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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

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STATE LEGISLATURE

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THANK YOU, GOVERNOR BROWN

MR. SPEAKER

MR. PRESIDENT

MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS INDEED AN HONOR TO COME BEFORE THE  
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE. YOU REPRESENT MORE AMERICANS  
THAN ANY OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODY EXCEPT THE CONGRESS OF  
THE UNITED STATES, WITH WHICH I HAVE HAD SOME ACQUAINTANCE.  
ALMOST HALF OF CALIFORNIA'S DELEGATION IN THE CURRENT  
CONGRESS ARE ALUMNI OF THIS LEGISLATURE.

I CANNOT TAKE TIME TO SALUTE ALL OF THEM BY NAME, BUT  
FROM VETERANS LIKE THE ABLE MAJORITY WHIP JOHN MCFALL  
TO RESPECTED NEWCOMERS LIKE BOB LAGOMARSINO, THEY  
ARE REALLY AN OUTSTANDING GROUP. IN THE 25 YEARS  
I SERVED IN THE CONGRESS I MADE MANY FRIENDSHIPS WITH  
FORMER STATE SENATORS AND ASSEMBLYMEN FROM SACRAMENTO  
WHOSE CONSTITUENTS HAD SENT THEM BACK TO WASHINGTON.

ALTHOUGH THEY REPRESENTED A WIDE SPECTRUM OF POLITICAL  
PERSUASIONS AND INTERESTS, THEY WERE, ALMOST WITHOUT  
EXCEPTION, ABLE AND HARD-WORKING LEGISLATORS WHO QUICKLY  
REACHED POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE AND INFLUENCE IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHERE THEY COULD MAKE  
CALIFORNIA'S VOICE HEARD -- AND THEY DID.

AS A DELEGATION THAT IS NOW THE LARGEST IN THE  
CONGRESS, CALIFORNIANS WERE OFTEN ABLE TO TEMPORARILY PUT  
PARTISANSHIP ASIDE ON MATTERS OF GREAT CONCERN TO YOUR  
STATE AND TO OUR NATION. THIS IS/AFTER ALL/THE WAY OUR  
TWO-PARTY SYSTEM WORKS AT ITS BEST. I LONG AGO CAME  
TO ADMIRE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS FROM AFAR, AND I THANK  
YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU  
IN THIS HISTORIC CHAMBER.

SINCE CALIFORNIA IS ALMOST A MODEL OF THE WHOLE  
UNITED STATES IN THE DIVERSITY OF ITS INDUSTRY AND  
AGRICULTURE, ITS URBAN AND RURAL INTERESTS, ITS INTERNAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCE, ITS STEADY GROWTH  
AND THE ATTENDANT CHALLENGES IN TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION,  
EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN NEEDS, ALMOST ANY NATIONAL PROBLEM  
WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE ONE TO DISCUSS IN A CALIFORNIA  
CONTEXT.

ANY SUBJECT THAT IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO CALIFORNIANS  
IS ALSO A CONCERN OF ALL AMERICANS.

IN THE 13 MONTHS I HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF  
ALL THE PEOPLE, MY PRIORITY GOALS HAVE BEEN SET BY THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CONFRONTED OUR NATION AND STILL DO:



TO WORK STEADILY AND PRUDENTLY TOWARD PEACE AND THE  
REDUCTION OF CONFLICTS WHICH THREATEN PEACE GLOBALLY OR  
REGIONALLY, WITHOUT WEAKENING EITHER OUR DEFENSE OR  
OUR RESOLVE;

TO REVERSE THE CURRENT RECESSION AND REVIVE OUR  
FREE ECONOMIC SYSTEM WITHOUT RE-IGNITING INFLATIONARY  
FORCES AND THROUGH SUCH FEDERAL STIMULANTS AND INCENTIVES  
AS WILL CREATE PRODUCTIVE AND PERMANENT PRIVATE JOBS AND  
GENERATE GENUINE ECONOMIC GROWTH;

TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE, SHORT AND LONG  
RANGE PROGRAM TO END OUR GROWING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN  
SOURCES OF ENERGY AND PROVIDE THE ABUNDANT AND SURE  
ENERGY SUPPLY THAT IS ESSENTIAL BOTH TO JOBS AND TO  
COMPETITIVE PRODUCTION FOR THE FUTURE.

AND FINALLY, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, TO  
ENCOURAGE AMONG ALL AMERICANS A GREATER SPIRIT OF  
CONCILIATION, COOPERATION AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF  
THIS GREAT COUNTRY AND THE INSTITUTIONS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT  
WHICH FOR 200 YEARS HAVE SERVED TO CREATE A MORE PERFECT  
UNION.

