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REMARKS TO:
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ACQUISITIONS

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

A. I'D LIKE TO THANK MARC REIDEL FOR INVITATION TO BE HERE TODAY.

1. ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO ADDRESS THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF SCHOLARS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD.

0 I KNOW MANY OF YOU HERE, AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, RECEIVED SPONSORSHIP OF NIJ TO CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO KEY ISSUES -- HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO GROWING REPUTATION OF SOUND RESEARCH.

2. I RECENTLY SERVED AS DELEGATE TO U.N. CONGRESS IN MILAN -- CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES AND RESEARCH ENDEAVORS WERE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.

0 MUCH OF RESEARCH NIJ DISPLAYED WAS IMPRESSIVE TO WORLD AUDIENCE -- RECEIVED ACCLAIM.

3. I THINK, HERE IN U.S., WE'VE SEEN GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN WITH CRIME, VICTIMIZATION AND COSTS TO TAXPAYERS OF MAINTAINING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM -- TREND HAS LED TO PRESSURE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WORKS IN CRIME CONTROL.

0 INCREASINGLY, I FIND ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES, NOT CONFINED TO PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS, BUT GIVEN NATIONAL EXPOSURE IN MEDIA -- ON TELEVISION AND IN MAGAZINES SUCH AS TIME AND NEWSWEEK.

0 REALLY REFLECTS CONVICTION, ON PART OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRACTITIONERS AND PUBLIC, THAT SOUND RESEARCH CAN GENERATE IMPORTANT INSIGHTS -- INSIGHTS AND KNOWLEDGE WHICH CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO POLICY AND PRACTICE TO ENHANCE CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN U.S.

4. IF WE'VE SEEN A GROWING EXPECTATION AMONG POLICY MAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS THAT RESEARCH SHOULD HAVE PRACTICAL IMPACT ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE OPERATIONS -- THEN I THINK RESEARCH HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS FULFILLING THAT EXPECTATION.

0 BOTH POLICY MAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS HAVE COME INCREASINGLY TO SEEK OUT INFORMATION ON THE RANGE OF OPTIONS DEVELOPED BY POLICY RELEVANT RESEARCH.

5. RESPECT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH POTENTIAL IS REFLECTED AT HIGHEST LEVELS -- AT AT TIME OF FISCAL STRINGENCIES, ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL RESOURCES TO AN AGENCY LIKE NIJ COULD HAVE BEEN VULNERABLE -- YET INSTITUTE'S BUDGET HAS RISEN OVER LAST FEW YEARS -- CURRENTLY STANDS AT \$20 MILLION.

0 DEMONSTRATES SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN, ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE, ASSISTANT

ATTORNEY GENERAL LOWELL JENSEN, AMONG OTHERS,
FOR RESEARCH -- RECOGNITION OF QUALITY OF WORK
AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION RESEARCH HAS MADE TO
INFORMING POLICY AND ENHANCING PRACTICE.

6. AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE,
I'M ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT TREND TOWARDS
GREATER SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

0 TESTIFIES TO TRUST WE IN RESEARCH COMMUNITY
HAVE EARNED -- BUILT CONFIDENCE IN
EFFECTIVENESS OF RESEARCH AS A TOOL TO EXPLORE
CRITICAL ISSUES -- AND SEEK VIABLE STRATEGIES
TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS.

0 ALSO DEMONSTRATES SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS TO
FORGE CLOSER TIES AND BETTER LINES OF
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND
PRACTITIONERS.

0 TO ENSURE THAT NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF
PRACTITIONERS HAVE APPROPRIATE IMPACT ON
NATURE OF RESEARCH PURSUED -- AND RESEARCH
FINDINGS INFORM AND DIRECT POLICY AND
INNOVATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE OPERATIONS.

0 AND I BELIEVE THOSE ADVANCES HAVE COME ABOUT,
AT LEAST IN PART, AS A RESULT OF CONSISTENT
AND COHERENT PHILOSOPHY WHICH HAS GUIDED NIJ'S
RESEARCH PROGRAM OVER LAST FEW YEARS.

