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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998

REVISED FINAL SCHEDULE

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mostly cloudy with a chance for rain showers by evening. Wind southeast at 6 to 12 knots.

Low 32 to 37. High 49 to 54.

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998
REVISED FINAL SCHEDULE**

9:00 am-
9:15 am

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

9:15 am-
9:45 am

BRIEFING AND FOREIGN POLICY PHONE CALL
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

9:45 am-
10:15 am

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Frank Raines, Gene Sperling

Note: During this time the President will sign the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget
Message.
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO

10:15 am

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the East Room

10:20 am-
10:50 am

BUDGET SUBMISSION EVENT
EAST ROOM

Remarks: Michael Waldman

Staff Contact: Frank Raines, Gene Sperling, Capricia Marshall

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OPEN PRESS

- Announcement of *The Budget Team* (Secretary Robert Rubin, Frank Raines, Gene Sperling, Janet Yelled) into the East Room.
- Announcement of **The President** and The Vice President accompanied by Erskine Bowles, Chief of Staff, into the East Room.
- Erskine Bowles gives welcoming remarks and introduces The Vice President.
- The Vice President gives remarks and introduces **The President**.
- **The President** gives remarks.
- **The President** and The Vice President depart.

10:55 am-
11:10 am

MEET AND GREET
BLUE ROOM

Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Capricia Marshall

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

CLOSED PRESS

11:20 am-
11:30 am

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

11:30 am-
11:45 am

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Larry Stein

CLOSED PRESS

Participants: Senator Daniel Akaka
Representative Tony Hall
Doug Coe, President, National Prayer Breakfast

11:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Room 459, Old Executive Office Building

12:00 pm-
12:10 pm

BRIEFING
ROOM 459
Old Executive Office Building
Staff Contact: Brenda Anders

12:10 pm-
12:40 pm

VIDEO TAPINGS
ROOM 459
Old Executive Office Building
Staff Contact: Brenda Anders
CLOSED PRESS

Video for the NAACP Image Awards honoring Secretary Herman (surprise video)

Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Bibb Hubbard

Video on FDR for the People of the Century

Contact: Mike McCurry, Brenda Anders

Video for the NACO Legislative Conference

Contact: Lynn Cutler, Cecily Williams

Video for the Opening Games of the 1998 Winter Games

Contact: Ann Lewis, Mack McLarty, Steve Ronnel

Video for President Reagan's Birthday

Contact: Mike McCurry, Brenda Anders

Video for the 40th Anniversary of Motown Records

Contact: Craig Smith, Minyon Moore

Video for The President's Initiative Race - Community Forum

Contact: Judy Winston

Video for Documentary on Cardinal Bernadin

Contact: Mike McCurry, Brenda Anders

12:45 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Oval Office

12:50 pm-
12:55 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

1:00 pm-
2:00 pm

MEETING
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

WASHINGTON, D.C.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998

2:15 pm-
2:30 pm

**DROP-BY MEETING HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL WITH THE UNITED STATES RELIGIOUS
DELEGATION TO CHINA**
SANDY BERGER'S OFFICE
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger
CLOSED PRESS

Participants: Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, Roman Catholic Archdiocese,
Newark
Rabbi Arthur Schneier, President of Appeal of Conscience
Foundation
Donald Argue, President of National Association of Evangelicals

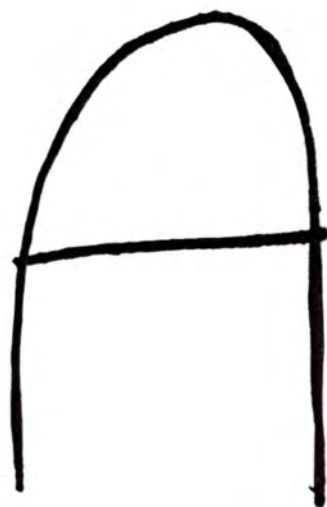
2:30 pm-
6:30 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
OVAL OFFICE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1998

RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENT'S 1999 BUDGET

DATE: February 2, 1998
LOCATION: East Room of the White House
TIME: 10:20 a.m.
FROM: Franklin D. Raines 
Director, Office of Management and Budget

I. PURPOSE

- You will be releasing your fiscal 1999 budget -- the first balanced budget in 30 years.
- You will be joined by the Vice President, the Chief of Staff, and your senior economic team (Gene Sperling, Bob Rubin, Janet Yellen, and Frank Raines).

II. BACKGROUND

- You have traditionally participated in the annual budget roll-out.

To celebrate the extraordinary achievement of a balanced budget, however, we have moved your event from the traditional site -- OEOB, Room 450 -- to the East Room.

Later in the day, the senior economic team will conduct the traditional detailed briefing in Room 450.

- With the release of your budget, the Administration will provide further details of the agenda that you outlined in the State-of-the-Union address.
- The budget is organized around your priorities, with an emphasis on reaching balance while reflecting the values of the American people.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-Brief Participants (Oval Office):

- The Vice President, the Chief of Staff, Gene Sperling, Bob Rubin, Janet Yellen, Frank Raines, Jack Lew, and Larry Haas.

Event Participants (East Room):

- You, the Vice President, the Chief of Staff, Gene Sperling, Bob Rubin, Janet Yellen, and Frank Raines.

IV. PRESS PLAN

- Open press.
- You should expect a very crowded room, with reporters, TV cameras, and photographers in the back -- behind an audience of a large number of Cabinet members, Democratic lawmakers, and about 150 Federal employees from across the Government.

The Cabinet members will sit in the front row, some of them accompanied by teenage students participating in "Groundhog Shadow Day" -- a Nationwide effort coordinated by School-to-Work and America's Promise (General Powell's organization) to show students a real work environment.

You greeted three "groundhogs" on Friday at the taping of your radio address.

- The Administration has invited all congressional Democrats to the event, but has issued special invitations to members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Hispanic Caucus.

The Congressional Black Caucus will join Frank Raines to speak to the press at the "stake-out" after your event, focusing on budget items of special interest to them.

The Hispanic Caucus will join the Vice President for an event later in the day.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- At your pre-brief in the Oval Office, Frank Raines will walk you through the event, calling on others when necessary.
- At about 10:15 a.m., you will walk to the East Room with the Vice President, the Chief of Staff, and your senior economic team.
- The senior economic team will be introduced onto the stage first.
- You will then be introduced onto the stage, accompanied by the Vice President and the Chief of Staff.
- Speaking program:

The Chief of Staff will make welcoming remarks and introduce the Vice President.

The Vice President will make remarks and introduce you.

You will make remarks.

Note: There will be two big placards on the stage: (1) one illustrating the nearly \$300 billion deficit that you inherited in 1993; and (2) a second illustrating the balanced budget that you are proposing in 1999.

At the appropriate moment in your remarks, you will turn around and draw a big zero ("0") in the blank box in the placard, signifying a deficit of zero.

We are trying to illustrate the point from your State of the Union address that in balancing the budget, we have gone from "11 zeroes to zero."

VI. REMARKS

- Provided by your speechwriters.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- The President's budget message, which appears at the beginning of your 1999 budget.
- Reduced copies of the two placards that will be on the stage.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT
THE VICE PRESIDENT

WHAT: BUDGET SUBMISSION EVENT

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998

NOTES: APPROX 170 GUESTS/OPEN PRESS/BUSINESS ATTIRE

FROM: CAPRICIA MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

9:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT receive briefing in the Oval Office.

<u>Briefing Participants:</u>	
Erskine Bowles	Gene Sperling
Franklin Raines	Sec. Rubin
Janet Yellen	Larry Haas

10:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT proceed to the Blue Room.

10:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT accompanied by Erskine Bowles, Franklin Raines, Secretary Rubin, Gene Sperling and Janet Yellen are announced into the East Room to honors.

PROGRAM BEGINS

Erskine Bowles makes introductory remarks and introduces **THE VICE PRESIDENT**.

THE VICE PRESIDENT makes remarks and introduces **THE PRESIDENT**.

THE PRESIDENT makes remarks.

On conclusion of the event, **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE VICE PRESIDENT** accompanied by those on stage proceed to the Blue Room for a meet and greet.

10:55 a.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE VICE PRESIDENT** greet Members of Congress in the Blue Room.

<u>Blue Room Participants:</u>	
Sen. Lautenberg	Sen. Dorgan
Sen. Moynihan	Sen. Ford
Sen. Breaux	Sen. Robb
Sen. Feinstein	Rep. J. Lewis
Rep. Obey	Rep. Fazio
Rep. Spratt	Rep. Dellums
Rep. Cummings	Rep. Tauscher
Rep. Filner	Rep. Tom Allen

11:10 a.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE VICE PRESIDENT** depart to the West Wing.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON SUBMISSION OF 1999 BUDGET
THE OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC**

February 3, 1998

Acknowledgments: Erskine Bowles, Vice-President, members of the economic team.

Today I am proud to submit my proposed budget for 1999 – the first balanced budget in 30 years. It is a budget that will strengthen our nation for the 21st Century.

This budget marks the end of an era – an end to decades of deficits that shackled our economy, paralyzed our politics, and held our people back. And it can mark the beginning of a new era of opportunity in a new Century.

Consider the significance of what has been achieved in so short a time. In the twelve years before I took office, trickle down economics led to an explosion in the federal budget deficit. The national debt quadrupled. And government deficits soaked up trillions of dollars in capital that should have been used for productive investments. Massive deficits led to high interest rates, that further slowed growth. The new economy was held back by old political arrangements.

The deficit was more than an economic reality. It was powerful symbolic proof that government had failed to meet its most basic obligations. It was one of the reasons I ran for President in 1992.

In 1993, the day I took office, the deficit was nearly \$300 billion.

For five years, beginning with our economic plan in 1993, the American people have worked tirelessly to put our fiscal house in order. We have transformed the government, so it is now the smallest in 35 years. Deficit reduction led to lower interest rates, which in turn sparked an investment boom. Last year, we reached a bipartisan agreement to balance the budget by the Year 2002. But our policies have produced such strong prosperity, that we now no longer need wait for that.

Again, the deficit was \$300 billion in 1993. Here is what the deficit will be next year, in 1999. *[walk to chart, and draw a big '0']*

In fact, if we hold fast to our fiscal discipline, we may balance the budget year without any further cuts.

We have done more than simply balance the budget – more line up numbers on a ledger. We have restored the balance of our values in our policy. We have restored the balance of confidence between government and the public.

Now, we will have a balanced budget not only next year, but as far as the eye can see. And we must use this opportunity to build a stronger America.

So my balanced budget makes vitally needed investments in our future. I spelled out many of them in my State of the Union Address.

First and most important, we project that the budget will not only balance – it will run a surplus of \$9.5 billion next year -- over \$200 billion over the next five years – fully one trillion dollars over the next ten years. This budget reserves that surplus – saving it until we have taken the steps necessary to strengthen Social Security to the next century.

Second, my balanced budget continues to invest in education, the key to opportunity in the new economy. It would provide funds to hire 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size ... build more classrooms ... and help communities end social promotion.

Third, this balanced budget will give our parents the tools to meet their responsibilities at home and at work. It implements our proposal to allow people age 55-65 who lose their insurance to buy into the Medicare program. And it includes a breakthrough investment in child care – through tax credits, vouchers for states, scholarships for caregivers, and other means.

Fourth, this balanced budget will help America meet its obligations of global leadership. It insures we will have the ability to stabilize the world's financial markets, meets our obligations to the United Nations, and continues to support the United States military so that our men and women in uniform remain the world's finest fighting force.

Fifth, this balanced budget will provide tax cuts and research and development funds to help meet the challenge of global climate change – while launching a new Clean Water initiative to restore our coastal waters, rivers and lakes.

Sixth, this balanced budget continues to support our urban empowerment strategy, continuing to bring more private sector investment into our hardest pressed cities and rural communities.

Seventh, this balanced budget will seek to leave to future generations the gift of scientific and medical advances. The 21st Century Research Fund, the most significant funding increases ever for the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and National Cancer Institute, will speed the progress of the biomedical miracle and directly lead to breakthroughs in the fight against many of the deadliest diseases.

This budget funds these initiatives by continued cuts in government programs that are no longer needed ... through the projected increased revenues from a strong and growing economy ... and from the passage of tobacco legislation, to which I am deeply committed.

It meets the test I set out before the Congress last week: no new tax increases, and no new spending initiatives, unless they actually will not lead to a return of deficits.

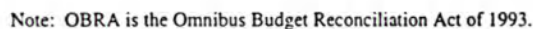
For more than two centuries, Americans have strengthened our nation at every critical moment – with confidence, unity, a determination to meet every challenge. For far too long, the budget deficit, the ever-worsening crime wave, the seemingly unsolvable welfare problem all seemed to challenge that native American confidence. In the past five years, we have met and

mastered these most vexing of our challenges. Now, in the period of peace and prosperity that we have created, we have a chance to build for the future. That is what my balanced budget does – and I look forward to working with the Congress to enact these goals into law.

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**I. THE BUDGET MESSAGE
OF THE PRESIDENT**



(In billions of dollars)

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THE BUDGET MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Congress of the United States:

The 1999 Budget, which I am submitting to you with this message, is a balanced Federal budget, marking the first such budget in 30 years and bringing an era of exploding deficits to an end.

By reaching balance, my budget represents a remarkable turnaround in our fiscal policy over the last five years. It brings to an end three decades of fiscal chaos, a period in which Americans had lost confidence in their Government and the ability of their leaders to do the people's business.

This budget is not just balanced, it is balanced the right way. It not only ends the deficit, it reflects the values that Americans hold dear—the values of opportunity, responsibility, and community. The budget reflects my commitment to continue helping working families with their basic needs—to raise their children, send them to college, and pay for health care.

The budget invests in education and training and in research to raise the standard of living for average Americans. It invests in the environment and in law enforcement to raise the quality of life across our Nation. It invests in our communities at home while providing the resources to maintain a strong defense and conduct the international relations that have become so important to our future.

In the public and private sectors, prospects for a budget surplus are spurring a wide array of ideas about how to spend it. At this point, the Government has not yet reached the surplus milestone, and I continue to believe strongly that we should not spend a surplus that we don't yet have.

More specifically, I believe that the Administration and Congress should not spend a budget surplus for any reason until we have a solution to the long-term financing challenge facing Social Security. With that in mind, my budget proposes a reserve for the projected surpluses for 1999 and beyond.

Preparing the Nation for a New American Century

Five years ago, my Administration took office determined to restore the American Dream for every American. We were determined to turn the economy around, to rein in a budget that was out of control, and to create a Government that once again would focus on its customers, the American people.

Five years later, we have made enormous progress. Our economy is strong, our budget is headed toward balance, and our Government is making noticeable progress in providing better service to Americans.

We are beginning to bring Americans together again, to repair the social fabric that has frayed so badly in recent decades. All across America, crime is down, poverty is down, and welfare is down. Incomes are rising at all levels, and a new spirit of optimism is sweeping through many of our urban and rural communities that are rebounding from decades of lost jobs and lost hope.

Now that we have turned the economy around, our task is to spread the benefits of our economic well-being to more Americans, to ensure that every American has the chance to live out his or her dreams. As we move confidently ahead as a Nation, we want to ensure that nobody is left behind.

