

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN... *A*

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**DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL TV STATEMENT FOR TRANSMISSION OF THE
DRUG ABUSE MESSAGE**

Drug abuse is the single most deadly social problem in America today. This Administration has already taken a number of steps to deal with this problem, primarily in the field of enforcement. A total effort requires that steps also be taken to rehabilitate the drug user.

I am sending the Congress today legislative proposals for expanded rehabilitation efforts, as well as additional enforcement and coordinated international action to stop harmful drugs at the source.

I am establishing an Office within the Executive Office to coordinate all Federal rehabilitation efforts.

I am also requesting an increase of \$155 million in the present budget, to fund this expanded effort. This will mean a total of \$371 million to be devoted to drug abuse control.

I am asking the Congress to give the far-reaching legislative measures I am proposing a priority equal to the problem they are designed to deal with.

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