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#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON



September 21, 1984

MR. PRESIDENT: #5236

Attached for your signature is a proposed proclamation which would designate the week beginning September 23, 1984, as National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week.

This proclamation has the approval of the Offices of Policy Development, Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs. The Offices of Counsel, Cabinet Affairs and Legislative Affairs have no objection.

Richard G. Darman

Please Note: This is scheduled to be signed in ceremony at 10:45 today.

Signed & Daled: Sept 21 84 (East Room Teremony)

#### WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

#### MEMORANDUM:

TO:

ALL WHITE HOUSE/O.E.O.B. STAFF PASSHOLDERS

FROM:

CAROL MCCAIN (1)

SUBJECT:

ARRIVAL CEREMONY

The President and Mrs. Reagan cordially invite you, your family and guests to join them in welcoming The Right Honorable, the Prime Minister of Canada, and Mrs. Mulroney, to the White House on Tuesday, March 18, 1986, at 10:00 a.m.

Entrance is through the Southwest Gate beginning at 9:15 a.m. Please present your pass and an officer will direct you to the correct area.

In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor ceremony will be cancelled and the invitation to attend rescinded.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION
#5236

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committed to raising the awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and creating a positive environment in which drug abuse is unacceptable behavior.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 23, 1984, as National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week, and I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Let all of us seek every opportunity to learn the truth about drug abuse and join in the national fight to create a drug-free America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and ninth.

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# OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ

COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

WEEK

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September 20, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE

EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

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Attached for transmittal to the President is the above proclamation, which has been cleared by all relevant members of the White House Senior Staff.

ANNE HIGGINS

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Richard G. Darman

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#### WASHINGTON

September 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Revised Draft Proclamation - National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced proclamation, prepared by the Office of Drug Abuse Policy, OPD, and has no legal or other substantive objection to the President's signing it.

WASHINGTON

#### REDRAFT - URGENT



Document No. 216933

September 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FRED FIELDING
CRAIG FULLER
M.B. OGLESBY
JACK SVAHN
LEE VERSTANDIG
FAITH WHITTLESEY
FRED RYAN (FYI)

FROM:

Duncan Clark Roc (for) ANNE HIGGINS 94-OEOB/Ext. 7610

SUBJECT:

DRAFT PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK

FROM: M.B. OGLESBY

The proclamation was conferred over the phone with no objections.

WASHINGTON

September 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER REP

SUBJECT:

Proclamation: National Drug Abuse Education

and Prevention Week

The Drug Abuse Policy Office has revised the above-named proclamation. The revised version is attached.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM:

LEE L. VERSTANDIG

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT:

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and Prevention Week

The IGA Staff has reviewed the re-drafted subject Proclamation and has no comments/edits on it.

Thank you.

WASHINGTON

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#### NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK, 1984

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#### Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

Sepgember 21, 1984

### REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT AT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK

The East Room

10:50 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. And now that we have Nancy properly placed, she and I welcome you all to -- here to the White House. Senator Chiles and Congressman Bennett, our distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen. Good morning, and again, a welcome.

We're here to thank the -- to mark the progress, I should say, of the fight against drug abuse, and to commit ourselves to an even greater national effort in the months ahead. Within the last several years, I think America has come to its senses about drug abuse. We raised a battle flag and declared war on one of the gravest problems that I think is facing our nation. Action replaced debate. We knew the fight wouldn't be easy, but we also knew the -- we couldn't afford to lose. We're fighting for the health of our children and the future of America.

Well, we've made a lot of progress during these past 3 years. Permissive attitudes are giving way to a new sense of responsibility. Hopelessness and helplessness are being replaced with optimism and a willingness to join together in the fight. Concerned parents are banding together, and hundreds of community and business organizations have joined the ranks.

Education programs are erasing 20 years of wrong-headed attitudes about drug use. And we're taking aim where it counts the most: teaching the drug users and potential drug users to say "No" to drugs.

At the federal level, we've taken strong measures to crack down on big-money drug traffickers and to catch drug smugglers in the act. Yet we all know that we have a long way to go. About one-fourth of our nation's young people continue to abuse drugs or alcohol, and too many children are still getting into drugs every day. And thousands of teenagers are killed every year in auto accidents due to drunk and drugged driving.

As you know, Nancy has traveled across America visiting schools and treatment facilities, seeking every opportunity to promote an anti-drug, pro-achievement generation. In her travels she's come home to me with stories of heartbreak that she's seen, and broken dreams and families, and lost lives. But she's convinced, and she's convinced me, that all of us, if we work together, become more involved, more knowledgeable, and step up the fight, can save a generation and help preserve its promise and hope.

