

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS *Kitty*
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SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Constituent and Media Outreach
on Republican Recisions -- as of 2/28, 5:00 pm.

The following outline describes some of the major activity planned by the Agencies in response to the Republican recision proposals. More detailed outreach plans for each agency have been forwarded to Cabinet Affairs and are available upon request.

Constituent Outreach

HUD: Secretary Cisneros addresses 700+ housing residents who traveled to Washington to protest the Republican cuts (2/28).

Secretary Cisneros addresses the winter conference of the National Council of State Housing Agencies (2/28).

Briefing session for more than 100 housing constituents (2/28):

- National League of Cities
- US Conference of Mayors
- National Association of Counties
- National Governors Association
- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
- National Association of Housing and Rehabilitation Officials.

Secretary Cisneros addresses winter conference of the Child Welfare League (3/1).

Deputy Secretary Cuomo addresses the winter conference of Council of State Community Development Agencies (3/2).

Secretary Cisneros addresses the winter conference of ACORN (3/5).

DOL: Providing information and impact analysis to the following groups:

- National Governors Association
- Conference of Mayors
- National Association of Counties (Speech 3/6)
- National Association of Private Industry Councils (Speech 2/28)
- National Legislative Conference
- Center for Budget Policy
- AFL-CIO
- National Association of State Labor Commissioners (3/10)

Sending letter to 50 targeted big city Governors and Mayors outlining the amount of summer youth money and number of jobs that will be lost if the recession holds and is enacted.

Calls to the following Governors:

- Bayh (IN)
- Carnahan (MO)
- Hunt (NC)
- Carper (DE)
- Chiles (FL)
- Miller (GA)
- Dean (VT)

Secretary Reich spoke with the following mayors who agreed to issue public statements:

- Rendell (Philadelphia)
- Riordan (Los Angeles)
- Menino (Boston)
- Clark (Miami)
- Wolff (San Antonio)
- Morial (New Orleans)
- Murphy (Pittsburgh)
- Daley (Chicago)

Mayors of the following cities have received calls and are awaiting further information: New York, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, Tampa, Indianapolis, Louisville, Cleveland, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, San Diego, Stockton, Savannah, Atlanta.

DoEd: Secretary Riley visits Heinz Jr. High School in SE Washington. D.C. 9 with Dr. Lee Brown and Attorney General Reno (3/ 1).

Secretary Riley speaks at the Goals 2000 regional conference in Denver and visit a school there to demonstrate the effects of the cuts 3/6).

Secretary Riley speaks to community members and students at Waukegan High School in Waukegan, IL, and exemplary School-to-Work site, and discusses proposed cuts in the program (3/10).

Deputy Secretary Kunin addresses the proposed rescissions in speeches at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (3/2) and that the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, MA (3/3).

Secretary Riley contacted key constituents:
National Alliance of Business
Business Roundtable
Chamber of Commerce

Secretary Riley met with 20 association presidents (3/27).

Secretary Riley meets with more than 700 community college trustees from around the country.

DoEd will coordinate meetings with outside groups, beyond education including technology coalitions, and state and local government groups.

Secretary Riley's regional representatives are mobilized to fight the proposed cut. They will conduct interviews and hold education events in the top 30 markets.

Mailing from Secretary Riley to mayors and state legislators.

Using Community Update and Riley's Report to reach more than 100,000 constituents to inform them of the rescissions and ask for their help in fighting them.

VA: Secretary Brown, Deputy Secretary Gober, and Undersecretary for Health Ken Kizer will address the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Winter Conferences this week and will discuss the rescissions.

VSO representatives are scheduled to meet Thursday, March 2, in the Roosevelt Room with White House representatives.

VA speechwriters are working with WH to incorporate recision language into the President's speech.

EPA: Contacting supportive groups, including:
National Governors' Association
National League of Cities
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
Council on Infrastructure Financing
National Utilities Contractors Association
Coalition of 150 environment and public organizations

Release within three weeks new "Report to the American People" on the state of the nation's drinking water with emphasis on Congressional funding cuts

ONDCP: Dr. Lee Brown will participate in drugs-free/safe-schools event with Secretary Riley and Attorney General Reno at Heinz Jr. High School in SE Washington, D.C. 9 (3/ 1).

Dr. Lee Brown addresses the National Babtist Convention in Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 2. His keynote to these religious leaders will underscore the mean spirited intent of the Republican rescissions.

Release report this week "PULSE CHECK," the latest information on street use of drugs. Reinforces the disturbing news of Congressional cuts to key drug prevention programs.

Americorps: Meeting with 100 leaders from major national non-profits at WH (2/28)

Meeting coordinated by the NGA in St. Louis with Executive Directors and Chairs of the state commissions -- appointed by the Governors and responsible for the selection of the majority of AmeriCorps programs. (2/25-2/27)

Circulation of recision talking points to Americorp field structure, state commissions, media, and friendly pundits

National Media Outreach
(Regional Media Listed Separately Below)

HUD: Plan is to publicize the Republican's plan to pay for benefits to the wealthy on the backs of the poor -- through briefings, interviews, events, op/eds and other opportunities.

Fact sheets provided to local media detailing impact of rescissions in districts of GOP members of House Appropriations Committee (2/28).

Town Hall meeting in Knoxville, TN (3/3).

DoEd: Secretary Riley interview with NPR (3/2)

ABC News airs segment on how the proposed rescissions would affect education (3/1)

Pitching to major news programs, including *Nightline*, *CNBC*, and morning shows.

Parade Magazine working with Secretary Riley on cover story (3/19)

Identifying surrogates for immediate placement of op-eds.

DoEd is finalizing a summary press release of all proposed rescissions, as well as three targeted press releases on the Safe and Drug Free Schools program, the Education Technology National Challenge Grant program, and the Title II Professional Development program.

DoEd preparing release with state-by-state analysis of the effects of the proposed rescissions.

Inviting "A-List" reporters to roundtable with Secretary Riley this week.

Secretary Riley personally calling major columnists.

DOL: Media Roundtables scheduled this week:

US News and World Report

USA Today

Washington Post editorial board

Interview with Mark Shields

Interview with Black Entertainment Television

Planning targeted regional satellite tour to markets which will take large cuts.

VA: Secretary Brown and Deputy Secretary Gober will conduct print and radio interviews in Florida, Virginia, Arkansas, and West Virginia this week.

ONDCP: Press conference with Secretary Riley about the detestation that rescission cuts will bring to schools, to children, and to communities.

Americorp: Discussions with editorial boards of regional papers (i.e. *Louisville Courier*, *Portland Oregonian*, *Miami Herald*, *Kansas City Star*)

USA Today op-ed by Michael Gartner (2/28)

Washington Post op-ed by Eli Segal scheduled to run either 3/1 or 3/2.

Press conference with breaking news about Americorp accomplishments and demographics, to drive message that rescission is unwise and devastating. (will be held before House floor vote).

On Monday, February 27, on a White House conference call, each Agency selected key media markets for their principals to concentrate regional print and radio interviews on the Republican recisions. These interviews will be conducted February 28, March 1, March 2, and March 3.

- 1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-** New York Daily News; New York Newsday
- 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-** Scranton Times; Herald-Journal; Post-Standard; Rocky Mountain News; Denver Post; Boulder Daily Camera
- 3. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-** Albuquerque Journal; Albuquerque Tribune; Las Cruces Sun-News; Minneapolis Star Tribune; Pioneer Press
- 4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-** Akron Beacon Journal; Cleveland Plain Dealer; Columbus Dispatch; Dayton Daily News; Toledo Blade
- 5. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-** Las Vegas Review-Journal; Reno Gazette Journal; Las Vegas Sun; Capitol Times; Wisconsin State Journal; Milwaukee Journal; Milwaukee Sentinel; Los Angeles Times; San Francisco Examiner; San Francisco Chronicle
- 6. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT-** New Orleans Times Picayune; Shreveport Times; San Diego Union Tribune; Orange County Register; Detroit Free Press; Detroit News; San Jose Mercury News
- 7. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-** The Arizona Republic; The Arizona Daily Star; Tucson Citizen; Daily Oklahoman; Tulsa World; Statesman-Journal; Birmingham News; Huntsville Times; Birmingham Post Herald; Florence Times Daily; Mobile Press Register; Seattle Post-Intelligencer; Seattle Times; Tacoma News Tribune; Spokane Spokesman-Review
- 8. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR-** Chicago Tribune; Chicago Sun Times; Peoria Star Journal; Oakland Tribune; Sacramento Bee; Philadelphia Inquirer; Philadelphia Daily News
- 9. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION-** Lexington Herald-Leader; The Daily Independent; The Charlotte Observer; Asheville Citizen Times; Raleigh News and Observer; Fayetteville Observer-Times
- 10. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-** Houston Chronicle; Houston Post; Dallas Morning News; San Antonio Express News; El Paso Times
- 11. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-** Indianapolis Star; Indianapolis News; Des Moines Register; Jackson Clarion Ledger; Northeast Mississippi Journal

12. UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE- Los Angeles Daily News; Newark Star Ledger

13. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION- St. Petersburg Times; Tampa

Tribune; Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; Pine Bluff Commercial; Wheeling News Register; Parkersburg News;

CABINET RADIO SUGGESTIONS RECISION

INTERIOR

Arizona

Tuscon: KNST, KTUC

Phoenix: KTAR, KFYI

Washington

Seattle: KIRO, KVI, KOMO

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Radio Network/KTOK (Oklahoma City)

Oklahoma Public Radio

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Florida

Florida Radio Network

WFLA. Tampa

WDBO. Orlando

Arkansas

Arkansas Radio Network/KARN (Little Rock)

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Indiana

Indianapolis: WIBC

Indiana Radio Network

North Carolina

North Carolina Radio Network

Charlotte: WBT

Kentucky

Kentucky Radio Network

Lexington: WVLK

EPA

Ohio

Cleveland: WWWE

Toledo: WSPD

HHS

Wisconsin

Milwaukee: WTMJ, WISN

Wisconsin Radio Network

Nevada

Las Vegas: KDWN, KLAV

Reno: KKOH

EDUCATION

RADIO

Upstate New York

Syracuse: WSYR

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Radio Network

Philadelphia: KYW, WWDB

Scranton: WARM

Colorado

Denver: KOA

Georgia

Georgia Radio Network/WGST (based in Atlanta)

Savannah:

TREASURY

Texas

Dallas: KRLD, WBAP, KLIF

Houston: KTRH, KPRC

San Antonio: WOAI

El Paso: KTSM

Texas Radio Network

LABOR

Illinois

Chicago: WLS, WGN, WBBM

Illinois Radio Network

Northern Cal

San Francisco: KCBS, KGO
Sacramento: KFBK

USTR

New York

New York City: WINS, WCBS, WOR (morning shows)

Southern Cal

Los Angeles: KABC (The Michael Jackson Show)

GSA

Virginia

Virginia Radio Network

Maryland

Baltimore: WBAL

Ohio

Akron: WAKR (they had already booked)

AG

Iowa

Iowa Radio Network

Des Moines: WHO

Mississippi

Mississippi Radio Network

Jackson: WJNT

HUD

Louisiana

Louisiana Radio Network

New Orleans: WWL

Shreveport: KEEL

Southern California

San Diego: KFMB, KSDO

Los Angeles: KABC (The Ken & Barkley Show)

San Jose, CA: KLIV

Michigan

Detroit: WJR (JP McCarthy Show), WWJ, WXYT

Michigan Radio Network

ENERGY

Oregon

Portland: KEX, KXL

Minnesota

Minneapolis: WCCO

Minnesota Radio Network

New Mexico

Albuquerque: KKOB

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March 2, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

SUBJECT: Updated Weekly Cabinet Activity
March 2 - March 7, 1995

[UPDATES IN BOLD]

MARCH 2, 1995

- DOC -- Census Bureau Economic Indicator Report: New One Family Houses Sold and for Sale for January 1995.
- DOC -- Census Bureau Economic Indicator Report: Personal Income and Outlays for January, 1994.
- DOE -- Nuclear Waste Testimony: Secretary O'Leary testifies before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1995.
- DoEd -- Deputy Secretary Kunin addresses the proposed rescissions in speech at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- DoEd -- *ABC News* airs segment on how the proposed rescissions would affect education.
- DoEd -- Secretary Riley interviews with NPR on Republican rescission proposals
- DOI -- Secretary Babbitt travels to Wisconsin to investigate bald eagle deaths.
- DOJ -- State Challenges To Motor Voter Law: The trial on California's challenge to the National Voter Registration Act's constitutionality is scheduled for March 2, 1995. A ruling is expected in the South Carolina challenge after March 2, 1995.
- Attorney General Reno holds her weekly press avail. May speak out strongly against a New Jersey judge's decision to declare Megan's Law unconstitutional. The law requires community notification of released pedofiles and other sex offenders.

