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March 28, 1989

Dear Dr. DuPont:

Mel Sembler passed along your suggestions on drug policy. Many thanks. As we work to build a drug-free nation, your input is a real help.

With best wishes and appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

**GEORGE BUSH** \*

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fyi from  
Sembler*

February 8, 1989

Mr. Mel Sembler  
5959 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Dear Mel:

A friend of mine, Ivan Selin, asked me to give some suggestions for President Bush in response to his request for a local site for a speech this week on drug abuse. I passed along the attached. I doubt that this will make it to the President by that route.

In the hopes that these ideas may get to him -- and be useful -- I am sending a copy to you. Is there a channel to the President you could use? Besides, even if my suggestions never make it to The Man, you may find them interesting.

Sincerely,

*Bob*

Robert L. DuPont, M.D.

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2 liner acknowledgment  
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cc Mel Sembler  
of Florida

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*Thank DuPont  
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Notes from Robert L. DuPont, M.D.  
February 2, 1989

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT BUSH  
FOR A PERSONAL APPROACH TO DRUG ABUSE**

Overview of the Problem:

The drug epidemic is now two decades old. The nation's response, slow at first, is gathering strength today. Despite some very menacing problems (particularly crack cocaine), there is hope. There is new life in both prevention and treatment. Most importantly, the Twelve-Step programs (Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Children of Alcoholics, etc.) are a revolution in our midst. These hopeful efforts deserve wider public understanding and support.

General:

- o Do not make a handful of well-publicized visits to treatment centers.
- o Drug abuse is the number one PERSONAL concern of the American public. By grasping this issue early and often, you will be able to lead and to support hope in dealing with this problem.
- o Do make a serious and sustained investment of time over the next four years to understand drug abuse and to share that understanding with the American public.
- o The key to this understanding is "Walking the walk, and talking the talk." This is the sort of AA phrase which is the language of Recovery. You need to become familiar with that language and to be able to express it with conviction and familiarity. That will take time.

To Do:

- o Spend one hour a week inviting individuals and families into the White House to talk with you about drug abuse. There are many knowledgeable people who could make good use of one-on-one sessions. This is an excellent way for you to learn the language and to get the feel of the issue.

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George Bush Handwriting

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- o Identify several Secret Service agents who are members of AA and other self-help programs. Go to some meetings with them. Are there meetings now in the White House? There are on Capitol Hill; meetings that involve members of the House and Senate. Visit those meetings. Get familiar with the Twelve-Step programs and, when traveling to other cities, visit meetings. The meetings last one hour but visits can be shorter. The Twelve-Step programs should be the Central Element of the Bush approach to Recovery. It is important that you spend time personally at meetings, letting the public know this and telling them what you find going on at meetings. This will encourage wider use of meetings and greater public support of the programs (AA, NA etc.).
- o Visit prevention and treatment programs at a frequency of about one a month. The new breed of private program, both hospital-based and outpatient, needs visible support. These are the key programs for people with health insurance -- the majority of Americans. Many non-profit and public programs are also worthy. This is what Mrs. Reagan did to good effect, but she did not highlight the private programs -- the role of the for-profit sector. There are also positive new developments in outpatient programs and therapeutic communities.
- o Focus on workplace programs. Drug testing, Employee Assistance Programs, and the use of workplace opportunities for prevention of drug and alcohol problems within the families of workers are all worthy new developments.
- o Do not use the phrase, "Say 'No' to Drugs." It is superficial and cute. Do use the phrase, "Reject Drug Use." It's fresh, tough and clear. The key for our future is that families, social institutions (like schools and the workplace) and the community at large must Reject Drug Use, if we are to end the drug epidemic. That does not mean rejecting (or hating) drug users, as people. They need love and respect. What is rejected is DRUG USE. On that there can be no compromise.
- o Identify one member of your personal staff who will be your person on drug abuse. Ideally, this person should be relatively young and a recovering person himself or herself. That person should devote all or most of his or her time to this issue, helping you relate to people and organizations, being your Ambassador on Drug Abuse Prevention.

Reading Materials:

Getting Tough on Gateway Drugs: A Guide for the Family,  
Robert L. DuPont, M.D. (American Psychiatric Press, 1984).

Getting Better: Inside Alcoholics Anonymous, Nan Robertson.  
(William Morrow and Company, Inc., 1988).