And doing just that is the heart of our 1984 national strategy for prevention of drug abuse and drug trafficking. The 1984 strategy will be released next week during National Drug Abuse, Education, and Prevention Week. But let me tell you that we'll be striving to reinforce the program that is now in place. We're on the right track, we don't need to change direction. But we do need to step up the pace.

The federal government will redouble its efforts to stop drug trafficking, punishing drug traffickers, and increase international cooperation to control narcotics. But ultimately, victory can only come from the dedication and commitment of private industry, public organizations, local government, and citizen volunteers. We need to get more people involved, particularly in prevention programs. And we'll be calling on the American people to help us.

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(The certificates are passed out.) (Applause.)

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(The proclamation is signed.) There is now a National Drug Abuse Week. (Applause.)

REP. BENNETT: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: -- thank you.

And now the deed is done. (Laughter.) I'll go back to work.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

### Office of the Press Secretary

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September 21, 1984

NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK, 1984

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## A PROCLAMATION #5236

During the past two decades, the use of illegal drugs in the United States spread at an unprecedented rate and reached into every segment of our society. The youth-oriented drug culture was foreign to most of our adult population. We lacked accurate information about the hazards of some of the most widely used drugs, and our efforts to combat the lies, misconceptions, and moral confusion surrounding drug abuse lacked credibility. There was a feeling of inevitability regarding widespread drug use and uncertainty over what was the right thing to do.

The early 1980s have brought a dramatic change. People no longer believe that drug abuse is inevitable. There is growing recognition that by working together to eliminate the abuse of drugs, we can make a real difference in the lives of our children and a better future for America.

One of the most effective weapons we have against drug abuse is our ability to communicate the truth about drugs to the user and the potential user. Research and the personal experience of families across the Nation are expanding our knowledge of drug abuse and how to stop it. This new knowledge is being used by parents, community volunteers, local officials, teachers, health care professionals, and young people themselves. These are the individuals who are closest to current potential drug users, and they can have the greatest influence in preventing the abuse of drugs.

Across America, all levels of government, businesses, educational institutions, civic groups, and individual citizens are organizing activities which will help persons of all ages to say "no" to drug abuse. These Americans are committed to raising the awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and creating a positive environment in which drug abuse is unacceptable behavior.

To call attention to these important efforts, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 529, has designated the week beginning September 23, 1984, as "National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 23, 1984, as National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week, and I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Let all of us seek every opportunity to learn the truth about drug abuse and join in the national fight to create a drug-free America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and ninth.

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SIGHING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SENATOR CHILES, CONGRESSMAN BENNETT, OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

WE'RE HERE TO MARK THE PROGRESS OF OUR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, AND TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO AN EVEN GREATER NATIONAL EFFORT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

WITHIN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AMERICA HAS COME TO ITS SENSES ABOUT DRUG ABUSE.

WE RAISED A BATTLE FLAG AND DECLARED WAR ON ONE OF THE GRAVEST PROBLEMS FACING OUR NATION. ACTION REPLACED DEBATE. WE KNEW THE FIGHT WOULDN'T BE EASY, BUT WE ALSO KNEW WE COULDN'T AFFORD TO LOSE -- WE'RE FIGHTING FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA.

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IN THE FIGHT. CONCERNED PARENTS ARE BANDING
TOGETHER, AND HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY AND
BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINED THE
RANKS.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE ERASING 20 YEARS OF WRONG-HEADED ATTITUDES ABOUT DRUG USE, AND WE'RE TAKING AIM WHERE IT COUNTS THE MOST: TEACHING THE DRUG USERS AND POTENTIAL DRUG USERS TO SAY "NO" TO DRUGS.

AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, WE'VE TAKEN
STRONG MEASURES TO CRACK DOWN ON BIG-MONEY
DRUG TRAFFICKERS, AND TO CATCH DRUG
SMUGGLERS IN THE ACT.

YET, WE ALL KNOW THAT WE HAVE A LONG
WAY TO GO. ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF OUR NATION'S
YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO ABUSE DRUGS OR
ALCOHOL, AND TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE STILL
GETTING INTO DRUGS EVERY DAY. AND THOUSANDS
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ACCIDENTS DUE TO DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING.

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AND DOING JUST THAT IS THE HEART OF OUR 1984 NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING. THE 1984 STRATEGY WILL BE RELEASED NEXT WEEK -- DURING NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION WEEK -- BUT LET ME TELL YOU THAT WE'LL BE STRIVING TO REINFORCE THE PROGRAM NOW IN PLACE. WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK -- WE DON'T NEED TO CHANGE DIRECTION, BUT WE DO NEED TO STEP UP THE PACE.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL REDOUBLE

ITS EFFORTS TO STOP DRUG TRAFFICKING,

PUNISH DRUG TRAFFICKERS, AND INCREASE

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WE NEED TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED,

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AND WE'LL BE CALLING ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO HELP US.