- **DOL - Black Entertainment Television Interview:** Secretary Reich interviews with BET for profile piece to run over the weekend.
- **EPA -- Administrator Browner interviews with Atlanta-Constitution on GOP Contract and environmental policy.**
- **HHS -- Welfare Speech:** Secretary delivers speech to Child Welfare Legislative Conference.
- **HHS -- Testimony: Secretary Shalala testifies before the House Committee on Government Reform and oversight.**
- **HUD -- Nation Of Islam Testimony:** Secretary Cisneros testifies before the General Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Banking and Financial Services Committee regarding security contracts with companies affiliated with the Nation of Islam. Over the last two months, HUD has embarked on a review of public housing authorities and private firms purportedly associated with the Nation of Islam to provide security at their developments in order to determine if there was any evidence that these housing authorities had violated their contractual relationship with the Department, by hiring firms that engage in discriminatory practices. HUD has completed field reviews, which included interviews with residents and managers in Chicago, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, New York City (Brooklyn), Buffalo, NY, Dayton, Ohio, and Washington, DC.
- **HUD -- Deputy Secretary Cuomo addresses the winter conference of Council of State Community Development Agencies.**
- **ONDCP -- Drug Speech:** Dr. Lee Brown travels to Alexandria, LA, and addresses the National Baptist Convention of America.
- **OPM -- Downsizing:** The House Subcommittee on Civil Service has scheduled a hearing on Thursday, March 2 concerning Workforce Statistics. OMB, GAO and OPM invited to testify on downsizing in the Executive Branch.
- **SBA -- Procurement Assistance Program:** House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing on the SBA's Procurement Assistance Program.
- **Ambassador Kantor will announce today that he will travel to China 3/9 - 3/13 to sign the Intellectual Property Rights Agreement.**
- **VA -- Opening Of Homeless Shelter:** Secretary Brown travels to Northhampton, MA, and participates in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the first homeless shelter to be opened on VA property.

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- **DOC -- AFDC Report:** Commerce's Census Bureau releases AFDC data in a report entitled "Mothers Who Receive AFDC Payments -- Fertility and Socioeconomic Characteristics." Among other data, the findings include: 29% of mothers 15-44 years old who received AFDC in 1993 had their first child before 18; never married mothers represented 48% of this age group; and about one in ten foreign-born mothers were on AFDC in 1993 with three quarters not U.S. citizens.
- **DOC -- Census Bureau Economic Indicator Report:** Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders for Jan. 1995.
- **DOC -- Census Bureau Economic Indicator Report:** Composite Indexes of Leading, Coincident and Lagging Economic Indicators for January 1995.
- **DOT -- Secretary Pena testifies before the House Sub-Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries**
- **HUD -- Secretary Cisneros speaks on recession cuts in Town Hall meeting in Knoxville, TN.**
- **ONDCP -- Dr. Lee Brown testifies before the House Foreign Affairs Committee**

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- **DOI -- Interior Secretary Babbitt travels to San Diego, CA, to address the Associations of Governments.**
- **DOI -- Interior Secretary Babbitt participates in an event with Congressman Filner and California Democrats.**
- **UN -- Ambassador Albright speaks at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.**

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: EPA Administrator Carol Browner
Event: EW Forum on Environmental Risk Analysis w/Sen. Baucus
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** Philadelphia, PA
Person Attending: ONDCP Drug Tzar Lee Brown
Event: PRIDE Conference
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** New York, NY
Person Attending: ONDCP Drug Tzar Lee Brown
Event: Town Hall Meeting
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** Denver, CO
Person Attending: Commerce Secretary Ron Brown
Event: Speech to Americas Regional Conf. of INTERLAW
Event Description: re: Business opportunities in Latin America

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** Asia
Person Attending: State Secretary Warren Christopher
Event: Travel
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** Carlsbad, NM
Person Attending: DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary
Event: Meeting with Sen Domenici, Sen. Bingaman, Cong Skeen, and Mayor Forrest
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/04/94 **Location:** Washington, DC
Person Attending: DOT Secretary Federico Peña
Event: Address FAA Commercial Forecast Conference
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/05/94 **Location:** Austin, TX
Person Attending: Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt
Event: Speech to National Wildlife Federation and Health Care Event
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/05/94 **Location:** Cincinnati, OH
Person Attending: ONDCP Drug Tzar Lee Brown
Event: Children's Defense Fund Annual Conf.
Event Description:

Date of Event: 03/05/94
Person Attending: State Secretary Warren Christopher
Event: Travel
Event Description:

Location: Asia

Date of Event: 03/05/94
Person Attending: DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary
Event: Reception with Sen Bingaman
Event Description:

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Date of Event: 03/05/94
Person Attending: DOE Secretary Hazel O'Leary
Event: Democratic party of New Mexico Convention Reception
Event Description:

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Date of Event: 03/06/94
Person Attending: State Secretary Warren Christopher
Event: Travel
Event Description:

Location: Asia

ENDING WELFARE AS WE KNOW IT

March 7, 1995

In a speech today to the National Association of Counties, President Clinton will reiterate the values that must guide reform of the nation's welfare system: work, family, and personal responsibility. He will also take another step to giving states the flexibility they need to reform welfare, while Congress debates national reform.

The Welfare System is Badly Broken. Nothing has done more to undermine our sense of responsibility than our failed welfare system. It rewards welfare over work. It undermines family values. It lets millions of parents get away without paying child support. That is why President Clinton is working hard to reform the welfare system.

We Have Made a Good Start Fixing the Welfare System. In the last two years, the Clinton administration has given more states the flexibility they need to find their own ways to reform welfare than the past two administrations combined. As of today, **25 states -- half the nation -- have received welfare reform waivers** from this Administration, **more than twice as many welfare waivers** as the Bush Administration approved during four years.

Three Values Must Guide Welfare Reform: Work, Family, and Responsibility.

- **Work: Welfare Must be Tough on Work.** We have to make welfare what it was meant to be: a second chance, not a way of life. We will help those on welfare move to work as quickly as possible, provide child care and teach skills if they need them. But after that, the rule will be simple: Anyone who can work must go to work.
- **Family: We Must Make Parents Pay Child Support.** If a parent isn't paying child support, we will make them pay; suspend their drivers' licenses, track them across state lines and make them work off what they owe. We are collecting a record level of child-support from delinquent parents -- \$9 billion in 1993, a 12 percent increase over the previous year. That's why the President signed an executive order to make it easier to find federal employees who owe child support and make them pay.
- **Personal Responsibility: We Should Move People to Independence, not Punish them for Being Poor.** Our goal in welfare reform must be to liberate people and lift them up -- from welfare to work, mere childbearing to responsible parenting -- not punish them because they are poor. We should promote responsibility by requiring young mothers to live with their parents and finish school, not by putting them and their kids out on the street. We should not punish children for their parents' mistakes.

Reform Must Not Be Cruel to Kids. The plans currently being developed by House Republicans don't amount to real welfare reform. By cutting benefits such as school lunches and food stamps and cutting off young mothers, the Republicans may be saving money for a capital gains tax cut, but they're not reforming welfare. Real welfare reform is about helping people move to work, not simply cutting them off.

We Cannot Allow This Issue to Divide Us. We must end welfare as we know it, but we must also stop using this issue to divide America. No one is more eager to end welfare than the people that are trapped on it. We should promote work, responsibility and good parenting. We should punish bad behavior and the refusal to be a student, a worker, or a responsible parent. But we should not punish poverty and past mistakes.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Activity 3/7 - 3/13

MARCH 7, 1995

- **DOC -- Business Development in Haiti:** Deputy Secretary Dave Barram and International Trade Administration (ITA) Deputy Under Secretary David Rothkopf accompany Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott on a Presidential Business Development Mission to Haiti March 7-8, leading a delegation of interagency and private sector representatives. The inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Haiti Business Development Council will be held.
- **DOC -- Budget Testimony:** Secretary Brown testifies before the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary and before the House Budget Committee on Thursday, March 9 regarding Commerce's FY96 proposed budget. The Secretary will continue to meet on this matter with pertinent Members of Congress, including Representatives Gilman, Skaggs, Klug, and Boehner; Senators Gorton, Kerrey, Dorgan, Jeffords, Ashcroft, Bennett and Lautenberg; and the Delegation of California Legislators.
- **DOE -- Testimony:** Secretary O'Leary testifies before two committees. In the morning, before the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee regarding our fiscal year 1996 Budget Request. In the afternoon, before the Senate Foreign Relations, Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee, perhaps with Secretary Ron Brown, regarding trade and investment opportunities in India and Pakistan.
- **DoEd -- National Challenge Grants Competition:** Vice President Gore and Secretary Riley announce the kick-off of the National Challenge Grants for Technology in Education. This program acts as a catalyst for change by supporting efforts to transform schools into information-age learning centers. The event is at Montgomery Knolls Elementary in Silver Spring, Maryland.

- **DOL -- Budget Testimony:** On March 7, Secretary Reich will testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Labor, Health & Human Services and Education Subcommittee regarding the FY 1996 Budget.
- **DOT -- Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Host Great Lakes Public Meetings** in Duluth, MN, to gather input on a number of Seaway-related issues, including Canadian tolls, recommendations on the future of the Seaway, and the proposed vessel incentive program. Follow-up meetings will take place in Milwaukee, WI (March 14); Burns Harbor, IN (April 5); Toledo, OH (April 11); and Ogdensburg, NY (April 26).
- **EPA -- Children's Groundwater Festival:** Administrator Browner and Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen join Governor Ben Nelson in Lincoln, Nebraska, Tuesday March 7, to participate in the 1995 Groundwater Festival. The Governor and the State of Nebraska have provided leadership in educating children across the nation about the importance of water resources and the importance of protecting these resources from pollution. This day-long festival unites experts from agencies, academia, industry and environmental organizations in order to teach over 3,000 children about the importance of water, especially groundwater.
- **HHS -- Testimony on Integrity of Government Social Security Documents:** On March 7, Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology will hold a hearing on the integrity of government documents that will focus on counterfeit-proof Social Security cards. Dr. Shirley Chater will testify.
- **HUD -- Reporter Roundtable:** Secretary Cisneros does an economic/ environmental reporter roundtable in Michigan.
- **USDA -- Rescission Press Conference:** Tuesday (3/7), Rominger will hold a news conference in Washington, D.C. on rescission policy and food stamps.
- **US-UN -- UN Human Rights Resolution on China:** The Human Rights Commission will vote on this issue on March 7 in Geneva. The Chinese have vigorously opposed; we and the Europeans have just as vigorously supported. The Chinese have pushed for a no-action motion which will most likely be defeated. US-UN is less certain that the resolution will pass, but there are still a number of uncommitted countries which could push the vote either way.
- **VA -- Budget Testimony:** March 7 & 8. Secretary Brown will present testimony on the VA's FY 96 budget before the House Appropriations Committee/Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies. He will testify before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee on the VA's FY 96 budget.

