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**DAILY BRIEFING
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Friday, April 3, 1998

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Friday, April 3, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1998

Final

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Partly cloudy becoming cloudy by evening. Winds
southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 43 to 48. High 63 to 68.*

April 2, 1998 (5:48pm)

Friday, April 3, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Friday, April 3, 1998
*Final***

10:30 am- (T) **BRIEFING FOR ECONOMIC STATEMENT**
11:00 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

11:00 am- (T) **ECONOMIC STATEMENT**
11:15 am ROSE GARDEN
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

-- **The President** and The Vice President, accompanied by Secretary Robert Rubin, Secretary Alexis Herman, Secretary William Daley, Dr. Janet Yellen, Erskine Bowles, Gene Sperling, and Frank Raines, proceed to the Rose Garden.

-- The Vice President makes remarks and introduces **The President**.

-- **The President** makes a statement and departs.

11:30 am- **BRIEFING FOR RADIO ADDRESS**
11:45 am OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

11:45 am- **TAPE WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS**
12:00 pm ROOSEVELT ROOM
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

Note: Closed to Staff and Guests

12:15 pm **DOWN FOR THE DAY**

EVENING OFF

**BC/HRC RON THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

April 2, 1998 (5:48pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

REMARKS ON NEW JOB NUMBERS (Tentative)

DATE: April 3, 1998
TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Pre-Brief)
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (Event)
LOCATION: Rose Garden
FROM: Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE:

To highlight good economic news and call on Congress to improve the budget and highway bill.

II. BACKGROUND:

Depending on the actual unemployment numbers, you will announce the good economic news, highlight the importance of staying on the path of economic growth, and urge Congress to send you a mainstream budget and transportation bill.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Pre-Brief

- The President
- The Vice President
- Erskine Bowles
- Bob Rubin
- Gene Sperling
- Frank Raines
- Janet Yellen

Event

- Same as above **plus**
- Secretary Herman
- Secretary Daley

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- You will walk out to the Rose Garden accompanied by the economic team.
- The Vice President will speak and introduce you.
- You make remarks to the press corps and depart.

V. PRESS COVERAGE:

Open

VI. REMARKS:

Prepared by speech writing.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT ON THE ECONOMY
THE WHITE HOUSE
April 3, 1998

Good morning. Hillary and I are glad to be back from our trip to Africa. We strengthened the bonds of partnership with a continent in renaissance, where political and economic freedom is on the rise. I wish every citizen could have been there with us, to see how the rest of the world sees America -- as a beacon of equality, freedom, and free enterprise.

Today, we have more good news about the American economy -- more evidence that our economic strategy is working. [In the first three months of this year, the unemployment rate was the lowest in 28 years -- and the economy created nearly 1 million new jobs.] Incomes are rising, inflation is low, and homeownership is at a record level. As we approach the longest peacetime economic expansion in our history, this is a springtime of hope and opportunity for America.

Our strong economy is the product of the hard work, creativity and innovative spirit of the American people. And it is also the fruit of the comprehensive economic strategy we put in place in 1993 -- an economic strategy for the Information Age. Now, the coming months will test whether our nation will stick with that strategy. Let's make this time of abundance a time of action -- to secure our prosperity into the future, and to widen the circle of opportunity so that all Americans can reap the rewards of economic growth.

First, we should balance the budget this year -- and do it in a way that invests in our people. With projected budget surpluses of up to \$1 trillion over the next decade, I am very pleased that members of Congress of both parties have joined my call to reserve every penny of any surplus until we save Social Security first.

And as we live within a balanced budget, we must invest our limited resources wisely and in a way that strengthens our people. I am very concerned that the budget plan now working its way through the Senate will squeeze out critical investments in education and our children. I believe America must address the challenge of class size for our children ... must hire 100,000 new teachers ... and must spur school construction. And I believe we must invest in the pathbreaking scientific research that will lengthen our lives and promote prosperity in the 21st Century. The budget now being drafted by Congress fails to meet these national priorities. I am also determined that any highway spending, as important as it is, must be within our balanced budget, and cannot be allowed to squeeze out education, health care, or other priorities.

In the coming months, I look forward to working with the Congress, in cooperation with lawmakers of both parties, so that America stays on the path of fiscal discipline, targeted investment. That is how we built our prosperity -- and it is how we will keep it,

Finally, I am determined that we will seize this opportunity to pass historic, bipartisan

legislation to protect our children from the dangers of tobacco. This Congress can be the Congress that saves millions of lives.

America's economy is the strongest in a generation. If we use this moment to build for the future, we can enter the 21st Century with the American Dream stronger than ever.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1998

TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

DATE: April 3, 1998
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
TIME: 11:45 AM
FROM: Megan Moloney

I. PURPOSE

You will discuss the progress America is making to free children from two of the health and safety threats they face: smoking and drinking and driving.

II. BACKGROUND

Three years ago, you committed your Administration to stopping the sales and marketing of cigarettes to children. Today, the United States has an historic opportunity to pass comprehensive anti-smoking legislation that will save millions of our children from a premature and very preventable death. You will urge Congress to pass this legislation.

This week, Congress took a step backward on efforts to cut down on drunk driving. You will urge the House leadership to reconsider its action.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing (11:30 - 11:45 AM)

The President
Rahm Emanuel
Ann Lewis
Bruce Reed
Lowell Weiss

Taping (11:45 AM - 12:00 PM)

Megan Moloney
Rebecca Cameron
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) Staff
White House Television (WHTV)
White House photographer
Approx. 14 guests (see attached for information)

IV. PRESS PLAN

The ABC, AP, C-SPAN, CBS, NBC/Mutual/Westwood One, NPR, UPI, USA, American Urban Radio and Standard News networks will carry the address in its entirety to their thousands of stations across the country this Saturday at 10:06 AM ET.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Briefing
Deliver Radio Address
Greet Guests

VI. REMARKS

To be forwarded by the Office of Speechwriting

THE REMARKS
FOR THE WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS
WILL BE FORWARDED

Monday, April 6, 1998

9:45 AM	Foreign Policy Phone Call	Distributed Separately
10:45 AM	Crime Event	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B
11:45 AM	Meeting/Briefing on Social Security Conference Forum	Tab C
	- Background	Distributed Separately
5:15 PM	National Student Athlete Day Meet and Greet	Tab D
5:30 PM	D.C. United Event	Tab E
	- Remarks	Tab F To Be Forwarded
8:00 PM	Foreign Policy Meeting	Distributed Separately

Monday, April 6, 1998

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FOR
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1998**

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Monday, April 6, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Monday, April 6, 1998
*Final***

9:00	am-	MEETING
9:15	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
9:15	am-	BRIEFING
9:30	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:30	am-	BRIEFING
9:45	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:45	am-	FOREIGN POLICY PHONE CALL
10:15	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:15	am-	BRIEFING FOR CRIME EVENT
10:45	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

April 3, 1998 (7:43pm)

Monday, April 6, 1998

10:45 am-
11:30 am

CRIME EVENT

ROSE GARDEN

Remarks: Jeff Sheshol

Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

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Note: Approximately 100 guests in attendance

- **The President** and The Vice President, accompanied by Attorney General Janet Reno and Secretary Robert Rubin, proceed to the Rose Garden.
- The Vice President makes remarks and introduces Attorney General Janet Reno.
- Attorney General Janet Reno makes remarks and introduces Secretary Robert Rubin.
- Secretary Robert Rubin makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

11:35 am-
11:45 am

MEETING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

11:45 am-
1:15 pm

MEETING/BRIEFING ON SOCIAL SECURITY CONFERENCE FORUM

CABINET ROOM

Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

1:15 pm-
1:30 pm

MEETING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

1:30 pm-
5:00 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

April 3, 1998 (7:43pm)

Monday, April 6, 1998

5:00 pm- **BRIEFING FOR D.C. UNITED EVENT**
5:15 pm OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Phil Caplan

5:15 pm- **MEET AND GREET**
5:25 pm OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Phil Caplan, Maria Echaveste
CLOSED PRESS

Note: The President will greet team members and their mentees for photographs.

5:30 pm- **D.C. UNITED EVENT**
5:50 pm ROSE GARDEN
Remarks:
Staff Contact: Phil Caplan
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

- Kevin Payne, General Manager and President, D.C. United, makes remarks and introduces Coach Bruce Arena.
- Coach Bruce Arena makes remarks and introduces D.C. United Captains John Harkes and Marco Etcheverry, who will be accompanied by their mentees Anoa Hunter and Aton Kent-Trout, to make the jersey presentation.
- John Harkes and Marco Etcheverry make remarks and introduce **The President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

6:00 pm- **DOWN**
8:00 pm

8:00 pm- **FOREIGN POLICY MEETING**
8:45 pm OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

BC/HRC RON **THE WHITE HOUSE**
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 3, 1998 (7:43pm)

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April 5, 1998

MODIFIED ASSAULT WEAPONS EVENT

DATE:	April 6, 1998
LOCATION:	Rose Garden
BRIEFING:	10:15 a.m, Oval Office
EVENT:	10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
FROM:	Bruce Reed and Rahm Emanuel

I. PURPOSE

To announce that the Treasury Department has concluded that modified semiautomatic assault rifles that accept large capacity military magazines (or LCMM rifles) are generally not importable. This decision will affect over 50 kinds of modified assault weapons, and may prevent the importation of up to 1.5 million guns under current permits or pending permit applications.

II. BACKGROUND

You will speak to approximately 50 individuals from the law enforcement, gun control, and victims communities, as well as Members of Congress, on the importation of modified semiautomatic assault rifles.

In your November 15, 1997 radio address to the nation you announced that the Treasury Department was temporarily suspending the importation of certain modified assault weapons to review whether these weapons should be allowed to come into the country. Tomorrow, Secretary Rubin will recommend that most of the weapons studied be generally banned from importation.