A century ago, the economy shifted from agriculture to manufacturing, changing the way that Americans lived, the way they worked, the way they related to one another. Today, the economy is shifting once more, this time from manufacturing to services, information, technology, and global commerce.

We can ensure that every American fully enjoys the benefits of this exciting new age, but only if we continue to give people the tools they need and create the conditions in which they can prosper. That is what my budget is designed to do.

Creating a Bright Economic Future

When my Administration took office, the Nation was mired in economic problems. The economy had barely grown over four years, creating few jobs. Interest rates were high. Incomes remained stagnant for all but the most well-off. The budget deficit, which had exploded in size in the early 1980s, had reached a record \$290 billion and was headed higher. Clearly, the Nation needed a new course.

We launched an economic policy with three central features that had never before been tried together: We set out to reduce the deficit, invest in the American people, and open up markets abroad. Only by pursuing all three elements could we restore the economy and build for the future.

My 1993 budget plan, the centerpiece of our economic strategy, was a balanced plan that cut hundreds of billions of dollars of Federal spending while raising income taxes only on the top 1.2 percent of Americans. By cutting unnecessary and lower-priority spending, we found the resources to cut taxes for 15 million working families while investing in education and training, the environment, and other priorities.

Five years later, we have cut the deficit dramatically, and this budget will finish the job by reaching balance and keeping the budget in balance for the foreseeable future. We have invested in the education and skills of our people, giving them the tools they need to raise their children and get good jobs in an increasingly competitive economy. We have expanded trade through global as well as bilateral agreements, generating record exports that create high-wage jobs for millions of Americans.

The economy responded almost immediately to our policies. When I announced my 1993 budget plan, interest rates fell, and they fell even more as I worked successfully with Congress to put the plan into law. These lower interest rates helped to spur the steady economic growth and strong business investment that we have enjoyed for the last five years. Our policies have helped create over 14 million jobs, while interest rates

have remained low and inflation has stayed under control.

As we move ahead, I am determined to ensure that we stick with the policies that are working. We must maintain our fiscal discipline so that we not only reach balance, but also keep the budget in balance.

Improving Performance Through Better Management

We are balancing the budget the right way, by reducing the size and scope of our Government.

We have done more than just eliminate hundreds of Federal programs and projects. We have cut the civilian Federal work force by over 316,000 employees, giving us the smallest work force in 35 years. In fact, as a share of our total civilian employment, we have the smallest work force since 1931.

But we set out to do more than just cut Government. Under the leadership of the Vice President's National Performance Review, we set out to make Government work, to create a Government that is more efficient and effective, to create a Government focused on its customers, the American people.

We have made real progress, but we still have much work to do. We have reinvented parts of departments and agencies, but now we are determined to turn our agencies around from top to bottom. For 1999, the Vice President will lead an effort to improve the performance of agencies that interact most with the American people. We want to enable Americans not only to quickly enjoy better service from our Government, but to regain confidence in Government as well.

At the same time, I am determined that we will solve the very real management challenges before us. A good example is the challenge of ensuring that our computer systems can accurately process the year 2000 date change. I have directed my Administration to take the necessary steps to meet the problem head-on.

Preparing for the 21st Century

Nothing is more important to our future than education. It has become the dividing line between those who are moving ahead and those who are lagging behind. That is why I have devoted so much effort to ensure that we have a world-class system of education and training in place for Americans of all ages. Over the last five years, we have worked hard to ensure that every boy and girl is prepared to learn, that our schools focus on high standards and achievement, that anyone who wants to go to college can get the financial help to attend, and that those who need a second chance at education and training or a chance to improve or learn new skills can do so. My budget significantly increases funds to help children, especially in the poorest communities, reach challenging academic standards and makes further progress in implementing voluntary national tests. It proposes to build more classrooms and pay for 100,000 more teachers so that we can reduce class sizes. For higher education and training, my budget increases Pell Grants and other college scholarships from the record levels that we have already achieved; expands College Work-Study to a record one million students; streamlines student loan programs and cuts student fees; and expands access to job placement services, training, and related services for dislocated workers and others. Now that anyone who wants to attend college can find the means through Hope scholarships, Pell Grants, and other assistance that we worked so hard to enact, I want to provide the same universal opportunity for job training and re-training to those who need it.

Over the last five years, we have worked hard to help working families. We cut taxes for 15 million working families, provided a tax credit to help families raise their children, ensured that 25 million Americans a year can change jobs without losing their health insurance, made it easier for the self-employed and those with pre-existing conditions to get health insurance, provided health care coverage for up to five million uninsured children, raised the minimum wage, and provided guaranteed time off for workers who need to care for a newborn or address the health needs of a family member. Now,

with my new Child Care Initiative, I am determined to provide the help that families need when it comes to finding safe, high-quality, affordable child care. Parents should know that, when they go to work, their children are in safe, healthy environments. I also propose to address the problems faced by a particular group of working families—legal immigrants. In signing the 1996 welfare reform law, I said that I would try to restore the cuts in benefits for legal immigrants that were not only harsh and unnecessary but that had nothing to do with the fundamental goal of welfare reform—to move people from welfare to work while protecting children. My budget restores Food Stamps to 730,000 legal immigrants and lets States provide health insurance to the children of legal immigrants.

This past year, we continued to improve health care for millions of Americans. We strengthened Medicare by extending the life of the trust fund until at least 2010, while we also invested in preventive benefits, introduced more choice of health plans, and strengthened our expanding array of activities to combat fraud and abuse. We extended health care coverage to up to five million uninsured children. We created the Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry and we later endorsed its Health Care Consumer Bill of Rights. With this budget, I propose that we build on our achievements on a host of important fronts. I want to work with Congress to enact national bipartisan tobacco legislation; nothing is more potentially important to the health of our people, particularly children. My budget also proposes to expand health care coverage for some of the most vulnerable Americans aged 55 to 65, to enroll more eligible children in Medicaid, to provide for unprecedented levels of investment in health research, to expand access to powerful AIDS therapies, to expand access to cancer clinical trials, to increase funds for substance abuse treatment and prevention, and to help reduce health-related disparities across racial and ethnic groups.

Last year was a remarkable one for the environment, and I am determined to build on our progress. Led by the Vice President, the Administration reached an historic inter-

national agreement in Kyoto that calls for cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. We also issued new, more protective air quality standards to better safeguard public health, and we strengthened our citizens' right to know about toxic chemical releases. We continued to protect our natural treasures, such as Yellowstone National Park and Florida's Everglades, and to make further progress toward my goal of cleaning up 900 hazardous waste sites under the Superfund by the end of the year 2001. With this budget, I am proposing an Environmental Resources Fund for America that will support increases for many of our key environmental programs. It provides for more construction, maintenance, and land acquisition for national parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands; for a new effort to improve the quality of our water; for improvements to community drinking water and wastewater facilities; and for continuing our efforts to clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites. My budget also includes a new, five-year, \$6 billion program to prevent global warming, and more resources to protect endangered species, control pollution, and preserve the global environment.

I am proposing a Transportation Fund for America, reflecting my commitment to provide the resources to ensure that our transportation infrastructure remains safe, integrated, and efficient enough to serve our growing needs. Investment in infrastructure is good for America because it helps grow the economy, improve safety and public health, strengthen our competitiveness abroad, support our national security, and increase the mobility, access, and choice for Americans who need to travel. We must build upon our vast network of roads, highways, and bridges to meet the demands of the next century for a system that links our various modes of travel, that is cleaner and safer, and that helps bring together and support our urban and rural communities. My budget maintains the Administration's record support for transportation, and the Fund includes all of the Transportation Department's highway, highway safety, transit, and air transportation programs.

Scientific and technological advances have created a world vastly different from the one our grandparents knew. They have helped

generate huge leaps in the speed and economy of transportation, enormous increases in farm productivity, lightning-fast flows of information and services across national borders, and advances in treating and preventing diseases and protecting the environment. Because I am committed to America's continued leadership in science and technology, I am proposing a Research Fund for America, from which many of our important investments will flow. It includes record increases for the National Institutes of Health, higher funding for the National Science Foundation, new resources to address global climate change, and a wide variety of investments in basic and applied research. These investments are vital; they help to create new knowledge, train more workers, spur new jobs and industries, address our health care challenges, strengthen our understanding of environmental problems, better educate our children, and maintain a strong national defense.

Our anti-crime strategy is working. Serious crime is down five years in a row and, in 1996, we witnessed the largest drop in violent crime in 35 years. But, because crime remains unacceptably high, we must go further. My budget expands our community policing (COPS) program, which is already putting 83,000 more police on the streets toward my goal of 100,000 by the year 2000. The budget also proposes a new Community Prosecutors Initiative to help prosecutors prevent crimes from occurring, rather than simply prosecuting criminals after the fact. And it provides the necessary funds to prevent violence against women, to help States and Indian Tribes build prisons, and to address the growing law enforcement crisis on Indian lands. To boost our efforts to control illegal immigration, the budget provides the resources to strengthen border enforcement in the South and West, to remove illegal aliens, and to expand our efforts to verify whether newly hired non-citizens are eligible for jobs. To combat drug use, particularly among young people, my budget expands programs that stress treatment and prevention, law enforcement, international assistance, and interdiction. It continues to build on our innovative Drug Courts initiative, proposes School Drug Prevention Coordinators for our schools, sup-

ports local efforts that target drug-using offenders, expands drug testing, and strengthens our efforts to make our ports and borders more secure from drugs while disrupting drug trafficking organizations overseas.

Most Americans are enjoying the fruits of our strong economy. But while many urban and rural areas are doing better, too many others have grown disconnected from our values of opportunity, responsibility, and community. Working with State and local governments and with the private sector, I am determined to help bring our distressed areas back to life, to replace despair with hope. My budget expands my national service program, giving more Americans the chance to serve their country and help solve problems at the local level while earning money for college. I am proposing to create more Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities that offer tax incentives and direct spending to encourage the kind of private investment that creates jobs, and to provide more capital for lending through my Community Development Financial Institutions program. My budget also expands opportunities for homeownership, provides more funds to enforce the Nation's civil rights laws, maintains our Government-to-Government commitment to Native Americans, and strengthens the partnership we have begun with the District of Columbia.

Because America continues to have a tremendous stake in world affairs, my budget proposes the necessary funds to maintain national security, to conduct our diplomacy, to promote democracy and free markets abroad, and to increase exports. Last year, my Administration worked with Congress to increase international affairs spending. But, Congress faces an unfinished agenda to provide financial support for, and fulfill America's obligations to, a number of international organizations that benefit our economy and serve other objectives, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations system, and the multilateral development banks. Congress should continue to support the decisive action of the IMF as well as our leadership in that institution by providing the supplementary contingent IMF funding that the Administration has sought and replenishing the IMF's basic finan-

cial resources. Congress also should give the President traditional trade negotiating authority to help fuel our surging exports into the next century. To enhance national security, my budget maintains large-scale funding to support the Middle East peace process, continues assistance to Bosnia to carry out the Dayton Accords, supports NATO expansion, and increases aid to the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union to support the development of democracy and free markets. I am also proposing a major initiative to provide critical, targeted assistance to African countries that are undertaking difficult economic reforms, and my budget increases counter-narcotics aid to Latin American countries and supports the Summit of the Americas.

Our military serves as the backbone of our national security strategy, and I am committed to maintain a strong and capable military that protects our freedoms and our global leadership role as we approach the 21st Century. The budget continues the Administration's plan to complete the careful resizing of our military forces, to fully support military readiness, to strengthen quality of life programs for our armed forces, and to provide increased funding to modernize our forces as new technologies become available after the turn of the century. My budget reflects the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and of the Defense Department's recent Defense Reform Initiative to achieve a leaner, more efficient, and more cost-effective organization by improving management and business practices. To implement these improvements, the Defense Department will send legislation to Congress in conjunction with this budget, including a request for two more rounds of base closures and realignments.

Investing in the Common Good

Our commitment to balance the budget, and to keep it in balance, will mean that the Administration and Congress must use taxpayer dollars as wisely as possible. If we are to continue funding Federal programs, they will have to show that they are reaching the goals set for them. That is, they will have to show that they are well-run and that they can produce results.

In 1993, I actively supported, and was eager to sign, the Government Performance and Results Act. With this budget, I am delighted to send Congress what the law envisioned—the first comprehensive, Government-wide Performance Plan.

In developing this budget, the Administration for the first time could rely on performance measures and annual performance goals that are now included in agency Annual Performance Plans. We have made a good

start on the process that the Administration and Congress outlined in enacting the 1993 law.

As we continue to implement this law, my Administration will focus more and more attention on how programs work, whether they are meeting their goals, and what we should do to make them better. We look forward to working with Congress on our shared goal of improving Government performance.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

February 2, 1998

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 3, 1998

MEETING WITH LEADERS OF NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

DATE: February 3, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:20 AM
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Maureen Shea

I. PURPOSE

This is a courtesy meeting with Doug Coe, Director of the National Prayer Breakfast, this year's host Senator Daniel Akaka, and Representative Tony Hall. Hall's wife, Janet, is very involved with the breakfast and is, of course, a close friend of Linda Lader.

II. BACKGROUND

On Thursday, you and the First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore will attend the 46th National Prayer Breakfast where the participants will, following tradition, pray for the nation and the First Family.

The organizers of the event had hoped to meet with you earlier to ask your preference for scripture readings and music. However, your schedule did not permit an earlier meeting, so today's is to give them an opportunity to discuss this year's breakfast with you. It is their strong desire that the National Prayer Breakfast be a very special and enjoyable event for you and the First Lady. The Honorable Don Gevirtz has not made his final selection for an Old Testament reading. Dr. Dorothy Height has chosen Matthew 25:34-45 for her reading. Randy and Gae Hongo of Hawaii will sing.

As you know, the breakfast began with a fellowship group of Members of Congress but has grown to the point that there are now over 3,500 guests from around the country, and some foreign leaders. At least 38 Senators, eight Democrats, and 242 House Members, 52 Democrats, will attend, as well as Secretary Slater. The only head-of-state presently planning to attend is the President of Albania - truly.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing:

Maria Echaveste

John Hilley

Maureen Shea

IV. ATTACHMENTS, LISTS OF:

Foreign Dignitaries

Religious Leaders

Head Table

Meeting with the President
Thursday February 5th, Cabinet Room 7:15 a.m.

