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August 4, 1994

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MEMORANDUM TO HAROLD ICKES

FROM: Ben Johnson
Flo McAfee 

THROUGH: Steve Hilton

RE: Health Care Activities: African American Constituency

One effort the Office of Public Liaison has undertaken to galvanize support around universal health care involves working with the religious and African American constituencies. Through regular communications with the respective constituencies, activities are increasing and momentum is building for universal health care. The African American community will kick-off a high visibility, coordinated health care campaign on Friday, August 5 during a Capitol Hill news conference.

I. HEALTH CARE SUNDAY COORDINATED EFFORT

This Saturday, August 6 in synagogues and Sunday, August 7 in churches throughout the country, the focus will be on universal health care with activities primarily in black churches. Sermons will be preached and churches will distribute information on universal health care as part of a nationwide effort to focus attention on health care reform as the Senate begins work on their bill. Although the Interreligious Health Care Campaign initiated "Health Care Sabbath" in June, few black churches have shown strong visible support for the idea. That will change this Sunday when over 8,000 black churches are expected to preach about universal health care.

The Summit '93 Health Coalition (representing 150 black organizations and over 20 million African Americans), NAACP, National Medical Association, AME Church, Congress of National Black Churches, and Rev. Jemison of the National Baptist Convention are coordinating the following activities.

- A. Following a meeting this week with the President, the AME Church under the direction of Bishop Brookins instructed all 8,000 AME Churches in the country to preach about health care reform. A minimum of 4,000 churches and up to at least 6,000 churches are expected to do so.

- B. The Black Catholic Coalition has called for member churches in Louisiana, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama to join in preaching about the need for universal coverage/shared responsibility.
- C. Dr. Jemison, head of the National Baptist Convention, contacted 500 ministers in Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana and told them to preach about universal health care.
- D. The National Black Congress of Churches, the association representing seven major black church denominations, sent letters and information packets about health care reform and "Health Care Sabbath" to 1,000 of the largest African American churches in the U.S. We were informed that they also included postcards for people to send to their Representatives.
- E. The NAACP has coordinated a "meetings with Senators" in selected states. The meetings are to discuss health care and include 5 to 6 African American community leaders. To date, a meeting has been held with Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ). Meetings are scheduled with Senator Moynihan (D-NY) for August 11; and Senator Bradley (D-NJ). (See attached letters.)
- F. The National Rainbow Coalition is faxing notifications about "Health Care Sabbath" to over 6,000 key African American organizations and media outlets.
- G. The National Medical Association prepared the news releases, and along with the NAACP, the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc., the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Caucus & Center on the Black Aged, the Association of Black Cardiologists and the National Dental Association, coordinated the health care media effort including the news conference and media interviews.

II. MEDIA

- A. News Conference---Black ministers and members of Congress will conduct a news conference on Friday, August 5 at 12:30 announcing plans for the "Health Care Reform Sunday." (See attached news release.)
- B. Adam Clymer and Ron Smothers of *The New York Times* have interviewed several ministers including Bishop Brookins about the African American health care efforts and Health Care Sabbath. The articles are expected to be positive and will appear in the next few days.

- C. Other articles related to Health Care Sabbath are expected to appear in the *Boston Globe*, *USA Today* and other regional papers.
- D. On Sunday, August 7, stringers from *The New York Times* will be covering activities held at churches in Greenville, South Carolina; New York City; East Orange, New Jersey; and Memphis or Nashville, Tennessee.

III. OPL EFFORTS

Within the past four weeks, OPL has worked on the following constituency-related activities:

- A. Sent health care talking points to over 150 African American organizations and churches.
- B. Coordinated speaker's bureau and booked Administration officials to speak about health care reform at major African American conventions and conferences. (See attached calendar.)
- C. Conducted a series of health care briefings for key national associations.
- D. Held a series of working group meetings related to Health Care Sabbath.
- E. Provided Administration officials to speak about universal health care at churches on Health Care Sabbath. For example, Alexis Herman will be the visiting guest at Rev. Willie Barrow's (Operation PUSH) church, Mt. Vernon Park Church of God in Chicago.

cc: Alexis Herman
Mike Lux
Greg Lawler



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July 28, 1994

The Honorable Daniel Moynihan
United States Senate
205 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator Moynihan:

I am writing to you today in my capacity as the President of the New York State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to highlight the specific needs and concerns of African Americans in New York regarding national health care reform legislation.

Health care reform legislation is the highest legislative priority of the NAACP and many other African American groups with constituencies in the state of New York. For this reason, I am proposing that we meet to discuss these matters before the upcoming Senate debate on health care reform legislation. I would be joined in the meeting by the following persons:

Robin Bell - 100 Black Women of New York

Roscoe Brown - 100 Black Men of New York

Rev. Calvin Butts - Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church

Percy Sutton - Chairman Emeritus, Inner City Broadcasting Corporation

The Honorable Solomon Wallace - Worshipful Master, Masonic Order.