Under the 1968 Gun Control Act, the Treasury Department has an obligation to restrict the importation of firearms unless they are determined to be "particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes." After taking several months to review the weapons in question, the Treasury Department has concluded that modified semiautomatic assault rifles that accept large capacity military magazines -- or LCMM rifles -- do not meet the sporting purposes test and are generally not importable. LCMMs are magazines that contain more than 10 rounds of ammunition; they were prohibited by the 1994 Crime Act.

Since passage of the 1968 Gun Control Act, Administrations of both parties have repeatedly invoked this authority to ensure that only legitimate sporting weapons are brought into the country. In 1968, the Act was used to ban the importation of Saturday Night Specials and other small and inexpensive handguns; in 1984 and 1986, it was used to ban the importation of the Striker-12 and USAS-12 riot control shotguns; in 1989, it was used to ban the importation of 43 semiautomatic assault rifles; and in 1993, its authority was invoked to propose a ban on the importation of certain assault pistols, though the 1994 Crime Act made this executive action unnecessary.

The more than 50 models of firearms affected by the announcement on Monday are modified versions of military assault weapons that were banned by the Bush Administration in 1989 or by the Crime Act of 1994. Most of these models are based on the AK 47 assault rifle, but some are variants of the Uzi, FN-FAL, HK 91 and 93, and SIG SG550.

Up to 1.5 million firearms whose importation had been suspended during the review may be affected by this decision. Importers will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to respond.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants

Bruce Reed
Rahm Emanuel
Secretary Rubin
Attorney General Reno
Under Secretary Ray Kelly
Karen Popp
Jose Cerda

Event Participants

The President
The Vice President
The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
15 local law enforcement officers

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT are briefed in the Oval Office.

10:35 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT greet law enforcement officers in the Oval Office.

10:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT are announced into the Rose Garden accompanied by Secretary Rubin, the Attorney General, and law enforcement officers.

PROGRAM BEGINS

The VICE PRESIDENT gives welcoming remarks and introduces Attorney General Reno.

Attorney General Reno gives remarks and introduces Secretary Rubin.

Secretary Rubin gives remarks and introduces THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT makes remarks.

11:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT depart.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by Jeff Shesol.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

The final Treasury report will be available on Monday morning.

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON THE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN
THE ROSE GARDEN
April 6, 1998**

Acknowledgments: VPOTUS; AG Reno; Sec. Rubin

Today I want to talk about the progress we've made in our country's fight against crime and this important step we're taking to build on that progress. Five years ago, we dedicated ourselves as an administration to recovering our nation's streets from crime and violence, to providing security for America's families. It required a new determination by communities and government. It also took a new philosophy of law enforcement, based not on tough talk but on tough action. A philosophy based, simply, on what works: community policing, better prevention, targeted deterrence, and smarter, stronger penalties.

What works best is a comprehensive strategy that includes all these elements and puts community policing at its core. We're not only well on our way to putting 100,000 new police officers on the streets--we're ahead of schedule. And, as the Vice President just told us, crime rates are dropping all across our country, dropping to a 25-year low. Violent crime is down. Property crime is down. Murder is down dramatically. From the Crime Bill to the Brady Bill, from the assault weapons ban to the Violence Against Women Act, our strategy is showing remarkable results. Americans should take pride and comfort in our progress.

But statistics can only tell part of the story. The real measure of our progress is whether responsibility and respect for the law are on the rise. The real test of our resolve is whether parents can unlock their front doors with confidence and let their children play in front yards without fear. And the fact remains: there are too many children in harm's way; too many families behind locked doors; and too many guns in the hands of too many criminals.

No statistics can measure the pain, or the brave resilience, of families shattered by gun violence. Some of them are here with us today--people like Dan Gross, Tawanna Matthews, and Byrl [BERLE] Phillip-Taylor. Byrl's 17-year old son was killed with an AK 47. Tragedies like this are a brutal reminder of the task before us. They are a challenge and a call to action--one we must not ignore.

If we are to move forward, if we are to build a safer and stronger America, then all of us--police and parents, communities and public officials--must work together. We must remain vigilant. That is why, last November, I asked the Treasury Department to conduct the thorough review Secretary Rubin has just presented. And that is why our administration is banning the import of assault weapons that use large-capacity military magazines.

Because, as everyone knows, you don't need an Uzi to go deer hunting. You don't need an AK 47 to go skeet shooting. These are military weapons, weapons of war. They were never meant for a day in the country. And they are certainly not meant for a night on the streets. Today we are making sure they stay off our streets.

Two successive administrations--Democratic and Republican--have acted on this principle. President Bush, in 1989, banned the import of 43 semi-automatic assault rifles. In 1994, this administration banned the domestic manufacture of assault weapons. And in Congress, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the late Congressman Walter Capps led the fight against foreign gun manufacturers who evade the law. But as long as those manufacturers make minor, cosmetic modifications to weapons of war, then our work is not done, and we must act--swiftly and strongly.

Of course, it is our sworn duty to uphold the law. But it is also our moral obligation. It is our obligation to the children and families and law-abiding citizens of our country--an obligation to stop the terrible scourge of gun violence. As parents, we teach our children every day to distinguish right from wrong. As a nation, too, we must remember where to draw that line. Today we are drawing it clearly and indelibly. If we do this, if we follow the recommendations set forth in this report, then we will chart the right course for America--toward a future free of fear and a new century brimming with confidence and great promise.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1998

**BRIEFING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CONVERSATION AT THE
AARP-CONCORD COALITION FORUM IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

DATE: April, 6, 1998
TIME: 11:45am-1:15pm
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
FROM: Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE

To discuss and prepare for the Social Security Forum sponsored by the Concord Coalition and AARP which you will be attending in Kansas City on Tuesday.

II. BACKGROUND

Your participation in the Social Security Forum on Tuesday consists of three parts: (1) giving opening remarks; (2) conducting a live satellite feed off-stage to Social Security meetings being held in five congressional districts; and (3) participating in a conversation with the four attending members of Congress, four expert panelists, and the audience, moderated by Gwen Ifill of NBC News.

On Monday, we will discuss each of the three parts of the forum, focusing mainly on the speech and the interactive conversation.

In the speech, we propose that you lay out the key principles that must guide the process by which we reform Social Security and reiterate your call in the State of the Union for the American people to join you in a discussion on the issue. You will be introduced by Gov. Carnahan, the host Governor. After your remarks, Gov. Carnahan will return to the podium and then the four participating members of Congress, Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE), Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND), and Rep. Hulshof (R-MO) -- all of whom were selected by the congressional leadership -- will give individual remarks.

We also want to dedicate much of our meeting on Monday to discussing some of the likely hard questions and issues that will be raised in the third session of the forum, the interactive conversation. During this discussion, you will be seated in the center of the four members of Congress and the four expert panelists, while Gwen Ifill moderates. The four panelists are Marilyn Moon, Gary Burtless, Fred Goldberg, and David Walker. Journalists Matt Miller and Susan Dentzer will be in the audience with microphones to locate questioners.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The Vice President
Erskine Bowles
Sylvia Mathews
John Podesta
Gene Sperling
Franklin Raines
Janet Yellen
Ken Apfel
Ron Klain
Larry Stein
Secretary Rubin
Larry Summers
Jack Lew
Rahm Emanuel
Paul Begala
Michael Waldman
Mike McCurry
Maria Echaveste
Peter Orszag
Jon Kaplan

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You will meet with your advisors.

V. PRESS COVERAGE

Closed

VI. REMARKS

None

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 3, 1998

NATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETE DAY

DATE: April 6, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: pm
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Danny Wexler

I. PURPOSE

To honor student athletes who keep strong academic records and participate in community service.

II. BACKGROUND

Established eleven years ago, National Student Athlete Day is designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of student-athletes in the classroom, on the playing field and in their communities. It is also a time to recognize parents, teachers, coaches and school systems who make it possible for young people to find the balance between academics and athletics.

The sponsors include; The Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University, The National Consortium for Academics and Sports and the NCAA.

Certificates are issued to student-athletes nationwide who meet certain criteria in sports, academics and community involvement. In addition, the sponsors issue their Giant Steps Awards. These awards honor, those who support student-athletes as well as community leaders and organizations whose efforts contribute to athletics and opportunity for students.

This meeting will include some of the Giant Steps Award winners, as well as three students who will represent the thousands of student-athletes across the country who will receive NSAD Award Certificates. Over 150,000 students nationwide will receive these awards.

Richard Lapchick, the Executive Director of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports has devoted his entire professional career to civil rights and sports. They are an AmeriCorp grantee that according to Eli Segal, is the best in the country. His projects in Kentucky, Las Vegas, Boston and Upstate, NY use star athletes to teach peaceful dispute resolution to younger children.

He is an avid basketball fan whose father was a player on the original Boston Celtics. He played at St. Johns University.

Richard is probably the nation's foremost authority on race and sports and has written extensively on the subject. The President's Initiative on Race has had frequent contacts with the staff of the Center for Sport in Society and is working towards possible participation in the ESPN Town Hall Meeting as well as other activities. At present they are being vetted as a "Promising Practice".

III. PARTICIPANTS

Richard Lapchick, Founder and Director of the Center for Sport in Society at Northeastern University and Executive Director, National Consortium for Academics and Sports, (NCAS).

Suzi Katz, National Coordinator, NCAS

Ann Pasnak, NCAS

Ronald Stratten, Director of Education Services, NCAA

Giant Steps Award Winners

Dwight Collins

Kathryn Waldo

Dorothy Gators

Alan Gooch, Coach and sign language interpreter for Dwight Collins

Student Athlete Certificate Recipients

Willie Pile, Alexandria Virginia

Beth Bridges, Herndon, Virginia

Ronald Curry, Hampton, Virginia

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photo only.