	NAME/TITLE	COUNTRY	POSITION	RESP. ASSOC.
1	Rexhep Meidani	Albania	President	Evans
2	Hussain Mohammad Ershad	Bangladesh	Former Head of State	Mendies
3	Celso Pitta	Brazil	Mayor of San Paulo	Franz
4	Luiz Alberto Maguito Vilela	Brazil	Govenor of 2nd largest State	Franz
5	Vassil Gotzev	Bulgaria	Minister of Justice	Evans
6	Marie Vassilev	Bulgaria	Interpreter for Mr. Gotzev	Evans
7	Fidel Moungar	Chad	Heir Apparent to the Presidency	Kent
8	Jure Radic	Croatia	Vice Prime Minister; Development and Recons.	Evans
9	Meral Akinci	Cyprus	Int. Women's Org. NGO	Thompson
10	Soto Duran Ballen	Ecuador	Former President of Ecuador	Franz
11	Leo A. Falcam	Federal State Micronesia	Vice Press.	Madison
12	Paulina Lampsa	Greece	Interperter/Advisor	Thompson
13	George Paschalides	Greece	Deputy Prime Minister	Thompson
14	Navin Chawla	India	Secretary Government of India	Mendies
15	Yuji Tsushima	Japan	MP	Nakamura Sundberg
16	Hoe-Chang Lee	Korea	Justice	Nakamura Sundberg
17	Salim Elkhoury	Lebanon	International Businessman	Matar
18	Ceslovas Stankevicius	Lithuania	Minister of Defense	Wright
19	Ziko Gruevski	Macedonia	Soros Found. Int. Businessman	Thompson
20	Ilinka Mitreva	Macedonia	MP; Chairman Foreign Relations	Thompson
21	Vasile Nedelcuic	Moldova	MP	Evans
22	Ts Gombosuren	Mongolia	Former Foreign Minister; Party Chairman	Nakamura Sundberg
23	Sher Bahadur Deuba	Nepal	Former Head of Government	Mendies
24	Dagfinn Hoybraten	Norway	Minister of Health	Wright
25	John Punderiq	Papua New Guinea	Speaker of House	Madison
26	Alberto Andrade	Peru	Mayor of Lima; Leading Candidate for President	Franz

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27	Carlos Torres y Torres Lara	Peru	President of Congress	Franz
28	Dorin Marian	Romania	Senior Advisor to President	Evans
29	Mikhail A. Men	Russia	MP	Wright
30	Ahmad Kattan	Saudi Arabia	Minister Plenipotentiary at the Royal Kingdom of S.A.	Matar
31	Somar Al Assad	Syria	President Hafez Assad's nephew, Chairman & CEO Arab News Network Television in London	Matar
32	Tsering Wangyal	Tibet	Secretary of Home	Mendies
33	Tinchen Dolma Taring	Tibet		Mendies
34	Sibel Carmikil	Turkey	Motherland Party	Thompson
35	Derek Foster	United Kingdom	MP	Ansell

INVITE TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS DINNER

LNAME	FNAME	STATE	DINNER #
Ahlstrom	Tony	NY	1
Akers	John	NC	
Amundson	Richard	MN	2
Arana-Quiroz	Pedro	PER	1
Argue	Don	IL	2
Babcock	Floyd	CAN	1
Bancroft	Stephen	MI	1
Barnes	Craig	DC	2
Blackwell	Dick	EEU	2
Blessit	Arthur	FL	2
Bright	Bill	FL	2
Burns	Larry	NC	2
Burns	Michael	DC	2
Butta	Gregory	DC	1
Cadle	Russell	PA	2
Campolo	Tony	PA	1
Choe	Ilrik	PA	1
Colson	Chuck	DC	
Corder	Lee	AFR	
Corder	Paula	AFR	
Corts	John	NC	1
DellaRatte	Peter	NY	1
Deng	Fu Cung	CHN	1
Dixon	Jim	CO	2
Earl	Lee	DC	2
Ederer	Dorothy	NY	1
Erickson	Art	MN	1
Foth	Dick	VA	2
Garrison	Alton	AR	2
Girzone	Joe	NY	1
Graham	Billy	NC	
Graham	Ned	WA	1
Habecker	Eugene	NY	2
Haley	Bill	VA	1
Handley	Patricia	CT	1
Harper	David	VA	2
Hawkins	O.S.	TX	2
Hoo	Ray	CRB	1
Jackson	Peb	CO	2
Jakes	T.D.	TX	2
Jensen	Marlin	UT	1
Jordan	Lewis Darwin	TX	2
Kesler	Jay	IN	2
Kwong	Stanley	NY	1
Landsburg	Lynne	DC	1
Lane	Tim	SC	2
Malefyt	Calvin	NC	2

INVITE TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS DINNER

LNAME	FNAME	STATE	DINNER #
Medearis	Carl	NJ	1
Mickler	Randy	GA	2
Minns	Martin	VA	2
Mizzi	Maximillian	ITA	1
Moncrief	Terry	GA	2
Morgenroth	Jim	WI	1
Nakajim	Tetsuo	JAP	1
Neuhaus	Richard	DC	1
Nikkel	Ron	DC	1
Nolan	Pat	DC	1
Ogilvie	Lloyd	DC	2
Poulos	Carol	DC	1
Pratt	Tom	DC	
River	Eugene	MN	1
Roddy	Tom	CRB	2
Russell	Bob	KY	2
Savidge	Richard	CO	1
Schmidgall	Robert	IL	2
Scribner	Jay	MO	1
Seal	Edwin	VA	1
Seiple	Robert	WA	2
Shealy	Dal	MO	1
Sider	Ron	PA	1
Sidiropoulo	Effie	MA	1
Singh	Rajwant	MD	2
Stewart	Hezakiah	AR	1
Tucker	Frank	DC	1
Wagemann	Philip	DC	2
Wallis	Jim	DC	1
White	Jerry	CO	1
Wynn	Richard	CO	2
Young	Jim	CO	1

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WASHINGTON

VIDEO TAPINGS

February 1, 1998

DATE: Monday, February 2, 1998

LOCATION: Video Studio, OEOB 459

TIME: 12:00 p.m.-12:10 p.m. Briefing
12:10 p.m.-12:40 p.m. Video Tapings

FROM: Brenda Anders
Mike McCurry

I. PURPOSE

You will tape eight video messages.

II. BACKGROUND

The first video is for a CBS/Time magazine special series on 100 influential individuals, People of the Century: The Time 100. These specials will be hosted by Dan Rather, Mike Wallace, and Walter Cronkite. Your message about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's legacy will be included a program highlighting the lives of 20 significant world leaders and revolutionaries of the 20th century. The first program will be broadcast in April and the remaining five will air throughout 1998 and 1999.

The second video is for the 1998 Winter Olympic Games. In this video you will welcome America to the Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan. The video will be broadcast during the opening ceremonies in Nagano on February 6.

The third video is for President Reagan's 87th birthday celebration. The message will air on CNN's *Larry King Live* for a special show honoring President Reagan on his birthday (February 6). President and Mrs. Bush, President and Mrs. Carter, and President Ford have also taped messages. Live guests for the show include: Former Vice President Quayle, Howard and Mrs. Baker, and Marlin Fitzwater.

The fourth video is for the 40th anniversary of Motown records. The anniversary will be celebrated in an ABC four-hour documentary, "Motown 40: The Music is Forever." The special, hosted by Diana Ross, will feature vintage clips of performances and commentaries from individuals affiliated with or influenced by Motown. Participants include: Clarence Avant (Chairman, Motown Record Company), Ashford and Simpson, Dick Clark, George Clinton, Sean (Puffy) Combs, Coolio, Don Cornelius, Berry Gordy, Babyface, En Vogue, Aretha Franklin, Jermaine Jackson, Jesse Jackson, Rick James, Branford Marsalis, Queen Latifah, Bonnie Raitt, Lionel Richie, Smokey Robinson, Rod Stewart, The Tops, and Cornel West.

The fifth video is in honor of Secretary Herman who is receiving one of the NAACP Image Awards. The video is a surprise and will be part of the awards ceremony to air on Fox Television on March 5.

The sixth video is a message to the attendees of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference. County officials from across the nation meet at the annual winter meeting to discuss legislative priorities. In your message, you will highlight the importance that counties play in implementing the legislative priorities of the Administration. The conference, held in Washington February 27 - March 3, will have 2,500 attendees.

The seventh video message will serve as the opening for the President's Initiative on Race Advisory Board community forums. Your message will help to set the stage for the forum, highlight the significance of the Initiative, and encourage people to continue the dialogue on race. In addition to the community forums, the video will be used at the beginning of forums with corporate leaders, religious leaders, education leaders, and youth leaders and during other Initiative events.

The eighth video is for a documentary on the life of Cardinal Bernardin. Other participants in the documentary are: the Cardinal's sister; Cardinal Velo who worked with Cardinal Bernardin; Martin Marty who is an authority on U.S. religion in general; and a photographer with the Chicago Sun-Times who worked with the Cardinal. The documentary will air on PBS in the spring of 1998.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-brief participants:

The President

Brenda Anders

Lillian Brown- make-up

Event participants:

The President

Brenda Anders

Technical Personnel (5)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Each video message will be played at open press events.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Make-up/Briefing

Video Messages

Make-up removal

VI. REMARKS

A teleprompter will be provided.

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The Scripts for the Video Tapings Will Be Forwarded

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**The Event Memo for the Drop-By Meeting with the United States Religious
Delegation to China Will Be Forwarded**

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

11:30 AM (T)	Briefing and Foreign Policy Phone Call	Distributed Separately
12:45 PM	Video Taping for <i>NBA Inside Stuff</i>	Tab A
	- Script	Tab B To Be Forwarded
12:55 PM (T)	Briefing and Foreign Policy Phone Call	Distributed Separately
2:00 PM	College-School Partnership Event	Tab C
	- Remarks	Tab D To Be Forwarded
3:30 PM	Briefing for the Blair Official Visit	Distributed Separately
5:15 PM	Briefing for National Prayer Breakfast	Tab E
	- Attendees	Tab F
5:30 PM	Briefing for the Joint Press Conference	Distributed Separately

WASHINGTON, D.C.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998

FINAL SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rain, mixing with snow in the city during the afternoon and evening. Rain will change to snow during the morning across the western and northern suburbs with accumulations likely by evening. Wind north at 20 to 30 knots. Low 32 to 37. High 37 to 42.

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998
FINAL SCHEDULE**

9:00 am-		DOWN/PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
11:15 am		RESIDENCE/OVAL OFFICE
11:15 am-		MEETING
11:30 am		OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
11:30 am-	(T)	BRIEFING AND FOREIGN POLICY PHONE CALL
11:45 am		OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Sandy Berger
11:45 am-		LUNCH WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT
12:45 pm		OVAL OFFICE
12:45 pm-		VIDEO TAPING FOR <i>NBA INSIDE STUFF</i>
12:50 pm		CABINET ROOM
		Staff Contact: Mike McCurry, Maria Echaveste, Brenda Anders
12:55 pm-	(T)	BRIEFING AND FOREIGN POLICY PHONE CALL
1:15 pm		OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Sandy Berger
1:20 pm-		BRIEFING
1:45 pm		OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
1:45 pm		THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the East Room
1:50 pm-		MEET AND GREET
1:55 pm		BLUE ROOM
		Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
		Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
		CLOSED PRESS

Participants: Secretary Ricahard Riley
Representative Chake Fattah
Fabiola Tafolla

2:00 pm-
2:50 pm

COLLEGE-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP EVENT

EAST ROOM

Remarks: Lowell Weiss

Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OPEN PRESS

- Announcement of **The President** and The Vice President, accompanied by Representative Chaka Fattah, Secretary Richard Riley, and Fabiola Tafolla into the East Room.
- The Vice President makes welcoming remarks and introduces Representative Chaka Fattah.
- Representative Chaka Fattah gives remarks and introduces Secretary Richard Riley.
- Secretary Richard Riley gives remarks and introduces Fabiola Tafolla.
- Fabiola Tafolla gives remarks and introduces **The President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

3:05 pm-
3:10 pm

MEETING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

3:10 pm-
3:30 pm

MEETING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

3:30 pm-
4:15 pm

BRIEFING FOR THE BLAIR OFFICIAL VISIT

CABINET ROOM

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

4:15 pm-
5:15 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998

5:15	pm-	BRIEFING FOR NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
5:30	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
5:30	pm-	BRIEFING FOR THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE
6:30	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Mike McCurry
6:45	pm-	HOLD
7:45	pm	

<i>EVENING OFF</i>

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	WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1998

'98 FEB 3 PM5:41

VIDEO TAPING FOR THE "NBA TEAMUP
CELEBRATION"

DATE: February 4, 1998
LOCATION: The Cabinet Room
TIME: 12:45p.m.-12:50p.m.
FROM: Brenda Anders and Mark Neschis

I. PURPOSE

This video will give you an opportunity to reach out to the nation's youth about volunteerism.

II. BACKGROUND

This video will air on a special program of *NBA Inside Stuff*, a weekly Saturday magazine show hosted by Ahmad Rashad on NBC. This program, entitled: "NBA TeamUp Celebration," will highlight the league's community outreach initiative. Each year the NBA recognizes young people who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to improving their communities through volunteer work. The NBA TeamUp program is a league-wide initiative encouraging youth volunteerism. This special program will focus on this year's TeamUp Award winners. The "NBA TeamUp Celebration" will air at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, during the NBA All-Star weekend in New York City. The program is seen each month by more than 2.5 million people between the ages of 12-17 years old.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Brenda Anders
Technical Personnel (5)

IV. PRESS PLAN

This special program will air on Saturday, February 7, as part of the NBA produced 1998 NBA TeamUp Celebration. The show will air at 12:00 p.m. (EST), and will be simulcast from Madison Square Garden by the following networks: NBC, TNT, Nickelodeon, BET, Telemundo and the MSG Network.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Make-up/Briefing
Tape Video Message

VI. REMARKS

A teleprompter will be provided.

VIDEO TAPING SCRIPT FOR
NBA INSIDE STUFF
WILL BE FORWARDED

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1998

HIGH HOPES FOR COLLEGE EVENT

'98 FEB 3 PM6:41

DATE: February 4, 1999
TIME: 2:00 p.m. -
LOCATION: East Room
FROM: Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE:

To announce the High Hopes for College initiative, promoting partnerships between colleges and high-poverty schools to provide children with early information about financial aid, and follow up with mentoring and other support through high school graduation. More than 200 college presidents, more than 70 Members of Congress, and a number of national organizations have endorsed the initiative.

II. BACKGROUND:

In the State of the Union, you asked Congress "to support our efforts to enlist colleges and universities to reach out to disadvantaged children starting in the sixth grade so that they can get the guidance and hope they need so they can know that they, too, will be able to go on to college."

This "High Hopes for College" initiative combines two very good ideas. The first idea was created by the Administration to challenge colleges to participate in long-term mentoring. The second idea is Rep. Chaka Fattah's initiative to call for sixth graders at high-poverty schools to be notified of their financial aid eligibility early, to raise their expectations. This new program combines these two ideas by providing mentoring, tutoring, and other assistance to help children stay in school and succeed.