We are requesting this meeting to emphasize to you that meaningful health care reform is of critical importance to the African American community. African Americans are the only group in our society whose life expectancy has actually decreased in the last several years. We urgently need the prompt passage of legislation that will guarantee universal health insurance coverage by a certain date and universal access to quality health care services.

There are several compelling reasons for our support of national legislation that insures universal coverage and universal access. For example, an astonishing 55% of African Americans are currently uninsured or under-insured. Further, our communities

desperately need accessible, affordable health care services to address the six leading causes of illness and death in the African American community: heart disease and stroke; homicide and accidents; cancer; infant mortality; cirrhosis; and diabetes.

There will very little improvement in the health status of African Americans -- which is far worse than that of whites -- with minimal insurance reform measures and other gradual health reform approaches. We need comprehensive legislation with a clear commitment for universal coverage and access for all Americans now.

We also believe that health care legislation must contain important cost-sharing protections for low-income people, a benefits package that is sensitive and responsive to the needs of African Americans, important health care infrastructure protections and necessary anti-discrimination provisions.

We recognize that you have made a commitment to press for the reform of the nation's health care system. We also recognize that the Senate debate on health care reform legislation is about to begin. We believe therefore that it is urgent that we meet to discuss the interests of African Americans regarding health care reform.

We look forward to meeting with you in the next few days for that purpose.

Sincerely,



Hazel Duke

President, New York State Conference of NAACP Branches



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The N.J. State Conference of N.A.A.C.P.

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August 3, 1994

Hon. Bill Bradley
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bradley:

I am writing on behalf of the New Jersey State Conference of N.A.A.C.P. Branches and the over 1,000,000 African Americans who reside in the state. We are disturbed and perplexed by the position you have taken in the current debate on national health care.

Given the timetable set by the Senate leadership and the urgency of this matter, I feel compelled to request that a meeting with you be scheduled within the next three days. We are so alarmed by your position that I feel this meeting is necessary to detail our many concerns. We are also deeply distressed that the position you have taken on this issue will impair what has been a positive relationship with the black community since your taking office in 1978.

The N.A.A.C.P. regards universal coverage and employer mandates as the cornerstones of any meaningful national health care plan. A plan absent those two key provisions will fail to fulfill President Clinton's commitment - affordable and accessible health care for all Americans. We believe that your position undermines President Clinton's efforts and will fail to ensure that poor people and people of color, in your state, have adequate health care coverage.

Your apparent willingness to sacrifice universal coverage and employer mandates leaves us with the impression that you are not fully aware of the health care crisis in the African American community. The N.A.A.C.P. considers health care as one of the most important civil rights issues of the decade. It is clear that the lack of a universal, employer funded national health care plan has had a disproportionate impact upon our community.

Senator Bradley, consider these facts.

- The six leading causes of death in the African American community are preventable and include heart disease and stroke; homicide and accidents; cancer; infant mortality and diabetes.

- African American infants are twice as likely as white infants to die before their first birthday.
- African American children under the age of fourteen are 30 to 50 percent more likely to die than white children.
- There is a direct correlation between poverty and wellness. African American's comprise over one third of the nation's poor but represent only 12 percent of the population. 55 percent of African Americans are either uninsured or underinsured.
- New Jersey has some of the nation's most poverty stricken urban communities - Camden, Newark, Paterson, Atlantic City, Jersey City, Trenton, East Orange and Irvington.

Your position on national health care leaves us bewildered in light of your frequent speeches on racial justice and tolerance. We look to you for leadership in ensuring that fairness and equity are essential elements of any national health care plan.

I do not hesitate to remind you that a close examination of the results of the 1990 Senatorial election will reflect the unwavering support of the African American community for you. This support came at a time when many Democrats abandoned you. We stood with you then and are calling upon you to stand by us now.

I may be reached at (201) 333-6956. I look forward to discussing this matter with you before the end of the week.

Sincerely,



Walter L. Fields
Political Action Director

cc: Washington Bureau
National Office
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National Medical Association

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PRESS ADVISORY

HEALTH CARE REFORM SUNDAY - AUGUST 7TH

At a press conference on Friday, August 5 at 12:30 p.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, a coalition of African American religious leaders will announce plans for the launching of Health Care Reform Sunday on August 7th in Black churches across the country in support of health care legislation now pending before the U.S. Congress.

The ministers are part of the Summit '93 Health Coalition representing more than 150 black organizations.

