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Is Joe V. following
this?

5/30 - You
should follow

J.

Can Dave follow &
report to me?

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Joe V. 5/31
is following

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7/29

Joe was looking
into this. He should
have information.

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Dave - 5/31

Keep to work
copies

With. Return
originals + a copy
of my memo to me.

HAROLD -

We have other
documents for this
file. Do you
have?

~~Should~~ to Joe V.
following?

MEMORANDUM

GPOR
JAP
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TO: David Meyers
FROM: Janice Enright
DATE: 31 May 1994
RE: Follow up

Attached are 2 self-explanatory memos from H.I. to Maggie and Patti.

Please follow up with Joe V. to find out the status of these requests. If they have no information, follow up with Patti (at Harold's request) to see if there has been any time set aside in Mrs. Clinton's schedule for either or both of these meetings.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

20 May 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR MAGGIE WILLIAMS
PATTI SOLIS

FROM: HAROLD ICKES (132)

SUBJECT: Meeting with Lane Kirkland and others from the
AFL-CIO

As you know, Gerald McIntee the International President of AFSCME and John Sweeney, the International President of SEIU have requested a 15 minute meeting with HRC to discuss health care. Each of those unions is prepared to contribute \$100,000 towards the DNC's health care media account.

When word got out about this meeting (which was actually scheduled for last week) I got a call from the AFL-CIO saying that Lane Kirkland, Tom Donahue, Bob Giorgine and others also wished to join that meeting to discuss health care. Obviously, the expanded meeting would take at least 30 - 45 minutes rather than the original 15 minutes.

Organized labor has been very supportive of the President's health care initiative and has contributed in excess of \$2 million dollars to the Reform Project to date.

It is probably useful, as we go into the final phase of the congressional committee process, to meet with these labor leaders, but it is not absolutely critical. Please let me know if HRC is willing to attend such a meeting.

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5/30-

J - we should follow
* Can Sam follow
to get a report to
you?

MEMORANDUM FOR MAGGIE WILLI.
PATTI SOLIS

FROM: HAROLD ICKES
SUBJECT: Presentation
Civil Rights
Association

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The National Education Association wishes to present its human and civil rights award to the First Lady in the near future. Apparently the NEA honored HRC last year but never actually made the award presentation. Keith Geiger, the President of NEA, wants to come to HRC's office within the next week or so and make the presentation, which NEA will subsequently publicize to its 2 million or so members. It is also my understanding that NEA is prepared to contribute an additional \$100,000 to support health care.

I suggest strongly that this event be scheduled. Please let me know.

cc: Joe Valasquez

HAROLD -
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documents for this
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have?
Should I see
following?

Ann- 7/27

He's not
going to
get to this.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1994

MEETING WITH LANE KIRKLAND AND TOM DONAHUE OF THE AFL-CIO

TO: Leon Panetta
DATE: July 27, 1994
LOCATION: West Wing Office
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
FROM: Joan Baggett and Joe Velasquez

I. PURPOSE

You called this meeting as a courtesy to the leaders of the AFL-CIO to let them know we value their support. They are the first major constituency group you have met with since becoming Chief of Staff.

II. BACKGROUND

You should reiterate our desire to continue working closely with the unions of the AFL-CIO, and thank Kirkland and Donahue for the support they have demonstrated -- particularly on health care.

The national leadership of the AFL-CIO has moved beyond NAFTA. The rank and file may still be alienated, however, and the striker replacement loss has aggravated their anger. Recent polling by Stan Greenberg shows the President is losing union member support.

Several issues of concern to organized labor may come up in this meeting, though health care will probably be the main topic of discussion. OSHA reform is taking on greater importance to the unions. We support their position. On the maritime bill, we support the revitalization of the industry. On Davis-Bacon, we support the union position on raising the threshold. For your information, Kirkland takes a particular interest in foreign affairs.

Kirkland, Donahue and other union leaders are actively working to demonstrate to their members that the President worked hard to pass S.55.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Joan Baggett
Tom Donahue
Harold Ickes
Lane Kirkland
Joe Velasquez

Harold - we didn't
know about

J.
FYI

Ann.