V. SEQUENCE

- o You greet the participants as they enter the Oval Office.
- o You take a group photo with all the participants.
- o Richard Lapchick will make brief remarks and present you with a gift.
- o The group will be escorted to the Rose Garden for the DC United Event.

VI. REMARKS

None required.

BACKGROUND ON GIANT STEPS AWARD WINNERS

Kathryn Waldo, Hockey Player, Northeastern University

Kathryn was born with cystic fibrosis, a disease in which life expectancy is 20 years. Kathryn used sports to make her lungs work harder. She currently plays on the Northeastern University Hockey Team.

Dwight Collins, Running Back, University of Central Florida

As a result of meningitis, Dwight has been deaf since the age of 11 months. However, this disability has not held him back. A good runner with speed and vision, Dwight averaged 6.5 yards-per-carry, rushing for 275 yards and two touchdowns on 42 carries. He maintains a 3.4 GPA and has helped a 7-year-old boy struggle in dealing with his deafness. He is a strong believer in giving something back.

Dorothy Gators, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Marshall High School, Chicago, Illinois

As coach of one of the most successful girls high school basketball programs in the country, Dorothy has had more to handle than just winning games coming from one of Chicago's poorest neighborhoods. Since the program started in 1975, they have won almost 600 games, 18 city championships and 6 state titles.

STUDENT ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

Willie Pyle

A senior at Potomac High School who lettered in basketball and football and maintains a 3.47 GPA. He recently received a football scholarship from Virginia Tech.

Beth Bridger

Beth lettered in three sports at Herdon High School and maintains a 3.9 GPA.

Ronald Curry

Ron is the nation's top-ranked point guard and was MVP of the McDonald's All American Game. Ron was also "Player of the Year" as the quarterback of his high school team. He is headed to North Carolina next year to play basketball. Ron also maintains a 3.7 GPA.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1998

VISIT OF D.C. UNITED - MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CHAMPIONS

DATE: April 6, 1998
LOCATION: Rose Garden
TIME: 5:00 briefing/5:30 event
FROM: Phil Caplan *with*

I. PURPOSE

To greet D.C. United, the champions of Major League Soccer (MLS). D.C. United won both the 1996 championship, the inaugural year of MLS, and the 1997 championship. They are favored to "threepeat" this year. D.C. United is Washington D.C.'s first professional championship team since the Redskins last won the Super Bowl.

II. BACKGROUND

Major League Soccer (MLS) began play in 1996 in the wake of the successful 1994 World Cup (you attended the opening World Cup game in Chicago in June 1994). The league started with 10 teams and this year expanded to 12. The league has been considered moderately successful. Fan attendance has exceeded expectations (roughly 16,000/game, comparable to the NHL), but many of the teams are still losing money. The league is run in a unique manner -- all players contract with the league itself; the individual teams do not hold any contracts. This "single entity" system is designed to maintain parity across the league and prevent large-market teams from dominating.

D.C. United is widely considered the best team in the league. The team features four American players who play on the National Team. These four -- Jeff Agoos (AYgus), John Harkes, Eddie Pope and Roy Wegerle (WAYgerlee) -- will travel to France to play in World Cup '98 for the U.S. Team. The two best players on the team are from Bolivia -- Marco Etcheverry and Jaime Moreno -- neither will be at the event as they were recalled to Bolivia for a national team game.

D.C. United won the league championship, the MLS Cup, in 1996 and repeated last year. Both Cup games were played in torrential downpours. The 1997 Cup was at RFK Stadium and over 57,000 fans attended. D.C. United is favored to "threepeat" this year. The 1998 season began 3 weeks ago and D.C. United is 3-1. Their first loss came Saturday in Columbus. The team is coached by Bruce Arena, formerly the coach at the University of Virginia. He won several national championships at UVA. You dropped by the Indian Treaty Room in 1995 when the Vice President greeted the UVA team.

D.C. United has partnered with a local after-school reading/writing program called DC Scores. The kids stay after school and engage in reading/writing programs, and then two days a week they play soccer games. DC Scores sponsored an essay contest, "What United means to me" with first prize being this trip to the WH. The two winners will be with the team and help the captain of the team, John Harkes, present a team jersey to you.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Kevin Payne, President and GM, D.C. United
Bruce Arena, Head Coach
John Harkes, Team Captain
Aton Kent-Trout, age 11, winner of DC Scores essay contest
Anoa Hunter, age 10, winner of DC Scores essay contest
Team Members

Audience

Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton
D.C. City Council Members
Mrs. Cora Masters Barry
D.C. United staff, team owners
Doug Logan, Commissioner, Major League Soccer
Richard Lapchick and National Student Athlete Day representatives

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool Press and local D.C. press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

-YOU will greet the team and coaches in the Oval Office prior to the event (the DC Scores essay winners will come with the team as will two co-owners of the team, Paul Tierney and Matthew Williams); the team will proceed to the Rose Garden steps;

-YOU will be announced into the Rose Garden along with Kevin Payne, President and GM, and Bruce Arena, Head Coach;

-YOU will open the program, make remarks and introduce Kevin Payne;

-Kevin Payne will make brief remarks and introduce Bruce Arena;

-Bruce Arena will make brief remarks and introduce team captain John Harkes who, along with the essay contest winners, will present you with a team jersey.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Laura Capps of Speechwriting.

**THE REMARKS
FOR THE D.C. UNITED EVENT
WILL BE FORWARDED**

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4:15 PM	Military Aide Departure Photograph	Tab A To Be Forwarded
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4:35 PM	Meeting	No Paper
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7:30 PM	Andrew Mellon Dinner	Tab B
	- Remarks	Tab C To Be Forwarded

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998

Final

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Winds
southwest at 10 to 15 knots. Low 48 to 53.
High 65 to 70.

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**Schedule of the President
for
Wednesday, April 8, 1998
*Final***

3:15	pm-	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
4:15	pm	OVAl OFFICE
4:15	pm-	MILITARY AIDE DEPARTURE PHOTOGRAPH
4:25	pm	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: D. Pittard
		Participants: LTCOL Buzz Patterson
4:30	pm-	MEETING
4:35	pm	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

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4:35 pm **MEETING**
4:55 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

5:00 pm- **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME**
6:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**

6:45 pm- **DOWN**
7:20 pm

Note: The attire for the Mellon Dinner is Black Tie.

7:25 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and The First Lady depart The White House via
motorcade en route The National Gallery of Art
[drive time: 5 minutes]

7:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and The First Lady arrive The National Gallery of
Art

Greeters: Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art
Genevera Higginson, Assistant to the Director,
National Gallery of Art
Members of the Board of Directors (12)

7:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and The First Lady proceed to the Rotunda

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7:55 pm-
9:20 pm

ANDREW MELLON DINNER
WEST BUILDING
National Gallery of Art
Remarks: Jordan Tamagni
Staff Contact: Melanne Verveer
Event Coordinator: Karen Finney
POOL PRESS (REMARKS ONLY)

-- Dinner is served.

8:55 pm

-- Alexander Mellon Laughlin, Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Gallery of Art makes remarks and introduces **The President**.

-- **The President** makes brief remarks.

-- Robert Smith, President, National Gallery of Art, makes brief remarks.

-- Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art, makes brief remarks.

-- **The President** and The First Lady, escorted by Earl A. Powell III, depart.

9:25 pm

THE PRESIDENT and The First Lady depart The National Gallery of Art via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

9:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT and The First Lady arrive the White House

BC/HRC RON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE BRIEFING MEMO
FOR THE MILITARY AIDE DEPARTURE PHOTO
WILL BE FORWARDED

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1998

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ANDREW W. MELLON DINNER

DATE:	Wednesday, April 8th
LOCATION:	National Gallery of Art
TIME:	8:00 p.m.
FROM:	Melanne Verveer

I. PURPOSE

To honor Andrew W. Mellon and the National Gallery of Art, and to make remarks emphasizing the Administration's continuing commitment to the arts.

II. BACKGROUND

This black tie dinner was convened by the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art to honor its founder, the late Andrew W. Mellon, and to thank its major donors and contributors. This is the seventh such dinner, all of which have been attended by the President. You attended the last dinner in 1994. This year's dinner is especially timely because it is likely to be the last occasion to honor Paul Mellon, Andrew Mellon's son and the former President of the Gallery.

The National Gallery of Art

The National Gallery of Art represents a unique public-private partnership. The Gallery was established in 1937 by a Joint Resolution of Congress, which accepted an unprecedented gift made by Andrew W. Mellon to the nation. The gift consisted of his art collection, funds to construct a building, and an endowment fund. The Congress pledged to provide funds for the upkeep, administration, and operations, so that the Gallery would be properly maintained and works of art exhibited regularly to the public free of charge.

Andrew W. Mellon

Financier, Secretary of the Treasury under three Presidents, and U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, Andrew W. Mellon made one of the most generous contributions ever given to the nation by an individual through his founding and funding of the National Gallery of Art. During his life as an avid and perceptive art collector, Mellon always considered building a "national" gallery to fill the need in the nation's capitol of which his travels made him keenly aware. It was his wish that the Gallery should not bear his name. Mellon died in 1937, before the completion of the building.

Paul Mellon and Ailsa Mellon Bruce

Andrew W. Mellon's children, Paul Mellon and Ailsa Mellon Bruce, have been deeply committed to the Gallery, generously contributing their time, money and art collections. Paul Mellon helped to oversee the construction of the Gallery after it was founded by his father, and served as its President for sixteen years. He and his sister Ailsa provided nearly two-thirds of the funds for the construction of the East Building, which cost approximately \$100 million. Paul Mellon is famous for his philanthropy; during the course of his lifetime, he has contributed more than \$1 billion to a wide variety of charitable organizations. He received the National Medal of Arts in 1985 and the National Humanities Medal in 1997 (in absentia).

