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Jon and my suggestions for tomorrow. Please call if you have any questions.

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

### REMARKS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SIGNING OF PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

East Room

Margaret Spellings / Karl Rove

#### I. PURPOSE

To announce new initiatives addressing domestic violence and to sign a proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

#### II. BACKGROUND

Domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. There were nearly 700,000 incidents of intimate partner violence in 2001 in the U.S. (???). About one-third of women murdered each year are killed by their current or former intimate partners.

Your Administration is committed to fighting this problem, having secured historic levels of funding for the Violence Against Women programs in the Justice Department (an increase of \$100 million per year starting in FY 2002). Federal prosecutions of cases involving violence against women have increased 35 percent in FY 2002.

Today, you will announce several new initiatives to address domestic violence:

1. The Justice Department, in coordination with other agencies, will help local communities create Family Justice Centers. These centers will provide comprehensive services to domestic violence victims and their dependents, including medical care and counseling, and access to law enforcement, faith-based services, social services, employment assistance, and housing assistance. The centers will be modeled after a successful center in San Diego. The Justice Department will award \$20 million in grants in FY 2004 funds to help establish and fund 12 new centers;
2. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide \$5 million for Safe and Bright Futures for Children grants to community and faith-based organizations to help youth who witness domestic violence. The program will provide crisis intervention and counseling and will integrate violence prevention and youth development strategies; and
3. The *Stop Family Violence* postage stamp, which will be issued today. This is only the third fundraising stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service (the other two support

breast cancer research and 9/11 victims). The proceeds will raise money for domestic violence prevention efforts, including the HHS grants described above.

In June 2002, you met with corporate leaders who were forming Businesses Strengthening America (BSA) to answer your State of the Union call to service. BSA companies employ more than four million employees. BSA is partnering with the Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence to educate its members about the financial and personal costs of domestic violence, its effects on the workplace, and how businesses can encourage their employees and consumers to address domestic violence in their local communities.

Prior to delivering your remarks, you will meet with three stage participants and those involved in developing the *Stop Family Violence* postage stamp.

### III. PARTICIPANTS

#### Stage Participants

Mrs. Laura Bush

Sheryl Cates, Executive Director, National Domestic Violence Hotline and Texas Council on Family Violence

Lynn Rosenthal, Executive Director, National Network to End Domestic Violence

Rita Smith, Executive Director, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

#### VIPs in Audience

Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services

Diane M. Stuart, Director, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice (mentioned in your remarks)

Cristina V. Beato, M.D., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R, CO), instrumental with the postage stamp legislation

#### **TBD Members of the U.S. House of Representatives**

John Potter, Postmaster General

Casey Gwinn, City Attorney, City of San Diego (mentioned in your remarks)

Reverend Cheryle Albert, Director of Programming, Safe Havens Inter-Faith Partnership Against Domestic Violence (mentioned in your remarks)

Monique Blais [BLAZE], seven year old artist of the *Stop Family Violence* postage stamp

Marci Blais-Zermeno [BLAZE zer-MEH-no], Monique's mother

Carole Black, Chief Executive Officer, Lifetime Television

Steve Largent, Chief Executive Officer, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association and former Member of Congress (state – party???)

150 invited guests, including domestic violence prevention advocates, victims of domestic violence, and business and community leaders committed to preventing domestic violence



#### IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

#### V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You and Mrs. Bush meet briefly in the Blue Room with the stage participants and the people you will reference in your remarks. You will also take a photo with Senator Campbell, the Postmaster General, Monique Blais, and her mother, Marci.
- Stage participants are pre-set on stage in the East Room.
- You and Mrs. Bush are announced on to stage.
- You are introduced by Mrs. Bush.
- You proceed to the microphone and deliver remarks.  
**Note:** Mrs. Bush, Sheryl Cates, Lynn Rosenthal, and Rita Smith will remain standing on stage during your remarks and the proclamation signing.
- You conclude remarks and proceed to the signing table.
- You sign the proclamation.
- The signing ceremony concludes.
- You shake hands with stage participants as you and Mrs. Bush depart.

#### VI. REMARKS

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#### VII. ATTACHMENTS

Remarks

Background Information on Stage Participants and Those Mentioned in Remarks



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON STAGE PARTICIPANTS AND THOSE  
MENTIONED IN REMARKS**