7. INDEED, WHEN I LOOK AT PAPERS BEING GIVEN AT THIS
MEETING, IT IS REWARDING TO NOTE THAT ABOUT 75%
DRAW ON RESEARCH CONDUCTED UNDER AUSPICES OF NIJ.

0 I WILL LOOK WITH INTEREST AT QUALITY OF
RESEARCH PROJECTS WE ARE SUPPORTING.

8. BUT A FURTHER CRITICAL FACTOR -- AND ONE THAT I
STRESSED IN MY REMARKS BEFORE THIS CONFERENCE LAST

YEAR -- CONCERNS EFFORTS TO GET RESEARCH FINDINGS
"OFF THE SHELF" AND INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE IN THE
FIELD WHO NEED IT MOST -- NIJ HAS COME A LONG WAY
OVER LAST YEARS AND DEVELOPED A RANGE OF
DISSEMINATION INITIATIVES:

0 "RESEARCH IN BRIEF" SERIES -- PROVIDES
SUCCINCT INFORMATION ON LATEST RESEARCH
DEVELOPMENTS -- PAMPHLET FORMAT IS LESS COSTLY
TO PRODUCE -- AFFORDS EASY ACCESS TO IMPORTANT
INFORMATION FOR POLICY MAKERS, PRACTITIONERS
AND MEDIA.

0 "NIJ REPORTS" -- OFFERS MORE COMPREHENSIVE,
IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AND
ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COMMUNITY -- TRIED TO MAKE IT INTERESTING TO
BOTH RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS.

0. "CRIME AND JUSTICE" SERIES -- UNDER ABLE EDITORIAL GUIDANCE OF NORVAL MORRIS AND MICHAEL TONRY -- PROMOTES DEBATE OF PRESSING CONCERNS AND HAS BUILT A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN QUALITY OF WORK PUBLISHED.

0 AND OVER LAST 3 YEARS NCJRS HAS EXPANDED ITS OUTREACH EFFORTS TO POLICY MAKERS, PRACTITIONERS AND RESEARCHERS -- TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL RESOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION SHARING -- CURRENTLY HAS OVER 68,000 SUBSCRIBERS.

9. ALL OF THESE EFFORTS REFLECT NIJ COMMITMENT TO PURSUE POLICY RELEVANT AGENDA AND ENSURE BEST USE IS MADE OF KNOWLEDGE -- BUILD ON PROGRESS WE'VE MADE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH.

0 I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT ON A FEW OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS THE INSTITUTE HAS

ADDRESSED THIS PAST YEAR -- AND WHICH I THINK
WILL CONTINUE TO BE HIGH ON OUR LIST OF
PRIORITIES.

II. NIJ RESEARCH INITIATIVES

A. CRIME PREVENTION:

AREA OF RESEARCH SEEKING TO RESPOND TO GROWING
WILLINGNESS AMONG PRIVATE CITIZENS TO TAKE SOME SHARE OF
RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF THEMSELVES AND NEIGHBORS
-- SUPPORT DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LAW
ENFORCEMENT, CITIZEN GROUPS AND BUSINESS.

1. RECENT RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FEAR OF CRIME IS MAJOR
PROBLEM -- OFTEN EXCEEDS REAL THREAT -- "SIGNS OF
CRIME" CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FEAR.

0 NEIGHBORHOODS SUFFERING FROM VANDALISM, PUBLIC
DRUNKENNESS, LOITERING GIVE IMPRESSION THAT

AREA HAS BEEN ADANDONED TO DISORDER -- RESULTS IN LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND BUSINESS INTERESTS LEAVING, WHICH SETS UP CYCLE OF MORE CRIME AND MORE FEAR -- SENSE OF VULNERABILITY.

0 NIJ SPONSORED EFFORTS TO COMBAT THIS PROCESS IN HOUSTON AND NEWARK -- BROUGHT COMMUNITY GROUPS, LOCAL BUSINESS AND POLICE TOGETHER TO PURSUE A RANGE OF INITIATIVES AIMED AT REDUCING SIGNS OF CRIME AND BUILDING STRONGER RAPPOROT BETWEEN POLICE AND COMMUNITY.