TO WIN THIS FIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO NEED THE KIND OF HELP THAT THOSE OF YOU HERE HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR COMMUNITIES AND TO ALL OF US.

AND I KNOW THAT, FOR EACH OF YOU HERE TODAY, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF OTHER CARING AMERICANS WHO ARE ALSO GIVING OF THEMSELVES.

NONE OF YOU EVER EXPECTED ANY REWARD FOR WHAT YOU DID. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN IN AMERICA. BUT BELIEVE ME, I'M DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE YOU TODAY.

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MRS. REAGAN WILL PASS OUT CERTIFICATES.)

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(Myer/BE) September 20, 1984 5:00 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CRAIG L. FULLER

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FOR CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM:

Christopher Hicks

Executive Assistant to the Secretary

SUBJECT:

Comments/Edits on Presidential Remarks:

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

FROM:

CRAIG L. FULLER

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Week [September 21]

Please provide Ben Elliott (456-6266, Speechwriting Office) any edits/comments you may have by 5 pm today, and forward an information copy to my office.

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Thank you very much. Members of the Congress, our distinguished guests sharing the platform with me, and ladies and gentlemen. Good morning and welcome to the White House.

We're here to mark the progress of our common fight against drug abuse, and greater national effort in the weeks and months ahead.

Three short years ago, America came to its senses about drug abuse. We raised a battle flag and declared war on one of the gravest problems facing our Nation. Action replaced debate. We knew the fight wouldn't be easy, but we also knew we couldn't afford to lose -- we're fighting for the health of our children and the future of America.

Well, we've made a lot of progress during the past 3 years, but we all know we still have a long way to go. Permissive attitudes are giving way to a new sense of responsibility. We've hired more than 1,200 new investigators and prosecutors and established 12 regional task forces to crack down on the big-money drug traffickers. But one-fourth of our Nation's young people continue to abuse drugs or alcohol.

Hopelessness and helplessness are being replaced with optimism and a willingness to join together in the fight. Concerned parents are banding together, and hundreds of community and business organizations have joined the ranks. But there are still about 10 million problem drinkers and an additional

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3 million between the ages of 14 and 17. And over 5,000 teenagers are killed every year in auto accidents due to drunken driving.

Education programs are erasing 20 years of wrong-headed attitudes about drug use, and we're taking aim where it counts the most: teaching the drug users and potential drug users to say "no" to drugs. But over 4 million people use cocaine and too many children are getting into drugs every day.

Now, as you know, Nancy has traveled across America, visiting schools and treatment facilities, seeking every opportunity to promote an anti-drug, pro-achievement generation. In her travels, she's seen heartbreak, broken dreams and families, and lost lives. But she's convinced, as I am, that if all of us work together, become more involved, knowledgeable, and step up the fight, we can save a generaton and help preserve its promise and hope.

And doing just that is the heart of our 1984 Federal Strategy for Prevention of Drug Abuse. The 1984 Strategy will be released next week --during National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week -- but since I've had a chance to see it, let me tell you that we'll be striving to reinforce the program now in place. We're on the right track -- we don't need to

change direction, but we do need to step up the pace.

The Federal Government will redouble its efforts to stop drug trafficking, punish drug traffickers, and increase international cooperation to control narcotics. But ultimately, victory can only come from the dedication and commitment of

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private industry, public organizations, local government and citizen volunteers. We need to get more people involved, particularly in prevention programs. And we'll be calling on the American people to help us.

To win this fight, we're going to need the kind of help that you on this stage have given to your communities and to all of us. And I know that, for each of you here today, there are thousands of other caring Americans who are also giving of themselves. None of you ever expected any reward for what you did. That's the way it's always been in America. But believe me, I'm delighted that we have the opportunity to recognize you today.

As Chairman of the Texans' War on Drugs, Mr. H. Ross Perot has made Texas one of the worst places in the world for drug users, pushers, dealers, and traffickers. And his committee is now a model for many other States.

Mrs. Marsha Manatt Schuchard and Mrs. Loretta Wenger have contributed unsparingly of their time, energy, and talents to make lasting contributions to the national drug abuse prevention program. Mrs. Schuchard was the inspiration behind an acclaimed T.V. documentary and is the author of two important books on the dangers of marijuana. Mrs. Wenger's drug abuse education program is reaching communities all across America. The unselfish efforts of these two ladies are changing attitudes and saving lives.

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2 million drug awareness comic books. The credibility of the comic book characters among our young people is helping to communicate the dangers of drugs and helping them to say "no."