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- DOL -- OSHA Testimony: On March 8, Joseph Dear, Assistant Secretary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, will testify before the House Postsecondary Education, Training and Lifelong Learning Subcommittee which is holding hearings on the Occupational Safety and Health Act.
- DOJ -- Immigration: Doris Meissner participates in a panel discussion at the National Press Club on immigration.
- DOJ -- Drug Policy: Drug Policy Director and FBI Director will hold a press conference to discuss drug policy and add the first drug cartel trafficker to the FBI's most wanted list.
- HHS -- Budget Testimony: On March 8, Secretary Shalala testifies before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education on the Department's FY 1996 budget. On March 9, the Secretary testifies before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education on the same subject.

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- VA/DOD/HHS -- Persian Gulf Veterans Illness: Departments of Defense, HHS, and Veterans Affairs will testify before the Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Health. Their testimony is being coordinated with your speech to the VFW. In addition, *60 Minutes* segment on Persian Gulf War Illness will air on March 12.
- DOC -- Census Economic Reports: Wholesale Trade for January 1995
- DOC -- Information Access: Secretary Brown announces "Get Connected," a public information campaign aimed at increasing access and awareness of the National Information Infrastructure and the Administration's efforts to extend these resources to eliminate the gap between information "haves" and "have nots."
- DOJ -- Virginia Motor Voter Case: The Solicitor General is expected to file a merits brief for the United States as amicus curiae in Morse v. Oliver North for U.S. Senate Committee, a Voting Rights Act challenge by individual voters to the Virginia Republican Party's imposition of a \$45 fee for participation in its 1994 senatorial nominating convention. The Solicitor will argue that the GOP violated the Voting Rights Act by adding the fee requirement without first obtaining preclearance. The Solicitor will also argue that individual voters should be able to invoke the Act's anti-poll-tax remedies.

- DOL -- American Association of Newspaper Editors: Secretary Reich's speech on March 9th will discuss the Middle Class Bill of Rights, rescissions, and other major topics.
- DOL -- Restructuring: On March 9, Secretary Reich will testify before the House Government Reform & Oversight Committee, Human Resources & Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee on Department of Labor restructuring.
- DOT -- Denver Airport Testimony: Secretary Pena testifies before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Aviation Subcommittee on the new Denver International Airport and on regional airport development.
- USTR -- China: Ambassador Kantor leaves on trade mission to China.

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- DOJ -- US Marshals Conference: Attorney General Reno and Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick address the US Marshals annual conference in St. Louis, MO.
- DOL -- Unemployment Numbers: New numbers released Friday, March 10. Secretary Reich will conduct a number of one-on-one interviews with national press.
- DOL -- Minimum Wage: Secretary Reich participates in a minimum wage event with Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) on March 10.
- HHS -- Welfare Testimony: Secretary Shalala testifies before the Senate Finance Committee on welfare reform.
- HUD -- Recision Interview: Secretary Cisneros Interviews with Paul Nyhan of *Congressional Quarterly*.
- USDA -- Forest Plan/Pacific Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative: USDA Forest Service will release its FY94 Timber Sale Program Annual Report, which will be provided to Agency field managers, Congress, and the public. This Congressionally mandated report provides financial, economic, and employment information about the Agency's timber sale program. The report will indicate that 4.8 billion board feet of FY94 National Forest timber harvest produced \$885 million in gross revenue and netted \$214 million after expenses. In addition, 76,000 jobs and employment income of \$2.7 billion were supported by the harvest.

MARCH 12, 1995

- *60 Minutes* segment on Persian Gulf War Illness will air on March 12.
- DOT -- Motor Carrier Safety Summit: In response to a recent trend showing an increase in accidents involving truck, DOT will hold a Motor Carrier Safety Summit in Kansas City, MO, on March 12-15, 1995. Secretary Pena and Federal Highway Administrator Rodney Slater will deliver keynote speeches at the opening plenary session on March 12. Mayor Cleaver of Kansas City and Mr. Tom Donahue of the American Trucking Association have also agreed to speak. The Summit will provide the opportunity for DOT and representatives of the industry and related disciplines to set a motor carrier safety agenda for the turn of the century and beyond.

MARCH 13, 1995

- DOL -- Glass Ceiling Awards: On March 13, Secretary Reich presents the Francis Perkins-Elizabeth Dole National Award for Diversity and Excellence in American Executive Management to the Xerox corporation: a company that has been exemplary in its efforts to diversify and promote minorities and women. The event will be held in room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. Elizabeth Dole is expected to attend.
- DOC -- Malcom Baldrige "Tour Center": Secretary Brown joins the First Lady at DOC for the Grand Opening of the Malcolm Baldrige Great Hall, which will serve as the White House "Tour Center."
- EPA -- Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative: EPA is working to finalize the Great Lakes Water Quality Initiative (GLI) due to be announced on March 13. The final GLI will set water quality standards for the entire Great Lakes basin but with enough flexibility to address the unique situations in each state. EPA has been working with several Congressional members and Governors in the Great Lakes region to ensure successful completion of this process.
- HUD -- Recission Briefing: Secretary Cisneros Meets with 10 Representatives of the Brookings Institute
- DOI -- Field Hearings on the Endangered Species Act: Monday, March 13, in Louisiana, Secretary Babbitt plans to attend the field hearings on the Endangered Species Act being conducted by Congressman Don Young's Natural Resources Committee.

MARCH 14, 1995

- **DOT – Olympic Activities.** Federal Transit Administrator Gordon Linton and I will host an event at DOT Headquarters to recognize the sixty transit agencies who are contributing the 2,000 buses to the Olympic Games. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games identified these buses as necessary for their transportation fleet during the 1996 Olympics. Both the chairmen and the general managers of the affected transit agencies will be invited. This event will follow my address to the American Public Transit Association on that date.

DPC Program
StaffImpact of Selected House Rescission ProposalsSummer Jobs

The rescission would eliminate funding for the Summer Youth Employment program in each of the Summers of 1995 and 1996, wiping out job opportunities for 615,000 disadvantaged youth in each of these summers.

National Service

The rescission would cut 15,000 AmeriCorps members from the 33,000 Congress authorized and funded to begin service in the latter half of 1995. Examples of National Service activities: providing thousands of low-income and migrant children with immunizations; nursing and health professions students are providing health education and primary care to senior citizens; working with children in environmental clean-up activities; and, working in inner city recreation areas to work against drug traffic and violence.

WIC

A \$25 million rescission of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) would reduce the projected caseload of women, infants, and children by as much as 100,000 by the end of FY95.

Subsidized Housing

This cut eliminates assistance to 63,000 needy low-income households which would receive Federal housing assistance. This would include 12,000 homeless families, 2,000 disabled individuals and 3,000 people with HIV/AIDS who are already homeless or in danger of becoming so.

Homeless

Approximately 24,000 fewer homeless families could be prevented from moving to transitional or permanent housing.

Housing Assistance to Persons with AIDS

The rescission eliminates funding for a program that would otherwise provide over 1,000 units of housing and other assistance to people suffering from AIDS.

Domestic Violence Hot Line

The rescission would eliminate funding for a 24 hour domestic violence hotline that would provide crisis counseling and service referrals for battered women and their family members. More than one million women are the victims of domestic violence.

- Elementary and Secondary Education

The \$105 million reduction could deprive an estimated 100,000 educationally disadvantaged children of special services.

- Ryan White and AIDS Prevention

The Ryan White reduction will result in the loss of early intervention services to an estimated 2,000 individuals. The AIDS Prevention reduction could potentially reduce access to HIV counseling and testing by an estimated 380,000 persons.

- Rural Rental Housing

This rescission would eliminate all FY 1995 funding for the Federal Government's primary rural multi-family rental housing direct loan program. These funds are used to construct low-cost rental or cooperative housing for elderly, handicapped, and very low-income families in rural America. This rescission would eliminate all funds for the construction or rehabilitation of 3,750 units.

- Community Development Banks

The proposed rescission of \$125 million would terminate the program. Without this funding, the Fund would not be able to provide: \$10,000,000 in direct loan subsidies to support over \$23,000,000 of direct loans to CDFIs; \$50,000,000 in grants, technical and other financial assistance to CDFIs; and \$20,000,000 in community development incentives for depository institutions. The Fund's investments in CDFIs, banks, and thrifts are estimated to leverage approximately \$500,000,000 in investments, loans and financial services in the country's most distressed communities.

- Goals 2000

A 38% reduction in funds for State and Locals Goals 2000 funds means that approximately 4,000 fewer schools in 46 states will receive seed money to implement more challenging academic standards.

- Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program provides counseling, instructional and other drug prevention services in 94% of all school districts, serving 93% of public school children and 82% of all public and private school students. If the program is eliminated, these school districts will lose all federal support for drug-prevention programs and not receive start-up funds to institute new anti-violence programs.

**HONORING OUR VETERANS --
PRESERVING AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD
March 6, 1995**

Today, the President reiterates themes he laid out in a speech to the Nixon Center last week: America must remain engaged in the world. We cannot retreat from world leadership as the new isolationists in Congress would have us do. He also will announce new measures to help veterans suffering from Gulf War illnesses.

UPHOLDING AMERICAN WORLD LEADERSHIP.

In a speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars today, President Clinton continues his call for America to remain engaged in world affairs. He honors the sacrifice of veterans by vowing to uphold the tradition of American leadership they fought so hard to preserve.

PRESERVING A STRONG MILITARY

To honor the sacrifice of those who have served, we must preserve their legacy, a half century of American leadership. In his speech, the President makes clear that we can only preserve that leadership in the world by maintaining a strong and ready military:

Maintaining Our Troops Readiness. The President is determined to honor his vow that our armed forces are the **best-equipped, best-trained, best prepared** military in the world. That's why he asked Congress to increase defense funding by \$25 billion over the next six years to raise military pay and provide better housing and child care for our troops and their families.

**PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING VETERANS' BENEFITS
IS VITAL TO OUR WORLD LEADERSHIP**

The soldiers of tomorrow will only be as good as our commitment to the veterans of today. When President Clinton took office, he vowed to fight for the interests of America's veterans. Our Administration has kept that pledge by:

Keeping an Open Door to Veterans. The White House doors are open to veterans, and President Clinton has looked to veterans for help shaping our policy for veterans.

Working to Improve Health Care for Veterans. The Clinton Administration has expanded long-term care programs and established comprehensive centers for women veterans. We process claims faster, and are getting veterans the benefits they're owed.

Helping Veterans Receive Benefits. The President fought to preserve veterans' preferences for federal jobs; made sure that military retirees received their full Cost of Living Adjustments when they were in danger; and reached out to veterans around America to tell them about opportunities to refinance homes bought under the GI bill.

HELPING VETERANS SUFFERING FROM PERSIAN GULF ILLNESS

President Clinton has worked hard to help veterans suffering from Persian Gulf illnesses, improving both treatment and efforts to cure the illness. He has already moved to treat **and compensate** those veterans fairly while making every effort to find medical answers; ensured that VA and military hospitals are fully equipped to treat those who need care; and enlisted some of the nation's finest scientific talent to find the roots of these ailments.

A Presidential Advisory Committee

Today, the President will announce his intent to establish a **Presidential Advisory Committee** to review and make recommendations regarding all efforts aimed at finding the causes of this illness and improving the medical care available to Gulf War veterans.

More Steps to Help Gulf War Veterans

Today, he will also announce new measures to help those veterans:

New Money for Research. The Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Health and Human Services will spend up to \$13 million on new research.

New Survey to Track Illness. VA will begin surveying 30,000 Gulf Veterans and active duty personnel to examine whether their illnesses have been transmitted to spouses and children.

Declassification Continues. Data will continue to be declassified, including information regarding cancers and other serious illnesses among Gulf War Veterans.

The First Lady's Commitment.

The First Lady has been visiting Gulf War veterans at military hospitals to discuss their illnesses. She has made a personal priority of ensuring that we do all we can to solve this vexing health problem and ease the suffering of its victims.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT: THE CLINTON RECORD

Background

The goal of the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program, established in 1975 under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, is to ensure that children are supported financially by both of their parents.