The press conference participants include:

Bishop William H. Graves, Chairman of the Board, Congress of National Black Churches and Bishop, First Episcopal District, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church;

Rev. H. Michael Lemmons, Executive Director, Congress of National Black Churches;

Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church

Walter Faggett, M.D., Summit '93 Health Coalition

Bishop H.H. Brookins, African Methodist Episcopal Church;

Health Care Reform Sunday begins a grassroots mobilization campaign to encourage thousands of black church members to contact their congressional representatives in support of a strong health care reform bill.

Media contact: Ofield Dukes
(202) 488-4948

**1994 African-American Convention Calendar
(July - September)**

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
NAACP 10,000 Attendees	July 9- 14	Chicago, IL	POTUS	VP 7/12 Deval Patrick 7/13	
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	July 9- 15	Indianapolis, IN			
Chi Eta Phi (Nursing Sorority)	July 10- 17	Richmond, VA	Alexis Herman	Alexis Herman 7/12	
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	July 14- 20	St. Louis, MO	Alexis Herman for an Award	Alexis Herman 7/19	
National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs	July 16- 23	Philadelphia, PA			
National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)	July 16- 20	Richmond, VA	POTUS or VPOTUS	Janet Reno 7/17 (7-8p.m.) Lee Brown 7/16	
National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Contact: Vicki Myers (314) 526-6557	July 17- 21	Phoenix, AZ			

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
National Dental Association Contact: Robert Johns, Exec. Dir. (202) 244-755	July 21-27	New Orleans, LA Convention Hall: (504) 561-1234 Hyatt Regency		Bill Morton 7/23	
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Contact: Carmen Rivera (202) 667-7158	July 22-28	Cleveland, OH			
National Urban League Contact: Maria McFarlane (212) 310-9035	July 24-27	Indianapolis, IN Convention Hall: (317) 262-3408	Mrs. Clinton	Alexis Herman 7/24 Deval Patrick 7/25 Andrew Cuomo 7/25 Sec. Robert Reich 7/26 Mrs. Clinton 7/26 by satellite	
National Medical Association Contact: Rosemary Davis (202) 347-1895	July 23-27	Orlando, FL Convention Hall: (407) 239-4200	POTUS or Mrs. Clinton	POTUS phone call/letter Dr. Elders 7/24 Dr. Risa Mourey to Assn. of Black Cardiologists 7/23	
National Association of Black Journalists (Unity '94) Contact: Rebecca Finley (703) 648-1283	July 27-31	Atlanta, GA Convention Hall: World Congress Center (404) 223-4000 Westin Hotel (404) 659-1400	POTUS Dr. Elders	POTUS by live satellite 7/29 Dr. Elders 7/28	

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
Sigma Gamma Rho Contact: Bonita Herring (312) 873-9000	July 30- Aug 4	Winston-Salem, NC Convention Hall: (910) 727-2976			
Black Expo USA Contact: Sylvia Porter (212) 234-3400	July 30- 31	Oakland, CA Convention Hall: (510) 839-7500		Distribute information	
Operation PUSH, Inc. Contact: Delma Wilson (312) 373-3366 x221	July 31- Aug 4	Atlanta, GA Convention Hall: (404) 659-2000 Atlanta Hilton	Mrs. Clinton 8/1		
Association of Black Psychologists Contact: Shirley Junior (202) 722-0808	July 31- Aug 7	Philadelphia, PA Convention Hall: (215) 448-2000 Wyndham Franklin Plaza			
Blacks in Government Contact: James Lott (202) 433-3125	Aug 1-5	Washington, DC Convention Hall: (202) 328-2900 Sheraton Washington	POTUS, VPOTUS only		

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
The Association of Black Sociologists Contact: Robert Newby (517) 773-0350	Aug 3-6	Los Angeles, CA Convention Hall: (213) 617-3300 Hotel Inter-continental	Opening Session 8/3 9:00 a.m. OR Health Care Session 8/5 2:00 p.m.	Sandra Walker	
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Contact: James B. Blanton, III (410) 554-0040 x101	Aug 4-9	Chicago, IL Convention Hall: (312) 922-4400 Chicago Hilton	Alexis Herman to receive award NEED TO CONFIRM	Lee Brown 8/8 9:30 a.m. Raymond Pierce- Dept. of Energy Alexis Herman- 8/7	
Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World Contact: Charlotte Gatlin (919) 358-7661	Aug 5-12	Chicago, IL Convention Hall: (312) 565-1234 Hyatt Regency	Opening Session 8/6 1:00 p.m. OR Civil Liberties Luncheon 8/8	Rodney Slater- 8/6	
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) Contact: Wilma Roscoe (202) 543-9111	Aug 6-13	Hilton Head, SC Convention Hall: (803) 785-1234 Hyatt Regency	Ben Johnson Catherine LeBlanc	Ben Johnson Date/Time TBD 8/7 Catherine LeBlanc 8/6-13	