Programs in Northern Virginia to visit to start off:

STRAIGHT, Inc., headed by Mel Sembler

Primavera, headed by John Maynes

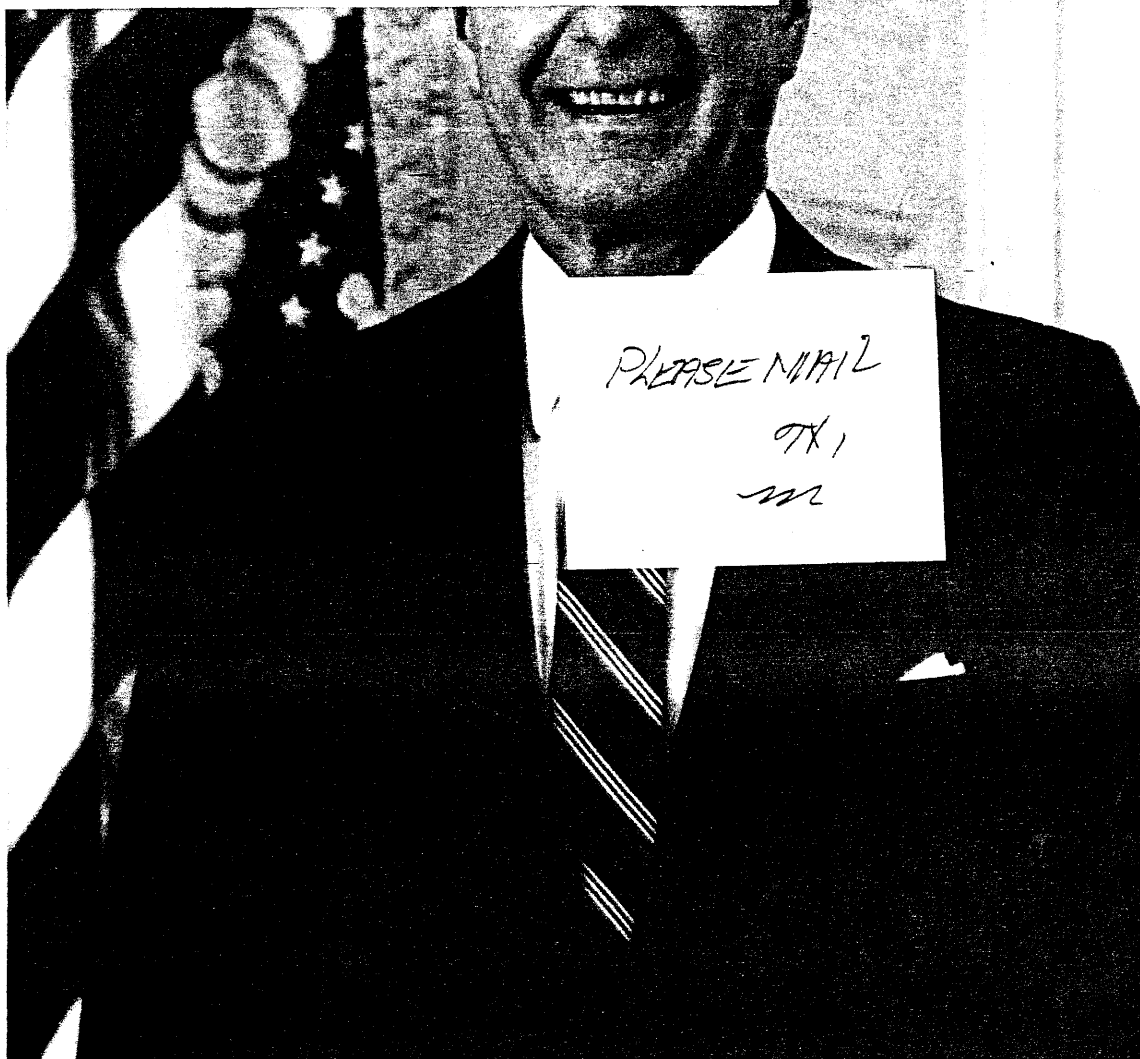
Second Genesis, headed by Sid Shankman

Fairfax Hospital

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March 29, 1989

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Dear Ms. Ingals:

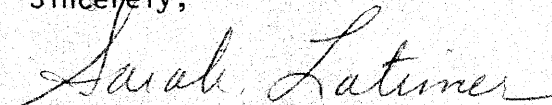
Dr. DuPont was honored and delighted to receive a letter this morning from President Bush thanking him for his suggestions on drug policy. He would like to request a photograph of the president to display with that letter.

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The phone number of the office is (301) 231-9010.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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