Designed as a joint federal, state, and local partnership, the multi-layered program involves 50 separate state systems, each with its own unique laws and procedures. Some local child support offices are run by courts, others by counties, and others by state agencies. At the federal level, the Department of Health and Human Services provides technical assistance and funding to states through the Office of Child Support Enforcement and also operates the Federal Parent Locator System, a computer matching system that uses federal information to locate non-custodial parents who owe child support.

Today, despite recent improvements in paternity establishment and collections, this child support system fails many families. Paternity is not established for most children born out of wedlock, child support awards are usually low and rarely modified, and ineffective collection enforcement allows many non-custodial parents--especially in interstate cases--to avoid payment without penalty.

As a result, non-custodial parents paid only \$14 billion in child support in 1990. But if child support orders reflecting current ability to pay were established and enforced in all cases, single mothers would have received \$48 billion: money for clothing, food, utilities, and child care. Closing that \$34 billion gap is a top priority for this Administration.

Clinton Administration Increases and Innovations

- o **Federal employees.** Because of a complicated maze of overlapping federal laws and court decisions, it is sometimes difficult for the partners of federal employees to serve legal papers attempting to establish paternity and to collect child support payments. These problems are especially acute as they relate to the Armed Forces.

Today, the President signed an executive order to make the federal government a model employer in the area of child support enforcement. It requires all federal agencies, including the Armed Forces, to cooperate fully in efforts to establish paternity, and to ensure that children of federal employees are provided the support to which they are legally entitled.

The order would take a number of important steps, including: reducing by half the time agencies take to garnish federal paychecks and provide the support to the employees' children; requiring the Office of Personnel Management to publish a current listing of officials designated to handle child support cases so that parents can seek help; researching ways to improve the computer matching system that helps states find federal employees who owe child support payments; and cross-matching all cases referred by states to the IRS (for garnishment of income tax refunds) with federal personnel files.

- o **Increasing funding.** President Clinton has proposed yearly expansions in federal spending on child support, increasing federal spending by more than 25 percent since taking office. In 1993, the federal-state child support enforcement system collected a record \$9 billion from non-custodial parents.
- o **Seizing tax refunds.** On February 21, 1995, HHS announced the collection of a record \$703 million in delinquent child support for 1993 by garnishing income tax refunds of non-paying parents. Benefiting nearly one million families, the amount was 13 percent more than collections for 1992.
- o **Improving paternity establishment.** Already, the Clinton Administration has proposed, and Congress has adopted, a requirement for states to establish hospital-based paternity programs, as a proactive way to establish paternities early in a child's life.
- o **Prosecuting non-payers.** Billions of dollars more in support is owed to nine million children whose parents have crossed state lines and failed to pay. The Justice Department is aggressively investigating and prosecuting these cases under the Child Support Recovery Act.

Changes Under Welfare Reform

Building on the best state and federal initiatives, President Clinton's child support plan, introduced as part of last year's welfare reform legislation, would create an aggressive, coordinated system with automated collection and tougher enforcement. While the federal-state child support enforcement system collected \$9 billion from non-custodial parents in 1993, the reformed system under our plan would collect \$20 billion in the year 2000. The plan focuses on:

Universal paternity establishment. Performance incentives will encourage states to establish paternity for all births, and hospitals will expand efforts to get parents to voluntarily acknowledge paternity. Streamlined legal procedures and greater use of scientific testing will facilitate identification for those who do not voluntarily acknowledge their responsibilities. And we also will require each welfare applicant to supply the name and location of the child's father in order to receive benefits.

Fair award guidelines and periodic updating. A commission will study whether national awards guidelines should be adopted. States will automatically update awards for families as non-custodial parents' incomes change.

Automated monitoring and tracking. States will centralize and modernize their child support structures through the use of central registries that monitor payments automatically. A new national child support clearinghouse will catch parents who try to evade their responsibilities even if they flee across state lines.

New penalties for those who refuse to pay. Expanded wage-withholding and data-base matching will be used to enforce compliance. As a last resort, states will withhold the drivers' and professional licenses of parents who refuse to pay support. Even the threat of license suspension is a proven enforcement tool, and suspension also reaches self-employed people unaffected by wage-withholding.



Weekly Review • Look Ahead

This Week — February 19-25, 1995

New Aviation Agreement with Canada for More American Jobs.

In Canada today, President Clinton will sign aviation agreement that means more American jobs. The President is also checking on the progress of NAFTA. Since the agreement, trade between the United States and Canada has soared 50 percent.

A New Effort to Reform Regulation

This week, the President and Vice President launched a major new effort to reinvent the nation's regulatory system.

- The President is determined to make our regulatory system cost less, meddle less, and put more responsibility in the hands of the people.
- But he will fight to ensure that the safeguards for our children, our families and our workers are not stripped away.

Defending School Lunch

- The President has vowed to fight the child-nutrition provisions announced this week in the House Republicans' welfare reform proposal. The Republican plan would block-grant and reduce funding for programs that have helped millions of American children.
- Only a national system of nutrition programs can establish and meet nutrition standards that respond to economic changes and ensure that children's health will be protected.
- The Republican plan abandons these standards, leaving wide variation across states and no accountability to guarantee health outcomes.

Helping Veterans Suffering from Persian Gulf Mystery Illness.

- The President met on Wednesday with Michael Sills, a veteran suffering from Persian Gulf Mystery Illness. Sills received compensation made possible by legislation the President signed last fall.
- President Clinton said, "For some Persian Gulf Veterans like Michael Sills, medical science does not have answers today but we must not and will not give up." On the same day, the First Lady went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit Gulf veterans suffering from the unexplained illness.
- Stars & Stripes, an independent newspaper, complimented the President's stand on Persian Gulf Illness: "Among the most impressive of Mr. Clinton's actions has been the Administration's strong commitment to seeing that the history of Agent Orange doesn't repeat itself in Gulf War syndrome." In a mid-term report, Stars & Stripes, recognized the President's leadership on the whole range of veterans issues in a mid-term report on his record: "We believe he has done an outstanding job and deserves credit..."

Next Week — February 26-March 5, 1995

Next week, the President will speak about some of the themes he laid out in the State of the Union: the importance of service to one's nation and community; the effort to stop violence and keep guns off our streets; and America's leadership in the world.

Red Cross

- On Monday, the President will preside over the Community Campaign Kick-Off for the American Red Cross. In his remarks, the President will highlight the importance of **service to our communities** and recognize the contribution the Red Cross has made over the last century.

Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Criminals

- Tuesday, the President makes the first anniversary of the enactment of the Brady Law, the landmark gun control law, with Jim and Sarah Brady at the White House.
- The President will underscore the success of the legislation and reiterate his commitment to **fighting Republican efforts to repeal the assault weapons ban**. A new report will show that the Brady Law is working; it's making America safer.

America's Leadership in the New World

Wednesday, the President will speak at the Nixon Center in Washington, DC, where he will deliver a foreign policy address emphasizing our duty to stay engaged in the world and our efforts to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons; cracking down on the smuggling of nuclear weapons; dismantling nuclear warheads in the former Soviet Union; heading the fight for the Non-Proliferation Treaty; and the framework with North Korea.

TALKING POINTS
FEBRUARY 27, 1995

President Clinton begins the week by **moving forward** on his pledge to **end welfare as we know it**.

REFORMING WELFARE

TODAY, THE PRESIDENT SIGNS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MAKING IT EASIER TO FIND PARENTS WHO OWE CHILD SUPPORT AND TO MAKE THEM PAY WHAT THEY OWE.

- **DEMANDING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.** The President's action is another important step in the effort to bring the federal government in line with the values of our people. Parents have a responsibility to take care of their children -- and any parent who isn't paying child support should be forced to pay. Too many children in this country suffer because of a parent's irresponsible behavior. Responsible welfare reform must include measures to enforce child support obligations.
- **MAKING PARENTS PAY WHAT THEY OWE.** The President has made child support enforcement one of his top priorities, and this executive order will make it easier to find federal employees who don't meet their obligations to their children. It will also improve our ability garnish their paychecks and force them to pay the support they owe.
- **BUILDING ON A RECORD YEAR FOR ENFORCEMENT.** The President's action today builds on the work he has done the past two years to step up child enforcement. Last week, the Department of Health and Human Services reported that we had collected a **record \$703 million in delinquent child support** for 1993 by garnishing income tax refunds of parents who failed to pay. This 13% increase in collections helped almost one million families.

MORE DEMOCRATIC ACTION ON WELFARE REFORM

- **Another Welfare Waiver.** On Monday, Secretary Shalala grants another federal waiver for state welfare reform, bringing to 24 the number of states that President Clinton has given flexibility to improve their system.
- **Opposing Efforts to Cut School Lunches.** Also on Monday, Governor Howard Dean (VT), the Chairman of the National Governors' Association, and other Democratic Governors release a study showing the harm GOP cuts in school lunches would do to children in their states.

A GOOD TRADE DEAL WITH CHINA

A WIN FOR AMERICAN WORKERS. This weekend, the Clinton Administration won another battle in the fight to create high paying jobs for Americans.

ELIMINATING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES

This weekend's intellectual property agreement with China will eliminate practices that have cost Americans **over \$1 billion a year in high value exports**. It will mean thousands of jobs for Americans in key industries, including computer software, pharmaceuticals, agricultural and chemical products, books, and audio visual products.

- HOUSE REPUBLICAN RESCISSIONS

I. REPUBLICAN RESCISSIONS REFLECT A STRATEGY TO CUT INVESTMENTS FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS AND POOR CHILDREN TO FUND LUCRATIVE TAX CUTS FOR THOSE MAKING OVER \$200,000.

REPUBLICAN SAVINGS ARE GOING TO PAY FOR UNJUSTIFIED TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY.

- The Republican "Contract with America" includes a \$700 billion tax cut over 10 years --with half the benefits going to families making over \$100,000.
- A capital gains tax break that will cost \$183 billion over 10 years--with nearly half the benefits going to families making over \$200,000. **The cost of one year of the capital gains cut would be larger than all rescissions approved through Friday, February 24.**
- A boondoggle "neutral cost recovery" tax break that the Wall Street Journal says "is a very sweet deal for the nation's capital intensive companies... [and] could allow some big and profitable companies to escape taxes altogether." (12/5/95) Cost: \$120 billion over 10 years.

THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET MAKES DRAMATIC CUTS IN PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN SIMPLY TO PAY FOR THE PORTION OF THE TAX CUTS GOING TO HOUSEHOLDS MAKING OVER \$200,000.

Indeed, the following cuts all go to paying for only a portion of the capital gains tax cut going to households making over \$200,000.

- 15,000 young people will be denied opportunities to engage in national service; (\$210 million, or 2% of the one-year average price of neutral-cost recovery)
- 100,000 women, infants, and children will be denied proper nutrition by WIC cuts;
- 615,000 disadvantaged youths will be denied summer jobs this summer because of the elimination of funding for the summer jobs programs. (\$1.7 billion)
- 4,000 school will be denied funds for higher standards and better teaching through cuts in GOALS 2000 (\$164 million)
- 34,000 youth in 17 communities around the country will lose training opportunities through elimination of Youth Fair Chance.
- 94% of all school districts will lose funding for keeping drugs out of their schools through elimination of funding for the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program.

All of the above cuts would pay for only a portion of the average capital gains tax cut that goes to households making over \$200,000.

II. POLITICS AS USUAL OVER POLITICAL REFORM: THE REPUBLICANS TALK ABOUT CHANGE, BUT IT'S JUST MORE PORK AND POLITICS AS USUAL -- WHILE THE MIDDLE CLASS AND POOR GET CUT.

600,000 Summer Jobs vs. \$600,000 Increase for the Speaker's Office: Behind the rhetoric about revolution, you'll find the same, old porkbarrel politics. While the Republican leadership is calling for eliminating over 600,000 summer jobs for young people, Newt Gingrich is giving his own office \$600,000 more for its own needs.