Since the State of the Union, we have been seeking endorsements and have now received more than 250 from college presidents and more than 50 organizations including Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the NAACP, LULAC, the American Federation of Teachers, and the National Middle School Association. In addition, Rep. Fattah is circulating an endorsement letter on which he expects more than 70 signatures, including four or more Republicans.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

- Pre-briefing: -- Erskine Bowles
-- Gene Sperling
-- Bruce Reed
-- Sylvia Matthews
-- Bob Shireman
-- Lowell Weiss
- Event: -- The President
-- The Vice President
-- Secretary Riley
-- Rep. Chaka Fattah
-- Fabiola Tafolla, recent college graduate

IV. AUDIENCE

- Model Program representatives: Myron Apilado & Barbara Perry, University of Washington
John W. Hodge, AVID
Ethel Lynch Machen, University of Illinois at Chicago
Eugene Lang, I Have a Dream
Salvatore Rotella & Amy Cardullo, Riverside Comm. College
Alan Merten & Hortensia Cadenas, George Mason Univ.
Trevor E. Sewell, Temple University
Donna Hagey, St. Edwards University
S. William Clark, Georgia Board of Regents
James Fleming, University of Southern California
Malula Gonzalez, Pace University
Mary Sylvia Harrison, R.I.Children's Crusade for Higher Ed.
- Other College Presidents: Joel Cunningham, Susquehanna University (Penn.)
Robert Corrigan, San Francisco State University
Lorna Edmundson, Trinity College of Vermont
Earl Richardson, Morgan State University
Abel Sykes, Lansing Community College
Rev. William Cleves, Thomas More College
Daniel DiBiasio, Wilmington College
Milton A. Gordon, California State University, Fullerton
George Rupp, Columbia University
David House, St. Joseph's College
Carson K. Miller, Washington State Comm. College
John Dibiaggio, Tufts University
Father Joseph A. O'Hare, Fordham University
John W. Shumaker, University of Louisville
Lee Bollinger, University of Michigan
Phillip R. Day, Jr., Daytona Beach (Fla.) Community College

-- Members of Congress

-- Representatives of civil rights, education, and other associations.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

-- The President, Vice President greet Secretary Riley, Rep. Fattah and Fabiola Tafolla in Blue Room.

-- All 5 enter the East Room from the Blue Room.

-- Vice President welcomes, acknowledges guests, and introduces Rep. Fattah.

-- Rep. Fattah speaks briefly, mentions bipartisan endorsement letter, introduces Secretary Riley

-- Secretary Riley gives overview of education agenda, introduces Fabiola.

-- Fabiola Tafolla tells personal story and introduces the President.

VI. PRESS COVERAGE:

Open

VII. REMARKS:

Prepared by Speech Writing.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 3, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LARRY STEIN *JSS*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ATTENDING COLLEGE-SCHOOL
PARTNERSHIP EVENT

The following Members of Congress are confirmed to attend the College-School Partnership Event at 2:00pm tomorrow, February 4, 1998.

CONFIRMED TO ATTEND (30):

Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN)
Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)
Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA)
Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX)
Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)
Rep. John Tierney (D-MA)
Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ)
Rep. Esteban Torres (D-CA)
Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-NY)
Rep. Harold Ford, Jr. (D-TN)
Rep. Carlos Romero-Barcelo (D-PR)
Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)
Rep. Jon Fox (R-PA)
Rep. George Brown (D-CA)
Rep. Eva Clayton (D-NC)
Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC)
Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)
Rep. Jim Davis (D-FL)
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
Rep. Jim Maloney (D-CT)
Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)
Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Rep. Bill Luther (D-MN)
Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT)
Rep. Bruce Vento (D-MN)
Rep. Michael Forbes (R-NY)
Rep. Robert Weygand (D-RI)
Rep. Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX)
Rep. Al Wynn (D-MD)
Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ)

COLLEGE-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
EVENT REMARKS
WILL BE FORWARDED

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

'98 FEB 3 PM5:35

February 5, 1998

National Prayer Breakfast

DATE: February 5, 1998
LOCATION: Washington Hilton
TIME: 7:25 AM
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Maureen Shea

I. PURPOSE

To join Members of Congress, international dignitaries, clergy members and lay people in prayer for you and the country.

II. BACKGROUND

This marks the 46th annual National Prayer Breakfast. The first breakfast was held in 1952 to pray for newly-elected President Dwight Eisenhower and his government. The event is sponsored by the House and Senate Prayer Breakfast groups, which meet weekly whenever Congress is in session. Rev. Billy Graham will again give the closing prayer. He was invited to ride with you from the White House but thought it easier, given his health and possible inclement weather, to remain at the Washington Hilton.

As with your itinerary in previous years, before the breakfast you will meet with visiting international dignitaries for photos. Immediately following, there will be photos with you and the head table guests.

Because of Prime Minister Blair's arrival that morning, every effort is being made to keep the program on schedule.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The First Lady
Vice President Gore

Greeter:
Doug Coe, National Prayer Breakfast Coordinator

33 Senators
168 Representatives
Foreign dignitaries (list attached)

Governor Roy Romer

Members of the Cabinet scheduled to attend:

Secretary Albright
Secretary Cuomo
Secretary Daley
Secretary Herman
Secretary Slater
Special Envoy to the Americas McLarty

Head Table Guests

The First Lady
Vice President Gore
Senator and Mrs. Akaka
Senator and Mrs. Connie Mack
Representative Bobby Scott
General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Honorable and Mrs. Don Gevirtz (former Ambassador to Fiji)
Dr. Billy Graham
Dr. Dorothy Height
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hongo
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Sr.

Briefing:

Maria Echaveste
Maureen Shea

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool press during your remarks only
C-Span

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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His Excellency Rexhep Meidani- President

Bangladesh

The Honorable Hussain Mohammad Ershad - former Head of State

Brazil

The Honorable Celso Pitta - Mayor San Paulo

China

The Honorable Ye Xiao Wen - General Director, Religious Affairs Bureau
Mr. Zhao Li Ping - interpreter

Ecuador

The Honorable Sixto Duran Ballen - former President

Micronesia

The Honorable Leo Falcam - Vice President

Nepal

The Honorable Sher Bahadur Deuba - former Head of Government

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST - FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

Australia

The Honorable Ross Cameron - Member of Parliament

Bhutan

The Honorable Tashi Phuntsog - Secretary of Parliament

Brazil

The Honorable Luiz Alberto Maguito Vilela - governor of second largest state

Bulgaria

The Honorable Vassil Gotzev - Minister of Justice

Mrs. Marie Vaswsilev - interpreter for Mr. Gotzev

Chad

The Honorable Fidel Mounzar - Heir apparent to the Presidency

Croatia

The Honorable Jure Radic - Vice Prime Minister for Development and Reconstruction

Cyprus

Mrs. Meral Akinci International Women's Organization

India

Mr. Navin Chawla - Secretary - Government of India

Japan

The Honorable Yuji Tsushima - Member of Parliament

Lebanon

Mr. Salim El Khoury - Businessman

Lithuania

The Honorable Ceslovas Stankevicius - Minister of Defense

Macedonia

The Honorable Ilinka Mitreva - Member of Parliament - Chairman of Foreign Relations

Moldova

The Honorable Vasile Nedelciuc - Member of Parliament

Mongolia

The Honorable Txezenpil Gombosuren - former Foreign Minister - Party Chairman

Norway

The Honorable Dagfinn Hoytbraten - Minister of Health

Papua New Guinea

The Honorable Peter Peipul - Member of Parliament - leader of opposition

Peru

The Honorable Carlos Torres y Torres - President of Congress

Romania

Dorin Marian - Senior Advisor to president

Russia

The Honorable Mikhail Men - Member of Parliament

Syria

Mr. Somar Rifaat Al Assad - President Assad's nephew, Chairman Arab News Network TV/London

Taiwan

Mr. John Chang - Secretary General of Kuomintang Party

Tibet

The Honorable Tsering Wangyal - Secretary of Home
Mrs. Rinchen Dolma Taring

Turkey

Ms. Sibel Carmikli - Motherland Party

United Kingdom

The Honorable Derek Foster - Member of Parliament

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FOR

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WEATHER:

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*Rain ending in the early morning, remaining mostly
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Low 30 to 35. High 37 to 42.

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[drive time: 10 minutes]

7:25 am **THE PRESIDENT** and The First Lady arrive the Washington Hilton

Greeters: William Edwards, Jr., General Manager, Washington Hilton Hotel
Doug Coe, President, National Prayer Breakfast

Note: The President and The First Lady will be joined by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore at this time.

THE PRESIDENT and The First Lady accompanied by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore proceed to the Cabinet Room

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7:30 am-
7:55 am

MEET AND GREET

CABINET ROOM

Washington Hilton Hotel

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Larry Stein

Event Coordinator: Anthony Bernal

CLOSED PRESS

Note: This room will be partitioned two accommodate two separate groups.

-- **The President** and The First Lady, accompanied by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore will greet *Heads of State and Key International Dignitaries* (7 people).

-- **The President** and The First Lady, accompanied by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore will greet *Foreign Dignitaries* (23 people).

THE PRESIDENT and The First Lady, accompanied by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore proceed to the backstage area.

-- **The President** and The First Lady, accompanied by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore will greet Head Table Guests for photographs.

Head Table

Senator and Mrs. Akaka

Senator and Mrs. Connie Mack

Representative Bobby Scott

General Hugh Shelton

Ambassador and Mrs. Don Gevirtz (ret)

Dr. Billy Graham

Dr. Dorothy Height

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hongo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Sr.

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8:00 am-
9:15 am

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

Washington Hilton Hotel

Remarks: June Shih

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Larry Stein

Event Coordinator: Anthony Bernal

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- Breakfast is served.
- Senator Daniel Akaka makes welcoming remarks and introduces Representative Robert "Bobby" Scott.
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- Senator Daniel Akaka introduces Don Gevirtz.
- Don Gevirtz reads from Luke 2:52, Proverbs 18 and 20, and Judges 16.
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- Mr. and Mrs. Randy and Gae Hongo perform one song. (5 min)
- Senator Daniel Akaka introduces Dr. Dorothy Height.
- Dr. Dorothy Height reads from Mathew 25:34-54.
- Senator Daniel Akaka introduces The Vice President.
- The Vice President gives remarks.
- Senator Daniel Akaka introduces Senator Connie Mack.
- Senator Connie Mack gives remarks.
- Senator Daniel Akaka introduces **the President**.
- **The President** gives remarks.
- Closing song is led by Senator Daniel Akaka, who then introduces The Reverend Billy Graham.
- The Reverend Billy Graham offers a closing prayer.

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-- **The President** and The First Lady, accompanied by The Vice President and Mrs. Gore depart.

9:20 am **THE PRESIDENT** and The First Lady depart the Washington Hilton via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 10 minutes]

9:30 am **THE PRESIDENT** and The First Lady arrive The White House

9:30 am- **DOWN**
9:45 am

9:55 am **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to the Map Room

10:00 am- **MEETING**
10:15 am **MAP ROOM**
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

10:15 am- **BRIEFING FOR THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE UNITED**
10:50 am **KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**
MAP ROOM
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Capricia Marshall

10:55 am **The President** and the First Lady proceed to the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House.

11:00 am- **OFFICIAL ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR THE OFFICIAL VISIT**
11:45 am **OF PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR OF THE UNITED**
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
SOUTH LAWN
Remarks: Tony Blinken
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

-- Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair arrive and are introduced to **the President** and the First Lady by Chief of Protocol Mary M   French.

-- **The President** and the First Lady introduce Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair to the Vice President and Mrs. Gore, Secretary Madeleine Albright and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Joseph Ralston, and Mrs. Diane ("Dede") Ralston.

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- **The President** escorts Prime Minister Tony Blair onto the reviewing stand.
- *God Save The Queen* is performed, accompanied by a nineteen-gun-salute.
- *The National Anthem of the United States* is performed.
- The Commander of Troops steps forward and **the President** escorts Prime Minister Tony Blair off the reviewing stand (via front steps) to join the Commander of Troops.
- Prime Minister Tony Blair, accompanied by **the President** and the Commander of Troops, reviews the troops.
- Following the review, **the President** escorts Prime Minister Tony Blair to the reviewing stand to view the Musical Troop in Review.
- The Commander of Troops concludes the Honors.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Prim Minister Tony Blair makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of remarks, **the President** and Prime Minister Tony Blair face the troops as the Commander of Troops indicates the conclusion of the arrival ceremony.
- **The President** and the First Lady escort Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair into the Diplomatic Reception Room and proceed to the Blue Room via the elevator to sign the guest book.
- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair form a receiving line outside the Blue Room in Cross Hall and receive guests.

Note: The receiving line will flow from east to west.

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11:55 am

THE PRESIDENT escorts Prime Minister Tony Blair to the West Wing.

Note: At this time The First Lady will escort Mrs. Cheri Blair to the Yellow Oval Room for a luncheon.

12:00 pm-

12:10 pm

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

POOL SPRAY

12:10 pm-

1:30 pm

**WORKING LUNCH WITH PRIME MINISTER TONY
BLAIR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

CLOSED PRESS

- **The President** and Prime Minister Tony Blair and their delegations enter the Oval Office Dining Room.
- Lunch is served.
- At the conclusion of lunch, **The President** escorts Prime Minister Tony Blair and his delegation to the Cabinet Room.

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1:35 pm-
2:10 pm

**EXPANDED MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER TONY
BLAIR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

CABINET ROOM

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

CLOSED PRESS

- **The President** and Prime Minister Tony Blair enter the Cabinet Room and proceed to their seats at the table.
- The meeting begins.
- Upon the conclusion of the meeting, **the President** and the Vice President escort Prime Minister Tony Blair to the Oval Office to hold briefly.
- President Clinton bids farewell to Prime Minister Tony Blair; the Vice President escorts Prime Minister Tony Blair to the awaiting motorcade.

2:15 pm-
2:25 pm

BRIEFING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Gene Sperling, Bruce Reed

2:25 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the South Lawn

2:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Prime Minister Tony Blair, departs The White House via Marine One en route Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Maryland
[drive time: 30 minutes]

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3:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Prime Minister Tony Blair, arrives Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Maryland

Greeters: Governor Glendening
Senator Paul Sarbanes
Senator Barbara Mikulski
Representative Albert Wynn
Representative Ben Cardin
Bill Kennard, Commissioner, FCC
Paul Vance, Superintendent of School
Brian Porter, Assistant to the Superintendent
Nancy King, President, Board of Education
Nikole Sara Benders, Vice President, Student Government
Elizabeth O'Brien, Student

3:05 pm-

3:20 pm

INTERNET INTERACTIVE SESSION

ROOM TBD - GYMNASIUM

Montgomery Blair High School

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Gene Sperling, Bruce Reed

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

POOL PRESS

Note: Governor Glendening, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Senator Barbara Mikulski, Representative Albert Wynn, Representative Ben Cardin, Secretary Richard Riley, and Bill Kennard will view an Internet demonstration independently of The President and The Prime Minister.

- **The President** accompanied by Prime Minister Tony Blair visit with students.
- **The President** asks a student to send a message.
- **The President** and Prime Minister Tony Blair depart en route the Gymnasium.

3:20 pm-
4:10 pm

**ADDRESS TO THE STUDENTS OF MONTGOMERY BLAIR
HIGH SCHOOL**

GYMNASIUM

Montgomery Blair School

Remarks: Tony Blinken

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Gene Sperling, Bruce Reed

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

OPEN PRESS

Note: There is a musical pre-program.

- Off-stage announcement of Governor Glendening, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Senator Barbara Mikulski, Representative Albert Wynn, and Nancy King, President, Board of Education.
- Off-stage announcement of **The President** and Prime Minister Tony Blair accompanied Nikole Sara Benders, Vice President, Student Government and Elizabeth O'Brien, Student, to "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief."
- Nancy King makes brief welcoming remarks and introduces the Nikole Sara Benders.
- Sara Benders gives brief remarks and introduces Prime Minister Tony Blair.
- Prime Minister Tony Blair gives remarks.
- Elizabeth O'Brien gives brief remarks and introduces **The President**.
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- **The President** gives remarks.
- **The President** and Prime Minister Tony Blair work a ropeline and depart.

4:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT depart Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Maryland via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 30 minutes]

Note: The President and Prime Minister Tony Blair will split upon arrival to Washington, D.C. in order to accommodate separate schedules.

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4:45 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

4:45 pm-
7:00 pm **DOWN TIME**

Note: State Dinner guests are scheduled to arrive at 6:45 pm.

7:13 pm-
11:00 pm **OFFICIAL DINNER FOR PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND**
STATE FLOOR

Remarks: Tony Blinken

Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Capricia Marshall

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

POOL PRESS (Photos, receiving line, remarks, entertainment)

OPEN PRESS (Arrival)

Note: This is a black tie affair.

- 7:13 pm -- **The President** and the First Lady depart the living quarters via elevator and proceed to the North Portico.
- 7:15 pm -- Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair arrive the North Portico
- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair proceed to the Yellow Oval Room.
- 7:45 pm -- The Color Guard proceeds to the Yellow Oval Room, requests permission from **the President** to secure the Colors and proceeds down the Grand Staircase.
- 7:50 pm -- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair are announced to Honors and proceed down the Grand Staircase.
- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair pause at the base of the stairs for an official photograph.
POOL PRESS

- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair receive guests in Cross Hall.

POOL PRESS

Note: The receiving line will move from west to east.

- Upon the conclusion of the receiving line, **the President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair proceed to the Blue Room for a brief hold.

- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair are announced into the East Room and proceed to their head table.

8:45 pm

- Once all guests are seated, **The President** proceeds to the Eagle Lectern and makes remarks.

POOL PRESS

- Prime Minister Tony Blair makes remarks.

POOL PRESS

8:55 pm

- Dinner is served.

- **The President** and the First Lady escort Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair to Blue Room for a brief hold.

10:15 pm

- **The President** and the First Lady, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair proceed to the West Terrace where they are announced and escorted to their seats.

10:20 pm

- Performance begins.

EXPANDED POOL PRESS

- At the conclusion of the performance, **The President** proceeds to the stage to thank performer. (Note: Prime Minister Blair may wish to join **The President** on stage.)

- **The President** makes remarks.

- Prime Minister Tony Blair is provided the option to make remarks.

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10:50 pm

- **The President** and the First Lady escort Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair to the North Portico (or the State Dining Room for the First Dance).
- **The President** and The First Lady bid farewell to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cheri Blair.
- **The President** and the First Lady proceed to the State Dining Room for the first dance.
- **The President** and the First Lady depart the State Dining Room and return to the residence.

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

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February 5, 1998

National Prayer Breakfast

DATE: February 5, 1998
LOCATION: Washington Hilton
TIME: 7:25 AM
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Maureen Shea

I. PURPOSE

To join Members of Congress, international dignitaries, clergy members and lay people in prayer for you and the country.

II. BACKGROUND

This marks the 46th annual National Prayer Breakfast. The first breakfast was held in 1952 to pray for newly-elected President Dwight Eisenhower and his government. The event is sponsored by the House and Senate Prayer Breakfast groups, which meet weekly whenever Congress is in session. Rev. Billy Graham will again give the closing prayer. He was invited to ride with you from the White House but thought it easier, given his health and possible inclement weather, to remain at the Washington Hilton.

Because of serious questions about a number of the international guests you will be meeting with before the breakfast, there will not be a photo opportunity. The NSC feels very strongly about this issue and OPL fully supports their decision.

As in the past, however, there will be photos with you and the head table guests.

Given Prime Minister Blair's arrival, every effort is being made to keep the program on schedule.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The First Lady
Vice President and Mrs. Gore

Greeter:
Doug Coe, National Prayer Breakfast Coordinator

33 Senators
168 Representatives
Foreign guests (list attached)

Governor Roy Romer

Members of the Cabinet scheduled to attend:

Secretary Albright
Secretary Cuomo
Secretary Daley
Secretary Herman
Secretary Slater
Special Envoy to the Americas McLarty
Director of the Office of Personnel Management Janice Lachance

Head Table Guests

The First Lady
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Senator and Mrs. Connie Mack
Representative Bobby Scott
General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
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Dr. Dorothy Height
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Sr.

Briefing:

Maria Echaveste
Maureen Shea

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Pool press during your remarks only
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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
WASHINGTON, D.C.
February 5, 1998**

On the eve of a new millennium, the greatest challenge we face as a people is a challenge that has been with us since the beginning: How does this nation of nations remain "one nation under God?" For all our great racial, ethnic, and religious diversity, how do we come together as one human family, "made from one blood...to dwell on the face of the earth?" (Acts 17:26)

After five years as President, I believe more strongly than ever that a thriving partnership between government and communities of faith is crucial to meeting these challenges. We know that America cannot be strengthened by government alone -- nor by telling our people to fend for themselves. America is strengthened when we come together in partnership, with our churches, synagogues and mosques, with our businesses, schools and civic groups to build a nation that lives as one community.

A strong America puts faith at the center of our society.

As President, I have worked to ensure that religious expression is fully protected in every aspect of American life. That is why in 1995, we let school districts know their rights -- and the rights of their students -- under the Constitution. No young person has to leave his or her religious beliefs at the schoolhouse door.

That is why, this past summer, I issued similar guidelines for the federal workplace. We said: Workers must be allowed to express their religious beliefs. They must be given a reasonable opportunity to practice their religion. No federal worker will ever be punished for having a Bible or a Koran on the desk. If an employee book club can meet in the cafeteria, a Bible study group should be able to meet there as well. And no one must ever be discriminated against because of religious belief.

And that is why we will continue to advance the cause of tolerance and religious freedom around the world. The other day, I had a chance to meet with three distinguished religious leaders -- The Rev. Dr. Don Argue, President of the National Association of Evangelicals; Rabbi Arthur Schneier, [Shnyer] President of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation; and Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. Next week, they will travel to China to learn more about religious practices there and to open what I hope will be a very productive dialogue on religious freedom. This trip is an important result of my October summit with President Jiang Zemin. I wish them Godspeed on their journey.

But there is still more to do here at home. We can harness the power of faith to solve some of our most pressing social problems.

One of the most heartening developments in recent years is the migration of millions of people from the dependency of welfare to the dignity of work. In many ways the journey from welfare to work is a leap of faith. And no one is better suited to helping our brethren make that leap than the community of faith. I thank you for all you are already doing to help more Americans achieve independence, whether it's making church vans available to take people to work, providing child care, or tutoring children. Today, I ask every congregation in every community to mentor families making the transition from welfare to work. To support these efforts, the Vice President has launched the Coalition to Sustain Success. Some of you are already members of this coalition, but I urge each and every one of you to join.

And I ask the religious community to continue our partnership in giving our fellow citizens the opportunity to serve. I am very proud of the AmeriCorps program, which gives young people a chance to earn money for college by serving their community and country. And everyone knows that faith-based service is the most effective form of service there is. Churches, mosques, synagogues and temples are America's most vital centers of compassion and service, leading some of our best efforts against homelessness, poverty and illiteracy. Already AmeriCorps works closely in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, the Notre Dame Mission volunteer program, and other faith based groups.

At the President's Summit on Service I asked the religious community to do more. I said that if charities or religious groups give young people the support they need to do a year of community service, we will give them the scholarship that AmeriCorps members get for college. Already, AmeriCorps has awarded scholarships to 5,000 young people working in faith based organizations.

But nowhere is the partnership between government and communities of faith more important -- nowhere is your witness more needed -- than in our ceaseless quest for racial reconciliation. How we deal with our growing racial and ethnic diversity will be our greatest challenge in building One -- stronger -- America for the 21st century.

Our task cannot be to dwell on our differences, but to build on our shared values --faith and family, freedom and responsibility. I've launched a national initiative on race to help us recognize our common interests and bridge the opportunity gaps that keep us from becoming one America. Too often, we forget the many things that unite us. It's too easy instead to concentrate on the superficial differences of skin color or accent. Too of us many cling to the prejudices of past generations and use them to deny others opportunities to work, to learn, to live.

We have worked to pass laws that honor the simple principle that discrimination against any American is un-American. But changing our laws does not change our hearts. I believe that faith and citizen service can help us do the rest. At the core of all the world's great religious traditions, we will find the same beliefs -- that we are all part of the same human family; that we must honor our families and perform good works; that we must live by the Golden Rule of loving our neighbors as ourselves.

When we work together, learn together, serve together -- yes pray together --we grow together. And I think today's readings speak to this point. We can serve God when we serve "the least of our brethren." And we can "grow" in spirit, in understanding, in knowledge, when we serve others.

It is written in scripture, "For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen." (I John 4) God made us of one blood. We love God when we love each other. And when we offer a hand of friendship to a stranger in need, when we seek out our neighbors and strive to understand their concerns, when we respect and celebrate the diversity of cultures, beliefs, and traditions that make America great, we rise to Dr. King's challenge and live out the true meaning of our creed.

I thank all of you for your faith, leadership and commitment. God bless you.

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His Excellency Rexhep Meidani- President

Bangladesh

The Honorable Hussain Mohammad Ershad - former Head of State

Brazil

The Honorable Celso Pitta - Mayor San Paulo

China

The Honorable Ye Xiao Wen - General Director, Religious Affairs Bureau
Mr. Zhao Li Ping - interpreter

Ecuador

The Honorable Sixto Duran Ballen - former President

Micronesia

The Honorable Leo Falcam - Vice President

Nepal

The Honorable Sher Bahadur Deuba - former Head of Government

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST - FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

Australia

The Honorable Ross Cameron - Member of Parliament

Brazil

The Honorable Luiz Alberto Maguito Vilela - governor of second largest state

Bulgaria

The Honorable Vassil Gotzev - Minister of Justice
Mrs. Marie Vaswsilev - interpreter for Mr. Gotzev

Chad

The Honorable Fidel Mounzar - Heir apparent to the Presidency

Croatia

The Honorable Jure Radic - Vice Prime Minister for Development and Reconstruction

Cyprus

Mrs. Meral Akinci International Women's Organization

India

Mr. Navin Chawla - Secretary - Government of India

Japan

The Honorable Yuji Tsushima - Member of Parliament

Lebanon

Mr. Salim El Khoury - Businessman

Lithuania

The Honorable Ceslovas Stankevicius - Minister of Defense

Macedonia

The Honorable Ilinka Mitreva - Member of Parliament - Chairman of Foreign Relations

Moldova

The Honorable Vasile Nedelciuc - Member of Parliament

Mongolia

The Honorable Txezenpil Gombosuren - former Foreign Minister - Party Chairman

Norway

The Honorable Dagfinn Hoytbraten - Minister of Health

Papua New Guinea

The Honorable Peter Peipul - Member of Parliament - leader of opposition

Peru

The Honorable Carlos Torres y Torres - President of Congress

Romania

Dorin Marian - Senior Advisor to president

Russia

The Honorable Mikhail Men - Member of Parliament

Syria

Mr. Somar Rifaat Al Assad - President Assad's nephew, Chairman Arab News Network TV/London

Taiwan

Mr. John Chang - Secretary General of Kuomintang Party

Tibet

The Honorable Tsering Wangyal - Secretary of Home
Mrs. Rinchen Dolma Taring

Turkey

Ms. Sibel Carmikli - Motherland Party

United Kingdom

The Honorable Derek Foster - Member of Parliament

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY
THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GORE

WHAT: ARRIVAL CEREMONY IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE
TONY BLAIR, M.P., PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND MRS. BLAIR

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1998
11:00 A.M.

WHERE: SOUTH LAWN AND STATE FLOOR

FROM: CAPRICIA MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

9:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives to Map Room for NSC Briefing.

10:35 a.m. THE VICE PRESIDENT and MRS. GORE arrive to Diplomatic Reception Room.

10:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY receive the logistical briefing in the Map Room.

10:50 a.m. THE VICE PRESIDENT and MRS. GORE are escorted to their places on the South Lawn by Chief of Protocol French.

10:55 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON proceed to the Diplomatic Reception Room for announce onto the South Lawn.

10:59 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY are announced to HONORS as they proceed to the edge of the red carpet on the driveway.

11:00 a.m. Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair are introduced to THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON by Chief of Protocol French.

THE PRESIDENT introduces Prime Minister Blair, MRS. CLINTON introduces Mrs. Blair to the following:

- THE VICE PRESIDENT and MRS. GORE
- Secretary of State Albright
- The Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Mrs. Ralston

THE PRESIDENT escorts **Prime Minister Blair** onto the reviewing stand.

MRS. CLINTON escorts **Mrs. Blair** to their positions alongside the platform in front of the Official Welcoming Committee.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY BEGINS:

Announcement of the National Anthems

--British National Anthem

Note: 19-Gun Salute simultaneous

--National Anthem of the United States of America.

--Review of Troops

Commander of Troops steps forward and **THE PRESIDENT** escorts **Prime Minister Blair** off reviewing stand VIA FRONT STEPS to join Commander of Troops.

Review of troops takes place, east to west, front row only, with **Prime Minister Blair** closest to troops:

(Left to Right)

THE PRESIDENT

Commander of Troops

Prime Minister Blair

Following review, **THE PRESIDENT** escorts **Prime Minister Blair** back to the reviewing stand.

Note: Prime Minister Blair will greet Commander of Troops

--Musical Troop in Review.

--Commander of Troops **concludes the Honors.**

--Remarks by **THE PRESIDENT** (3 min.)

--Remarks by **Prime Minister Blair** (3 min.)

--Following remarks, **THE PRESIDENT** and **Prime Minister Blair** face the troops and the Commander of Troops indicates the conclusion of the Arrival Ceremony.

Upon conclusion of ceremony, **THE PRESIDENT** and **MRS. CLINTON** escort **Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair** into the Diplomatic Reception Room and proceed to the Blue Room via elevator to sign the guest book.

THE PRESIDENT, MRS. CLINTON, Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair form a receiving line in front of the Blue Room Doors in Cross Hall in the following order:

Receiving Line:
Chief of Protocol French (to introduce)

THE PRESIDENT
Prime Minister Blair
MRS. CLINTON
Mrs. Blair

12:00 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT escorts **Prime Minister Blair** to the West Wing.

MRS. CLINTON escorts **Mrs. Blair** to the Yellow Oval Room for a Luncheon.

Note: White House photo only in Yellow Oval Room.

Approx. 1:00 p.m.

Following the luncheon, **THE FIRST LADY** escorts **Mrs. Blair** and bids farewell at South Portico.

2/4/98 8:06 pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
REMARKS WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER BLAIR
THE WHITE HOUSE
FEBRUARY 5, 1998**

Mr. Prime Minister, Mrs. Blair, members of the British delegation: Welcome to America and welcome to the White House. Today we celebrate the unbreakable bond between two nations that led the fight for freedom in the 20th century — and we set our sights on a new alliance for the 21st century that can shape a future just as glorious as our past.

In the 20th century, generation after generation, the United Kingdom and the United States have set the standard in international cooperation. From the trenches of World War One to the beaches of World War Two, from the Iron Curtain to Desert Storm, our alliance has been tested, and it has passed each test with the same flying colors — red, white and blue.

In the 21st century, our alliance will be called upon to face a diverse and different set of challenges. The history we share and the values we hold give us the confidence to meet them. For at the heart of all that we have done and all that we will do lies this constant conviction: that our people have the inalienable right to pursue their dreams in peace, security and freedom. That conviction, and the unspoken knowledge that we can always depend upon each other, is a steady source of strength in a world that is changing more rapidly and more profoundly than ever before.