Do you want to go?
Probably a conflict

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List of Attendees for the Health Care Strategy Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday August 3rd
TIME: 12 P.M.
PLACE: Roosevelt Room

1. **AFL-CIO**
Gerry Shea
Executive Assistant to the Secretary Treasurer
2. **American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees**
Gerald McEntee
President
3. **Service Employees International Union**
John Sweeney
President
or
Mary Henry
Director of Health Care
4. **Communications Workers of America**
Barbara Easterling
Secretary Treasurer
5. **United Auto Workers**
Alan Reuther
Legislative Director
6. **United Food and Commercial Workers**
Walter Sauter
International Vice-President, Director of Public Affairs
7. **United Steelworkers of America**
George Becker
President
8. **National Education Association**
Bob Chase
Vice President
9. **Families USA**
Ron Pollack
Executive Director

10. National Farmers Union
Larry Mitchell
Director of Government Relations
11. National Association of Retail Druggists
Charlie West
Vice President
12. Pre-Medicare Health Security Coalition
Letitia Chambers
President
13. Pre-Medicare Health Security Coalition
Jim Moody
14. National Leadership Coalition
Henry Simmons
President
15. National Association of Chain Drugstores
Ronald Ziegler
President
16. Ad Hoc Lobbying
Bob Diamond
17. People First
Justin Dart
President
18. American Postal Workers Union
Moe Biller
President
19. National Council of Churches
Joan Campbell
President
20. Alzheimer's Association
Steve McConnell
Senior Vice President of Public Policy
21. National Council of Senior Citizens
Larry Smedley
Executive Director

22. American Academy of Pediatrics
Jackie Noyes
Executive Director
23. American Nurses Association
Karen O'Connor
Deputy Executive Director
or
Marjorie Vanderbilt
Associate Director of Government Affairs
24. Women's Legal Defense Fund
Judy Lichtman
President
25. National Abortion Rights Action League
James Wagoner
Executive Vice-President
26. Mental Health Liason Group
Leonard Rubenstein
Director of Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
27. American College of Physicians
Howard Shapiro
Director of Public Policy
28. Catholic Health Association
Bill Cox
Vice-President, Division of Government Services
29. Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities
Paul Marchand
Director of the ARC Government Affairs Office
30. American Academy of Family Physicians
Rosemary Sweeney
Vice President for Social Economics and Policy Analysis
31. Children's Defense Fund
Marian Wright Edelman
President
32. Building and Construction Trades Department
Robert Georgine
President

33. National Association for Home Care
Val Halamendaris
President

34. Health Care Reform Project
Robert Chlopak

Pending

35. NAACP

36. Disability Rights Education Defense Fund

37. National Association of Letter Carriers

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Bieber alert

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August 1, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR HAROLD ICKES

FROM: Mike Lux

SUBJECT: Attached Call Requests

We are working very hard to keep our base groups on board and positive about Senator Mitchell's proposal even with the compromises he has had to make. As part of this strategy, we need you to make the attached calls today -- preferably by mid afternoon -- so that we know exactly where these group leaders stand and what we can expect them to say tomorrow about the Mitchell bill. You should be aware that there are some key pieces of the legislation that these groups care a lot about that have not yet been resolved by Mitchell.

Talking points and brief issue background for each call are attached. If you have any questions please call me, or call Debbie Fine at x62972.

August 1, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Owen Bieber
International President, UAW

DATE: Today.

RECOMMENDED BY: Mike Lux
through Alexis Herman

PURPOSE: To ask the UAW to stress the positive in their public comments about Mitchell's bill, even while working privately to improve the things they don't like.

BACKGROUND: As you know UAW has devoted substantial resources to the health care reform debate in support of the administration. They, like much of the left flank and labor, are unhappy with large pieces of what is rumored to be in Mitchell's proposal. They are most concerned with a long phase-in that will potentially achieve 95% coverage in 2002, through shared responsibility between the employer and the employee at a 50-50 breakdown.

They are also particularly concerned that about pre-Medicare coverage and inclusion of a state single payer option.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Senator Mitchell is putting forth a proposal that he feels is politically realistic. Any Senate bill that achieves universal coverage through shared responsibility is a substantial victory -- it has been a tough fight for Senator Mitchell.

2. If Mitchell succeeds in getting the votes for a bill with 50/50 shared responsibility -- we have the chance to improve that in conference. 50/50 becomes the worst case scenario, with some sort of compromise with Gephardt's bill which is at 80-20. But if Mitchell can't get this bill out of the Senate -- the process stops there. There will be no reform.

3. Request that they issue a statement that is generally as supportive of Mitchell's bill as possible, softening the



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public criticisms as they work to improve the bill.

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

313/926-5000

COMMENTS:

August 1, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Robert (Bob) Georgine
President, Building and Construction Trades Department

DATE: Before Wednesday at 12PM.

RECOMMENDED BY: Mike Lux
through Alexis Herman

PURPOSE: To ask the Building and Construction Trades Department to stress the positive in their public comments about Mitchell's bill, even while working privately to improve the things they don't like.