Paying for a Pork Visitor Center for a Republican Official Is More Important than Weatherizing Homes for Low-Income Families: As the New York Times stated: "One trade-off speaks volumes about Republicans priorities; they decided it was more important to pay for a visitor's center in Oregon, the home state of a GOP Committee member, than to help weatherize homes of low income families." (2/24/95)

III. EXTREME CUTS VS BOLD, SENSIBLE REFORM: PRESIDENT CLINTON IS CREATING A LEANER, SMARTER GOVERNMENT THAT HELPS MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS HELP THEMSELVES. THE REPUBLICANS ARE TAKING AN EXTREME "CUT-AND-GUT" APPROACH THAT HURTS WORKING FAMILIES.

Through the National Performance Review, President Clinton has already cut more than 100,000 federal jobs and saved \$63 billion and is making bold, but sensible reforms that make government work better for working families. By contrast, the Republicans have an extreme ideological agenda, and they are cutting programs whether they work or not.

Example: The Administration is making a bold, sensible reform of the Agriculture Department while Republicans are calling for slashing successful nutrition programs for children. The Administration has closed 1,100 unneeded agriculture field offices while expanding WIC. That makes sense. GAO says WIC saves \$3.50 for every \$1 spent while improving birthweights and reducing infant mortality and child anemia. Republicans are drastically slashing this and other successful programs. Indeed, in addition to their rescission package they are also calling for cuts in WIC and school lunches totaling \$860 million in 1996 and \$7 billion over five years.

Example: The Administration has called for dramatic reform of the Department of Housing and Urban Development -- consolidating 60 programs and eliminating 4,400 positions, while Republican rescissions threaten housing for the neediest. Republicans are simply calling for slashing housing assistance for 63,000 families, most with poor children, including 12,000 homeless families, 2,000 disabled individuals and 3,000 people with HIV-AIDS who are homeless or in danger of becoming so. (\$2.7 billion)

Example: This President signed the inter-state banking legislation -- an historic reform, while the House Republicans are calling for eliminating funding for Community Development Banks: After 20 years of effort, this Administration passed the Interstate Banking Efficiency Act -- a major deregulatory accomplishment. The House Republicans would deny hundreds -- even thousands -- of community banks funding by eliminating funding for the Community Development Bank and Financial Institution bill.

**AMERICAN LEADERSHIP
AND ENGAGEMENT: REDUCING
THE NUCLEAR THREAT**

March 1, 1995

Today in an address to the Nixon Center, President Clinton will underscore the need for American leadership and engagement in world affairs. In that context, the President will set forth his agenda to reduce the threat posed by the world's nuclear arsenals.

COUNTERING THE NEW ISOLATIONISTS

- **Not Walking Away from World Leadership.** Today, we face a fundamental debate about our role in the world. Despite the end of the Cold War, we still face threats to our nation's security. America cannot and will not walk away from world leadership.
- **The New Isolationists are Wrong.** Some in Congress choose the path of isolation over engagement. The new isolationists would divert resources from peacekeeping, our diplomats, and even our troops and waste them on a failed Star Wars fantasy. They would have us face the future alone. They are wrong. We reject their calls for retreat.

"If we withdraw from the world today, we will have to contend with the consequences of our neglect tomorrow."
President Clinton, 3/1/95

- **Reducing the Nuclear Threat.** Nowhere is the need for leadership clearer than in the fight to reduce the nuclear threat. That's why the President has launched an ambitious agenda to reduce nuclear arms and to ensure that dangerous nuclear materials are secure and will not fall into the hands of terrorists or rogue states.

WE HAVE MADE THE WORLD SAFER

Since taking office, the President has made dramatic strides to **reduce the threat of nuclear weapons**. Three nuclear states of the former Soviet Union have given up nuclear weapons forever. The Start I and II arms control treaties will result in reductions of nearly two-thirds in strategic nuclear forces. Today, not a single office Russian missile is targeted at America.

MAKING AMERICA SAFER TOMORROW

This year, we are launching **the most ambitious agenda** since the dawn of the nuclear age to reduce the threat of weapons of mass destruction. The President is leading the charge to:

- **Extend indefinitely the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.**
- **Win Senate ratification of Start II and the Chemical Weapons Convention.**
- **Conclude a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.**
- **Implement the tough and smart deal to end North Korea's nuclear program.**

**REPUBLICAN RESCISSIONS:
A WAR ON CHILDREN
AND THE POOR
March 2, 1995**

Today, the House Appropriations Committee will vote on Republicans' proposed rescissions -- measures that would **hurt the most vulnerable of Americans** -- children and the poor -- all to help pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. The President is fighting to protect children and the poor.

THESE PROPOSALS ARE MEAN-SPIRITED AND SHORT-SIGHTED. They are part of a larger Republican effort that represents "a war on children and the poor." That effort includes recent decisions to terminate the school lunch program and, as part of welfare reform legislation, to slash child care assistance and child welfare services. The proposals would:

- **cut national service** in America's communities for 15,000 young people;
- **cut healthy nutrition packages** to about 100,000 women, infants, and children for 6 months;
- **eliminate summer jobs** for over 1.2 million youths over two years;
- **eliminate housing assistance** for nearly 90,000 low-income households;
- **cut teacher training** in 4,000 school districts; and
- **eliminate support for drug-prevention efforts** in 94 percent of school districts.

"Look at their rescission package. What they want to do is to make war on the kids of this country to pay for a capital gains tax cut."
President Clinton, 2/24/95

These Cuts are Targeted at Children and the Poor. Of the \$17.1 billion in rescissions that House subcommittees have approved, **63 percent come from programs for low-income Americans.** (Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)

These Cuts are Short-Sighted. The Republican cuts are penny-wise and pound-foolish. Nutrition programs for women, infants and children save several dollars in reduced social costs for every \$1 invested, as the Committee for Economic Development has noted.

Vice President Gore Goes on the Offensive. In a speech today at American University, the Vice President will hit back at the GOP assault on children's television programming. Gore will make clear that public t.v. needs reform, but he will tie cuts in school lunches and summer jobs for children to the assault on children's public television. Public t.v., above all else, is an educational tool for our children. Gore will point out that about 40% of Americans do not have cable because they live in rural areas or cannot afford it. Those families rely on public television to teach their children.

THE BRADY LAW IS WORKING

February 28, 1995

A new study shows that the Brady Law is doing what it is designed to do -- keeping handguns out of the reach of criminals, while not unduly infringing on the rights of gun-owners.

A NEW STUDY SHOWS BRADY LAW WORKING

Today, President Clinton will mark the end of the first full year of the Brady Law by meeting with Jim Brady in the Oval Office. The President will reference a new ATF study showing that the Brady Law, one of the President's signature accomplishments, is keeping guns out of the hands of the small percentage of people who use them criminally. In its first year alone, the study showed that in targeted areas:

- **More than 15,500 persons** had their applications to buy handguns denied.
- That includes denials **4,365 convicted felons** and **945 fugitives**. [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms study.]

A CBS Evening News study showed even more dramatic numbers of denials to criminals.

After years of partisan wrangling and no action, the last Congress stood up to special interests and did the right thing by passing the Brady Bill and the Assault Weapons ban. The President will fight any effort by this Congress to repeal those laws.

"Mark My Words: The Brady Law and the Assault Weapons Ban are working, and they are here to stay." President Clinton, 2/28/95

FIGHTING THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

The President is working to stop the Balanced Budget Amendment, which faces a key vote in the Senate today.

Real Commitment to Deficit Reduction is Action. Balancing the budget requires tough decisions, not a Constitutional Amendment. Our administration has made the tough decisions. We cut the deficit by over \$600 billion. In each budget we have sent to Congress, we've cut government, cut the deficit, while investing in the American people. The Balanced Budget Amendment can lead to an extreme fiscal policy that makes small recessions worse -- or to unelected federal judges or the Federal Reserve making budget decisions affecting all of us.

WEDNESDAY -- COUNTERING THE NEW ISOLATIONISTS

American Leadership and Engagement. In a Wednesday speech to the Nixon Center, the President will counter the new isolationists who want America to abandon its leadership role in the world; he will strongly restate his commitment to engagement -- his belief that we cannot and will not walk away from world leadership. He will also outline an ambitious agenda to make Americans safer; specifically by reducing the threat of nuclear weapons.

The President's Trip to Canada & Fight for America's Needy Children



First Official State Visit to Canada

Today and tomorrow, the President and the First Lady will visit Ottawa, to pay their first official state visit to our northern neighbor, and celebrate our working partnership. During the visit, the President will emphasize:

- The extraordinary partnership between Canada and the United States
- The commitment of both nations for global freedom and democracy
- The jobs and prosperity created in both countries through increased trade and commercial activity
- Our joint commitment to international engagement

Thursday, the President will visit privately with the Canadian Governor General, address the parliament, and meet with Prime Minister Chretien. That evening, the President and First Lady will attend a gala dinner.

Friday, the President will attend an expanded bilateral meeting and meet privately with Canadian opposition leaders. He will join the Prime Minister in signing a bilateral agreement on civil aviation.

Celebrating a Productive Partnership

The United States and Canada cooperate on almost every issue, from the world's largest trading relationship, to the space station, to restoring democracy in Haiti, to improving Great Lakes water quality to having the closest security alliance the world has ever seen.

- **Since NAFTA was enacted, trade with Canada has soared 50 percent.**

Taking Food Away From Children

Yesterday, the Committee on Economic and Education Opportunities began marking up the child care and child nutrition provisions in the House Republicans welfare reform proposal. The Republican plan would block-grant and reduce funding for federal child nutrition programs

An old conservative adage used to be, 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it.' Here's a program that isn't broke, that's done a world of good for millions and millions of children... and I think it would be a terrible mistake to put an end to it... This is one of the things we hired on to do — stick up for the interest of children, for the vast middle class, and for our future. I intend to do that, and I believe the Congress will as well.

— President Clinton
February 22, 1995

The Clinton Commitment to Childhood Nutrition

We are opposed to block-granting nutrition programs.

- We agree that these programs must be more flexible and easier for states to administer, but we won't support changes that jeopardize children's health.
- Only a national system of nutrition programs can establish and meet nutrition standards that respond to economic changes and ensure that children's health will be protected.
- The Republican proposal also includes a reduction of about 4 percent in total funding — in the first year.

Increasing the Risk to Children's Health

The block grant proposal would cut federal funding for the school-based programs by \$2 billion over five years, and it would reduce WIC funding by \$5.3 billion over the same period

- 400,000 fewer women, infants and children would be provided for than under the President's 1996 Budget proposal.
- During recession, our food programs expand to meet rising need. But block grants don't.
- If the School-Based Nutrition Block Grant had been enacted in 1989, 20 percent fewer resources would have been available to feed school children in 1994.

National Standards Protect Children

- Federal standards have protected children for 50 years — growth-stunting has decreased by 65%, low birth weight has been reduced, and anemia among low-income pre-schoolers has decreased.
- The Republican plan abandons these standards — leaving wide variation in standards across states and no accountability to guarantee health outcomes.
- States would have the ability to transfer up to 20 percent out of these programs to other uses. Children's health would suffer if states shifted resources away from nutrition programs to meet budget shortfalls.

States With More Low-Income Children Would Be Penalized

The Republican plan rewards states that serve the most meals. States will therefore have incentives to:

- Serve meals to more affluent students who can pay for part of the cost.
- Cut the quality of meals to cut costs and increase the number of meals.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

SUBJECT: Updates To Weekly Memo On Cabinet Activity

[Updates and Additions appear in BOLD]

February 23

- DOC -- Census Economic Reports: Census will release the semiannual economic indicator report, *Investment Plans Survey - 1995*.
- DOC -- Secretary Ron Brown testifies before the House Appropriations Committee: *Commerce Budget*.
- DOD -- Russia: DoD has received the State Department's request to provide 250,000 humanitarian daily rations for displaced Chechnyans. The rations will be airlifted by a contract air carrier from the Netherlands to World Food Program representatives located in Chechnya. Delivery will begin on February 23.
- DoEd -- Secretary Riley participates in a Town Hall Meeting with New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman in New Jersey.
- **DoEd -- Secretary Riley delivers speech on school financing at the US Chamber of Commerce.**
- DOI -- Interior Secretary Babbitt will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee: *Structure and Funding of the Bureau of Indian Affairs*.
- DOI -- Secretary Babbitt holds a press conference with Hunters and Anglers.
- DOT -- Secretary Pena testifies before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on the National Highway System.