0 CONDUCTED 7 EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS OVER 2 YEAR PERIOD -- SEEKING TO TEST IMPACT OF THEORY WHEN APPLIED IN FIELD.

2. NIJ ALSO SPONSORED EVALUATION OF SUCCESS OF CRIME STOPPERS. -- EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH THESE INITIATIVES COULD BE IMPROVED -- SIMILAR EVALUATION UNDERWAY FOCUSING ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS.

0 PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM EVALUATION OF CRIME STOPPERS INDICATE THEIR PROGRAMS ARE EFFECTIVE IN PRODUCING USEFUL INFORMATION FOR POLICE, WHILE PROTECTING WITNESSES.

3. IN EFFORT TO FOSTER CITIZEN ACTION AGAINST CRIME AND COOPERATION WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, NIJ PRODUCED SERIES OF VIDEOS FOR BROADCAST ON NATIONAL TELEVISION UNDER TITLE: "REPORT, IDENTIFY, TESTIFY."

0 INTEGRATING RESEARCH FINDINGS IN PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS -- TWO VIDEOS ALREADY NOMINATED FOR AWARDS (C.L.I.O.'s)

B. DRUGS AND CRIME:

ON QUESTION OF DRUGS AND CRIME, DEBATE HAS RAGED -- CLEAR NEED FOR KNOWLEDGE TO INFORM DEBATE AND ENHANCE

POLICY: RECOGNITION OF SERIOUSNESS OF DRUG PROBLEM REFLECTED IN CONCERTED NATIONAL POLICY EMPLOYING VARIETY OF STRATEGIES -- TWO-PRONGED APPROACH ATTACKING BOTH SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS.

1. SUPPLY:

- 0 FOR THE FIRST TIME, REAGAN ADMINISTRATION INITIATING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO STRIKE AT DRUG SUPPLY IN SOURCE COUNTRIES.

- 0 STEPPED-UP INTERDICTION EFFORTS -- CREATING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN DEA, FBI, POLICE, COAST GUARD AND MILITARY.

- 0 ERADICATION -- INCREASED EFFORTS TO FIND AND DESTROY ILLEGAL DRUGS PRODUCED IN U.S. -- BY HAND OR USE OF HERBICIDE.

0 FORFEITURE OF ASSETS -- HAS POTENTIAL TO BE
VERY EFFECTIVE STRATEGY AGAINST CONVICTED DRUG
TRAFFICKERS -- STRIKE AT THEIR WORKING CAPITAL
-- DEPRIVE DRUG "KING PINS" OF PROFITS AND
VEHICLES USED TO OPERATE ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING
ORGANIZATIONS.

2. DEMAND:

0 FIRST LADY HAS HELPED TO FOCUS PUBLIC
ATTENTION ON NEED TO EDUCATE NATION'S YOUTH ON
DANGERS OF DRUG USE.

0 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION EMBARKED ON EFFORT
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PHYSICAL
REPERCUSSIONS OF DRUG ABUSE.

0 COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
SECTORS TO IMPROVE EDUCATION ON HARMFUL
EFFECTS OF DRUGS.

0 PROJECT DARE IN LOS ANGELES -- EFFORTS TO
TEACH YOUTH OF DANGERS -- ENCOURAGE THEM TO
RESIST EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS.

0 HILTON FOUNDATION AND RAND CORPORATION ALSO
WORKING TO COMBAT CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF
DRUGS ON YOUTHS.

3. PRESIDENT RECENTLY ESTABLISHED "DOMESTIC POLICY
COUNCIL" IN WHITE HOUSE -- DESIGNED TO IMPROVE
COORDINATION OF DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, JUSTICE, EDUCATION, STATE AND DEFENSE IN
EFFORTS TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE.

