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THE WHITE HOUSE

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For Immediate Release

September 17, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY DOLAN  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
CHIEF SPEECHWRITER

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON   
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Revised Presidential Statement:  
Senate Confirmation of Justice  
Rehnquist and Judge Scalia

We have reviewed the above-referenced draft Presidential Statement and have the following comments:

1. In the second sentence, it might be appropriate to refer to Rehnquist as "an Associate Justice" for the last fifteen years.
2. The final clause of the third paragraph should be toned down slightly without sacrificing the point. I suggest the following language: "and that the rights of society and of the victims of crime must be considered by our judicial system and not just those of criminal offenders."

cc: David L. Chew

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(Gilder/ARD)

August 14, 1986

12:00 Noon SS

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