III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The PRESIDENT and Mrs. Clinton arrive and are greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Powell.
- The PRESIDENT and Mrs. Clinton proceed to the Van Gogh Gallery to greet the Trustees of the National Gallery.
- The PRESIDENT and First Lady proceed to Rotunda and are seated.
- Dinner is served.
- Alexander Mellon Laughlin (Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Gallery of Art) makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The PRESIDENT makes remarks.
- Robert H. Smith, President of the National Gallery of Art, makes brief remarks.
- Earl A. Powell, Director, National Gallery of Art, makes brief remarks.
- The PRESIDENT and Mrs. Clinton depart en route White House.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- The President
- The First Lady
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Powell, Director, National Gallery of Art
- Robert H. Smith, President, National Gallery of Art

- 300 invited guests

V. PRESS

Pool press

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by Jordan Tamagni.

**THE REMARKS
FOR THE ANDREW MELLON DINNER
WILL BE FORWARDED**

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5:10 PM	NCAA Football Champions Reception	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B To Be Forwarded
7:10 PM	Reception Honoring Senator Barbara Mikulski	Tab C
	- Talking Points	Tab D To Be Forwarded
8:15 PM	Drop by Private Reception	No Paper
9:05 PM	Dinner Honoring Senator Mary Landrieu	Tab E
	- Talking Points	Tab F To Be Forwarded

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**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998**

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Winds south-southeast at 8 to 15 knots becoming northwest at 12 to 20 knots by late afternoon. Low 52 to 57. High 65 to 70.

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4:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

4:15 pm- **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME/DOWN**

5:00 pm **OVAL OFFICE/ RESIDENCE**

5:00 pm- **BRIEFING FOR NCAA**

5:10 pm **MAP ROOM**

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

5:10 pm- **GROUP PHOTOGRAPH**

5:15 pm **NORTH PORTICO**

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

– **The President** takes a Michigan team photograph.

5:20 pm- **NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS RECEPTION**

5:55 pm **EAST ROOM**

Remarks: Laura Capps

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OPEN PRESS

– **The President** proceeds to the Blue Room to greet Michigan Head Coach Lloyd Carr and Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne.

– **The President**, accompanied by Coach Lloyd Carr and Coach Tom Osborne, proceeds to the East Room.

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- **The President** makes welcoming remarks and introduces Michigan Coach Llyod Carr.
- Announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Coach Lloyd Carr and Coach Tom Osborne, to "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief."
- **The President** makes welcoming remarks and introduces Michigan Coach Lloyd Carr.
- Coach Lloyd Carr makes remarks and introduces Michigan Co-Captains Jon Jansen and Eric Mayes.
- Michigan Co-Captains Jon Jansen and Eric Mayes present the President with a team jersey.
- **The President** introduces Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne.
- Coach Tom Osborne makes remarks and introduces Nebraska Team Captains Aaron Taylor, Vershan Jackson, Jason Peter and Grant Wistrom.
- Nebraska Team Captains Aaron Taylor, Vershan Jackson, Jason Peter and Grant Wistrom present **the President** with a team jersey.
- **The President** thanks players and proceeds to the Blue Room for a receiving line with guests.

6:00 pm-
6:20 pm

PHOTO RECEIVING LINE

EAST ROOM

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY

- **The President** greets guests for photographs.

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6:25 pm-
6:30 pm

GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
NORTH PORTICO
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

-- **The President** takes a Nebraska team photograph.

6:30 pm-
7:00 pm

DOWN

7:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route the Hay Adams Hotel
[drive time: 5 minutes]

7:05 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives The Hay Adams Hotel

7:10 pm-
7:35 pm

PHOTO RECEIVING LINE
JOHN HAY ROOM
Hay Adams Hotel
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Anthony Bernal
CLOSED PRESS

-- **The President** will greet guests for 50 photographs.

7:40 pm-
8:00 pm

RECEPTION HONORING SENATOR BARBARA MIKULSKI
JOHN HAY ROOM
Hay Adams Hotel
Remarks: Laura Capps
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Anthony Bernal
POOL PRESS

Note: Approximately 100 people in attendance.

-- Senator Barbara Mikulski makes remarks and introduces
The President.

-- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

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8:05 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs the Hay Adams Hotel via motorcade en route Private Residence
[drive time: 10 minutes]

8:15 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Private Residence

8:15 pm **DROP BY PRIVATE RECEPTION**

8:45 pm Private Residence
Event Coordinator: Mary Morrison

8:50 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Private Residence en route Private Residence
[drive time: 10 minutes]

9:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Private Residence

9:05 pm- **DINNER HONORING SENATOR MARY LANDRIEU**

9:55 pm Living Room
Private Residence
Remarks: Laura Capps
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Anthony Bernal
POOL PRINT REPORTER (REMARKS ONLY)

- Senator Mary Landrieu makes remarks and introduces **The President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- **The President** informally visits with guests during dinner/dessert. (Informal Photographs)
- **The President** departs.

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10:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Private Residence via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 10 minutes]

10:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

BC/HRC RON **THE WHITE HOUSE**
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1998

**NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS EVENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WOLVERINES
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS**

Date: April 9, 1998
Location: East Room
Time: 5:15 pm
From: Maria Echaveste
Danny Wexler

I. PURPOSE:

To congratulate the 1997 College Football Champions.

II. BACKGROUND:

For the third time this decade college football's national title was shared. Michigan (12 - 0) was declared number one in the *Associated Press* poll and Nebraska, (13 - 0) number one in the *USA Today/ESPN* coaches poll. The University of Michigan Wolverines won their first national championship in almost half a century after their 21 - 16 Rose Bowl victory over Washington State. The Nebraska Cornhuskers 42 - 17 win over Tennessee in the Orange Bowl boosted them over Michigan in the *USA Today/ESPN* coaches' poll, giving Head Coach Tom Osborne a third national title in four years.

Prior to the final games, few if any, thought Nebraska had a chance of sharing the national title. While both Michigan and Nebraska were undefeated, Michigan plowed through a difficult Big Ten schedule as well as non-conference games like Colorado and Notre Dame. They defeated seven ranked teams including second ranked Penn State on the road and fourth ranked Ohio state at home. In the final regular season poll, Michigan received 69 of 70 first place votes in the *AP* poll and 53 ½ of a possible 62 in the *Coaches* poll. However, Michigan's narrow victory over eighth ranked Washington State (on a controversial final play) coupled with number two ranked Nebraska's crushing defeat of number three ranked Tennessee, was enough to put Nebraska over the top by four points. Nebraska ended with 1,520 points and 32 first place votes over Michigan's 1,516 votes and 30 first place votes. Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer was one of Nebraska's first place votes.

This was the tenth time in the history of college football two teams were selected as the number one team. The other split polls this decade include; Miami and Washington in 1991 and Colorado and Georgia Tech in 1990.

For Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, this was the final game of his illustrious 25 year coaching career (255-49-3). Junior Running Back Ahman Green ran for a record 206 yards and two scores. Green who carried the ball 29 times set a Nebraska rushing record for a bowl game and broke the Orange Bowl record by one yard. The previous record (205 yards) was captured by Arkansas running back Roland Sales during the 1978 game against Oklahoma. Green was named MVP.

Michigan captured a share of its first national championship since their only other title in 1948. The MVP award went to Quarterback Brian Griese, son of NFL Hall of Famer, Bob Griese. Brian Griese completed 18 of 30 passes for 251 yards and three touchdowns. Heisman Trophy winner, Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson, announced after the game he will pass up his final season and turn pro. Woodson the only defensive player ever to win the Heisman was also winner of the Walter Camp Award as the nation's top player. He joins Pittsburgh star Hugh Green as the only defensive players to win the Camp Award in its 31 year history.

Mack McLarty wanted me to mention that offensive guard, Zach Adami will be attending with his Michigan teammates. Zach is a fifth year senior from Catholic High School in Little Rock.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

[Full list to be provided by the Social Office]

Representative Sandy Levin (D-MI)
Representative John Dingell (D-MI)
Representative Harold Ford (TN)
Representative Fred Upton (R-MI)
Representative Peter Hoekstra (R-MI)

Program Participants:

University of Nebraska

Tom Osborne, Head Coach
Aaron Taylor, Co-Captain, Senior, Offensive Guard
Vershan Jackson, Co-Captain, Senior, Tight End
Jason Peter, Co-Captain, Senior, Defensive Tackle
Grant Wistrom, Co-Captain, Senior, Defensive End

University of Michigan

Lloyd Carr, Head Coach

Jon Jansen, Co-Captain, Senior, Offensive Tackle

Eric Mayes, Co-Captain, Senior, Linebacker

IV. PRESS PLAN:

Open press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

We have two possible scenarios depending on weather, one for the south lawn and one for the East Room. Following is the scenario for the East Room since bad weather is predicted. The social office will provide the fair weather scenario as well.

- o You proceed to the Map Room for a briefing.
- o You proceed to the North Portico to take a group photo with the Michigan players.
- o You proceed to the Blue Room to meet Michigan Head Coach, Lloyd Carr and Nebraska Head Coach, Tom Osborne.
- o WHCA will announce you and the two coaches from the Blue Room. You proceed to the East Room. The stage will be against the far wall.
- o You make remarks and introduce Michigan Head Coach, Lloyd Carr.
- o Lloyd Carr will make brief remarks and introduce Co-Captains Jon Jansen and Eric Mayes.
- o Jon Jansen and Eric Mayes will present you with a jersey and a hat.
- o You go back to the podium to introduce Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne.
- o Tom Osborne will make brief remarks and introduce Co-Captains, Aaron Mayes, Vershan Jackson, Jason Peter and Grant Wistrom.
- o Grant Wistrom will make brief remarks on behalf of the team. They will present you with a jersey and a football.
- o You proceed back to the Blue Room for a receiving line with the invited guests only. At this point the Michigan Team will depart and the Nebraska Team will set up for a group photo on the North Portico.