4. NIJ RESEARCH SEEKING TO SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES
-- STUDIES SHOW STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DRUG
ABUSE AND CRIME -- INDICATE OFFENDERS CAN BE AS
MUCH AS 6 TIMES MORE ACTIVE WHEN ON DRUGS THAN WHEN
RELATIVELY DRUG FREE.

0 JUDGES AND PRETRIAL AGENCIES NEED HARD
INFORMATION ON CONNECTION BETWEEN DRUG ABUSE
AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY -- THREAT TO PUBLIC
SAFETY.

0 ONE EFFORT TO GENERATE THAT INFORMATION HAS
BEEN EXPERIMENT WITH URINALYSIS TESTS IN NEW
YORK AND D.C. -- PRELIMINARY FINDINGS SHOW
SOME 62% OF ARRESTEES WERE USING ONE OR MORE
SERIOUS, ILLEGAL DRUG AT TIME OF ARREST.

0 EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN EMPLOYED TO ASSESS DEGREE
OF RISK POSED BY DRUG ABUSERS DURING PRETRIAL
RELEASE -- COMPARING EFFECTIVENESS OF
SURVEILLANCE AND TREATMENT OF DETERRENENTS TO
DRUG ABUSE AND SUBSEQUENT REARREST.

0 INFORMATION VITAL TO INFORM PRETRIAL,
SENTENCING AND PROBATION DECISIONS.

5. NIJ ALSO HAS STUDY UNDERWAY LOOKING AT HIGH-LEVEL DRUG TRAFFICKING -- COLLECTING INFORMATION THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH CONVICTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN FEDERAL PRISONS -- HOPE TO GENERATE INFORMATION ON MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ENHANCE INTERDICTION.

6. NIJ RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDY ON USE OF FORFEITURE SANCTIONS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS -- LOOKED AT DIFFERENT PROVISIONS FOR USE OF FORFEITURE THAT EXIST IN THE 50 STATES -- RECOMMENDS WAYS FORFEITURE COULD BE EXPANDED.

C. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

NIJ SPONSORED STUDY BY LAWRENCE SHERMAN TO LOOK AT VARIOUS POLICE STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE -- RESULTS REPRESENT MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN TERMS OF RESEARCH IMPACTING PRACTICE -- MANY POLICE

DEPARTMENTS ACROSS U.S. ARE CHANGING POLICIES AS RESULT OF FINDINGS.

1. CONDUCTED IN MINNEAPOLIS -- FOUND ARREST WAS ALMOST TWICE AS EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING RECURRENCE OF VIOLENCE AS EITHER ORDERING OFFENDER TO LEAVE PREMISES FOR PERIOD OF TIME -- OR ATTEMPTING TO COUNSEL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED.
2. FURTHER STUDY UNDERWAY IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA -- SEEKING TO ESTABLISH IF FINDINGS IN MINNEAPOLIS APPLY IN A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION -- CONDUCTED BY DELL ELLIOTT WITH OMAHA'S CHIEF OF POLICE, ROBERT WADMAN.
3. NIJ PLANNING TO REPLICATE MINNEAPOLIS EXPERIMENT IN SEVERAL OTHER DIVERSE URBAN SETTINGS -- HOPE TO DEVELOP CLEARER PICTURE OF MOST EFFECTIVE STRATEGY IN DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES.

D. VICTIMS:

WAYS OF IMPROVING TREATMENT OF VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM -- AND INVOLVE VICTIMS MORE ACTIVELY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS -- CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR FOCUS AT NIJ.

1. INSTITUTE COMPLETED PROJECT THIS YEAR INVOLVING 10 MAJOR PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS -- PROJECT CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL PROGRAMS TO HELP VICTIMS WITH PROBLEMS -- PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR OTHER COMPANIES IN ADDRESSING VICTIM NEEDS.

2. RECOGNIZING THAT CHILDREN ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE AS VICTIM OF CRIME -- AND IN LIGHT OF RECENT INCREASE IN REPORTS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE -- NIJ STUDY IS LOOKING AT SENTENCES GIVEN FOR SEX OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST ADULTS IN CONTRAST TO SENTENCES WHERE CHILDREN ARE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ATTACK.