TODAY I COULD DEVOTE MY TIME TO ANY OF THESE  
GOALS, BECAUSE ALL ARE OF CONCERN IN SACRAMENTO AS WELL  
AS IN WASHINGTON.

CALIFORNIA HAS A VITAL STAKE IN PEACE AND IN THE  
IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH WE HAVE JUST MADE IN DEFUSING THE  
TIME-BOMB THAT HAS BEEN TICKING AWAY OMINOUSLY IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST.

CALIFORNIA IS BLESSED ABOVE MANY STATES WHEN  
IT COMES TO ENERGY RESOURCES, BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN  
CALIFORNIANS ARE EXCEPTIONALLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE  
OF POWER TO MAKE THINGS MOVE AND GROW.

I HAVE DECIDED HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU  
TODAY ANOTHER SUBJECT HIGH ON MY AGENDA, ONE THAT  
AFFECTS EVERY AMERICAN AND EVERY CALIFORNIAN, ONE IN WHICH  
THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE OFFICIALS IS EVEN  
GREATER THAN THAT OF THE FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:

THAT IS THE TRULY ALARMING INCREASE IN VIOLENT  
CRIME THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY.

CRIME IS A THREAT SO DANGEROUS AND SO STUBBORN  
THAT I AM CONVINCED IT CAN BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL ONLY  
BY THE BEST CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT --  
FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL; BY THE CLOSEST OF COOPERATION  
AMONG EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES, AND  
BY THE ABANDONMENT OF PARTISANSHIP ON A SCALE COMPARABLE  
TO CLOSING RANKS IN WARTIME AGAINST AN EXTERNAL ENEMY.



**ONLY**

I COME TO CALIFORNIA NOT <sup>ONLY</sup> TO PLEAD FOR THIS KIND  
OF A FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND CITIZEN COALITION AGAINST  
CRIME -- BUT TO PRAISE THE PROGRESS YOU HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.  
CALIFORNIA HAS LONG BEEN A LEADER IN BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. THE RATE OF INCREASE IN VIOLENT  
CRIMES HERE REMAINS LESS THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR SERIOUS

CRIME ROSE 18 PERCENT FOR THE NATION AS A WHOLE.

IT ROSE ONLY 13 PERCENT IN CALIFORNIA, BUT BOTH FIGURES

ARE FAR TOO HIGH.

THE RATE FOR FORCIBLE RAPE WAS DOWN, BUT

MURDER WAS UP 22 PERCENT IN CALIFORNIA AND ROBBERY UP

23 PERCENT.

WHAT IS MORE DISTRESSING, MY GOOD FRIEND

EVELLE YOUNGER TELLS ME THAT NEARLY 4 OUT OF EVERY 10

PERSONS CONVICTED OF USING FIREARMS TO KILL SOMEONE OR TO

ROB SOMEONE WERE GIVEN PROBATION. APPROXIMATELY 2300

PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT CRIMES INVOLVING FIREARMS

ARE RETURNED TO THE STREETS OF CALIFORNIA EACH YEAR WITHOUT

SERVING A PRISON SENTENCE.

CLEARLY, THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT AT ALL  
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SINCE 1960, HAVE NOT DONE THE JOB OF  
STEMMING THE RISE IN CRIME. THE REPORTED CRIME RATE  
HAS DOUBLED AND UNREPORTED CRIMES HAVE PROBABLY MULTIPLIED  
EVEN MORE.

AS A FORMER LAWMAKER AMONG ACTIVE LAWMAKERS,

LET ME PUT BEFORE YOU THREE SIMPLE PROPOSITIONS ABOUT

CRIME:

FIRST, A PRIMARY DUTY OF GOVERNMENT IS TO

PROTECT THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN IN HIS PEACEFUL PURSUIT OF

LIFE, LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS. THE PREAMBLE TO OUR

CONSTITUTION PUTS THE OBLIGATION 'TO ENSURE DOMESTIC

TRANQUILITY' IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS PROVIDING FOR THE

COMMON DEFENSE AGAINST FOREIGN FOES.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS UNIQUE IN ITS

DEVOTION TO THE RULE OF LAW.      WE OVERTHREW OUR RULERS

BUT CHERISHED THEIR RULES.      THE FOUNDING FATHERS WERE

DEDICATED TO JOHN LOCKE'S DICTUM THAT 'WHERE THERE IS NO

LAW, THERE IS NO FREEDOM.'"      ONE OF THEM, JAMES

MADISON, ADDED HIS OWN COROLLARY: "IF MEN WERE ANGELS,

NO GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY."