Today we are privileged to live in a better time than our grandparents ever dared to dream of. Our vision of freedom and democracy is taking hold around the world. In both our nations, a vibrant new economy is growing, reviving old industries, creating new ones, and spreading opportunity among our people. New ideas and new technologies are reshaping our communities, changing the way we live, learn, work and interact.

As we have for two centuries and more, our two peoples are forging a new vision. We have always shared breakthroughs and discoveries, seeking progress through partnership. We now share the obligation of mastering the challenge of change... of making this new era a time of opportunity for all our people. We both recognize that the answers must come not from clinging to the past — neither the heavy hand of government, nor the invisible hand of an unfettered free market. We recognize that our modernized governments must give our people the tools to make the most of their own lives — a world class education, incentives to move people from welfare to work, a system of retirement security as strong for our children as it has been for our parents. In this new era, a “New Britain” and a “New America” can blaze paths for the world.

Our 21st century alliance, by example and exertion, must resolutely protect the promise we have worked so hard to secure. We will stand together for peace, as we are doing in Bosnia — where our troops are working side by side to secure the Dayton Accords. We will search for new solutions to stubborn strife, as we are doing in Northern Ireland — where Prime Minister Blair’s

courageous leadership is clearing a pathway to peace. We will stand against those who defy the will of the international community... bringing terrorists to justice in the case of Pan Am 103... and maintaining stability in the Persian Gulf – where the British aircraft carrier Invincible is patrolling the waters alongside the U.S. fleet. Mr. Prime Minister, America's men and women in uniform find strength in the presence of our staunch allies.

Our 21st century alliance will be as flexible as it is strong. As Britain maintains its friendship with America, it must inevitably play a leading role in shaping a prosperous, peaceful, integrated Europe. A healthy European Union reaching out to new members... a strong NATO taking in new allies... practical partnerships with new democracies, including Russia and Ukraine — are all important steps on the road to a more peaceful future.

Mr. Prime Minister, the earliest English settlers who came to this country had the vision to see over the horizon. Like them, you have shown the foresight, imagination and daring to envision a new world... and the determination to make that vision real. You have invigorated Britain, issuing an exhilarating challenge for a proud people whose best days still lie ahead.

The poet T.S. Eliot, claimed by both our countries, once wrote, “the end is where we start from.” At the end of a century of friendship, let us pledge to renew the bonds connecting us to each other, and connecting our storied past to the unwritten promise of the future.

Mr. Prime Minister, welcome to the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1998

EDUCATION EVENT WITH PRIME MINISTER BLAIR

DATE: February 5, 1998
TIME: 3:05 pm - 3:15 pm
3:20 pm - 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Montgomery Blair High School
FROM: Bruce Reed/Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE:

To highlight that you and Prime Minister Blair share a strong commitment to education, and amplify your new budget proposals for education.

II. BACKGROUND:

You will be making remarks to approximately 2,000 students, teachers, parents and educators from Montgomery Blair High School and the local community. Montgomery Blair has a magnet program in math and science, which students must pass a test to enroll in. The program has state-of-the-art technology which helps trains students on computers. Prior to your speech, you will visit with students who will be sending email messages to students at the Witherwood School in Bristol, England. This is the kick-off of a new partnership the schools have made to allow the students to communicate with each other.

This event will be an opportunity to highlight the education goals that you and Prime Minister Blair share, including: reducing class size in elementary schools, helping students master basic skills, wiring every classroom to the Internet, increasing technology training for teachers, and raising academic standards. Attached is a side-by-side analysis of your and Prime Minister Blair's education agendas.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Prime Minister Blair

Nancy King, President of the Montgomery County Board of Education

(NOTE: The School Principal is out of town.)

Nikole Venders, Acting Student Body President

Elizabeth O'Brien, 12th grade student. She was born in England and spent the last five years in England because her father was in the U.S. Foreign Service. She is recovering from a back injury and may be using crutches.

Seated on Stage:

Nikole Venders
Governor Parris Glendening
Senator Paul Sarbanes
Senator Barbara Mikulski
Representative Al Wynn

Seated in the Front Row:

Secretary Riley
Administrator Carol Browner (*She has a daughter who attends the school)
William Kennard, Chairman of the FCC
Susan Ness, FCC Commissioner (she is from Maryland)
Representative Ben Cardin (it is not his congressional district.)

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- You and Prime Minister Blair will be greeted by the Montgomery County Schools Superintendent Paul Vance and Nancy King, President of the Montgomery County Board of Education.
- You and Prime Minister Blair will visit with students in a small computer room and you will ask one of the students to send an email message from you and the Prime Minister to the students at the Withywood School in England.
NOTE: The elected officials, Secretary Riley, and FCC Chairman William Kennard will accompany you on the tour.
- The elected officials will be announced onto the stage.
- You and Prime Minister Blair will be announced onto the stage with two students.
- Nancy King, President of the Montgomery County Board of Education, makes welcoming remarks introduces Nikole Venders, Student Body President.
- Nikole Venders makes remarks and introduces Prime Minister Blair.
- Prime Minister Blair makes remarks.
- Elizabeth O'Brien makes remarks and introduces you.
- You will make remarks, work a ropeline, and then depart.

V. PRESS COVERAGE:

Open press.

VI. REMARKS:

Remarks prepared by Speech Writing.

Similarities Between Clinton and Blair Education Agendas

Clinton Initiatives	Blair Proposals	Status of Blair Proposals
High National Standards Encouraging states to adopt challenging standards; National tests in reading and math	Attack low standards in the primary schools Raise academic standards, measure student and school progress, and improve reading and math curriculum in primary grades	Ongoing.
Class Size. Reduce class size in grades 1-3 to an average of 18	Reduce class size to 30 for 5, 6, and 7 year olds	Legislation effective Sept 97. Paid for by phasing out assisted places (voucher) program.
America Reads. Every 8 year old able to read; mobilize tutors, train teachers in reading instruction.	National literacy target: every child leaving primary school with a reading age of 11; literacy summer schools	Govt. pledged £4 million for summer literacy schools if matched by private £1 million; private pledge received August 97.
Expand Head Start to 1 million children	Nursery place (pre-school) guaranteed for all 4 year olds.	Proposed in Blair campaign manifesto.
Technology Every school and library wired to the Internet. E-rate to provide low-cost connection. Technology training for all new teachers, at least one technology expert per school. Grants to make more effective use of education technology and software.	Every school wired to the Internet by 2002. Telecom/cable to provide free connection. Lottery money to fund technology training for all (500,000) teachers. National Grid for Learning - network for education software available over the Internet.	Telecom/cable agreed in January 98 to provide connection. Announced in Jan 1998 availability of £230 million to fund training. Prototype virtual teaching centre and standards database (good practices) launched in Jan 98.
Lifetime Learning Credit. Tax credit to available for learners taking courses to enhance or obtain skills.	Campaign proposal for Individual learning accounts to pay for adults to take courses to enhance skills	Government's white paper on lifetime learning proposals due to be published in February 1998.

Education Opportunity Zones Standards and accountability to improve urban/rural school districts	Education Action Zones Public/private partnerships to raise standards in underperforming schools.	Proposed. Teacher unions opposing because of proposal allows private sector to bid on running a zone.
School-to-Work Help prepare students for work and college through applied learning, work experience, and postsecondary training.	Better school-business links; new opportunities for students over 14 to participate in work-related activities outside the classroom.	Proposed in campaign manifesto.
High quality teacher in every classroom Improve teacher training and recruit teachers to underserved areas; 100,000 National Board Certified teachers. Remove low performing teachers.	Improve teacher training; induction; Raise standards in the profession; new grade Advance skill teacher; Streamline process to remove failing teachers.	Proposed in campaign manifesto. Proposed in campaign manifesto Proposed in campaign manifesto.
Direct Student Loans. Allows for income-contingent repayment.	Student loan payback should be income-related.	Proposed. Some public criticism that students will have to pay tuition and fees that they do not currently pay.

Draft 2/4/98 8:00pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR VISIT TO MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
WITH PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
February 5, 1998**

Ack: Prime Minister Blair; Gov. Glendenning; Sen's McCluskey and Sarbanes; Rep. Wynn; Sec. Riley; William Kennard, FCC Chair; Susan Ness, FCC Commissioner; Ambassador Lader; British Ambassador Nancy King, Pres., Board of Ed.; Nikole Sara Benders, Student Body Vice Pres., Elizabeth O'Brien, MBHS Student, dual British/American national; State Treasurer Richard Dixon; President of the Senate Mike Miller; President of the County Council Ike Leggett. And all the students from Blair and other schools who have joined us today, including Daniel Toiv, my Deputy Press Secretary Barry Toiv's son; and the students at Withywood School in Bristol, England, who we were just on-line with just a minute ago.

Mr. Prime Minister, as you know, the team here is known as the "Blair Blazers." And the team colors are red and white -- the same as your New Labour party. Recently, a former Blair student was in London on a Churchill Scholarship. Everywhere she went, she wore her red and white Blair Blazers jacket. And everywhere she went, people stopped her to ask if she was Tony Blair's agent. I understand she's still waiting for her commission.

I know that many of you have studied 20th Century world history, and you know that the unbreakable bond between Britain and the United States has meant the difference between war and peace, chaos and stability, fear and hope -- time and time again.

In the new century we are about to begin, both our nations will face new challenges: a vibrant new economy, new technologies that are changing the way we work, learn, and live, and new threats to our peace and prosperity, both at home and abroad. We will meet these challenges as we have met all the others: as allies and friends, united by the vision we are forging for a new era of opportunity.

We are building stronger nations for the 21st Century, where government gives people the tools they need to make the most of their lives ... where everyone who works for it has the same chance to go to college and where all of our children get the education they need to reach their dreams.

I have said that education is my highest priority as President. Prime Minister Blair one-upped me: he said that his top three priorities were "education, education, and education." We share that great goal -- and we share many ideas of how we can achieve it: demanding accountability and excellence from our schools and from our teachers ... insisting that our children learn to high standards ... and making sure that our children are learning in classes small enough to give them the attention they need to succeed.

When I was Governor of a small state struggling to improve its educational system, Hillary and I held education town meetings all over Arkansas and talked to thousands of parents. They all agreed that class size was key. We worked hard to bring down class size, and we saw results.

We can do this on the national level. The balanced budget I submitted to Congress last week will help to hire 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades to an average of 18 students a class, all across America. And all across England, Prime Minister Blair is launching an innovative new program to reduce class size in the early years when children need it the most.

The Information Age is, first and foremost, an education age. And to succeed in the 21st Century job force -- in careers we cannot even imagine today -- our children will need 21st Century skills. That is why we are working to put the future at the fingertips of our children -- with computers, software, technology training for teachers, and every classroom and library connected to the Internet by the year 2000.

Just this last week, Vice President Gore announced more than \$2 Billion in discounts to make sure every school and library -- particularly our neediest schools -- have access to the Information Superhighway. And my balanced budget includes \$770 million in investments in educational technology, with an exciting initiative to make sure that all new teachers are as comfortable with a computer as they are with the chalkboard.

Just as the Vice President and I launched Net Day -- challenging thousands of parents and private companies to help bring our schools into the 21st Century -- Prime Minister Blair has declared 1998 to be NetYear in the United Kingdom, and he has set a goal of connecting all of England's classrooms to the Internet by the year 2002.

In all these ways, and in so many others, we are working on both sides of the "big pond" to give our children the chance to reach their highest potential, and to strengthen our two great nations for the 21st Century.

Thank you, and God bless you.



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the Secretary of State for Education and Employment
by Command of Her Majesty

July 1997

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By 2002 . . .

At the end of each chapter is a summary of what we aim to achieve over the lifetime of this Parliament by putting our proposals in place. All the summaries are brought together here.

By 2002 . . .

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- There will be a greater awareness across society of the importance of education and increased expectations of what can be achieved.
- Standards of performance will be higher.
- Our overall approach to policy will be underpinned by six principles:
 - 1 Education will be at the heart of government.
 - 2 Policies will be designed to benefit the many, not just the few.
 - 3 The focus will be on standards, not structures.
 - 4 Intervention will be in inverse proportion to success.
 - 5 There will be zero tolerance of underperformance.
 - 6 Government will work in partnership with all those committed to raising standards.

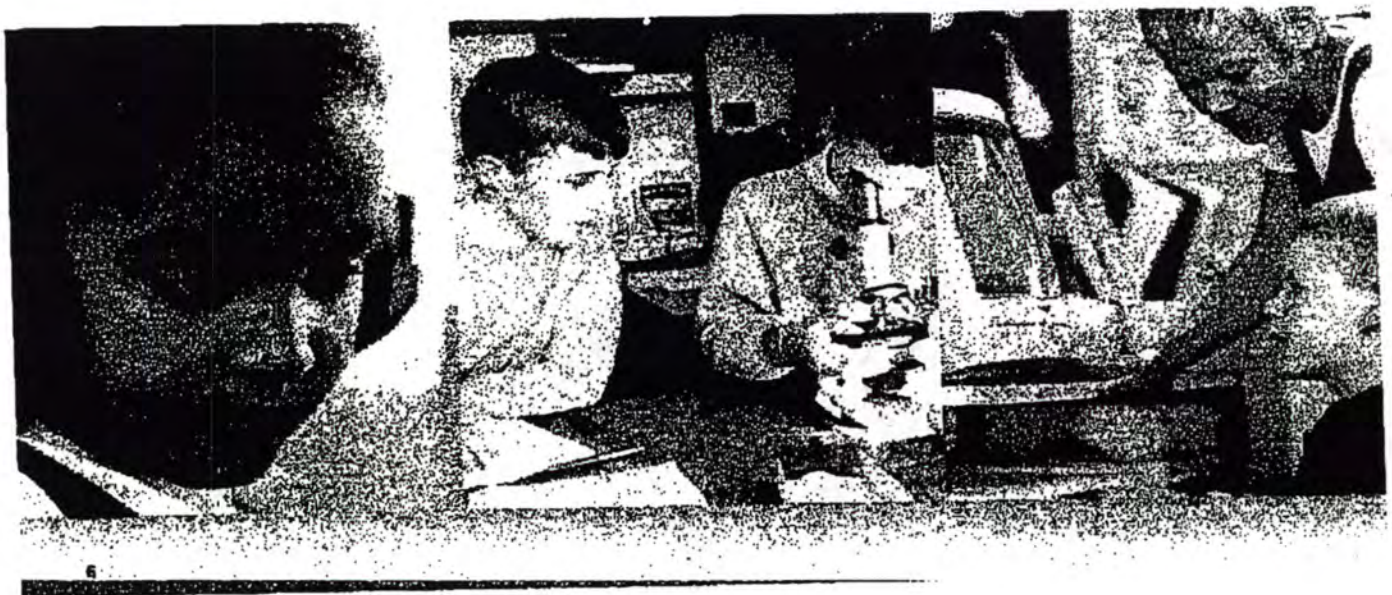
There will be . . .