0 STUDY IS SEEKING TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND ISSUES FACED BY JURISDICTIONS DEALING WITH GROWING NUMBER OF SEX OFFENSE CASES INVOLVING BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

0 SEEKING TO DETERMINE IF SEX OFFENSES INVOLVING ADULT VICTIMS ARE MORE LIKELY TO RESULT IN PRISON SENTENCES FOR OFFENDERS THAN IN THOSE CASES INVOLVING CHILD VICTIMS.

3. TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AS WITNESSES WITHIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS FURTHER AREA OF CONCERN -- RESEARCH INDICATES THAT OVER 90% OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES REPORTED TO PROTECTIVE AGENCIES DO NOT RESULT IN CONVICTION -- PROBLEMS ARISE, IN PART, BECAUSE OF CONCERNS ABOUT CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE AS WITNESSES.

0. NIJ PUBLISHED "WHEN THE VICTIM IS A CHILD" --
RESULT OF RESEARCH EXAMINING WAYS OF
ALLEVIATING STRESS FOR CHILD WITNESSES IN OUR
COURTS.

4. FURTHER RESEARCH IN VICTIMS AREA CONCERNS STUDY
INTO LONG TERM PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL IMPACT OF
RAPE AND ROBBERY ON VICTIMS.

E. COURTS:

NIJ CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN MAJOR PROJECT IN 10 SITES
LOOKING AT HIGH RATE OF CASE ATTRITION OF FELONY CASES.

0 AIM OF EXPERIMENT IS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO
IMPROVE CASE PREPARATION AND COORDINATION
BETWEEN POLICE AND PROSECUTORS -- REDUCE
AVOIDABLE FELONY CASE ATTRITION.

1. INSTITUTE ALSO LOOKING AT USE OF PRO BONO JUDGES TO ADJUDICATE CERTAIN TYPES OF CASES -- HELP TO RELIEVE HEAVY CASE BACKLOGS IN MANY JURISDICITONS.

2. PRESIDENT RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SENTENCING COMMISSION TO FORMULATE GUIDELINES FOR SENTENCING -- INSTITUTE CONTINUING FOCUS ON SENTENCING -- RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDY LOOKING AT HISTORY AND STATUS OF SENTENCING REFORMS IN U.S.

0 REPORT EXPLORES ISSUES CONCERNING SENTENCING STRUCTURES -- AND EXAMINES IMPACT OF RECENT SENTENCING REFORMS ON PRISON POPULATIONS.

F. CAREER CRIMINAL AND VIOLENT CRIME:

CAREER CRIMINALS POSE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO LAW ENFORCEMENT -- NIJ REPORT "TARGETING LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES: THE CAREER CRIMINAL FOCUS" -- DISCUSSES STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE POLICE EFFECTIVENESS IN

IDENTIFYING, APPREHENDING AND ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL
PROSECUTION OF SERIOUS AND REPEAT OFFENDERS.

1. INSTITUTE WORKED WITH FBI AND OFFICE OF JUSTICE
PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP VIOLENT CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
PROGRAM (VI-CAP) -- DESIGNED TO IMPROVE LAW
ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO SERIAL MURDERERS.

0 CONCEPT SIMILAR TO CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL
-- VI-CAP ENABLES LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS
U.S. TO NETWORK -- HELP TO DETERMINE HOW
SERIAL KILLERS SELECT TARGETS, ESCAPE
DETECTION AND ARREST.

0 VI-CAP WENT INTO OPERATION EARLIER THIS YEAR
-- USES COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION SYSTEM AT FBI
CENTER IN QUANTICO -- POOLS INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY LOCAL POLICE -- AIM IS TO TIE
APPARENTLY UNRELATED KILLINGS TOGETHER --
ALLOW POLICE TO MOUNT MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND APPREHEND SERIAL
MURDERERS.

