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12:00 - BILL SIGNING - PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICER'S BENEFIT - Rose Garden

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' BENEFITS ACT OF 1976 SIGNING CEREMONY

Wednesday, September 29, 1976
12:00 Noon (15 minutes)
The Rose Garden

From: Jim Cannon 

I. PURPOSE

To sign into law the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976 (H. R. 366), establishing a Federal death benefit for the survivors of State and local safety officers killed in the line of duty.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976 would add a new Part J to the enabling legislation of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The measure would authorize the Administrator of LEAA to pay a benefit of \$50,000 to the surviving dependents of public safety officers found to have "died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty."

"Public safety officer" is defined as "a person serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer or as a fireman." Among those for whom coverage is intended are: paid and volunteer firefighters and police, corrections, probation, parole, and judicial officers. No benefit would be paid if death was caused by the intentional misconduct or voluntary intoxication of the officer, or the actions of a potential beneficiary.

B. Participants: See list at Tab A.

C. Press Plan: To be announced. White House photo opportunity.

III. TALKING POINTS

Formal remarks are to be prepared by Bob Orben.

PARTICIPANTS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Edward H. Levi, Attorney General

The Honorable Richard W. Velde, Administrator
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration

George H. Bohlinger
Stephen T. Boyle
Harry M. Bratt

Mark J. Davis
Hugh Durham

J. Price Foster

Robert Goffus
James M. H. Gregg

Adrian H. Jones

Joseph Krovisky

Milton L. Luger

Thomas Madden

Thomas Shedlick

Michael Uhlmann

DOMESTIC COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS

James M. Cannon
Richard D. Parsons

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET PARTICIPANTS

Edward E. Johnson

NOTE: List of participants from police and fire organizations will be furnished by Office of Public Information (Bill Barody's office) to Dr. James Connor later this evening.

The Office of Congressional Liaison (Max Friedersdorf's office) will furnish list of Congressional participants to David Hoopes on Wednesday morning.