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT NOT ALL MEN -- NOR ALL  
WOMEN -- ARE ANGELS, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY  
OF AMERICANS ARE LAW-ABIDING. IN ONE STUDY OF 10,000  
MALES BORN IN 1945 IT WAS SHOWN THAT ONLY 6 PERCENT OF THEM  
PERPETRATED TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE  
ENTIRE SAMPLE.



AS FOR SERIOUS CRIMES, MOST ARE COMMITTED BY REPEATERS.

ANOTHER STUDY IN A MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREA SHOWED THAT

WITHIN A SINGLE YEAR, MORE THAN 200 BURGLARIES, 60 RAPES

AND 14 MURDERS WERE THE WORK OF ONLY 10 INDIVIDUAL

CRIMINALS.

THIS BRINGS ME TO MY SECOND PROPOSITION:

IF A PRIMARY DUTY OF GOVERNMENT IS TO ENSURE THE DOMESTIC  
TRANQUILITY OF THE LAW-ABIDING MAJORITY, SHOULD WE NOT  
PUT AS MUCH EMPHASIS ON THE RIGHTS OF INNOCENT VICTIMS  
AS WE DO ON THE RIGHTS OF ACCUSED VIOLATORS?

I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT DUE PROCESS SHOULD  
BE IGNORED OR THAT THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS BE REDUCED.

I AM NOT URGING A VINDICTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD CONVICTED

OFFENDERS. I AM SAYING THAT, AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC

POLICY, THE TIME HAS COME TO GIVE EQUAL WEIGHT ON THE

SCALE OF JUSTICE TO THE RIGHTS OF THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF

CRIMES OF TERROR AND VIOLENCE.

VICTIMS ARE MY PRIMARY CONCERN. THEY

SHOULD BE THE CONCERN OF ALL OF US WHO HAVE A ROLE IN

MAKING OR EXECUTING OR ENFORCING OR INTERPRETING THE

CRIMINAL LAW -- FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL. THE VAST

MAJORITY OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THIS COUNTRY ARE

THE POOR, THE OLD, THE VERY YOUNG, THE DISADVANTAGED

MINORITIES, THE PEOPLE WHO CROWD OUR URBAN CENTERS,

THE MOST DEFENSELESS OF OUR FELLOW-CITIZENS.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEAL EQUALLY WITH ALL ~~ITS~~

CITIZENS. BUT IF IT MUST TILT A LITTLE TO PROTECT ANY

ELEMENT MORE THAN ANY OTHER, SURELY IT SHOULD BE THOSE

WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO BE ROBBED OF A DAY'S FOOD MONEY,

THOSE WHO LACK THE STRENGTH TO RESIST, THOSE WHO EVEN

FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMPLAINING.

MY THIRD PROPOSITION IS THIS: IF MOST SERIOUS  
CRIMES ARE COMMITTED BY REPEATERS; MOST VIOLENT CRIMES  
BY CRIMINALS CARRYING GUNS; IF THE TINY MINORITY OF  
HABITUAL LAWBREAKERS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY MODERN DATA-  
KEEPING METHODS;

THEN IS IT NOT MANDATORY THAT SUCH OFFENDERS, DULY  
TRIED AND CONVICTED, BE REMOVED FROM SOCIETY FOR A  
DEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME RATHER THAN RETURNED TO THE STREETS  
TO CONTINUE TO PREY ON THE INNOCENT AND LAW-ABIDING  
MAJORITY?

ALTHOUGH ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES

FALL UNDER FEDERAL JURISDICTION, I HAVE URGED THE CONGRESS

TO SET AN EXAMPLE BY PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY PRISON

TERMS FOR CONVICTED OFFENDERS IN SUCH EXTRAORDINARILY

SERIOUS CRIMES AS AIRCRAFT HIGHJACKING, KIDNAPPING,

AND TRAFFICKING IN HARD DRUGS.



*I also advocate mandatory sentences for persons found guilty of*  
~~FOR OFFENSES~~ INVOLVING USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON, AND crimes

FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS, — WITH OR WITHOUT A WEAPON, — WHOSE

CRIMES SHOW A POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CAUSE OF PHYSICAL

INJURY. THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE SENSIBLE

EXCEPTIONS, BUT THEY MUST BE MINIMAL.