- o Following the receiving line, you proceed to the North Portico for a group photo with the Nebraska Team.
- o You depart.

VI. REMARKS:

To be provided by speechwriting

THE REMARKS
FOR THE NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS RECEPTION
WILL BE FORWARDED

**MIKULSKI FOR SENATE
FUNDRAISING RECEPTION
APRIL 9, 1998**

98 APR 8 PM 6:55

Date: April 9, 1998
Venue: Hay-Adams Hotel, John Hay Room
Time: 7:05 PM
From: Jennifer Treat, Mikulski for Senate

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for Senator Barbara Mikulski's re-election campaign. Senator Mikulski expects to complete her campaign fundraising before summer and turn her attention to assisting colleagues in Maryland and the Senate.

II. BACKGROUND

This event is the major PAC fund-raiser for Senator Mikulski's re-election campaign. It has been limited to just 100 attendees so that all those attending will have the opportunity to visit briefly with the President.

III. PARTICIPANTS

A list of those attending is attached.

IV. SEQUENCE

7:05 pm

- President arrives Hay-Adams.
- President proceeds to greet and receive guests in photo line with Senator Mikulski. Senator Mikulski will introduce guests to President.
- Senator Mikulski will make brief remarks and introduce President.
- President makes remarks.

8:05 pm

- President departs.

V. REMARKS

Remarks will be provided by speechwriting.

**THE TALKING POINTS
FOR THE SENATOR MIKULSKI RECEPTION
WILL BE FORWARDED**

98 APR 8 PM 7:08

**Senator Mary Landrieu
Louisiana Election Debt-Retirement Dinner
With Honored Guest
President William Jefferson Clinton**

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 1998
VENUE: Home of Beth and Ron Dozoretz
TIME: 8:15 PM
FROM: Barbara Kaltenbach and Tracy Cohen
Finance Director

I. PURPOSE

This event is a thank you dinner for supporters who are helping retire Senator Landrieu's Louisiana Contested Election debt stemming from her 1996 election.

II. BACKGROUND

On October 11, 1997, the Senate Rules Committee voted 16-0 to end its 11 month investigation of her 1996 election. While the vote was a clear vindication of her election, the probe cost Senator Landrieu over \$600,000.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 60 guests are expected to attend the reception and buffet dinner. See attached guests list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool print reporter for remarks only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8:15 PM

- YOU arrive and are greeted by Senator Mary Landrieu, Frank Snellings, Beth and Ron Dozoretz at the front door of the house.
- YOU then proceed to the living room where remarks will begin.
- Senator Landrieu will introduce YOU.
- YOU make brief remarks.
- YOU will be led by Senator Landrieu through the dining area to meet approximately 60 guests for candid photographs. There will be no photo receiving line.

9:50 PM

- YOU depart.

VI. REMARKS

Your remarks will be provided by speechwriting.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Greeters and guest list.

**THE TALKING POINTS
FOR THE SENATOR LANDRIEU DINNER
WILL BE FORWARDED**

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9:15 AM	Foreign Policy Meeting	Distributed Separately
10:15 AM	Meeting	Distributed Separately
12:20 PM	Visit of President Ramos of the Philippines	Distributed Separately
12:20 PM	Official Photograph	
12:45 PM	Lunch	
1:55 PM	Bids Farewell	
2:15 PM	Tape Weekly Radio Address	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B
2:45 PM	Meeting	No Paper
3:15 PM	Meeting	No Paper

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1998

Final

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mostly cloudy and windy, becoming mostly sunny during the afternoon. Winds north at 12 to 20 knots. Low 41 to 46. High 52 to 57.

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**Schedule of the President
for
Friday, April 10, 1998
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PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN GOOD FRIDAY
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9:00 am-	MEETING
9:15 am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
9:15 am-	FOREIGN POLICY MEETING
10:15 am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Sandy Berger
10:15 am-	MEETING
10:45 am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
11:00 am-	MEETING
11:30 am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
11:50 am-	MEETING
11:55 am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
12:00 pm-	BRIEFING FOR LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT RAMOS
12:15 pm	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
12:20 pm-	OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
12:30 pm	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger POOL SPRAY (AT THE TOP)
12:35 pm	THE PRESIDENT , accompanied by President Ramos, proceeds to the Diplomatic Reception Room to greet lunch guests

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12:45 pm- **LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT RAMOS OF THE PHILIPPINES**
1:45 pm **MAP ROOM**
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

1:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** bids farewell to President Ramos of the
Philippines

2:05 pm- **BRIEFING**
2:15 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

2:15 pm- **TAPE RADIO ADDRESS**
2:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Remarks: Jordan Tamagni
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

2:45 pm- **MEETING**
3:00 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich

3:15 pm- **MEETING**
3:45 pm **RESIDENCE**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall

3:45 pm **DOWN FOR THE DAY**

EVENING OFF

BC/HRC RON THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1998

TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

'98 APR 9 PM5:02

DATE: April 10, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 2:15 pm
FROM: Julianne Corbett

I. PURPOSE

You will discuss the work that is being done to reform the Internal Revenue Service. You will also announce that for the first time, IRS Telephone Help Lines will be open 24 hours a day in the final day before filing.

II. BACKGROUND

You have called upon to Congress to send you some meaningful legislation that protects taxpayer's rights, streamlines service, and strengthens the IRS for the 21st Century.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing (2:05-2:15 pm)
The President
Rahm Emanuel
Gene Sperling
Ann Lewis
Jordan Tamagni

Taping (2:15-2:30)
Julianne Corbett
Brenda Anders
Rebecca Cameron
White House Communications Agency (WHCA)
White House Television (WHTV)
Approx. 60 guests (see attached information)

IV. PRESS PLAN

The ABC, AP, C-SPAN, CBS, NBC/ Mutual/Westwood One, NPR, UPI, USA, American Urban Radio Network, and Standard News radio networks will carry the address in its entirety live to their collective thousands of stations across the country on Saturday at 10:06 AM ET.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (2:05-2:15)

Briefing- Private Dining Room
Tape radio address
Greet guests

VI. REMARKS

Provided by the Office of Speechwriting.

Draft 4/9/98 5:30pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON IRS REFORM
April 10, 1998

Good morning. I know I don't have to tell most Americans that this coming Wednesday marks the deadline to file federal income tax returns with the IRS. Today, I want to talk about what we are doing to make that yearly duty easier for American families, and what we must still do to strengthen American taxpayers' rights and reinvent the IRS for the 21st Century.

For far too long in the minds of too many Americans, the IRS has symbolized an immense bureaucracy, where unfair audits and unresponsive service were the order of the day. I took office determined to change all that. We have worked hard to give American families an Internal Revenue Service that is fairer, more efficient, and more responsive to their needs.

I believe that we have come a long way toward meeting that challenge. Two years ago, I was proud to sign into law the Taxpayer Bill of Rights that has lengthened grace periods for late filing, and made it easier for taxpayers to appeal IRS decisions and to recover attorneys fees when the IRS makes mistakes. And last May, I asked Vice President Gore and Treasury Secretary Rubin to undertake an unflinching, top-to-bottom audit of customer service at the IRS. They reported back to me last Fall with their recommendations, and we are already beginning to see a new IRS, more committed to the needs of taxpayers, and better able to serve those needs.

We have begun to simplify the filing process, making it easier for taxpayers to file their returns electronically or over the phone. Already this year, nearly a third of all taxpayers have taken advantage of these new high-tech options -- up by more than 25% from last year. That means quicker refunds, less paperwork, and fewer hassles.

For the first time, IRS offices around the country have held problem solving days to answer tax payers' questions. For the first time, IRS phones have been serving taxpayers 16 hours a day, six days a week -- and today, I am pleased to announce the IRS help lines will be open for the full 24 hours preceding the final filing deadline on April 15. Perhaps most important of all, for the first time this year, we are launching citizen advocacy panels to monitor local IRS offices and give taxpayers an independent voice in an often complicated process.

As much as we have succeeded in doing, we know there is much more to be done. Like most Americans, I was outraged last year by Congressional hearings that revealed a very different IRS from the one we are committed to building. These problems developed over many years, and we will not solve them overnight. As we continue our work to improve the IRS, we may uncover more problems -- and when we do, I promise the American people that we will act swiftly, making sure that we have the strongest possible safeguards against abuses, and punishing those who cross the line.

But to truly build a new IRS for the 21st Century, Congress must act to pass legislation that gives Commissioner Rossotti the tools he needs to meet that challenge, and to further strengthen taxpayers' rights. When it comes to quality service at the IRS, we cannot afford to file for an extension.

This year, we have a real chance to reform the IRS. So I urge the Congress to return from the holiday break committed to taking action, and to giving American taxpayers the service they have a right to expect from every corner of their government, at every level -- and that includes the IRS.

Next Wednesday may be tax day, but for millions of people around the world, this weekend marks a season of renewal and joy. To all Americans celebrating Passover and Easter this weekend, I wish you a joyous holiday.

Thanks for listening.

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Monday, April 13, 1998

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1998**

Final

SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

STEPHANIE STREETT

HOME: 202-332-5651

OFFICE: 202-456-2823

WHCA PAGER: 4033

EVENT COORDINATOR:

LAURA SCHWARTZ

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WHCA PAGER: 4293

WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Partly cloudy. Winds southwest at 5 to 15 knots.

Low 40 to 45. High 62 to 67.

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Monday, April 13, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Monday, April 13, 1998
*Final***

9:00 am-
10:00 am

BRUNCH
BLUE ROOM
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
CLOSED PRESS

Note: Approximately 160 guests.

- **The President** and The First Lady arrive Blue Room for egg and poster presentation and receiving line.

