration calls on the President and Congress to formulate a clear statement of national policy on the prevention, control, and reduction of crime and delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such policy emphasize the high priority assigned by the Administration and the Congress to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the nation's criminal and juvenile justice systems, to strengthen their role in crime control, and stress the importance of a new partnership between federal, state, and local governments to achieve improved policy-making, decision-making and management of the nation's justice systems. The ultimate success of this new partnership is dependent, in large measure, on the willingness of the federal government to (1) involve state and local governments in the process of formulating and changing criminal justice policies and (2) recognize and productively plan with state and local participation to cope with the intergovernmental consequences of shifts in national priorities and activities on the nation's ability to prevent and control crime and delinquency and improve the effectiveness of the nation's justice systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President call upon the Senate and House Judiciary Committees of the Congress and the Federal Judicial Conference under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice of the United States to join with the Administration in establishing and convening a National Commission on Crime Control and Administration of Justice Policy which shall be given authority to review the state of the nation's justice systems and recommend policies, legislation and actions designed to prevent, control, and reduce crime and delinquency and improve the management and operational effectiveness of criminal and civil justice in the United States. The Commission would give special attention to addressing those problems and conditions which limit or constrain effective intergovernmental relations in the implementation of criminal and civil justice policies and programs at federal, state, and/or local levels or which generate dysfunctions between executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in pursuit of common crime control and justice system improvement goals. ASPA recommends that the membership of the National Commission be broadly representative in its make up to include along with the President's Cabinet, Council on Legal Affairs, the Chief Justice of the United States or his designee, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees of the United States Congress, the elected officials or chairpersons from the National Governors' Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, and representatives drawn from criminal justice professions and organizations such as those participating in the recent National Forum on Criminal Justice.¹

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¹National Forum on Criminal Justice in 1981 consisted of representatives from 29 criminal justice associations.