I HOPE ALL 50 STATES WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

FAR TOO MANY VIOLENT AND REPETITIVE CRIMINALS NEVER SPEND

A DAY IN PRISON AFTER CONVICTION. MANDATORY SENTENCES

NEED NOT BE SEVERE; IT IS THE CERTAINTY OF CONFINEMENT

THAT IS PRESENTLY LACKING. WE WILL NEVER DETER CRIME NOR

REDUCE ITS GROWTH IF POTENTIAL LAWBREAKERS FEEL THEY HAVE

FAVORABLE ODDS OF ESCAPING PUNISHMENT. THE MORE

EXPERIENCE IN CRIME THEY GET THE BETTER THEIR ODDS.

THIS IS WRONG AND WE MUST REVERSE IT.

*of not  
suffering  
the consequences.*

THE TEMPTATION TO POLITICIANS -- AND I TRUST

WE ARE ALL POLITICIANS HERE AND PROUD OF IT -- IS TO CALL

FOR A MASSIVE CRACKDOWN ON CRIME AND TO ADVOCATE THROWING

EVERY CONVICTED FELON IN JAIL AND THROWING THE KEY AWAY.

WE HAVE HEARD SUCH CRIES FOR YEARS AND CRIME CONTINUES

TO GAIN ON US.

THE PROBLEM IS INFINITELY MORE COMPLEX THAN ANY ~~SORT OF~~

regularity mentality  
UPDATED ~~VIGILANTISM~~ CAN COPE WITH.

WE HAVE TO CONFESS,

YOU AND I,, THAT WE DO NOT KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT

AS WITH OTHER STUBBORN NATIONAL PROBLEMS, MY PHILOSOPHY

IS THAT WE MUST TAKE ONE SURE STEP AT A TIME. IT IS

SIMPLY INTOLERABLE TO STAND STILL OR SLIP BACKWARDS.

IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DEVISE A SWIFT CURE-ALL OR

QUICK FIX.

IN A TALK TO MY ALMA MATER, YALE LAW SCHOOL,

LAST APRIL AND AGAIN IN A DETAILED MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS

IN JUNE, I OUTLINED THE FIRST STEPS WHICH I BELIEVE MUST

BE TAKEN TO GET A HANDLE ON THE RISING CRIME RATES.

I WILL NOT REHASH THESE POINTS TODAY, EXCEPT  
TO THANK THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE FOR MOVING --  
SOMEWHAT FASTER THAN THE CONGRESS HAS -- ON SOME OF MY  
RECOMMENDATIONS SUCH AS MANDATORY PRISON SENTENCES  
FOR CRIMES INVOLVING FIREARMS AND HARD DRUG PUSHING.

I TOLD THE CONGRESS, NOT AS A COP-OUT BUT AS A  
CONSTITUTIONAL FACT OF LIFE, THAT THE FEDERAL EFFORT IN THE  
FIGHT AGAINST CRIME REALLY DEPENDS UPON MASSIVE SUPPORT  
FROM THE STATES WHICH, QUITE PROPERLY, HAVE SOLE  
JURISDICTION IN THE EXERCISE OF MOST POLICE POWERS.

I SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD SET AN EXAMPLE THROUGH  
REFORM OF THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL CODE, WHICH IS PROGRESSING,  
AND THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
AND OTHER PROGRAMS INCLUDING GENERAL REVENUE SHARING.



I WANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU STRAIGHT ABOUT THESE  
PROGRAMS. THEY WERE PUSHED BY THE MINORITY IN THE  
CONGRESS DURING THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. I AM  
PROUD OF MY ASSOCIATION WITH THESE INNOVATIVE FEDERAL  
MEASURES AND OF THE PROOF THAT, IF AN IDEA IS GOOD ENOUGH,  
IT CAN PREVAIL EVEN IF THE MINORITY ESPOUSES IT.



I HAVE ASKED THIS CONGRESS TO EXTEND GENERAL  
REVENUE SHARING, WHICH EXPIRES AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.  
UNDER IT, CALIFORNIA HAS RECEIVED ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE  
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS TURNED BACK TO THE STATES AND THEIR  
SUBDIVISIONS. CALIFORNIA'S SHARE NOW ADDS UP TO  
MORE THAN 2 BILLION DOLLARS, *and* ~~WHICH~~ WILL BE CLOSER TO 3  
BILLION DOLLARS BY THE EXPIRATION DATE.

