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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
FOLLOWING OPERATION "STING" MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1976
I HAVE JUST MET WITH POLICE CHIEF CULLINANE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT; FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS HERE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA KNOWN AS OPERATIONS "STING" AND "GOT YA AGAIN."
THESE TWO POLICE ACTIONS RESULTED IN WELL OVER THREE HUNDRED ARRESTS AND THE RECOVERY OF MORE THAN 3.6 MILLION DOLLARS IN STOLEN PROPERTY. BOTH OPERATIONS INVOLVED THE COOPERATION OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
THIS INNOVATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK HAS CAPTURED THE
IMAGINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND
INFUSED IN THEM A NEW RESPECT FOR THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER.
THESE OPERATIONS SHOW THAT IT IS THE RESIDENTS OF OUR INNER CITIES -- THE POOR, THE ELDERLY, THE DISADVANTAGED -- WHO ARE MOST FREQUENTLY VICTIMIZED. WE OWE THESE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS BETTER PROTECTION FROM CRIMINALS THAN THEY ARE GETTING.
AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, I HAVE REPEATEDLY URGED THE CONGRESS TO SHOW THE WAY BY ENACTING TOUGHER LAWS TO GET HABITUAL CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS. MY CONCERN IS NOT VINDICTIVE PUNISHMENT TO THE CRIMINAL BUT PROTECTION OF INNOCENT VICTIMS OF CRIME.
Almost a year ago today, I sent to the Congress comprehensive legislation which addressed these problems.

The Congress has not yet acted on this legislation.

I fervently hope that the Congress will end its procrastination and enact the tough measures which I proposed last year.