2. FURTHER EMPHASIS OF RESEARCH SEEKING TO REFINE AND
IMPROVE ACCURACY FOR MODELS OF PREDICTING DANGEROUS
BEHAVIOR.

0 ONE PROJECT SPONSORED BY NIJ LOOKING AT
METHODS OF ACCURATELY CLASSIFYING SEX
OFFENDERS -- DEVELOP MODELS TO PREDICT FUTURE
BEHAVIOR OF THESE CRIMINALS.

3. IN EFFORT TO INFORM DEBATE OVER HAND GUN
ACCESSIBILITY AND APPROPRIATE POLICIES TO RESPOND
-- NIJ SPONSORED STUDY (CONDUCTED BY WRIGHT AND
ROSSI) -- LOOKED AT HOW SERIOUS CRIMINALS ACQUIRE
GUNS -- HOW SUCH OFFENDERS PERCEIVE THE CARRYING OF
GUNS AND WHEN THEY MIGHT BE USED -- STUDY SHOWED
84% OF OFFENDERS IN STUDY ACQUIRED GUNS ON ILLEGAL
MARKET.

- 0 THESE OFFENDERS DID NOT USE "SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS" -- BOUGHT HIGH CALIBER -- HIGH COST WEAPONS.

G. CORRECTIONS:

FINALLY, SURVEYS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZE THAT PRACTITIONERS REGARD ISSUES SURROUNDING CORRECTIONS AS NUMBER ONE PROBLEM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

- 0 INSTITUTE SPONSORED RESEARCH TO LOOK AT MAJOR PRISON MANAGEMENT ISSUES -- AND EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO RELIEVE PRISON AND JAIL CROWDING.

- 1. CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS HAVE ALWAYS CONTRACTED TO PRIVATE SECTOR FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF SERVICES -- TODAY WE ARE SEEING GROWING TREND TO INCREASE PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE.

0 INVOLVE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FINANCING
CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF PRISON SPACE --
DEVELOPMENT OF "FACTORIES WITHIN FENCES"
CONCEPT -- MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY CONFINEMENT
FACILITIES.

0 COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED -- NIJ PUBLISHED
REPORT: "THE PRIVATIZATION OF CORRECTIONS" --
RESULT OF STUDY THAT EXPLORED MAJOR TRENDS AND
PROBLEMS IN PRIVATIZATION MOVEMENT.

2. INSTITUTE ALSO CONVENEED CONFERENCE EARLIER THIS
YEAR ON "CORRECTIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR" --
BROUGHT POLICY MAKERS, RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS
AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM PRIVATE SECTOR TOGETHER TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPLORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

0 AND INSTITUTE IS FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN SEVERAL JURISDICTIONS

ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS
BETWEEN CORRECTIONS AUTHORITIES AND PRIVATE
SECTOR INTERESTS.

3. NIJ FUNDED STUDY CONDUCTED BY JOAN PETERSILIA OF
RAND CORPORATION -- EXAMINED PERFORMANCE OF FELONY
ON PROBATION IN CALIFORNIA.

0 STUDY REVEALED 65% RECIDIVISM RATE -- BECAUSE
ONLY A FRACTION OF CRIMES RESULT IN ARREST,
THAT FIGURE CLEARLY UNDERESTIMATES AMOUNT OF
CRIME COMMITTED BY THESE OFFENDERS ON
PROBATION -- RAISES SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT
EFFECTIVENESS OF PROBATION IN TERMS OF
PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY.

0 WHILE REMAINING 35% MAY HAVE EMBARKED ON LAW-
ABIDING CAREERS -- ALSO POSSIBLE SOME
CONTINUED CRIMINAL LIFE AND WERE NOT CAUGHT.

4. INSTITUTE IS CURRENTLY LOOKING AT EFFECTS OF INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAMS FOR PROBATIONERS IN GEORGIA, NEW JERSEY AND MASSACHUSETTS.