THIS IS MONEY THAT YOU ARE RELATIVELY FREE TO USE WHERE YOU  
THINK CALIFORNIA NEEDS IT MOST. FRANKLY, THE CONGRESS  
ISN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT SUCH LIBERTY ON YOUR PART AND WOULD  
RATHER TELL YOU HOW THEY WANT IT SPENT. I LEAVE IT TO  
YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT TO HELP US CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM  
FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

*I want Governors, State Legislators, Mayors  
& other local officials, etc*

AS FOR LEAA, I MUST SAY CANDIDLY THAT IT HASN'T

DONE AS MUCH TO HELP CURB THE RISING CRIME STATISTICS AS

WE HOPED. BUT IT HAS ENCOURAGED EXPERIMENTATION AND

PILOT PROJECTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WHICH, IF THEY WORK, CAN BE ADOPTED BY OTHER STATES.

SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING ONES HAVE BEEN FUNDED FOR

CALIFORNIA'S OWN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEALING WITH

ORGANIZED CRIME AND CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE, AND TO

SACRAMENTO AND SAN DIEGO COUNTIES FOR PROGRAMS ON

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, WHITE COLLAR CRIME, FRAUD, DRUGS

AND CAREER CRIMINALS.

THE DRUG PROBLEM IN AMERICA COULD MAKE

SEVERAL SPEECHES BY ITSELF.      HERE AGAIN WE HAVE A VERY

SMALL NUMBER OF DELIBERATE CRIMINALS WHO DESTROY THE

DOMESTIC TRANQUILLITY OF MILLIONS OF DECENT CITIZENS.

WHAT IS PARTICULARLY OUTRAGEOUS IS THE TRAGEDY THEY

BRING TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE LEARNING TO FACE

LIFE,      NOT RUN FROM IT.

HERE IN CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST  
*2 1/2 million*  
FIGURES, LESS THAN ONE OUT OF FIVE CONVICTED HARD DRUG  
PUSHERS EVER SERVE TIME IN PRISON.

ONE WAY TO KEEP A CONVICTED MURDERER FROM  
KILLING ANYBODY ELSE, AND ONE WAY TO KEEP A HARD DRUG  
PUSHER FROM RUINING ANY MORE LIVES, IS TO LOCK THEM UP  
FOR A REASONABLE BUT CERTAIN TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.

LOSS OF LIBERTY IS BOTH A DETERRENT TO CRIME AND A

PREVENTION OF REPEATED CRIME, AT LEAST WHILE THE OFFENDER

IS BEHIND BARS. PRISONERS SHOULD BE TREATED HUMANELY,

AND WE CANNOT EXPECT JUDGES AND JURIES TO CONVICT AND

SENTENCE THE GUILTY TO PLACES OF CONFINEMENT THAT ARE

CRUEL AND DEGRADING.



BUT I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE REDUCE  
DELAY IN BRINGING ARRESTED PERSONS TO TRIAL, SHARPLY  
LIMIT THE PREVAILING PRACTICE OF PLEA BARGAINING CAUSED  
BY CONGESTED PROSECUTOR AND COURT CALENDARS, AND  
SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF THOSE CONVICTED  
OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND REPEATED CRIMES WHO ACTUALLY SERVE  
TIME IN PRISON.

I COMMEND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR ITS  
ONGOING EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS, AS WELL AS FOR YOUR  
PROGRAMS TO PREVENT JUVENILE CRIME AND TO REHABILITATE  
YOUTHFUL FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS. ONE OF THE WORST  
ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT RISE IN CRIME RATES HAS BEEN THAT  
ALMOST HALF OF ALL ARRESTS ARE PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS  
OF AGE.

WHILE IMPRISONMENT IS CLEARLY THE WAY TO PUT  
HARDENED CRIMINALS OUT OF BUSINESS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME,  
IT OBVIOUSLY IS NOT THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE VERY YOUNG.  
YET SIMPLY SENDING THEM HOME HAS NOT PROVEN A VERY  
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION EITHER.

WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS BUT WE MUST

SPARE NO EFFORT TO FIND THEM QUICKLY. THE FEDERAL

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS EMBARKED ON AN URGENT PILOT

PROGRAM TO DIVERT FIRST OFFENDERS AND IN APPROPRIATE

CASES PREVENT THEIR ACQUIRING THE LIFELONG STIGMA OF A

CRIMINAL RECORD.