10:00 am-
10:20 am

EASTER EGG ROLL
SOUTH LAWN
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
OPEN PRESS

- **The President** and The First Lady are announced from the Blue Room and proceed to the South Lawn via stairs to the Easter Song, played by the Marine Band on the Balcony.
- The First Lady makes welcoming remarks and introduces **The President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and blows the whistle to start the Easter Egg Roll.
- **The President** and The First Lady work short ropeline and proceed to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

10:20 am-
10:30 am

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION MEET AND GREET
DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM
Staff Contact: Karin Kullman

- **The President** and The First Lady greet Jonathan Chung (Age 16) and family and Angelique "Angel" Drizk (Age 16) and family.
- **The President** and The First Lady depart.

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10:45 am-
11:00 am

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

11:00 am-
12:00 pm

BRIEFING FOR RACE TOWN HALL
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Sylvia Mathews, Paul Begala, Judy Winston

12:00 pm-
12:10 pm

BRIEFING FOR VIDEOS
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Brenda Anders

12:10 pm-
12:30 pm

APRIL VIDEO TAPINGS
ROOSEVELT ROOM
Staff Contact: Brenda Anders

Farewell Message to *Good Morning America* Host Charles Gibson
Staff Contact: Mike McCurry

Message for Retirement Dinner for Congressman Vic Fazio
Staff Contact: Craig Smith

Greeting for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) Annual Dinner
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

Message for CBS's "TO LIFE! America Celebrates Israel's 50th"
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Doug Sosnik

Message for Sumner Redstone's 75th Birthday
Staff Contact: Craig Smith

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12:30 pm-
12:40 pm

PSA TAPING FOR VH-1
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Brenda Anders, Ellen Lovell

Note: The First Lady will participate in this taping.

12:45 pm-
12:50 pm

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

12:50 pm-
1:00 pm

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: The First Lady will attend this event.

1:05 pm-
1:25 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Virginia Canter

1:25 pm-
1:30 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

1:30 pm-
2:00 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

2:00 pm-
2:30 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

2:00 pm-
6:30 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
OVAL OFFICE

6:30 pm-
7:30 pm

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April 10, 1998 (7:45pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT
THE FIRST LADY

WHAT: EASTER BREAKFAST/EVENT

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1998

NOTES: APPROX 170 GUESTS/OPEN PRESS/BUSINESS ATTIRE

FROM: CAPRICIA MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

9:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive Blue Room for Egg and Poster Presentation and receiving line.

Note: Receiving line will flow from the Green Room into the Blue Room and out of the Red Room. Presenters of the Official Egg and Poster will be in the Blue Room to begin line.

9:55 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY receive briefing in the Blue Room for the Ceremony.

10:00 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY are announced from the Blue Room and proceed to the South Lawn via stairs to the Easter Song played by the Marine Band.

PROGRAM BEGINS

THE FIRST LADY makes welcoming remarks and introduces
THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT makes remarks and blows the whistle to start the Easter Egg Roll.

Note: Bunny on stage will hand whistle to The President.

10:10 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY work a small rope line and proceed to the Diplomatic Reception Room.

10:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY greet two Make-A-Wish Children.

10:30 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1998

POTUS PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL

DATE: Monday, April 13

LOCATION: Reception, State Floor
Event, South Lawn

TIME: 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

STAFF CONTACT: Melinda Bates, 6-2324

I. PURPOSE

You participate in this annual White House Easter event by hosting a breakfast reception, making remarks from a stage on the driveway, and blowing a whistle.

II. BACKGROUND

A traditional White House event, since Rutherford and Lucy Hayes, in 1878. This is the 120th White House Easter Egg Roll. For the first time in history, the Easter Egg Roll is broadcast on the Internet. Ten cameras provide a real-time view of each storytelling area, the egg roll lanes, and your welcoming remarks. Using the *whitehouse.gov* or *easter.earthlink.net* web sites, Internet viewers can choose which event to watch and listen to by clicking on a selected camera icon on the cybercast site. It features a map with links to all the cameras, a schedule of personalities and events, links back to the White House, information about the cybercast technology and its deployment, educational links, and helpful lesson plans about the Internet for teachers.

The cybercast has the capacity for more than 3 million page views and as many as 300,000 or more concurrent visitors, almost 10 times the expected physical attendance at the White House Easter Egg Roll.

III. PARTICIPANTS**HRC**

170 Reception guests, sponsors, contributors

Celebrity readers: Amy Tan, who has written a children's book;

Jane Seymour, her husband James Keach, their twin toddlers, who are the subject of their book

Art Garfunkle (who has released a children's album).

Sam Arnold, mountain man from Denver, who tells stories about raising bears
President and First Lady interpreters: G. Washington, T. Jefferson, A. Lincoln, T.
Roosevelt, Abigail Adams/Lucy Hayes

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool press for your remarks

National Press for nightly news

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You host sponsors and celebrity entertainers at a breakfast on the State Floor. This year there is **one** breakfast, from 9:15 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. Following the reception you both exit the Blue Room, descending the stairs to a stage on the driveway while the Marine Band plays *In Your Easter Bonnet*. On stage Mrs. Clinton makes brief remarks, then you make remarks, and blow the whistle handed to you by Bernie Fairbanks or a bunny. The egg roll lanes are directly in front of the stage, press are to your right. You then descend the stairs, work the ropeline, and proceed to the Diplomatic Reception Room. There you greet two Make-a-Wish children, and depart.

VI. REMARKS

2 minutes

Remarks to be provided by Speechwriting

VII. RECEPTION

Receiving Line in the Blue Room. The first guests you greet are:

Poster presenters, Herb and Talib Schwartz. Herb designed last year's program and this year's poster.

Egg presenters Melvin D. Russell, American Egg Board. This year's egg is gold and jewel encrusted, and features an angel representing Chelsea.

Other sponsors and contributors.

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Draft 4/10/98 2pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL
THE SOUTH LAWN
April 13, 1998**

Good Morning. I want to welcome you for this very special day, thank all the volunteers who were here early this morning getting everything set up, and thank the sponsors who have made all of this possible.

The very first time an Easter Egg Roll was held at the White House was way back in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was President -- that was about the time your great, great, great grandparents were your age. Nowadays, we're combining this wonderful old tradition with some of the newest technologies around. Usually when you think of the Easter Egg Roll, you think of eggs and bunnies. Today, we're also adding the mouse. Not just Woodrow the White House mouse, but also the kind of mouse that's attached to a computer.

For the first time ever, hundreds of thousands of children in classrooms, homes, and libraries all over the world will be able to use their computers to join all of us for this Easter Egg Roll. Thanks to the special cameras you'll see out on the lawn, they can watch all of the activities and learn about the Internet at the same time. In fact, I'm told that this will be the largest live Internet event ever held. I'm glad you are here to be part of this historic day.

And now, are you ready to roll?

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 10, 1998

**PHOTOS WITH MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION CHILDREN AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

DATE: April 13, 1998
LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room
TIME: 10:20 - 10:30 AM
FROM: Karin Kullman 

I. PURPOSE

These photos will allow you to spend time with two terminally ill children whom we have invited to attend the White House Easter Egg Roll.

II. BACKGROUND

Jonathan Chung is a sixteen-year-old *Make-a-Wish* child from Vista, California, who has cancer of the brain and spinal cord. Jonathan wrote "It would be the honor of a lifetime if I could get to shake your hand." He has expressed an interest in "your support of legislation to hasten the approval of promising treatments for terminal diseases like cancer."

Angelique "Angel" Drzik is a sixteen-year-old *Make-a-Wish* child from Madison, Ohio, who suffers from Hodgkins lymphoma, stage four. Angel has expressed an interest in politics, and has many questions she would like to ask you about your political career and experiences as President. As Angel has no siblings, part of her wish was to bring her best friend, Melissa Holbrook, with her to Washington, D.C.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President and First Lady

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| 1) | Jonathan Chung
Oscar Chung
Janette Chung
Jason Chung | Make-a-Wish Child (age 16)
Father
Mother
Brother |
| 2) | Angelique "Angel" Drizk
Dorothy Drizk
Melissa Holbrook | Make-a-Wish Child (age 16)
Mother
Best Friend |
| 3) | Kelly Creeden | Make-a-Wish Volunteer |

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The families will be assembled in the Diplomatic Reception Room.
- You and the First Lady will be introduced to each child and their family and will pose for photos.
- You and the First Lady will depart the Diplomatic Reception Room.

VI. REMARKS

None required.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- Letter from Jonathan Chung.
- Letter from Angelique Drzik.

FROM : MAKE A WISH
12/19/1997 10:32

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PHONE NO. : 619 646 7600
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December 19, 1997

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Jonathan Ern-Kwang Chung, and I am sixteen years old. I live in Vista, a suburb of north San Diego county in Southern California.

I have cancer of the brain and spinal cord. Since June 1997 when I was initially diagnosed with cancer, I have undergone four surgeries (two major and two minor), spinal punctures, numerous blood tests and MRIs. Despite this, doctors have been unable to remove my brain tumor because of its location.

I have been given an opportunity by the Make-A-Wish Foundation to have one wish granted. Mr. President, for my wish, I would like the privilege of personally meeting you and Mrs. Clinton at the White House, if possible.

It would be the honor of a lifetime if I could get to shake your hand. I am a history buff, and I have followed your illustrious career these past six years. It is my dream to meet you, the most powerful person in the world.

FROM : MAKE A WISH

12/19/1997 10:02

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PHONE NO. : 619 646 7600

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Dec. 19 1997 11:56AM PB

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I have been most interested in your support for legislation to hasten the approval of promising treatments for terminal diseases like cancer. I applaud your concern, Mr. President, because there are many children like me who would like the chance to have a cure and to be able to live a normal life.

I hope that you will grant me the opportunity of making my one and only wish come true.

Thank you for your consideration, and I wish you and your family a joyous Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
Jonathan Chung

To whom it may concern:

I would like to meet the president because I think it would be a great experience. Not many average day people get to meet the president. I have gone many places and have seen a lot of things, but I think meeting the president would be one of my favorite experiences.