- HHS -- Secretary Donna Shalala will testify before the Senate Budget Committee: *FY '96 Budget*.
- **HHS -- And White House Media Affairs will release state-by-state info on child care under the Republican welfare proposal.**
- HUD -- Secretary Cisneros testifies before the House Banking and Financial Services Subcommittee: Testimony on General Oversight and Investigations to examine contracts between HUD, or entities regulated by HUD, and companies providing security services.
- ONDCP -- Dr. Lee Brown travels to Sacramento, CA. He will attend a Community Policing Event, a drug prevention event, and interview with the *Sacramento Bee*, and local radio stations.
- TREAS -- Secretary Robert Rubin will testify before the House Treasury Committee: *Postal Appropriations*.
- UN -- West Point Speech: Ambassador Albright will travel to West Point to deliver the 1995 Sol Feinstein Lecture on the Meaning of Freedom. She will convey to our future military leaders the importance of the United States' continued leadership in international organizations.
- VA -- Secretary Brown hold a Black History Program at the VA Medical Center in Wilmington, DE
- **AIDS POLICY -- Patsy Flemming announces new regulations on testing of pregnant women for HIV.**

**The President Addresses House
Democratic Caucus
Wednesday, February 22, 1995**

The President will visit the House Democratic Caucus today to thank and congratulate its members for their recent legislative victories; to press them to fight for the Administration's own legislative agenda, including the Middle Class Bill of Rights and a higher minimum wage; and to urge them to thwart the components of the Republican Contract that are not in the interest of the American people.

Standing Firm: No Roll Back of Progress

The President will fight every attempt to reverse the progress we've made in promoting economic opportunity, education, safer streets and a more secure world.

Today he will thank the many Caucus members who **have fought Republican attempts to rewrite the toughest Crime Bill ever** and to force through Congress **a National Security Bill that would undercut America's international leadership** and place our troops at greater risk.

The President will highlight his commitment to investing in education, and he will protect investments made in:

Student Loans — Republicans want to add an extra \$2 billion a year in costs to four million students, by removing the break on student loan interest for those in school.

Direct Lending — Republicans want to eliminate the program that cuts bureaucracy and saves taxpayers and students billions. The President wants to expand it to all schools and all students.

Head Start — Republicans want to scale back a program that helps give every child a chance and has the track record to prove it; the President proposes to fully fund it.

National Service — Republicans want to dismantle National Service, which expands opportunity for young people willing to give something back to their country. The President is seeking to expand Americorps to help more young people earn money for education.

Department of Education — Republicans want to eliminate the Department. The President believes we should make every part of our government work better and cost less, but we must preserve our national investment in education.

Continuing the Fight for the American People

*The President will urge Democratic Caucus members to fight for the **Middle Class Bill of Rights**, a program to help middle-class families raise their children, pay for their education and take part in the American Dream.*

A tax deduction for all education and training after high school.

A \$500 tax cut for each child under the age of 13.

- Tax breaks for families who save for education.
- Skill Grants given directly to workers, paid for by consolidating federal programs.

*The President will fight for an **increase in the minimum wage**, to \$5.15. This increase is critical for hard-working men and women across the nation. Without the increase, the buying power of the minimum wage will be at a 40-year low.*

Fighting for Regulatory Reform that Makes Sense

The President will push for reform of our regulatory system, so that "it costs less, meddles less and puts more responsibility in the hands of the people." But he opposes what some Republicans in Congress consider reform, which would hurt the middle class and benefit powerful interests.

Yesterday the President announced a comprehensive Regulatory Reinvention Initiative that includes a complete, page-by-page review of existing federal regulations. The Initiative will complement the Vice President's highly successful Reinventing Government Initiative.

**Dr. Foster Nomination
Picking Up Steam**

Just in the past 48 hours, I've witnessed a turnaround in the kind of support and strength there is for [the] nomination.

—Senator Minority Leader Tom Daschle

2/15/95

Dr. Foster shows a passion for dealing with some of the tough issues that face America. Maybe some of the people who care about families would do well to reconsider their positions.

—Bishop Frederick James, AME Church

2/15/95

Broad Show of Support for Dr. Foster

Dr. Foster is receiving endorsements from groups representing a broad cross-section of America. Today, the American Medical Women's Association, the National Education Association, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the Association of Schools of Public Health and other civic, religious and women's groups will hold a press conference to announce their support for Dr. Foster's nomination. Yesterday at the White House, 30 black religious, education and medical group leaders strongly endorsed him and said they would lobby for his confirmation.

Good Reception on the Hill

Today, Dr. Foster will meet with leading Republican Senators for an open dialogue on his distinguished record and qualifications. Yesterday, he made a round of courtesy calls to Senate Democrats who gave him high marks. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) said, "The more his reputation is known, the more he speaks, the more people understand that his opponents have extremist views and that his whole career has been about valuing life."

Responsible Republicans Giving Dr. Foster a Fair Hearing

Those Republicans who are interested in having the best qualified Surgeon General are determined to keep an opened mind and give Dr. Foster a fair hearing. Nancy Johnson (R-CT), whose husband is a practicing ob/gyn, told a radio talk show this week that "Republican Senators...have taken advantage of the situation to launch a very narrowly-minded, mean-spirited campaign of opposition. There isn't an obstetrician in the country that was trained during the time Dr. Foster was trained, that practiced during the years he practiced, that hasn't terminated a pregnancy. There isn't one."

Setting the Record Straight

Right-wing extremists will escalate the rhetoric and let the false charges fly. Groups seeking to criminalize a woman's right to choose have tremendous resources at their disposal and will say and do anything to defeat this nomination. We will continue to rebut the misinformation and set Dr. Foster's record straight.

- Dr. Foster is a highly respected obstetrician/gynecologist and one of the leading medical educators in the country.
- In his distinguished 38-year career, Dr. Foster has delivered thousands of babies and instructed hundreds of young physicians.
- His "I Have a Future" program to promote abstinence and fight teen pregnancy is a national model — named one of President Bush's Thousand Points of Light.

Organizations Supporting the Nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General

Advocacy for Youth
African Methodist Episcopal Church
Alpha Kappa Alpha
American Academy of Dental Schools
American College of Obstetricians
and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
Americans for Democratic Action
American College for Preventive Medicine
American Medical Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Nurses Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
American Society for Reproductive Choice
Association of Academic Health Centers
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Minority Health
Professional Schools
Association of Reproductive Medicine
Association of Schools of Public Health
Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine
Black Health Association
Black Women's Network
B'nai B'rith Women
Catholics for Free Choice
Center for Black Aged
Center for Reproductive Law and Policy
Clara Bell Duvall Education Fund
Delta Sigma Theta
The Endocrine Society
Feminist Majority
Human Rights Campaign Fund
International Association of Black Firefighters
Medical Students for Free Choice
Michigan Students for Free Choice
National Abortion and Reproductive
Rights Action League
National Abortion Federation
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
National Association for Equal
Opportunity in Higher Education
National Association of Black Cardiologists
National Association of Public Hospitals
National Association of Social Workers
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Black Nurses Association
National Black Police Association
National Black Women's Health Project
National Caucus of Black State Legislators
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Negro Women
National Council of Senior Citizens
National Education Association
National Family Planning and
Reproductive Health Association
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Medical Association
National Organization of Women
National Organization of Women
Legal Defense and Education Fund
National Urban League
National Women's Law Center
People for the American Way
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
National Progressive Baptist Convention
Sexuality Information and Education
Council of the United States
Tennessee Medical Association
Voters for Choice
Zero Population Growth
Zeta Phi Beta

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- **DOD - Secretary Perry will be in Augusta, GA for a budget speech.**
- **DoEd - Secretary Riley will host one of his regular meetings to discuss the issue of school prayer. The meetings are closed press.**
- **UN - Ambassador Albright will participate in the signing ceremony for the Rights of the Child.**
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Deputy Assistant Commerce Secretary John Walker will testify.

February 17

- HUD - Empowerment Zones Travel: The Secretary will join Mayor Campbell in Atlanta, GA, for a press conference on Atlanta's empowerment zone plan, followed by various press interviews.
- DoEd - Secretary Riley will travel to Delaware and join Governor Tom Carper in an event to launch the state's New Directions Initiative to implement Goals 2000.
- DOI - Grazing Rule: The grazing reform rule will be sent to the *Federal Register* today and will be released publicly today.
- HHS - Secretary Shalala will participate in the University of Houston Health Care Conference.
- DOC - Release trade numbers -- may do a briefing at the White House.
- DOC - Secretary Brown will speak at the 1995 *Business Week* President's Forum.
- DOE - Secretary O'Leary will meet with the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.
- DOL - Secretary Reich will attend an OSHA event in Cleveland, OH and speak about OSHA reinvention. He will also tour some plants that have been exemplary in their compliance with OSHA regulations.

February 18

- **HUD - Georgia Flood Grants: Secretary Cisneros may announce the release of more than \$100 million in emergency Community Development Block Grant funds to the State of Georgia, City of Albany, City of Macon and City of Warner Robins for disaster relief efforts.**
- **HUD - Secretary Cisneros will participate in the Dedication of the 200th Habitat for Humanity House in Americus, GA.**

February 19

- **DOE - Secretary O'Leary will conduct American business site visits in Shanghai.**

February 20

- **USDA - Will announce PACFISH, the Forestry Service's strategy to protect upstream migrating fish in fifteen national forests in the Western U.S.**
- **DOL - Secretary Reich will address the AFL-CIO in Bel Harbour, Florida.**
- **DOE - Secretary O'Leary will participate in a joint venture financing roundtable along with Chinese officials from the provincial and municipal levels of government.**

February 21

- **DoEd - Goals 2000:** Secretary Riley will join Senator Hatfield in Salem, Oregon to announce two awards for the state. Oregon is the first state to complete its State Improvement Plan under Goals 2000 and therefore the first to receive a second-year award. It is also the first state to be awarded participation in the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Program under which the state gains authority to waive selected Federal rules and regulations for its state educational agency and local school districts.
- **House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment:** *Federal Water Pollution Control Act.*
USDA Under Secretary Jim Lyons will testify.
- **DOE - Secretary O'Leary will meet with Jin-Hua, Chairman of the State Planning Commission and Dav-Zhen, Minister of Power, in Beijing.**
- **DOT - The department will release its National Drunk Driving Goals on either the 21st or 22nd.**

February 22

- **DOE - Secretary O'Leary will participate in the China-U.S. Summit on Energy for Sustainable Development.**
- **House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development: *Agriculture Appropriations.***
USDA Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety Mike Taylor will testify.
- **House Appropriations Committee, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee: *FY 1995 Rescission Proposal and FY '96 Budget.***
Labor Secretary Robert Reich, Assistant Secretary for ETA Doug Ross, and Assistant Secretary for VETS Preston Taylor will testify.
- **House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State: *DOJ Appropriations.***
Attorney General Janet Reno will testify.
- **Senate Select Committee on Intelligence: *Intelligence Community Support to Law Enforcement.* (tentative)**
Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick will testify.
- **Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee: *Ryan White Reauthorization.***
HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Phil Lee will testify.
- **House Veterans Affairs Committee: *FY '96 Budget.***
VA Secretary Jesse Brown will testify.
- **House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security.**
Defense Secretary William Perry will testify.