IN ANOTHER ASPECT OF MY CRIME PROGRAM, I HAVE  
ASKED THE CONGRESS TO WRITE INTO THE REVISED FEDERAL  
CRIMINAL CODE STRONGER PROVISIONS TO ALLOW FEDERAL ACTION  
AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME WHEREVER IT REARS ITS UGLY HEAD.  
THE LEADERS OF ORGANIZED CRIME DO NOT RECOGNIZE STATE,  
OR FOR THAT MATTER, NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. IT WILL TAKE  
ALL OF OUR LAW-ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES TO FIGHT THIS GIANT  
CONSPIRACY AGAINST DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY AND PREVENT ITS  
SPREAD.

LIKE OTHER VEXING PROBLEMS FACING CALIFORNIA  
AND THE NATION, WE WILL NOT CONQUER CRIME WITH A SINGLE  
ROLL CALL OR A STROKE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OR PRESIDENT'S  
PEN. BUT WE MUST DO WHAT WE CAN AND WE MUST WORK  
TOGETHER HERE AND NOW, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN AND  
GRANDCHILDREN.

IT WAS REALLY FOR THIS REASON THAT I WANTED TO  
DISCUSS CRIME TODAY AND THE COMMON FRONT WE MUST CREATE  
AGAINST IT. PEACE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND PLACES  
OF BUSINESS IS ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS PEACE IN THE WORLD.

KEEPING THE PEACE IS AS HEROIC AND ESSENTIAL ON THE PART  
OF THOSE POLICEMEN AND POLICEWOMEN WHO WORK THE NIGHT  
SHIFT AS IT IS ON THE PART OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND  
CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS STANDING WATCH AROUND THE WORLD.  
THE COURAGE AND DEVOTION OF SOME, FOR THE SAFETY AND  
SURVIVAL OF ALL, HAS BROUGHT US THROUGH 200 YEARS AS A  
NATION AND IT WILL CARRY US FORWARD TO AN EVEN BRIGHTER  
FUTURE.



NOWHERE IS THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND THE  
NECESSITY OF CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT AND THE STATES OF THE UNION MORE OBVIOUS THAN  
IN THE FIELD OF CRIME CONTROL.      THERE IS NO MORE  
UNIVERSAL LONGING AMONG OUR PEOPLE THAN TO BE FREE OF FEAR  
AND SAFE IN THEIR HOMES AND LIVELIHOODS.

THERE IS NO ISSUE -- EVEN WITH A SPIRITED CAMPAIGN YEAR  
ALREADY BEGINNING -- IN WHICH WE WHO SEEK TO SERVE THE  
PEOPLE CAN WORK HARDER WITHOUT PARTISANSHIP OR  
DEMAGOGUERY TO BRING ABOUT VISIBLE PROGRESS.

I HAVE NOT BROUGHT ALONG ANY PATENT MEDICINE  
THAT CURES ALL HUMAN ILLS / TO PEDDLE IN CALIFORNIA. I  
HAVE COME SIMPLY TO PLEDGE TO YOU MY UNRELENTING EFFORTS  
TO REDUCE CRIME IN COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH YOU  
AND WITH ALL WHO HAVE AMERICA AT HEART.

IN MOVING AGAINST CRIME WITH COMPASSION FOR

THE VICTIMS AND EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE FOR THE VIOLATORS,

CALIFORNIA CAN BE THE PACE-SETTER FOR THE NATION AS YOU

HAVE BEEN IN SO MANY OTHER CHALLENGES. THE GENIUS

OF CALIFORNIA HAS ENRICHED ALL AMERICA BEYOND THE

WILDEST EXPECTATIONS OF OUR GOLD-<sup>SEEKING</sup> ~~MINERS~~ ANCESTORS.

BUT I AM NOT HERE TO SING "I LOVE YOU,

I LOVE YOU,

*I hope there will be many more because I like your people*

CALIFORNIA," EITHER.

I WILL SAVE THAT FOR FUTURE VISITS.

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FOR TODAY IT IS ENOUGH TO ASK YOUR HELP ON THIS COMPLEX

BUT FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM THAT CONFRONTS US ALL.

IF WE FAIL TO ENSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, ANY OTHER

SUCCESSES WE MAY HAVE AS PUBLIC OFFICIALS WILL BE

FORGOTTEN. PEACE ON 10TH STREET IN SACRAMENTO IS AS

IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE WHO WALK AND WORK THERE AS PEACE

IN THE SINAI DESERT. ONE MAN OR WOMAN OR CHILD

BECOMES JUST AS DEAD FROM A SWITCHBLADE SLASH AS FROM

A NUCLEAR MISSILE BLAST.

WE MUST PREVENT BOTH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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