If I get a chance to meet the president, i would probably ask him things like has he always been interested in polotics,what made him want to become president,what he did before his political career, questions like that. I would also ask things like how does he handle the stress of being president and constantly being monitered and if he had the chance to go back and never get into polotics, would he? Then after all the important stuff was out of the way i'd ask things like what was it like when he first walked through the white house, did he think about all the history that has gone through there? Does he ever go into a room and think about all the past presidents that have stood in that same spot, and does it amaze him that in a hundred years from now he will be gone but he will have made differences in America, he will have made hisory?

I'll probably think of more questions before then but these are main questions i'd ask him.

-Angelique Drzik

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VIDEO TAPINGS

April 12, 1998

DATE: April 13, 1998

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

TIME: 12:00 p.m.- 12:10 p.m. Briefing
12:10 p.m.- 12:30 p.m. Video Tappings

FROM: Brenda Anders

I. PURPOSE

You will tape five video messages.

II. BACKGROUND

The first video is a good-bye message for the ABC Good Morning America's host Charlie Gibson. After 11 years at GMA, Gibson is leaving the show to pursue other opportunities at ABC. Gibson has interviewed you twice. You taped a similar message for the show prior to Joan Lunden's departure from GMA last year. This message will air on Gibson's last show, May 1.

The second video is a message for VIACOM Chairman Sumner Redstone's 75th Birthday. The message will be shown at a small party for Redstone on May 11.

The third video is in honor of Congressman Vic Fazio. The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce will host a tribute dinner for Congressman Fazio's retirement. The message will be shown at the dinner in Washington on May 4.

The fourth video is for the CBS special "To Life: America Celebrates Israel's 50th." The program is co-hosted by Kevin Costner and Michael Douglas and includes Steven Spielberg, Kirk Douglas, Stevie Wonder, and Nathalie Cole. The special will air on CBS April 15.

The fifth video is for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Annual Dinner. This year's dinner will honor: Steven Spielberg and Debbie Allen for their work on the film *Amistad*; and Houston Mayor Bob Lanier for his role in defeating the Houston anti-affirmative action ballot initiative. The awards will be presented at the April 20 dinner in Washington.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-brief participants:

The President

Brenda Anders

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

Videotape Messages

VI. REMARKS

A teleprompter will be provided.

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Draft 4/10 3:30pm

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEO MESSAGE TO CHARLIE GIBSON
MAY 1, 1998**

Charlie, for 11 years you've sacrificed your morning's sleep to give the rest of America a good start to its day. By my calculation, that's 2,640 "Good Mornings!" Along with millions of people across the country, Hillary and I are sad to see you go. We wish you all the best as you begin this exciting new stage of your life.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
VIDEO MESSAGE FOR REP. VIC FAZIO
MAY 4, 1998**

It's my honor to pay tribute to my good friend Vic Fazio as he retires from Congress. Respected on both sides of the aisle, Vic has set the standard in the House of Representatives. He's led the way by building consensus, finding common ground, and standing tough when necessary. Vic not only took pride in his own legislative work but in the institution of Congress itself. Good laws were passed in Congress because of Vic's energy, keen negotiating skills, and determination to listen to both sides. It's no wonder he's referred to as the House's Mr. Goodwrench -- he's the kind of guy that gets things done, and gets things done the right way.

Vic spent 20 years in Washington as a powerful and influential lawmaker, yet he never forgot the people of his community. He remained fiercely dedicated to the 3rd district in California, effectively representing all corners of the sprawling Central Valley. In a time of political show horses, Vic was a workhorse for Northern California. He worked to bolster the economic prosperity of this developing area while restoring the precious ecology of the Sacramento-San Joaquin [Wah-KEEN] Delta. Year after year, day in and day out, Vic worked to provide better schools, improve health care, and make our neighborhoods safer. He helped restore the bond of trust between the people and their government.

I imagine soon, if it hasn't happened already, the people of California will wonder how one member of Congress could have accomplished so much. You only have to look at Vic's contagious smile to know that his success begins with the way he connects so easily with others. When I was new to Washington he reached out to me and we forged a lasting partnership. I have depended on his guidance. Vic, I know that your decision is the right one, but I'm sad to see you leave Capitol Hill.

Hillary and I wish you, Judy, and the whole Fazio family the best of luck in the years to come.

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Draft 4/10/98 3:45pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEO MESSAGE TO THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
APRIL 20, 1998**

Good Evening. Thank you for the opportunity to join the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights as you honor three outstanding Americans with the Hubert Humphrey Civil Rights Award. Tonight we celebrate the spirit of America's "happy warrior" -- Hubert H. Humphrey, a man who moved this country forward "into the bright sunshine of human rights."

Hubert H. Humphrey wasn't the only voice challenging our nation to form a more perfect union. Forty-eight years ago, A. Phillip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, and Arnold Aronson formed the Leadership Conference and began helping hundreds of disparate groups keep their eyes on the prize and speak with one booming voice. In the words of the NAACP's great advocate Clarence Mitchell, "there would be no civil rights movement without the Leadership Conference." This past January, it was my honor to award Arnold Aronson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, just weeks before his passing.

We have made great progress in this country, but we know that there is much to be done. With the help of coalitions like yours, I've launched this national initiative on race to recognize our common interests and to bridge the opportunity gaps that are keeping us from becoming one America. With shared values, meaningful opportunities, honest communication, and citizen service, we can unite a diverse people in freedom and mutual respect.

Tonight, a special congratulations to the Hubert H. Humphrey Award Recipients. Bob Lanier, thank you for your 50 years of dedication to advancing civil rights. From your days as a young law student, teaching those African Americans denied admission to college, to your years of distinguished service as mayor of Houston, you have led us all by reaching out, opening doors, and blocking efforts to reverse the progress we have made. Debbie Allen and Steven Spielberg, thank you for bringing to life the powerful story of the Amistad -- a narrative of hope and redemption from one of the darkest chapters of our history.

I congratulate my good friends Wade Henderson and Dorothy Height, and all of you for your work with the Leadership Conference. Your courage, your persistence, and your continued successes help all Americans live closer and truer to our ideals.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ON THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAELI STATEHOOD
WASHINGTON, DC
APRIL 13, 1998**

On behalf of the American people, I want to express our heartfelt congratulations to the people of Israel on the 50th birthday of your remarkable nation.

In May 1948, Israel arose from the seeds of the Diaspora and the ashes of the Holocaust. In Washington, some advisors urged President Harry Truman to wait and see before recognizing the new nation. Truman would have none of it. He had a deep understanding of the suffering and the dreams of peoples from Biblical times through modern times. He saw a moral imperative in supporting a Jewish homeland.

In one of my country's proudest chapters, eleven minutes after Israel proclaimed independence, the United States became the first country to recognize your new nation. Truman was a tough leader, but when Israel's chief rabbi came to the White House to express his gratitude, tears streamed down Truman's cheeks.

Over 50 years, Israel has seen blood and tears, but there have also been extraordinary triumphs -- making a once barren desert bloom, building a thriving democracy on hostile terrain, winning battles, and now waging the most important struggle of all: the struggle for a lasting and secure peace. I am proud that America and Israel have been -- and will remain -- the closest of friends and allies. We wish you a joyous celebration -- and a peaceful and prosperous future.

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Draft 04/10/98 5:00pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED 75th BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO SUMNER REDSTONE
April 13, 1998

I want to offer a special birthday greeting to Sumner Redstone. Sumner, even for a man of your many accomplishments, reaching your 75th year is a special milestone, and it calls for a special celebration. Hillary and I wish we could join you and Phyllis for this memorable occasion. We are thinking of you and wishing you continued health and happiness. Have a great 75th birthday.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1998

VH-1 "Save the Music" Program

Date: April 13, 1998
Location: Cabinet Room
Time: 12:30-12:40
Staff Contact: Ellen McCulloch-Lovell,
Deputy Assistant to the President &
Advisor to the First Lady on the Millennium

I. PURPOSE

The President will donate a saxophone to the VH-1 cable network's "Save the Music" program; the presentation will be taped to be shown as a PSA on VH-1 and at the April 14th "Save the Music" Honors Ceremony in New York. The event will highlight the importance of arts and music education in our nation's schools and demonstrate the President and the First Lady's commitment to the arts, education and early childhood development, as well as help publicize the VH-1 millennium goal of reinstating music education in our schools.

II. BACKGROUND

VH-1 and Time Warner Cable joined forces in 1997 and launched "Save the Music," a program designed to restore and support music education in the New York City Public School system. In its first year, "Save the Music" collected more than \$1 million worth of instruments in its effort to reinvigorate music education in New York City. Given the success, VH-1 President John Sykes decided to expand the program into 50 communities by the year 2000. Mr. Sykes, who serves on the Leadership Task Force of the President's Summit for America's Future, announced the expansion in conjunction with the Summit in Philadelphia.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President, the First Lady, John Sykes (President of VH-1), Gregory Francis Thompson, Jr. (D.C. Music Student).

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The First Lady delivers brief remarks about arts education and introduces John Sykes. John Sykes delivers brief remarks about VH-1 "Save the Music" and introduces **the President**.

The President makes brief remarks on music education and "Save the Music" program. **The President** then makes presentation of saxophone to Gregory Francis Thompson, Jr., a D.C. music student.

VI. TALKING POINTS

Remarks provided by speech writers

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None

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Draft 04/10/98 5:00pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS TO VH1 "SAVE THE MUSIC" EVENT
April 13, 1998

I want to thank Hillary and John Sykes for their comments, and I want to tell you how pleased I am to help launch VH1's national "Save the Music" program, which is already improving the quality of music education across our country. You know, music education is something very dear to my heart. When I was in high school I had a music teacher named Virgil Spurlin, and he taught me a lot more than scales and keys and how to hold a steady note on the saxophone. Mr. Spurlin taught me about patience and practice, and hard work and dedication.