February 23

- DOL - Secretary Reich may testify on minimum wage legislation. (tentative)
- Senate Indian Affairs Committee: *Structure and Funding of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.*
Interior Secretary Babbitt will testify.
- House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development: *Agriculture Appropriations.*
USDA Secretary-designate Dan Glickman will testify.
- House Treasury Committee: *Postal Appropriations.*
Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin will testify.
- House Appropriations Committee: *Commerce Budget.*
Commerce Secretary Ron Brown will testify.
- Senate Budget Committee: *FY '96 Budget.*
HHS Secretary Donna Shalala will testify.
- House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education: *FY 1995 Rescission Proposal and FY '96 Budget.*
Deputy Labor Secretary Tom Glynn, Assistant Labor Secretaries Joseph Dear (OSHA), J. Davitt McAteer (MSHA), Bernard Anderson (ESA), Charles Smith (OAW), Olena Berg (PWBA), and Katherine Abraham (BLS) will testify.
- Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education: *Access to Health Care Clinics.*
A DOJ witness will testify.

**Today the President is
talking about...**

February 14, 1995

EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY OF THE FUTURE



Today, President Clinton addresses the American Council on education, where he will contrast his commitment to a national role in education with GOP efforts to eliminate opportunities we are creating for American families and to increase the costs of higher education.

Holding The Line Against GOP Efforts To Cut Education Investment, And Increase The Cost Of Higher Learning

In his speech today, the President will outline major differences with the Republicans who are trying to cut government's role in promoting opportunity through education. Specifically, the President will protect investments in:

- **Student Loans** — Republicans want to add an extra \$2 billion a year in costs to four million students by removing the break on student loan interest for those in school. The President opposes adding costs to students, and will fight to protect student loans and make college and advanced training affordable and accessible.
- **Direct Lending** — Republicans want to eliminate the very program that cuts bureaucracy and saves taxpayers and students billions. The President wants to expand it to all schools and all students.
- **Head Start** — Republicans want to scale back the Head Start program. Despite tough fiscal times, the President proposes to expand it in an effort to support programs that work.
- **National Service** — Republicans want to dismantle National Service, which expands opportunity for young people willing to give something back to their country. The President is seeking to expand Americorps to help more young people earn money for their education, and he will fight any effort to abolish it.
- **Department of Education** — Republicans want to eliminate the Department of Education. The President believes we must preserve national investment in education, while making government more efficient and responsive.

The President Has Made Investment In Education And Training A Centerpiece Of His Agenda

- The President's call for a New Covenant envisions government expanding opportunity so every American can fulfill his or her potential, and individuals and communities taking responsibility for making the most of opportunities they are offered and for addressing their problems.
- Education is the defining example of government's role in this bargain — giving people the opportunity to get the tools they need to make it in the new economy. At the same time, those given the opportunity must make the most of it by working hard and staying in school.

Long Learning Agenda

*Last year, the President outlined a seven-point agenda for education in this country. **The first six pieces passed last year.***

- **Reform and Expansion of Head Start** — Provides comprehensive developmental services for America's low-income, pre-school children ages 3-5.
- **Goals 2000** — A state- and locally-driven program which encourages high expectations and high standards for all children.
- **Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary School Act** — Designed to help disadvantaged students, this law focuses on improvements in teaching to help students meet high standards.
- **School to Work** — Broadens educational, career and economic opportunities for students not immediately bound for four-year colleges through local partnerships among businesses, schools, community organizations and state and local governments.
- **National Service** — Enhances educational opportunity by enabling citizens to work in public service positions where they will receive a minimum-wage stipend and earn education awards to pay for future or past post-secondary education.
- **Direct Lending** — Allows student borrowers to secure student loans in a quick and easy manner, taking the expense and confusion out of how students finance and pay for higher education, and saving students and taxpayers billions of dollars.
- **Reemployment Act** — Ensures that all Americans have the knowledge, skills and opportunity to do their jobs better and to get better jobs.

The President Is Continuing To Expand Opportunity With The Middle Class Bill Of Rights

The President has proposed a program to help middle-class families raise their children, pay for their education and take part in the American dream.

- A tax deduction for all education and training after high school.
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The President Will Challenge Educators And Students To Do Their Part

Government can only be a partner in improving American education and preparing citizens for the 21st century. Educators, schools, parents and students have to do their part as well.

- Challenges institutions of higher education to hold tuition cost increases to the rate of inflation, bring the technology of the 21st century into the classroom, and incorporate the spirit of community and service through support for Americorps and student service.
- Calls on students to take responsibility for their lives by staying in school, reversing the growing problem of teenage pregnancy, staying off drugs and away from crime, studying hard, making the most of their potential, and giving something back to their country.

**Today, the
President is...**

February 15, 1995

TAKING A STAND AGAINST EXTREME GOP PROPOSALS



In the past few days, President Clinton has defined where he will draw the line against Republican attempts to roll back investments in education and police. He has stood up to anti-choice extremists who are trying to block Dr. Foster's nomination as Surgeon General. On the economic front, the President indicated that he wants to ensure that the recovery continues and will block any effort to move the country backwards.

Defending Investments In Education

Some Republicans want to cut investments in our future and increase the costs of student loans to our neediest students — all to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy. Republicans want to limit lower-cost direct loans to middle class students to increase profits for the middlemen. And they won't reinvent the Department of Education — they'll abolish it.

I will fight these proposals every step of the way. The fight for education is the fight for the American Dream. It is the fight for America's middle class. It is the fight for the 21st century.

— President Clinton
February 14, 1995

Challenging Republican Hypocrisy On The Economy

Every Republican opposed the President's economic plan 2 years ago, a plan that helped create nearly 6 million jobs and put us on track to cut the deficit by \$616 billion. Now, to no one's surprise, they're attacking the President's plan again.

We have cut the deficit more than it has ever been cut before in history ... with no help— no help— not a single vote from the Republicans. ... It is time for them to take a little responsibility. ... I find it amazing that people who are here every year, digging the country in the hole I've been digging us out of, are now saying that I'm not getting us out quick enough. I mean, where were they and where are they?

— President Clinton
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Fighting Extremist Opponents Of Dr. Foster's Nomination

Some GOP extremists are trying to stop Dr. Foster's nomination as Surgeon General, but those efforts are back-firing. In the days ahead, Dr. Foster will receive endorsements from groups representing a cross-section of America. Even GOP Senator Specter took on the radical right wing of his party, chastising those who want to make choice a litmus test.

If [Dr. Foster]'s judged on his life's work, on the merits, ... he'll be confirmed.

— President Clinton,
February 13, 1995

Stopping GOP Efforts To Cut 100,000 Cops

Some Republicans are trying to undermine the President's efforts to put 100,000 new police on the streets, a key component of last year's crime bill.

Anyone on Capitol Hill who wants to play partisan politics with police officers of America should listen carefully: I will veto any effort to repeal or undermine the 100,000 police commitment, period.

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February 11, 1995

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- **DOC - Release of Consumer Price Index.**
- DOJ - Baseball: The Antitrust Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee is holding a hearing on the baseball exemption on February 15. Assistant Attorney General Bingaman will testify.
- **HHS - Secretary Shalala will meet with the AMA to address Health Care.**
- DOE - Secretary O'Leary arrives in China and address the Ex/Im Bank Project Finance Conference.
- **Dr. Laura Tyson discusses the President's Budget on the *Diane Rehm* Show.**
- **DOL - Secretary Reich participates in a press roundtable at the foreign press center. He will brief at the center on worker wages and training.**
- Treasury - Treasury expects Hearst newspapers to run a story saying that among the reinvention considerations was a proposal to do away with ATF. This story may receive added attention because Ron Noble is testifying on the Hill. Treasury will send guidance on the issue.

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VA Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober will testify.
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HCFA Administrator Bruce Vladeck will testify.
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Ron Noble, ATF Director John Magaw, the Financial Management Service Commissioner, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Representative, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, and the Inspector General will testify.
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Witnesses TBA.
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- **DOC - Release trade numbers --** may do a briefing at the White House.

February 18

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February 21

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- House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment: *Federal Water Pollution Control Act*.
USDA Under Secretary Jim Lyons will testify.



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- Increase detention capacity by 46 percent.
- Deport greater numbers of fraudulent asylum seekers based upon Administration asylum reform.

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ASSISTANCE TO STATES

- The Federal government and some States shoulder most of the inherited costs because of failed immigration policies of the past.
- Deterring illegal immigration (by border control, worksite enforcement, and removal of deportable aliens) is the best long-term solution to keep costs from growing far beyond that which the Federal government and a few States face today.
- This is the first Administration to address its primary responsibility of controlling illegal immigration squarely and thereby curtail the cause of increased burdens on States.
- This Administration has a vision of shared responsibility for the costs of illegal immigration. It is the first to obtain funding from Congress to reimburse States for a share of the costs of incarcerating criminal aliens, in addition to assisting with education and medical care costs.

DENYING PUBLIC BENEFITS *The Clinton Administration believes that:*

- **Illegal aliens should not be eligible for public services or welfare benefits.** The only exceptions include matters of general public health and safety, such as emergency medical services, immunizations and temporary disaster assistance, and every child's right to a public education.
- The Clinton Administration is reviewing ways to improve benefit eligibility verification to crack down on welfare fraud by illegal immigrants.

E X E C U T I V E O F F I C E O F T H E P R E S I D E N T

04-Mar-1995 04:07pm

TO: (See Below)

FROM: Jeremy D. Benami
 Domestic Policy Council

SUBJECT: Talking Points

I have just attended another meeting with Erskine and Mark Gearan on the "Electronic Catalog of Talking Points." Based on the discussion at that meeting, I wanted to share three things with all of you.

1. There is a lot of interest and commitment to this project from everyone from Leon on down - so I will really need your help on Tuesday/Wednesday in getting these done. This deadline is firm, and I would really appreciate it if people could - if at all possible - get them to me earlier than 9 p.m. Wednesday!!

2. There are some slight changes in assignments - since other policy shops share jurisdiction with us on some of these areas. So here are assignments for cooperative work:

Paul -- together with Sheryll, you should produce three pieces: (1) urban policy, (2) empowerment zones, (3) community development (CDFI, etc. -- if you think that should have a separate sheet.) Also, Paul Dimond signed up to do one on CRA, so you should coordinate with him as well.

Paul/Michael -- we can leave the reinventing government pieces to Elaine and the NPR people.

Jose -- you should do separate ones for crime and drugs

Gaynor -- you and I should meet with Robert Gordon to figure out the various education pieces and the division of labor with NEC.

Brian -- OEP has submitted a whole list of topics they intend to do - you should contact Brian Johnson(?) to review any of this you want

Brian -- Peter Yu from NEC said he would do one on the farm bill - do you want to coordinate with him on that.

Finally, everyone should think whether there are additional topics that should be included from DPC. Paul - unfunded mandates? Let me know.

(3) THERE ARE REVISED INSTRUCTIONS ON FORMAT:

- o Only one document needed not two.
- o No more than two pages.
- o Focus more on talking points/rhetoric than wonky facts
- o Start with a quote from the President, if available
- o Provide a couple of sentences on the current state of play/background on the issue -- i.e., the administration proposed legislation last year which did not pass Congress. The House is marking up legislation in committee in early March and a floor vote is expected by the end of the month.
- o Focus the rest of the document as much as possible on what people can say about our positions, plans, rhetoric on issues. What we are doing, have done. As appropriate, mention the impacts of proposed Republican cuts, Contract legislation -- but that should follow presentation of our position.
- o The example everyone continues to cite is the immigration piece we did in early February. I think I've given everyone a copy, but if not I have extras.
- o Be sure to include your name and phone number and the date the document is prepared. You will be responsible for updating this document at least once a month if necessary, and more often if appropriate. I will give you more information later about the process for updating.

I hope these instructions are helpful.

Please call me or see me if you have any questions.

