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Presidential Talking Points for Meeting
with College Presidents, The White
House, Jan 26 95

WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH COLLEGE PRESIDENTS TALKING POINTS

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION:

- In my vision for the future of America -- which I outlined in Tuesday's State of the Union address -- education and training are stage center. They are the principal sources of opportunity and security. And the work that you -- the leaders of our nation's educational institutions do -- is vital to this vision.

EDUCATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- During the first two years, my administration has given a very high priority to education. Working with Congress in a bipartisan manner, we have achieved what some have called the most productive record on education in 30 years. These accomplishments include:

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- Americorps
 - Student Loan Reform / Direct Lending
 - Goals 2000
 - Charter Schools / *Charter*
 - School-to-Work
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MIDDLE CLASS BILL OF RIGHTS:

- This is a good beginning, but it is just a beginning. We need to continue to do all we can to equip our workers with the skills and the education they need to compete in the new economy. We've produced the jobs. Now we need to empower the workers. That is what my Middle Class Bill of Rights is all about.

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-- ① **Tuition Tax Deduction:** For college, community college, graduate school, technical school, or re-training

-- ~~**Middle Class Tax Cut:**~~ Can be used for education

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-- ② **Individual Retirement Account (IRA):** Can be withdrawn for education

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BROADER PURPOSES OF EDUCATION:

- As I've said, you help build the economy and create opportunity for our citizens. But you do so much more as well. You provide the research that unlocks our future.

And, most important, the kind of empowerment that comes with knowledge -- that makes us better human beings and better citizens -- that too is your contribution to society.

CALL TO ACTION:

- Now is the time for all of us with this vision -- all those who understand the vital role education plays in America's future -- to come together behind practical proposals that will accomplish these goals.

There will be differences in detail, disagreements over form, but we must work together to find common ground and then stand together on it. *[Attached are additional points on Americorps support.]*

[POTUS then introduces Vice President Gore]

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OPTIONAL TALKING POINTS ON AMERICORPS

Thursday, January 26, 1995

I continue to need your help in promoting national service and making it an integral part of the educational experience.

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Last September, I sent a letter to you and your fellow presidents, asking you to promote an ethic of service on campuses around the country;

I issued a six-point challenge: (1) to support the new *Americorps* program; (2) to include service as a significant criterion for college admission;

(3) to redirect work study monies towards students who wish to engage in service; (4) to find ways for every student who wants to serve to do so; (5) to help bring service into the classroom; and (6) to help smooth the path from school to service.

- The response was overwhelming -- I heard back from hundreds of college presidents.

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Three colleges -- Hampshire in Massachusetts, Loyo.
Earlham in Indiana -- have agreed to match the \$4,
award that their students will receive for serving in
a year.

- As you know, the *Americorps* program is going
opposition in the upcoming budget debates. → talk
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I urge you to let your Representative and Senators know that you support service. If you already have an *Americorps* or community service program, let your member know that you consider the national service program to be a resource for your university and your community. Invite him or her to visit and watch the program in action.