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National Bar Association, Inc. Contact: Stephanie Deadley (202) 842-3900	Aug 7-13	Seattle, WA Convention Hall: (206) 728-1000 Westin	POTUS	Deval Patrick 8/9 Philip Thompson 8/6-12 <i>Rodney Slater</i> 8/12	
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. Contact: Tyrone Pitts (202) 396-0558	Aug 7-14	Memphis, TN Convention Hall: (901) 332-3223 Memphis Convention Center	POTUS Mrs. Clinton to receive MLK Freedom Award for Health Care effort. 8/12 Dr. Elders to receive award for health care effort. 8/12 (can't do)		
Black Expo USA	Aug 13-14	Dallas, TX		Distribute Information	
Ancient Egyptian A.O.N.M.S., Inc. (Shriners) Contact: Karl Reid, Conv. Dir. (314) 731-4100	Aug 13-21	St. Louis, MO Convention Hall: (314) 342-5036 Cervantes Convention Center			

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
Southern Christian Leadership Conference Contact: Rev. Osburn (404) 522-1420	Aug 16-19	Dallas, TX Convention Hall: (214) 748-1200 Loews Anatole	POTUS VPOTUS	Deval Patrick-Aug 17 8:00 p.m. Dr. Elders - 8/17	
National Council of Negro Women: Black Family Reunion Contact: Princess Weaver (202) 628-0015	Aug 19-21	Cincinnati, OH Sawyers Point			
National Council of Negro Women: Black Family Reunion Contact: Princess Weaver (202) 628-0015	Aug 26-28	Los Angeles, CA Exposition Park			
National Black Police Association Contact: Ron Hampton (202) 986-2070	Aug 28-Sept 4	Los Angeles, CA Convention Hall: (213) 624-1011 Biltmore Hotel	Alexis Herman	Walter Broadnax 8/29	

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. Contact: Rev. James Turner (615) 254-0917	Sept 5-9	Nashville, TN New Orleans, LA	POTUS		
National Council of Negro Women: Black Family Reunion Contact: Princess Weaver (202) 628-0015	Sept 9-11	Washington, DC Washington Monument Grounds			
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. Contact: Quentin Lawson (202) 675-6730	Sept 13-18	Washington, DC	POTUS		
National Black MBA Association, Inc. Contact: Wanda Bolton (312) 236-2622	Sept 14-18	San Francisco, CA Convention Hall: (415) 771-1400	Sec. Ron Brown VPOTUS for keynote on 9/15-16		

ORGANIZATION	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION REQUEST	CONFIRMED PARTICIPATION	RECOMMENDATION
National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters Contact: Fred Brown (202) 463-8971	Sept. 15-18	Washington, DC Convention Hall: (202) 429-2400 ANA Hotel	VPOTUS 9/14 Cabinet Member		
National Council of Negro Women Black Family Reunion Contact: (202) 628-0015	Sept. 16-18	Memphis, TN Overton Park AND Chicago, IL South Shore Cultural Center			

As of July 25, 1994 @ 5:15 p.m.

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Children's Defense Fund

TO: Alexis Herman, Harold Ickes, Maggie Williams

FR: Marian Wright Edelman

RE: Strategy to influence key members of the deep South Congressional delegations to support universal health care reform

DT: July 22, 1994

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A concerted effort to organize African-American leaders in the South to meet with Senators and House members to emphasize the salience of universal health care for the African-American community, is critical to efforts to get key Southern votes for universal health insurance. Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee are prime targets, but other are possible as well. Members of these Congressional delegations have, in the past, on certain issues of particular importance to the African-American community, been moved to cast what may have been politically difficult votes.

Flo McAfee told CDF's Lucy Hackney that you have been working energetically with the leaders of the major national civil rights organizations to contact African-American leadership to this end. Brian Watt, who works with the CDF Black Community Crusade for Children, has also talked with Flo and has sent her our preliminary list of African-American leadership in the target states. In addition, we have prepared talking points and statistics about African-American children and families in each of the deep south states.

Our discussions with black leaders in the target states have made it clear to us that nothing would energize the African-American community to raise health care reform as a key civil rights issue more, than to have the President or First Lady bring together key members of the Southern Congressional delegations with African-American leadership in their states. A meeting at the White House would raise the visibility of this issue for the African-American community nationwide, but particularly in the South, where African-American votes are critical in many races.

CDF stands ready to work with you and the White House in any way that would be useful to put together such meeting with the President or Mrs. Clinton and otherwise to advance this strategy.

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