0 ALSO LOOKING AT FEASIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC BRACELETS TO MONITOR OFFENDERS UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

III. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

A. THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF INSTITUTE'S RESEARCH ENDEAVORS -- TODAY, IN CLIMATE OF LIMITED RESOURCES AND INCREASING PUBLIC DEMANDS FOR GREATER PROTECTION FROM CRIME, ROLE OF RESEARCH MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER.

1. FOR RESEARCHERS, THIS IS A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY -- A TIME WHEN POLICY MAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS ARE TURNING TO RESEARCH TO BUILD OUR KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE OPTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OPERATIONS.

2. THE PRIMARY OBJECT OF NIJ CONTINUES TO BE THE PURSUIT OF RIGOROUS AND POLICY RELEVANT RESEARCH.

0 HERE AT THIS CONFERENCE, WE HAVE MADE AVAILABLE THE INSTITUTE'S RESEARCH SOLICITATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR '86 -- THEY CONCERN MANY ISSUES I'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED AND INCLUDE: THE SERIOUS OFFENDER -- VICTIMS OF CRIME -- CRIME PREVENTION -- AND STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

0 ONE SOLICITATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST CONCERNS JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN BJS AND NIJ -- PLAN TO EXPAND SCOPE OF NATIONAL CRIME SURVEY TO INCLUDE RESEARCH ISSUES -- SEEKING YOUR INPUT ON SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS WHICH COULD BE ADDED TO SURVEY -- GENERATE INFORMATION AND INSIGHTS OF VALUE TO RESEARCH COMMUNITY.

0. AND WHILE INSTITUTE'S "UNSOLICITED RESEARCH PROGRAM" NO LONGER EXISTS, AS A SEPARATE RESOURCE OF UNASSIGNED FUNDS -- NIJ WILL STILL CONSIDER RESEARCH PROPOSALS IN AREAS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SOLICITATIONS I JUST MENTIONED.

3. NIJ IS MAKING EFFORT TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE AIMS OF RESEARCH -- IN MAKING THE INSTITUTE'S SOLICITATIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU AT THIS EARLY DATE, WE HOPE TO ENSURE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE RESEARCH GRANT PROCESS -- TO GIVE YOU EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER AND DEVELOP RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW BY NIJ'S PEER REVIEW PANELS OF RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS.

IV. CONCLUDING REMARKS

A. OUR GOAL IS TO BUILD ON THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE -- TO INCREASE CREDIBILITY OF RESEARCH AND ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE

-- TO CONFRONT THE PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS NOT ONLY IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, BUT FROM A BROADER PERSPECTIVE.

0 TO EXAMINE EXISTING AND EMERGING ISSUES THAT COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM -- ISSUES SUCH AS DRUGS AND CRIME -- CAREER CRIMINALS -- THE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS -- DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO ENHANCE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OPERATIONS.

1. IT IS VITAL TO ADDRESS THOSE BROADER ISSUES -- TO THINK OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AS AN INTEGRATED ENTITY -- WHERE MAJOR ISSUES TOUCH ALL PARTS OF THE SYSTEM -- AND NEW POLICIES OR PRACTICES IN ONE AREA WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

0 MISTAKE IN PAST HAS BEEN TO FOCUS ON A SINGLE
COMPONENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

2. IF WE ARE TO MAKE THE NOTION OF THE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM, AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE, A REALITY,
THEN IT WILL BE DONE WITH INFORMATION.

0 NO SET OF RULES OR EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY CAN
ACHIEVE THAT INTEGRATION -- THE DEVELOPMENT OF
KNOWLEDGE AND SHARING INFORMATION CONSTITUTES
THE MOST PROMISING WAY FORWARD.

3. AS RESEARCHERS AND SCHOLARS, YOU HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT
TO BUILD KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING OF THE
ISSUES AND OBSTACLES BEFORE US -- AND IN THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD, WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH.

0 IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE
THE POWER OF THE EXPERIMENT

0. I BELIEVE WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THOSE EFFORTS
-- AND THE INSTITUTE WILL SEEK TO SUPPORT YOUR
ENDEAVORS IN THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU.