

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry

RE: Remarks to Fraternal Order of Police
Bi-State Convention

*You will be speaking to an audience of about 100-120 FOP members from Missouri and Kansas, plus an additional 50+ spouses, guests, etc.

*The F.O.P. national president, vice president, and secretary will also be in attendance.

*The FOP is an organization of rank-and-file police officers in 36 states and the District of Columbia. As an organization, they publish a magazine, offer health plans, and lobby on various causes. They were instrumental in the creation of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

*There is a national President, Vice President, and Secretary, and each state is represented by a National Trustee. Ken Gorman of Kansas is Chairman of the National Trustees.

SENATOR BOB DOLE

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

JUNE 20, 1992

***THANK YOU. IT WAS A REAL
PRIVILEGE TO BE INVITED TO
JOIN YOU TODAY.**

***IN RETURN FOR YOUR
INVITATION, I'D LIKE TO EXTEND
ONE TO YOU. ON FRIDAY, JULY**

**17, ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL
BARR AND FBI DIRECTOR BILL
SESSIONS WILL JOIN ME IN
TOPEKA FOR A "KANSAS CRIME
SUMMIT."**

***I'M INVITING LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND
ANTI-CRIME ACTIVISTS FROM
ACROSS THE STATE TO JOIN US
IN TOPEKA FOR THIS MEETING.**

***I PROMISE YOU THERE
WON'T BE ANY SPEECHES. I'VE
ASKED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND THE FBI DIRECTOR TO JUST
LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS OF
KANSAS CITIZENS,
PROSECUTORS, JUDGES, AND
POLICE OFFICERS--THE MEN
AND WOMEN ON THE FRONT**

LINE OF THE WAR AGAINST CRIME.

***JERRY BROWN AND ROSS
PEROT HAVE THEIR 1-800
NUMBERS...WELL, I'M JUST A
SENATOR AND WE CAN'T
AFFORD 1-800 NUMBERS, SO IF
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING THE SUMMIT,
PLEASE CALL MY TOPEKA**

OFFICE AT 913-295-2745.

***THAT SAID, LET ME JUST
REPEAT HOW HONORED I AM TO
BE HERE. I WAS PRIVILEGED TO
SPEND EIGHT YEARS AS
RUSSELL COUNTY ATTORNEY
BACK IN THE 1950'S. THERE
WASN'T MUCH CRIME IN
RUSSELL BACK THEN, BUT I DID
SEE FIRST-HAND THE COURAGE**

**AND DEDICATION OF OUR
POLICE AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

***EACH OF YOU TODAY IS A
TRUE AMERICAN HERO. EACH
OF YOU GO OUT DAY AFTER
DAY, KNOWING THAT YOUR LIFE
COULD BE PUT ON THE LINE AT
ANY MOMENT. EACH OF YOU
WITNESSES THE WRECKAGE**

LEFT BY CRIME--RUINED

LIVES...YOUTH

CORRUPTED...GOOD PEOPLE

ASSAULTED AND KILLED.

***YOU FACE ALL OF THIS
DURING A DAY...AND YOU HAVE
THE COURAGE AND SENSE OF
DUTY TO GO OUT AND DO IT
AGAIN THE NEXT DAY, AS YOU
PROTECT THE INNOCENT FROM**

**THOSE WHO WOULD DO THEM
HARM.**

***AMERICA SHOULD STAND
BEHIND OUR MEN AND WOMEN
BEHIND THE BADGE--AND I
ALWAYS WILL.**

***AND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT,
YOU NEED OUR SUPPORT NOW
MORE THAN EVER, BECAUSE
YOUR JOB JUST KEEPS GETTING**

**TOUGHER. AND THE NEWS ISN'T
GETTING ANY BETTER.**

***VIOLENT CRIME IN KANSAS
USUALLY DECLINES THE FIRST
THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR.
THIS YEAR, IT INCREASED 26.7%
COMPARED WITH THE SAME
TIME LAST YEAR.**

***AND, AS YOU KNOW, THE
CRIME EPIDEMIC ISN'T LIMITED**

**TO KANSAS CITY, WICHITA, AND
TOPEKA. THE KBI REPORTS
THAT THE LARGEST INCREASES
IN CRIME ARE COMING IN
SMALLER COMMUNITIES.
GARDEN CITY IS SECOND IN THE
STATE IN PER CAPITAL CRIME.
DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS HAVE
OCCURRED IN GREAT BEND,**