BACKGROUND: Building and Construction Trades Department has been active in the health care reform debate in support of the administration. They are extremely concerned about providing too much state flexibility for regulating multi-state health plans including Taft-Hartley plans, and have launched a big fight inside the AFL-CIO on this issue.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

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3. Request that they issue a statement that is generally as supportive of Mitchell's bill as possible, softening the public criticisms as they work to improve the bill.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 202/347-1461

COMMENTS:

August 1, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Keith Geiger
President, National Education Association (NEA)

DATE:

Today.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mike Lux
through Alexis Herman

PURPOSE:

To ask the NEA to stress the positive in their public comments about Mitchell's bill, even while working privately to improve the things they don't like.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the NEA has devoted substantial resources to the health care reform debate in support of the administration. They, like much of the left flank and labor, are unhappy with large pieces of what is rumored to be in Mitchell's proposal. They are most concerned with a long phase-in that achieves 95% coverage around 2002 through shared responsibility between the employer and the employee at a 50-50 breakdown. They are also very concerned with inclusion of pre-Medicare coverage and a state single payer option.

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

202/822-7020 (Although he is on vacation 7/25-8/5.)

August 1, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

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Bill Cox
Vice President, Division of Government Services,
Catholic Health Association (CHA)

DATE:

Today

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mike Lux
through Alexis Herman

PURPOSE:

To ask CHA to stress the positive in their public comments about Mitchell's bill, even while working privately to improve the things they don't like.

BACKGROUND:

As you know, CHA has invested substantial resources in the health care reform debate in support of the administration. They will be unhappy with what Senator Mitchell's bill is likely to look like. They will be concerned that coverage is phased in over a long period (potentially 2002), achieving only 95% at that time. Medicare cuts will also be a serious concern for CHA.

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

202/296-3993

COMMENTS:

August 1, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Gerry McEntee
International President, AFSCME

DATE: Today.

RECOMMENDED BY: Mike Lux
through Alexis Herman

PURPOSE: To ask AFSCME to stress the positive in their public comments about Mitchell's bill, even while working privately to improve the things they don't like.

BACKGROUND: As you know AFSCME has devoted tremendous resources to the health care reform debate in support of the administration. They, like much of the left flank and labor, are unhappy with what Mitchell's bill is likely to look like: a long phase in that potentially achieves 95% coverage around 2002 through shared responsibility between the employer and the employee at a 50-50 breakdown. They are also very concerned about the possibility of taxation of benefits.

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 202/429-1100

COMMENTS:

August 1, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: John Sweeney
International President, SEIU

DATE: Today.

RECOMMENDED BY: Mike Lux
through Alexis Herman

PURPOSE: To ask SEIU to stress the positive in their public comments about Mitchell's bill, even while working privately to improve the things they don't like.

BACKGROUND: As you know SEIU has devoted tremendous resources to the health care reform debate in support of the administration. They, like much of the left flank and labor, are unhappy with large pieces of what is rumored to be in Mitchell's proposal: a long phase-in that will potentially achieve 95% coverage around 2002 through shared responsibility between the employer and the employee at a 50-50 breakdown. They are also very concerned about the possibility of taxation of benefits.

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

202/898-3300

COMMENTS:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

20 May 1994

Mr. Dennis Rivera
President
Local Alumni
9310 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

Dear Dennis:

Enclosed are copies of the letters which were sent.

Sincerely,

Harold Ickes

Harold Ickes

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1994

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Chairman
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The health care reform legislation we seek to enact this year will guarantee private health insurance to every American. Reaching that objective will require a continuing transformation of the health care delivery system.

That transformation will undoubtedly have a serious impact on our nation's health care work force. My Administration is committed to policies that will ensure that the expertise, experience, and commitment of these workers are effectively utilized in a new health care system.

Many state and local governments have already begun the process of transforming health care delivery systems. There have been many innovative agreements between labor and management such as those in Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, and the voluntary hospitals in New York City that protect the interests of experienced health care workers, give voice to workers and their unions, and promote quality care. These components are intrinsically linked.

We assume that in developing your health care reform legislation, your committee will consider provisions designed to guarantee a voice in decision-making for workers and their unions, to continue the contribution of an experienced health care work force, and to provide new opportunities for workers in the changing health care delivery system consistent with the Administration's efforts through proposed reorganization to consolidate job training and job placement services for dislocated workers.

We look forward to working with you on this and the entire health care reform legislation. Together we will produce an historic law for Americans.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Dan Rostenkowski
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Chairman
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United States Senate
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WASHINGTON

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Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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