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- High quality education for all 4 year-olds whose parents want it.
- An early years forum in every area, planning childcare and education to meet local needs.
- A network of early excellence centres to spread good practice.
- Effective assessment of all children starting primary schools.
- Class sizes of 30 or under for 5, 6 and 7 year-olds.
- At least an hour each day devoted to both literacy and numeracy in every primary school.
- National guidelines and training for all primary teachers on best practice in the teaching of literacy and numeracy.
- A great improvement in achievements in maths and English at the end of primary education, to meet national targets.

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- School performance tables will be more useful, showing the rate of progress pupils have made as well as their absolute levels of achievement.
- Each school will have its own challenging targets to raise standards, and will be held responsible for achieving them.
- Each LEA will be working to an Education Development Plan agreed with the DfEE and its schools, showing how standards in all schools will rise.
- School management and leadership will have better support from LEAs.
- Most failing schools will have been improved, and the remaining few closed, or given a Fresh Start.
- OFSTED will have improved its school inspection process, and will also have inspected a large number of LEAs.
- The DfEE will have become more outward-looking and in touch with the education service, in particular through the work of the Standards and Effectiveness Unit.
- Special educational needs will be an integral part of the wider programme for raising standards.
- Schools will be taking practical steps to raise ethnic minority pupils' achievements and promote racial harmony.



We will have ...

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- Schools setting pupils according to ability and further development of innovative approaches to pupil grouping.
- Education Action Zones providing targeted support and development where they are most needed.
- An extensive network of specialist schools benefiting neighbouring schools and the local community.
- Better developed information and communications technology within a clear national strategy.
- Schools linked to a National Grid for Learning providing modern teaching and resource material, supported by initiatives such as NetDays.
- A clear strategy for promoting research and development into schools of the future.

There will be ...

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- A requirement for headteachers when appointed for the first time to hold a professional headship qualification.
- National training arrangements for existing headteachers.
- New core requirements for all initial teacher training courses; new requirements for trainee teachers focusing on English and maths in the primary phase; and new standards which all trainees must meet before qualifying to teach.
- New induction arrangements for all newly qualified teachers.
- Better training for existing teachers to make sure all use the most effective methods of teaching, focused in particular on literacy, numeracy and IT.
- A new grade of Advanced Skills Teacher.
- Effective appraisal arrangements for teachers and headteachers.
- Streamlined procedures for dealing with incompetent teachers.
- A new General Teaching Council to speak for the profession.

There will be ...

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- More family learning schemes.
- A home-school contract in all schools.
- Better information for parents.
- Greater representation of parents on governing bodies, and parent representatives on LEAs.
- Better support in schools for pupils with behaviour problems, less need to exclude pupils from school, and better education for those who do not attend school.
- Reduced levels of unauthorised absence from school.

- No children who miss out on their GCSEs by leaving school early.
- National guidelines for homework so that schools, parents and pupils realise its importance in raising standards.
- A network of after-school homework centres.
- Better school-business links.
- A new national framework to promote extended opportunities for young people to benefit from activities outside the classroom.
- Better programmes of work-related learning, citizenship and parenting.
- National nutritional standards for school meals.

There will be ...



- A new framework of foundation, community and aided schools, allowing all good schools to flourish and keeping in place whatever is already working well, while giving better support for those schools that need to improve.
- Clearly understood roles for school governors and for LEAs so they can contribute positively to raising standards.
- Fair and transparent systems for calculating school budgets, which allow schools as much freedom as possible to decide how to spend their budgets.
- More local decision making about plans to open new schools or to change the size or character of existing schools.
- Fairer ways of offering school places to pupils.
- No more partial selection by general academic ability.
- A more positive contribution from independent schools to our goal of raising standards for all children, with improved partnership and links with schools and local communities.

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February 5, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CRAIG T. SMITH AND CHRIS LAVERY

RE: MARYLAND POLITICAL BRIEFING

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS

1992			1996		
Clinton/Gore	988,571	50%	Clinton/Gore	966,207	54%
Bush/Quayle	707,094	36%	Dole/Kemp	681,530	38%
Perot/Stockdale	281,414	14%	Perot/Choate	115,812	7%

MOST RECENT PRINCIPAL TRAVEL

The First Lady was in Baltimore on January 21 to receive an honorary degree and attend a question and answer session at Granger College.

The Vice President attended a fundraiser for Governor Glendening on January 7 in Washington, D.C.

The Vice President attended the opening of Jack Kent Cooke Stadium on September 14.

The Vice President was in Anne Arundel County for an America Reads Event on September 4, 1997.

YOU were in Baltimore for a reading PSA announcement at Camden Yards on July 2, 1997.

The Vice President was in Baltimore on July 1 for a Baltimore Bicentennial Event and a DNC fundraiser.

The First Lady was in Baltimore on June 10 for a "Reach Out and Read" event at the University of Maryland Pediatric and Ambulatory Clinic.

YOU were in Maryland for the Morgan State Commencement on May 18, 1997.

YOU and the Vice President were in Baltimore for the Senate Retreat where **YOU** announced the budget deal on May 2, 1997.

POLITICAL DATA

Governor:	Parris Glendening (D) 50.1% in 1994
U.S Senate:	Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D) 59% in 1994 Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D) 71% in 1992
U.S. House:	4D/4R

State Senate: 32D/15R
General Assembly: 100D/41R
Electoral Votes: 10

MARYLAND AT A GLANCE...

- 1995 estimated population was 5,072,000.
- 70.8% of Maryland residents are White, 25.7% are African American, and 3.4% are Asian American.
- 11.3% of Maryland residents are age 65 or older.
- The median household income is \$39,198.
- 26.5% of Maryland residents have a college degree. 78.4% have a high school diploma.
- In Maryland, 46.2% of the Voting Age Population (VAP) voted in the 1996 elections, compared with 53% of the VAP in 1992.
- Maryland's unemployment rate is currently 4.4%.

1996 STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Clinton/Gore '96 captured 54.3% of Maryland's popular vote, the second largest percentage for a Democratic presidential candidate in 56 years, while increasing the margin of victory in the state by 4% from 1992. Clinton/Gore '96 did especially well in the City of Baltimore as well as Baltimore, Prince George's, Dorchester, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, and Sommerset counties. The large margins of victory in the Baltimore-Washington I-95 corridor off set the losses in the less populous Western Maryland and Eastern Shore counties. The Democrats failed to pick up any congressional seats in the 1996 election, but successfully held their four seats.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D)	Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D)
Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-01)	Rep. Bob Ehrlich (R-02)
Rep. Ben Cardin (D-03)	Rep. Albert Wynn (D-04)
Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-05)	Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-06)
Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-07)	Rep. Connie Morella (R-08)

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

Governor:	Parris Glendening (D)
Lt. Governor:	Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (D)
Secretary of State:	John Willis (D)
Attorney General:	Joseph Curran, Jr. (D)
State Comptroller:	Lewis L. Goldstein (D)
State Treasurer:	Richard Dixon (D)
Senate President:	Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D)
Senate President Pro-Tem:	Clarence Blount (D)
Senate Minority Leader:	Vernon Boozer (R)
House Speaker:	Casper R. Taylor, Jr. (D)
House Majority Leader:	John A. Harsen (D)
House Minority Leader:	Robert Kittlenan (R)

1998 GOVERNOR'S RACE

Despite his incumbent status, Maryland Governor Parris Glendening (D) is seen by many as extremely vulnerable in his '98 reelection bid. After his narrow 6,000 vote victory in 1994, Glendening has been plagued by problems--including an investigation into the election itself--which dropped his approval rating below 30% in the summer of 1996. Since October 1996, Glendening has improved his public standing by fighting a heated battle against the gambling interests, pushing for an income tax cut, and working to improve education. Despite these sweeping legislative successes, many speculate that Glendening may not receive credit for his recent achievements.

Glendening is also gearing up for the 1998 race by launching a fundraising operation which has already netted \$2.1 million, four times the funds raised by the GOP freshman Ellen Sauerbrey (R).

Despite his efforts, Glendening's damaged reputation has already prompted a challenge from Harford County Executive Eileen Rehrmann (D). Rehrmann announced her candidacy in unusually low-key fashion by releasing the text of a letter she mailed to 4,000 supporters throughout the state. Rehrmann may have difficulty raising the funds needed to topple Glendening. On September 6, Rehrmann's campaign received a boost when Larry Gibson endorsed her. Gibson is a leading political operative for Mayor Kurt Schmoke and Prince Georges County Executive Wayne Curry.

Former Washington Redskin Ray Schoenke (D) announced on January 20 his candidacy in the Democratic gubernatorial primary. Schoenke has taken the first steps into the fray by firing off media releases blasting Glendening for his political ties to state Senator Larry Young (D), who was expelled from the state Senate on January 16. Like other contenders in the 1998 race, Schoenke is hoping to capitalize on past negative publicity surrounding Glendening. Schoenke, a Democrat, says that he supported Glendening during the 1994 campaign but has been disappointed by his performance in his first term. He uses the new football stadium being built in downtown Baltimore as an example of Glendening's history of bad deal making and poor leadership. Schoenke is the chief executive officer and founder of Schoenke & Associates, a multi-million dollar firm that works with publicly traded corporations to finance benefits for their employees. Former Washington Red Skin player Schoenke has committed to contribute \$2 million of his own money to fund his campaign.

After forming an exploratory committee and openly considering challenging Glendening, Rep. Ben Cardin announced on Wednesday, September 3, that he was planning to run for reelection to Congress. Most pundits believe that Cardin would have been Glendening's most formidable foe in the Democratic primary. Another possible Democratic primary challenger, Speaker of the House of Delegates Casper Taylor (D) announced in September 1997 that he would not challenge Glendening but may reconsider if Glendening emerges heavily damaged from the '98 legislative session.

In a December 1, internal Glendening primary poll, Governor Parris Glendening leads Eileen Rehrmann by 47 points and Schoenke by 57 points.

Primary Vote

Glendening	60%
Rehrmann	13%
Schoenke	3%
Undecided	24%

Rehrmann and Schoenke seem to pose no real challenge to Glendening, who is the likely Democratic candidate.

1994 Republican gubernatorial nominee Ellen Sauerbrey (R) formally announced her candidacy at an April 30th fundraiser attended by Steve Forbes. Other leading Republicans such as Dan Quayle, Jack Kemp and former Reagan aide Lyn Nofziger have also attended fundraisers for her. Sauerbrey will face a primary challenge from Howard County Executive Chuck Ecker (R). Sauerbrey could be haunted in the election by the outrageous cries of fraud she made following the 1994 election. Sauerbrey's spiteful, bordering on obsessive, attacks against Glendening after the race dropped her approval ratings in 1996. Because the closed Republican primary is dominated by the party's far right, the conservative Sauerbrey will likely defeat the moderate Ecker, despite her damaged reputation. The Democratic nominee would most likely be a slight favorite against Sauerbrey because of her very conservative views and marred image. However, if Ecker is able to emerge victorious from the GOP primary, he will present a formidable challenge to the Democrats.

The same poll found in a general election matchup, Governor Parris Glendening leads Ellen Sauerbrey by a 13% margin.

General Election Vote

Glendening	53%
Sauerbrey	40%
Undecided	7%

Glendenings likely challenger, Ellen Sauerbrey is behind 13 points and represents the right wing of the GOP. This race is leaning in favor of Glendening.

1998 SENATE RACE

Senator Barbara Mikulski (D) is seeking reelection to a third term in 1998. She won election to a second term in 1992 with 71% of the vote and should easily win reelection in 1998. Her approval rating has been consistently in the mid 60's during the last three years. According to the December 31, 1996, FEC report, Mikulski had \$561,585 on hand and the Vice President attended a fundraiser for her on April 13th in Baltimore. Due to her popularity in Maryland, a Republican challenger has yet to surface. For 1998, Republicans have wisely chosen to focus their attention on unseating Governor Parris Glendening (D) rather than wasting their efforts against Mikulski.

1998 CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Eighth Congressional District

Civil Rights activist Ralph Neas (D) announced in November his bid to unseat Rep. Connie Morella (R-08) who is a DCCC targeted race. Neas raised \$150 thousand at an event in December, which is 75% of what Morella's 96 democratic challenger raised in 1996.

GLENDENING'S ELECTION YEAR AGENDA

On June 24th, with the election looming Governor Glendening unveiled a relatively modest 1998 legislative agenda. In a speech to the Maryland Municipal League's annual convention, Glendening said he will again push his "Thriving by Three" initiative. This proposal--which was shot down this year--seeks to add approximately \$5 million in spending for low-income pregnant women and their babies. Glendening's agenda also calls for an expanded recycling program, improving public school libraries, and for creating a program to help teachers attain voluntary national certification. Glendening said he would offer details on funding these programs at a later date. Glendening's rather limited agenda represents a significant departure from last year's ambitious agenda.

MARYLAND HOT ISSUES:

Congressional Democrats on Budget proposal

Governor Parris Glendening lauded YOUR program, likening it to his own priorities, which he outlined in late January. State Senator Paul S. Sarbanes while generally supportive of YOUR plans, criticized the proposed elimination of all subsidies for the operating budget of Amtrak.

State Senator Young expelled from Senate

African American state Senator Larry Young (D) was expelled from the state Senate on January 16 by a vote of 36-10. The First Lady traveled to Goucher College, in Baltimore, on Wednesday January 21, to receive an honorary degree. Following the ceremony, the First Lady took part in a question and answer session on race and civil rights, moderated by Taylor Branch. Senator Young (D) will be a likely hot topic of discussion at this event. The expulsion of Young, chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, has infuriated some of his west Baltimore constituents and has divided the General Assembly's African American members.

Not all in the African American community feel that the Young allegations were of a racial nature. Herbert H. Lindsey, president of the Maryland conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said "This is not a racial issue. I see this as an attempt to muddy the waters. The people of Maryland have a responsibility to hold their elected officials accountable." State Senator Clarence Blount (D) said "Certainly it's a hard time for Young, a hard time for the Senate, and a hard time for the state." Blount, an African American veteran majority leader of the Senate and Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke (D) both believe that the investigation was in no way racially motivated.

Young is considering two ways to return to office, possibly through an appointment by the 44th District's Democratic State Central Committee, which is charged with filling the seat. Under this scenario, the central committee would appoint one of the district's three members of the House

of Delegates to the Senate, and choose Young to fill the resulting House vacancy. The name most frequently mentioned for such a trade is Delegate Clarence Mitchell IV, who stood by Young and organized rallies of support during Young's fight to stay in the Senate. Young and his lawyers have also discussed a court challenge to a clause in the Senate resolution which removed him for the remainder of his four year term, which ends in January 1999.

Five Students Raped in Guatemala

Five St. Mary's College students in an educational tour in Guatemala were raped after their group's bus was ambushed by gunmen in a hilly region known for banditry, according to college and State Department spokesmen. Three staff members and 13 students from the Southern Maryland liberal arts college were returning to Guatemala City from an excursion on January 16 when two pickup trucks accosted their private bus. Police said the attack occurred near Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa, a region, where guerrilla activities were once common and has a reputation for lawlessness and banditry. Four of the students who were raped were treated in a Guatemala City hospital, and all five rape victims returned to the United States on January 17.