**DODGE CITY, SALINA, AND
RUSSELL.**

***MUCH OF THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF FIGHTING
CRIME LIES WITH THE STATES
AND CITIES.**

***BUT THERE IS SOME THAT
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
CAN DO. AND A LOT OF US IN
WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN**

**WORKING FOR SOME TIME TO
TRY AND PASS A MEANINGFUL
ANTI-CRIME BILL.**

***AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVEN'T
BEEN SUCCESSFUL. AND NOW,
I'M AFRAID LIKE EVERYTHING
ELSE IN THIS ELECTION YEAR,
THE MERITS OF THE ISSUE HAVE
GIVEN WAY TO POLITICS.**

***I KNOW THAT CONFERENCE
COMMITTEES, SENATE AND
HOUSE AMENDMENTS, AND
DIFFERING HABEUS CORPUS
PROPOSALS MUST SOMETIMES
SOUND LIKE GREEK TO THOSE
OF YOU OUT FIGHTING THE
GOOD FIGHT...AND YOU'VE
PROBABLY GOT EVERY RIGHT TO**

**BE FRUSTRATED WITH
CONGRESS.**

***AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS
THAT THERE ARE NO WINNERS
IN THIS FIGHT--BUT THERE ARE
LOSERS: THE LAW-ABIDING
AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND FOLKS
LIKE YOURSELF WHO ARE
FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT
AGAINST CRIME AND DRUGS.**

***THERE WERE ALSO ONLY
LOSERS IN THE EVENTS
FOLLOWING THE RODNEY KING
VERDICT IN LOS ANGELES.**

***THE FACT IS THAT POLICE
OFFICERS OF THE 90'S HAVE
NEVER BEEN BETTER
EDUCATED, BETTER TRAINED,
OR MORE PROFESSIONAL. AND
THIS FACT MUST NOT BE**

**OVERSHADOWED BY THE
EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES.**

***SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, I
INVITED WILLIE WILLIAMS, THE
NEW LOS ANGELES POLICE
CHIEF, TO MY OFFICE FOR A
LUNCH WITH A NUMBER OF
SENATORS.**

***NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. CHIEF
WILLIAMS HAS A TOUGH JOB**

**AHEAD OF HIM. BUT I THINK HE
HAS THE COURAGE AND
COMMITMENT TO DO THE JOB.**

***CHIEF WILLIAMS IS A BIG
BELIEVER IN COMMUNITY
POLICING--WHERE THE
OFFICERS TAKE AN ACTIVE
ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY BY
WALKING A BEAT, BECOMING
ACQUAINTED WITH COMMUNITY**

**RESIDENTS, LISTENING TO THEIR
OPINIONS AND CONCERNS, AND
ENLISTING THEIR HELP IN
SOLVING CRIMES.**

***I KNOW THIS IS THE POLICY
OF MANY OF YOUR
DEPARTMENTS. HERE IN THE
HEARTLAND, WE UNDERSTAND
THAT THE POLICE CANNOT
WORK IN ISOLATION--**

**COMMUNITY PROBLEMS MUST
BE SOLVED BY THE COMMUNITY
WORKING TOGETHER.**

***LET ME TAKE A FEW
MINUTES HERE IN CLOSING TO
TALK ABOUT A THREAT TO YOUR
SAFETY--THIS THREAT COMES
NOT FROM CRIMINALS, BUT
FROM CANCER.**

***PROSTATE CANCER**

DISCUSSION

***FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT
JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM MY
OFFICE IS THE["] NATIONAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL,["]
WHICH WAS DEDICATED LAST
OCTOBER DUE, IN LARGE PART,
TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.**

***AS YOU MAY KNOW, THIS
MEMORIAL INCLUDES THE
NAMES OF ALL THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN
OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY, WHO
MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.**

***AND ALONGSIDE THESE
NAMES, IS A PANEL WHERE
THESE WORDS ARE INSCRIBED:**

**"IT IS NOT HOW THESE
OFFICERS DIED THAT MADE
THEM HEROES, IT IS HOW THEY
LIVED."**

***AGAIN, IT IS MY GREAT
PRIVILEGE TODAY TO MEET WITH
HEROES LIKE YOU, WHO LIVE
THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT
SOCIETY.**