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07-Oct-1996 01:28pm

TO: Christopher C. Jennings

FROM: Jennifer M. O'Connor
Office of The Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: draft memo

here's is a draft of the memo -- edit and get it back to me and we will get it out

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08-Oct-1996 09:16am

TO: Jennifer M. O'Connor

FROM: Christopher C. Jennings
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: RE: draft memo

Jen: This is a just fine with me with a couple of small points.
Thanks for drafting it up.

Sorry that I didn't get back to you until this morning, which will mean that you need to change the reference to getting the Dept recs "tomorrow" (Tuesday) -- unless the likely delay happens and we don't actually get their combined list before tomorrow.

My only substantive suggestion is that at the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph you add: " -- more than any amount of nominations we have received for any other Presidential commission. Because of the negative perceptions surrounding the 1993 Health Care Task Force, the make-up of this commission will be subjected to unprecedented scrutiny -- particularly by the business and insurance communities, as well as by the media. As such, we will need to be particularly thoughtful in our selections."

Jen: Then I would go ahead with a new paragraph with the rest of your old paragraph: "The Departments of HHS etc...."

Sound ok to you?

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