Killer Bacteria Plagues Pocomoke River

An outbreak of a mysterious killer bacteria *Pfiesteria* has plagued the Pocomoke River, which flows from the Chesapeake Bay. The microorganism, which has also bloomed in North Carolina rivers, has killed thousands of fish and sickened dozens of people. The emergence of large concentrations of dead floating fish and the accompanying health concerns has prompted the state of Maryland to close a seven-mile stretch of the river.

Although many questions still surround this ecological problem, there has been recent speculation that *Pfiesteria* is linked to waste from Maryland's poultry industry. Maryland's poultry industry generates chicken manure equal to the sewage produced by a city of 1 million people. The Pocomoke's 430 square mile drainage plain is sparsely populated land, where poultry outnumbers people roughly 500 to 1. Chicken manure is used as fertilizer on much of this land, which gets washed into streams and ground water. Scientists, while cautioning that they don't yet have proof of the link, have proven that *Pfiesteria* blooms in waters with extremely high nutrient levels. In laboratory tests, *Pfiesteria*-laden water stimulated by nutrients from animal waste has spawned the growth of the microorganism.

The emergence of *Pfiesteria* has sparked a heated feud between environmental and agricultural interests. Environmentalists worry that the Pocomoke outbreak could be a harbinger for a future ecological disaster. Carin Bisland of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has called the Pocomoke's pollution problems, "a canary in a mine." Del. James W. Hubbard, a Prince George's County Democrat who heads the General Assembly's "Green Caucus," has said he plans to sponsor a mandatory nutrient management bill next legislative session.

On the other hand, many state officials claim that the shallow, slow moving Pocomoke may be uniquely vulnerable to *Pfiesteria*. In order to stem the negative tide of publicity surrounding the outbreak, Gov. Glendening participated in a much publicized fishing trip during Labor Weekend. Furthermore, Governor Glendening has indicated that he isn't inclined to strengthen controls on chicken farming. Although he has announced that he is "absolutely resolved" to deal

aggressively with the nutrient runoff problem, he would neither commit to nor rule out mandatory regulations on nutrients. The Governor's position is strongly supported by the state's hundreds of chicken farmers who can ill afford to absorb the cost of stemming the run-off problem.

State officials and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation last week appealed to Glendening to offer farmers up to \$2 million to plant grains and other "cover crops." The governor is expected to approve the monies even though his administration eliminated funding for the effort last year. Ultimately, the federal government may force the state's farmers into action. Robert Perciasepe, the EPA's assistant administrator for water, has said the EPA is moving to require permits for smaller animal feeding operations, and to set new requirements on how farmers handle the wastes they generate.

Taxpayers pay for 2 Cooke Stadium Skyboxes

Recently two Skyboxes at the Cooke Stadium were focused on by taxpayers, those of Prince George's County Executive Wayne K. Curry and Governor Parris Glendening. The two leaders entertained business people, legislators, county and state officials and the Vice President. The Vice President saw three of the eight home games played at the stadium. The focus of the taxpayers is not who uses the boxes but rather who pays the bill. At one game the taxpayers paid for \$4000 worth of food and beverages in government box which was used by Curry. The same game Governor Glendening's box had a bill of \$700 which was paid by the taxpayers.

State Reform of Welfare Rated High

Maryland's year old venture into welfare reform has received high marks in a ground breaking study finding that fewer than one in five families who left the public assistance rolls returned within three to six months. The report -- considered one of the most comprehensive studies of the results of welfare reform to date -- tracked 1,600 families who left the system since Maryland implemented its Family Investment Program a year ago today. The study indicated that Maryland's 35% drop in welfare cases over the past two years is not simply a matter of dumping people from the rolls. It showed that two-thirds of adult recipients who left welfare under the new program were employed during the following quarter, an indication they are finding and keeping jobs.

Glendening vows renewed effort to get "Thriving by Three" plan through legislature

Gov. Glendening outlined his vision for a better future for Maryland children on September 30 and pledged a tougher fight for his "Thriving for Three" program in the next legislative session. Glendening's program, aimed at providing quality health care for children up to age 3, would offer prenatal care to mothers and assistance for children. The program passed both houses of the Assembly last year, but died in conference.

1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

As alluded to earlier, Governor Glendening enjoyed a particularly successful legislative session, with major victories in the areas of education, taxes, and gambling. However, the Governor did suffer a setback when his Hope Scholarship failed to win support.

Income Tax Cut

The legislature passed and the Governor signed a 10% cut in the state income tax. The legislation reduces the tax rate over the next five years from 5% to 4.75% and increases the personal exemption from \$1,200 to \$2,400. Although very popular with the public, some state legislators believe the State cannot afford it. The Governor plans to pay for this tax cut with surplus revenue and spending cuts. Gov. Glendening has received praise for being one of the only Democratic Governors to implement such a plan.

Gambling

The legislature was considering a bill to allow gambling in the state, but the legislation was blocked by the Governor. Most legislators were in favor of some form of gambling but were uncertain of the parameters. Governor Glendening is adamantly opposed to gambling and has made this a very public battle. Glendening's mantra on this issue has been, "No Slots. No Casinos. No Exceptions!" It should be noted that Glendening was able to prevail on the issue despite the fact that the gambling lobby spent \$1 million during the General Assembly's ninety-day session.

Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke (D) sent a letter to Glendening on May 21st asking him to reconsider his anti-gambling stance. Schmoke, who opposes complete legalization of gambling, is pushing for expanded gaming at Pimlico Race Track to stem the tide of tourist dollars crossing into Delaware. Schmoke's position on gambling places Glendening in an extremely difficult position politically. Glendening has long been an ardent opponent of gambling and has organized much of his reelection effort around the issue. However, Glendening, who already faces an uphill fight, will have difficulty winning reelection without Schmoke's backing.

Smart Growth

The Governor introduced a package of four wide ranging environmental bills which sought to combat urban sprawl. The legislation, called Smart Growth, passed with the strong support of the environmental community. Specifically, this landmark legislation helps control suburban sprawl; works on directing resources to Smart Growth areas; will not unfairly penalize a potential developer for previous pollution on a site; and offers job creation tax credits to businesses which choose to locate or expand in designated growth areas. Previous Democratic governors have tried to pass similar legislation without success. It should be noted that the President praised Maryland's Smart Growth program during Gov. Glendening's visit to the White House on May 29th.

Campaign Finance Reform

The Maryland legislature enacted significant campaign finance reform measures this session which will (1) computerize the campaign fundraising records of statewide officials by November 1997, and all state campaigns by 1999; (2) ban fundraising by members of the General Assembly and those seeking statewide office during the 90-day session; (3) require businesses granted contracts worth \$100,000 or more to disclose contributions before any contract awards are approved.

Higher Education

The passage of the Governor's Maryland Scholarship Loan Tuition Program will create a mechanism for parents to set aside money now to help pay for their child's college tuition. This program will make it possible for parents to afford the cost of a college education without amassing a mountain of debt.

Hope Scholarship Program

The Governor's other higher education initiative, his Hope Scholarship Program, was carried over to the next legislative session. The Governor was not able to get the votes for the bill while he was cutting taxes.

School Funding

The legislature passed an expanded education funding bill this session which settles a dispute over funding between the City of Baltimore and the state. Backed by city leaders and Governor Glendening, the legislation--which includes a five-year, \$254 million rescue plan for Baltimore's public schools--won narrow approval. Although the plan bails out the city's troubled school system, Schmoke has been criticized for agreeing to turn power over to the state. The legislation also includes an additional \$167 million in educational funding for the large suburban counties. Under the bill, funds for the other large counties are distributed based upon a complicated formula which measures the number of low income children per county.

The heated debate which plagued the education funding bill prompted a movement to reexamine and possibly change the way Maryland pays for public education. House Speaker Casper R. Taylor Jr. (D-Allegany) has said his top priority for next year's session would be the development of a new funding program which would benefit low-income children in less urban counties. However, Senate President Mike Miller (D-Prince Georges) opposes the idea because he believes the state is already sending too much money back to the counties. The proposal for an in-depth study on school funding is currently stalled in the Legislature with leaders of both parties questioning the need for the effort.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY
THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GORE

WHAT: OFFICIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE
TONY BLAIR, M.P., PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND MRS. BLAIR

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1998

WHERE: Attire: Black Tie
Principal Arrival: North Portico, 7:15 p.m. (Press)
Private Reception: Yellow Oval Room, 7:20 p.m.
Receiving Line: Grand Foyer, 7:55 p.m. (Press)
Dinner/Toasts: East Room, 8:35 p.m. (Press for remarks)
Entertainment: West Terrace, 10:20 p.m. (Press for
remarks)
Departure: North Portico

FROM: CAPRICIA MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

7:00 p.m. THE VICE PRESIDENT and MRS. GORE arrive to the West Basement.

7:13 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON depart living quarters via elevator
and proceed to North Portico.

7:15 p.m. Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair arrive to the North Portico and are greeted by
THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON at top of stairs of the North Portico.

THE FOUR PRINCIPALS pose for photo on steps of North Portico:

Official Photo:
(left to right)

THE PRESIDENT
Prime Minister Blair
MRS. CLINTON
Mrs. Blair
(Open Press)

THE FOUR PRINCIPALS proceed to Yellow Oval Room via elevator.

7:45 p.m.

The Officer In Charge requests permission from **THE PRESIDENT** to secure the Colors.

7:50 p.m.

The Four Principals are announced to HONORS and proceed down Grand Staircase. They pause at base of stairs for Official Photo.

OFFICIAL PHOTO:

Prime Minister Blair

THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Blair

THE FIRST LADY

****Prime Minister Blair** is to the right of **THE PRESIDENT**.

NOTE: Expanded press pool in Grand Foyer.

7:55 p.m

The Four Principals begin receiving line in the Grand Foyer.

RECEIVING LINE ORDER:

THE PRESIDENT

Prime Minister Blair

MRS. CLINTON

Mrs. Blair

(flow west to east)

Note: **THE VICE PRESIDENT** and **MRS. GORE** are the last to proceed through the receiving line.

8:35 p.m.

Upon conclusion of the receiving line, **THE FOUR PRINCIPALS** proceed to the Blue Room for a brief hold.

THE FOUR PRINCIPALS are announced into the East Room and proceed to their tables via Cross Hall.

8:45 p.m. Once all guests are seated, **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to Eagle Lectern.

Toast by **THE PRESIDENT**.

Response by **Prime Minister Blair**.

Press Note: Pool press for toasts only.

8:55 p.m. Following toasts, dinner is served.

9:50 p.m. Strolling Strings to play three songs during dessert and depart.

<u>10:00 p.m.</u>	Following dinner, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair to the <u>Blue Room</u> for brief hold.
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<u>10:15 p.m.</u>	Military Aide escorts THE FOUR PRINCIPALS to <u>West Terrace</u> where they are announced and escorted to their seats.
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10:20 p.m. Announcement of entertainment.

Performance begins.

10:45 p.m. Performance concludes.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to <u>stage</u> to thank performer.
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<i>(Note: Prime Minister Blair may wish to join THE PRESIDENT on <u>stage</u>.)</i>
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THE PRESIDENT makes brief remarks.
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Prime Minister Blair has option to make brief remarks.
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<i>PRESS NOTE: Expanded Pool for entertainment</i>

Guests proceed to the Grand Foyer for dancing and the State Dining Room for sparkling wine and coffee.

If Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair decide to depart following entertainment:

10:50 p.m. Military Aide escorts **THE PRESIDENT, MRS. CLINTON, Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair** to the North Portico.

10:55 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON** bid farewell to **Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair**.

11:00 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON** proceed to Grand Foyer for first dance.

OR

10:45 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT, MRS. CLINTON, Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair** proceed to Grand Foyer for the first dance.

TBD **THE PRESIDENT and MRS. CLINTON** depart State Floor and return to Private Residence.

2/4/98 8:08 pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
STATE DINNER TOAST TO PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.
FEBRUARY 5, 1998**

[acknowledgments: Prime Minister and Mrs. Blair, members of the British delegation, distinguished guests]

Tonight I would like to go over some of the highlights of the so-called "special relationship."

In 1785 Thomas Jefferson, soon to be our first Secretary of State, insisted the United Kingdom was an evil empire whose time was running out. "The sun of her glory is fast descending to the horizon," he said with uncharacteristic myopia.

In 1814, marauding English soldiers gave new meaning to the term "global warming" when they torched the building that we occupy this evening, along with much of the surrounding countryside. My predecessor, President Madison, was lucky to escape with a few belongings, and a chastened view of America's defense capabilities.

But Mr. Prime Minister, we are a forgiving people. And we Americans learned a valuable lesson on that night in 1814: from now on, let's get these guys on our side. That message has been at the core of U.S. foreign policy ever since.

When we think over the challenges of the twentieth century, it is extraordinary what we have been through—together. Decade after decade, we have stared down the darkest threats in the history of humankind. And I think we all know that we would not have survived this turbulent time without the grand alliance joining our peoples. Through common values and a common language, we have forged an uncommon friendship. Let me take this opportunity to announce that, in honor of your visit, the place where you and Cherie are staying will be forever known as Blair House.

Tonight, as we cast our eyes toward the millennium, our two nations are joined again, in a 21st century alliance for peace. We have a rare chance to bring to fruition a century's worth of endeavor. We can define the new century before it even begins, escaping the 20th century's darkest moments while fulfilling its most brilliant possibilities. We can stand as one against tyrants who lay siege to the community of nations. We can help peace flourish from Bosnia to Northern Ireland to the Middle East. We can continue to open our minds and societies to new ideas, confident that knowledge and faith are perpetual instruments of rebirth, and that no problem is too great for our collective intelligence and humanity.

Mr. Prime Minister, you are well suited to bring forth this better future. With your innovative ideas and warm personal style, you are not a traditional politician. To borrow a phrase from the Beatles, you have taken your nation far beyond the world of "Yesterday." You are breathing new life into politics and restoring faith in the ancient principles of liberty that are so dear to every citizen of the realm.

Throughout our history, our two peoples have reinforced each other in the living classroom of democracy. It is difficult to imagine Jefferson without Locke before him. It is difficult to imagine Lincoln without knowing that he read Shakespeare and Bunyan on the frontier. It is difficult to imagine the American Revolution without the Englishman Thomas Paine, who valued English liberty so dearly that he championed it in America.

The end of the century does not bring an end of mutual responsibility, and there will of course be many challenges ahead for our living classrooms of democracy. But we will continue undaunted—in the words of the Anglo-American poet W.H. Auden, never "beleaguered by negation," always showing "an affirming flame."

One of our most stubbornly affirmative Presidents, Harry Truman, felt exactly the same way. It is a closely-guarded state secret that this hard-nosed Missourian was shamelessly devoted to English sentimental poetry of the 19th century. When he graduated from high school in 1901, at the dawn of a new century, he copied his favorite poem onto a piece of paper. Throughout his life he recopied it over twenty times, always keeping it with him. Tennyson's "Locksley Hall" may seem an unusual choice, but the poem resonated with Truman's optimistic vision of the future, a future that, then as now, was as limitless as the power of the imagination. With a new century beginning, the poem still holds the promise of a better life for those of us glimpsing the new world just over the horizon:

For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that could be;

We must seize the opportunity to realize the poem's promise. Our alliance is strong; our personal friendship is just as strong. It is a pleasure and an honor for Hillary and me to reciprocate the hospitality you and Cherie showed us in May. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in raising a glass to my friend, the Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

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