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TO: Gaynor R. McCown
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

From: Erskine Bowles
Mark Gearan

Date: March 6, 1995

Subject: ELECTRONIC CATALOG OF TALKING POINTS

To DPC staff
Latest on talking points.
Or deadline remains c.o.b.
WEDNESDAY - need time for
clearance. Thanks.

We are moving forward on the creation of an electronic catalog of talking points on key issues. Attached is a master list of topics and authors. Each policy shop should submit one or two pages of talking points on their topics to Mark Gearan's office by Friday, March 10.

These documents should be submitted on disk as WordPerfect 5.1/5.2 files. You need not focus extensively on style (i.e., font, boldface, underlines), as Mark's office will put these materials into a standard format. Each document should include the name and phone number of a person who will be responsible for updating the information on a regular basis.

On topics where different policy shops are involved, the list shows multiple authors. We ask that these authors get together and prepare one set of materials on the topic in question.

Also attached is a DPC piece on Immigration which should serve as an example of the type of talking points we would like to receive. Talking points should include a section entitled "Update" that indicates the most recent Administration action or position on the issue. This section should also include the name and phone number of the contact person.

In general, the talking point documents should be structured as follows:

- A. Header
- B. Quote from President Clinton (from major speech, with date)
- C. Background
- D. Outline of Administration plan
- E. Update (most recent Administration action or position on issue)

The current time line for this project is as follows:

- March 6 - Distribute to policy shops a master list of topics and authors.
- March 10 - Policy shops submit draft talking points to Communications.
- March 17 - Communications office reformats these materials and puts on-line. This information will be available to everyone through OASIS system.

Please direct any questions to Jake Siewert (6-5758), Jeremy Ben-Ami (6-5584), or Brian Bailey (6-1902). Thank you for your involvement in this project.

Distribution: Jeremy Ben-Ami, DPC
Brian Johnson, OEP
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TALKING POINTS - TOPICS

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Bill Galston/DPC
Patsy Fleming/Aids Policy
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Economy

APEC
Automobiles
Balanced Budget Amendment
Base Closure and Reuse
Budget & Deficit

Business Tax Incentives
China Trade Policy
Community Reinvestment Act
Contract with America
Defense Reinvestment/TRP
Derivatives
District of Columbia
Economy under Clinton
Export Companies
Lowering Trade Barriers -- GATT, NAFTA, CHINA
Middle Class Bill of Rights
Minimum Wage
Rescissions
Small Business
Then and Now -- Economic Fact Sheet

Bob Fauver
Ellen Seidman
Gene Sperling/NEC
David Lane/NEC
Gene Sperling/NEC
Larry Haas/OMB
Tom Kalil
Kathryn Mack
Paul Dimond/NEC
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Dorothy Robyn
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Bob Kyle/NEC
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The Environment

Accomplishments	Brian Johnson/CEQ
Clean Air Act revisions	Brian Johnson/CEQ
Endangered species	Brian Johnson/CEQ
Environment	Brian Johnson/CEQ
	Brian Burke/DPC
Northwest Forest Plan	Brian Johnson/CEQ
Safe Drinking Water	Brian Johnson/CEQ
Superfund	Brian Johnson/CEQ
Wetlands	Brian Johnson/CEQ

National Performance Review

Agency Reinvention Efforts	Phyllis Anderson/NPR
Dept. of Justice	
Dept. of Defense	
Dept. of Energy	
Dept. of Education	
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
Social Security Administration	
Small Business Administration	
National Aeronautics and Space Admin.	
Dept. of Interior	
Dept. of Commerce	
Dept. of Agriculture	
Dept. of Health and Human Services	
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	
Dept. of State	
Environmental Protection Agency	
Dept. of Labor	
Office of Personnel Management	
General Services Agency	
Dept. of Transportation	
Dept. of Treasury	
National Science Foundation	
Postal Service	
Federal Emergency Management Agency	
Intelligence Community	
Changing Government Culture	Phyllis Anderson/NPR
Customer Service Standards	Phyllis Anderson/NPR
Federalism Initiatives	Phyllis Anderson/NPR
Government Systems Reform	Phyllis Anderson/NPR

National Security

Administration Policy toward Russia	Russia/NSC
APEC: A Regional Program that Works	Asia/NSC
Central and Western Europe:	CEE/NSC
American Support for Democracy and a Market Orientation	
Foreign Aid: A Good Use of U.S. Resources	Global/NSC
Free Trade Area of the Americas	Interam/NSC
Haiti: Democracy Restored	Global/NSC
Human Rights: Our Policy and Programs	Global/NSC
International Counter Narcotics Program	Global/NSC
Military Readiness: An Administration Commitment	
NATO Expansion and partnership for Peace	Europe/NSC
Peace in the Mideast	NEASASIA/NSC
Peace in Northern Ireland	Europe/NSC
Promoting Democracy Abroad	Halperin/NSC
Promoting Sustainable Development	Clausses and Wales/NSC
Reducing the Nuclear Threat	Poneman/NSC
Response to International Terrorism	Global/NSC
Returning Democracy to Cuba	Halperin/NSC
Summit of the Americas: Summary of Agreements	Interam/NSC
Support for Africa	Steinberg/NSC
Support for the Baltics	Europe/NSC
Support for Peace in Bosnia	Europe/NSC
Support for the Ukraine and the Former Soviet Union	Russia/NSC
The U.S. Economic Stake in Mexico	Interam/Europe
The U.S. Role in International Peacekeeping	Global/NSC
U.S.-Japan Trade: Facts, Figures, Policies	Asia/NSC
	Froman/NEC
U.S.-South Korea: A Partnership that Works	Asia/NSC
War Powers: The Administration Position	Legal/NSC

Regulatory Reform

Overview	Michael Waldman/DPC
Endangered species	Brian Johnson/CEQ
REGO II reforms	Phyllis Anderson/OVP
	Brian Johnson/CEQ
	Michael Waldman/DPC
Risk	Tim Newell/OSTP
	Sally Katzen/OIRA
Takings	Brian Johnson/CEQ
	Michael Waldman/DPC

Science and Technology

Global Climate Change

Information Superhighway (NII)

Technology and Economic Growth

Science Policy

Space Program

Tim Newell/OSTP

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Due Wed. March 8

February 24, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO ERSKINE BOWLES

From: Jeremy Ben-Ami
Jake Siewert

Subject: Catalog of Talking Points

We have pressed ahead with developing an on-line electronic catalog of talking points and fact sheets on key policy issues. This on-line service would allow White House staff to access the latest information on issues to help prepare for briefings, speeches, interviews, etc. To this end, we have taken the following steps:

- o We have spoken to Jodie Torkelson who will put us in touch with the Librarian, who apparently has the ability to manage such an on-line database on the OASIS system.
- o We have prepared the attached list of domestic policy topics that will be included in the initial round. This can be expanded to include other issues from the NEC and other areas at a later date.
- o We have prepared a sample of the format for the talking points and fact sheet, on teen pregnancy, that we would propose to use for other topics (attached).
- o The two of us have committed to ensuring that the talking points are reviewed and updated as appropriate by the responsible policy analyst. Each issue area will have a designated person who can be reached to ask for further information and asked to update materials as appropriate.

Our hope is, with your approval, and the cooperation of the librarian's office, to have some of this available within the next two weeks. We would do a memo to all White House staff explaining how to access the catalog and reinforce that with an announcement at the Senior Staff meeting.

cc: Carol Rasco
Mark Gearan
Jodie Torkelson
Brian Bailey

ATTACHMENT I -- Initial List of Topics for Talking Points and Fact Sheets

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AIDS	Patsy Fleming
Balanced Budget Amendment	[NEC]
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Immigration	Steve Warnath
Middle Class Bill of Rights	NEC - currently available
Native Americans	Mike Schmidt
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Reinventing Government	Paul Weinstein (w/NPR)
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Senior Citizens	Lynn Margherio
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Welfare Reform	Jeremy Ben-Ami
Women's Issues	Jennifer Klein

TALKING ABOUT. . .

TEEN PREGNANCY

For More Information Call:
Janet Abrams, 6-2857
(updated: 2/24/95)

Teen Pregnancy is a National Epidemic

- This year, more than 1 million women aged 19 and younger -- 10% of all teenage girls -- will become pregnant.
- The U.S. rate of births to teens is now twice as high as in the United Kingdom and six times as high as in France, West Germany, and Denmark.

Out-of-Wedlock Childbearing Is Increasing Dramatically

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the rise in teen pregnancies has been the dramatic increase in births outside of marriage.

- From the 1950s through the early 1980s, the rate of births to teens declined steadily. Nine years ago, however, the situation took a turn for the worse. Between 1986 and 1991, the teen birth rate rose 24%.
- In 1960, only 15 percent of teenage mothers were unmarried. By 1990, that percentage had increased to 69 percent.

And It's A Problem Facing All Communities

Teen pregnancy rates are soaring in all communities, regardless of race, region and background.

- Out-of-wedlock childbearing has increased greatly among both black and white teens. Births outside of marriage among black teenagers rose from 64% in 1970 to 93% in 1991. For white teens, the percentage of births out of wedlock more than tripled over the same period, from 18% to 59%.

Behind the Statistics: Children Suffer . . .

- 80% of children born to unwed teenage mothers who have not completed high school live in poverty. In contrast, of those children born to 20-year-old married parents who are high school graduates, only 8% live in poverty.
- Children of teenage parents are more likely to die in their first years, have a lower I.Q., repeat a grade in school, be victims of abuse and neglect, and become teen parents.

. . . the Mothers Forfeit Opportunities . . .

Children who have children often forfeit important opportunities for their own development and future independence.

- 8 in 10 teenage mothers drop out of high school, and only 56% ever graduate.

. . . and Society Pays

As a nation, we pay heavily to support many teen mothers and their children. Expenditures flow through numerous government programs, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Social Security Insurance (SSI).

- Taxpayers now spend about \$34 billion per year to assist families begun by teenagers.
- 52% of families who receive AFDC benefits were started by teenage mothers.
- More than three-fourths of all teen mothers will be on AFDC at some point during the 5 years following the birth of their child.

While spending on direct assistance is significant, the full cost of out-of-wedlock teen childbearing is much greater. Our society pays dearly as the number of young people born into lives of poverty, dependence, and hopelessness grows.

Addressing the Problem: A National Mobilization

President Clinton has urged Americans from all sectors of national life to join together in a national campaign against teen pregnancy.

[Quote from the President on partnership - government can't solve this alone. . .]

Private Sector Involvement . . .

President Clinton recognizes that "government can only do so much" in addressing the serious, complicated issue of teen pregnancy. He is calling on leaders of all fields -- business, sports, entertainment, education, medicine, churches, community organizations, etc. -- to marshal their resources in a campaign which would promote individual responsibility, as well as economic opportunity, for America's youth.

. . . In Partnership with Government

In 1992, the President made the groundbreaking commitment to "end welfare as we know it." He is dedicated to redesigning the current welfare system to motivate teenagers to make responsible choices. The Administration has proposed the following measures:

- that teen mothers continue to live at home or in other supervised settings, that they stay in school or participate in job training, and that they move into employment within a limited period of time
- that child support laws be strictly enforced
- that support be provided to community-based initiatives to prevent teen pregnancy

THE FACTS ABOUT. . .

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***Note:** Aid to Families and Dependent Children (AFDC) is the primary cash-assistance entitlement program funded jointly by the federal and state governments.

MEMORANDUM FOR JEREMY BEN-AMI

From: Erskine Bowles
Date: February 21, 1995
Subject: ELECTRONIC CATALOG OF TALKING POINTS

Thank you for your February 16 memo. I agree that we need to have a central source of current talking points and other communications materials on "hot" issues. Ideally, we should provide this information electronically, so that individuals can access the required materials through their computers.

I ask that you continue to work on this project, along with Jake Siewart of Communications. Please provide Jake with a copy of your earlier memo, and let me know how I can assist the two of you in developing this idea further.

Thank you.

cc: Jake Siewart
Brian Bailey