The music I made on that first tenor saxophone of mine wasn't always beautiful to the ear--my mother would testify to that. But as I learned and improved, I came to understand how important a musical instrument can be as an outlet for creativity, and for ideas and emotions that only music can express. That's why the "Save the Music" program is so important. One small investment of a donated musical instrument can help a young artist fulfill his or her God-given abilities. And I think that's a pretty good investment.

In that spirit, I am so very pleased to present this saxophone of mine to an accomplished young artist, Gregory Thompson. Gregory's been playing the saxophone since the fourth grade, and last year he won an invitation to play in the Duke Ellington Youth Music Festival--a high honor. Gregory even plays the drums--which we learned when his church ensemble played at a White House holiday party last year. Gregory, I'm proud--and I know your parents are proud--that you've developed your gift for music. And with the help of "Save the Music," other students will, too.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1998

**PRESENTATION OF THE OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA
REPORT TO THE NATION**

DATE: April 13, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 12:50 pm
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Danny Wexler

I. PURPOSE

To receive the Girl Scouts of the USA "Report to the Nation".

II. BACKGROUND

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. began in Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low registered 18 girls with the purpose of helping them develop a sense of responsibility, commitment and teamwork. Today the purpose of Girl Scouts has not changed, the program continues to offer a broad range of activities that address both current and future interests. Girls Scouts now includes more that 2.6 million girls between the ages of 5 and 17 and more than 850,000 adult volunteers.

Marsha Johnson Evans is the newly appointed National Executive Director of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.. Ms. Evans retired after a 29-year career in the U.S. Navy where she attained the rank of Rear Admiral. She had been in the forefront of increasing opportunities for women in the Navy, including opening up the full range of operational assignments. Most recently she served as Superintendent of the naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Like the Boys Scouts, the Girls Scouts are chartered by Congress and each year prepare a "Report to the Nation". However, this will be the first time they will present their report to you.

The First Lady serves as the National Honorary President of the Girl Scouts.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The First Lady

Marsha Johnson, National Executive Director

LaVerne Alexander, Director, Government Relations

Elinor Ferdon, National President

Milly Daniel, Director Internal Communications

Sara Salvade, National Corporate Director

Carissa Nguyen, Daisy Girl Scout, age 6, Annandale, Virginia

Ashley McKinless, Brownie Girl Scout, age 7, Arlington, Virginia

Jacklin McKinless, Junior Girl Scout, age 10, Arlington, Virginia

Michelle Allison, Cadette Girl Scout, age 13, Clifton, Virginia

Diane Viega, Senior Girl Scout, age 17, Silver Spring, Maryland

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE

- o You and the First Lady greet the participants as they enter the Oval Office.
- o The participants will line up in front of the desk. Marsha Evans, Elinor Ferdon and Carissa Nguyen will present you and the First Lady with the "Report to the Nation".
- o Ashley McKinless and Jacklin McKinless will present you and the First Lady with some Girl Scout cookies.
- o Michelle Allison and Diane Viega will present you and the First Lady with Girl Scout anti-smoking patches.
- o You and the First Lady take a photo with just the Girl Scouts.
- o The participants depart.

VI. REMARKS

None Required.

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9:00 AM	Intern Photograph	Tab A
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Tuesday, April 21, 1998

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1998**

Final Schedule

SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

STEPHANIE STREETT

HOME: 202-332-5651

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WHCA PAGER: 4033

EVENT COORDINATOR:

LAURA SCHWARTZ

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mostly sunny, becoming mostly cloudy by evening.

Winds turning southeast at 5 to 10 knots. Low 40 to 45. High 66 to 71.

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Tuesday, April 21, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Tuesday, April 21, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00 am- **INTERN PHOTOGRAPH**
9:15 am **SOUTH PORTICO**
Staff Contact: Virginia Apuzzo

Note: Approximately 220 interns in attendance.

9:15 am- **MEETING**
9:30 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

9:30 am- **BRIEFING**
9:45 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

9:45 am- **BRIEFING**
10:00 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

10:00 am- **BUDGET MEETING**
10:45 am **CABINET ROOM**
Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Gene Sperling

10:45 am- **BRIEFING**
11:00 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Rahm Emanuel

11:00 am- **CONGRESSIONAL MEETING**
12:00 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Larry Stein

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12:00 pm-
12:20 pm

STATEMENT
ROSE GARDEN
Staff Contact: Larry Stein
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
Remarks: June Shih

- **The President** makes brief remarks and introduces the Vice President.
- The Vice President makes brief remarks and introduces Senator Tom Daschle.
- Senator Thomas Daschle makes brief remarks and introduces Representative Richard Gephardt.
- Representative Richard Gephardt makes brief remarks and introduces **The President**.
- **The President** departs.

12:25 pm-
12:30 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

12:30 pm
1:00 pm

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Mike McCurry, Sidney Blumenthal

1:00 pm- (T)
2:00 pm

INTERVIEW WITH *THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE*
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Mike McCurry, Sidney Blumenthal

Interviewer: Gary Wills

2:00 pm-
2:05 pm

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Larry Stein

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2:05 pm-
2:20 pm

**SIGNING CEREMONY FOR S.419, *THE BIRTH DEFECTS
PREVENTION ACT OF 1998***

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Larry Stein

-- **The President** signs S.419, the *Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998*.

-- **The President** meets with guests and departs.

2:20 pm-
6:20 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

6:30 pm-
7:30 pm

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

April 20, 1998 (7:52pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 17, 1998

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH WHITE HOUSE SPRING INTERNS

DATE: April 21, 1998

LOCATION: South Portico

TIME: 9:00 am

FROM: Alison Kolwaite

I. PURPOSE

You will be greeting the White House Spring Session interns. There will be approximately 220 interns at this reception, which is designed to express your thanks for their hard work over the past 3 months.

II. BACKGROUND

This administration's White House Intern Program was launched June 1, 1993. There are two summer sessions, one fall and one spring session. The current session ends May 8, 1998.

The students in the program are regionally and racially diverse. In addition to working in the different departments, interns participate in tours and community service projects. Their speaker series this session will include Cheryl Mills, Fred Duval, Bob Nash among others.

III. PARTICIPANTS

190 White House Interns, as well as approximately 30 interns from OMB, CEQ, CEA, NSC, USTR, OSTP and ONDCP.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only. Closed Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- President greets interns
- Photo taken
- President departs

VI. REMARKS

None required.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1998

BUDGET MEETING

DATE: April 21, 1998
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
FROM: Gene Sperling
Larry Stein

I. PURPOSE

To discuss with your senior advisors your strategy on the Highway Bill, which is now in conference. Monday evening we submitted a memo to you on this very issue.

II. BACKGROUND

As you know, the House and Senate passed with overwhelming bipartisan support Highway Bills which spend well above our budget. If passed such a Highway Bill would put tremendous pressure on our key priorities, such as education.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The Vice President
Erskine Bowles
Secretary Rubin
Larry Stein
Gene Sperling
Frank Raines
Jack Lew
Janet Yellen
Ron Klain
John Podesta
Sylvia Mathews
Bruce Reed
Paul Begala
Rahm Emanuel
Larry Summers
Sally Katzen

Michael Deich

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You will meet with your advisors in the Cabinet Room

VI. REMARKS

None

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1998

MEETING WITH SENATOR DASCHLE AND REPRESENTATIVE GEPHARDT

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
FROM: Larry Stein *LS*

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the upcoming legislative activity in the remaining weeks of the second session of the 105th Congress.

II. BACKGROUND

The upcoming Congressional work period will include action on several major bills that will determine the level of accomplishment for the remainder of the legislative year. The Supplemental, the Highway Bill, NATO Enlargement in the Senate, the Budget Resolution in the House, and potentially the McCain tobacco bill all will be considered.

Both Democratic Leaders have orchestrated extensive message efforts around your agenda with special emphasis on education, tobacco, patients' rights, minimum wage and child care. Both feel reasonably good about the results. As the year progresses, however, and we get closer to the election, the intensity of partisanship has increased and the likelihood of legislative accomplishment has declined. Though both Leaders may be comfortable with nothing happening, they know that we have to push our agenda on all fronts regardless of the outcome. Different blocks of legislation are now at different stages of progress, ranging from slow to immobile. We want to enlist the support of both Senator Daschle and Congressman Gephardt in pushing forward on all fronts.

Our primary press objective is to push the Senate vote later in the day on Senator Carol Moseley-Braun's "school modernization" amendment. You have remarks on this subject for a press event in the Rose Garden that you and the Vice President will hold with the two Leaders immediately after the meeting. Along with the education press focus, however, we will want to address the following issues:

Tobacco

Momentum established by the McCain bill in the Senate is putting intense pressure on the Republicans, with Gingrich announcing that the bill is "big government and big taxes"--a message that, perhaps inadvertently, mimes the position of the tobacco industry. Lott is under considerable stress. Having designated McCain as his point person, he now is being pressed by Gingrich and his right to disown the Commerce Committee's work product. For Democrats and for us, this represents real opportunity. If we can push the McCain bill, in a slightly improved form, through the Senate, we will both divide the Republicans and ultimately have a good chance of forcing the bill through the House.

The Highway Bill

Though Senator Daschle and Congressman Gephardt will both understand our concerns about the excessive spending levels in the BESTEA bill, neither will feel comfortable opposing it. Each has particular projects in the bill and both would probably like more. You might again make the case that this much highway spending threatens the priorities Democrats will be running on this year and for years to come. In addition, you can observe that a veto of the bill, supported by Democrats, would put Republicans in the position of defending special interest spending and big government while Democrats would be on the side of fiscal prudence. Neither Daschle nor Gephardt is likely to accept this, but it is useful for them to understand your depth of feeling about it. It also increases our leverage on the bill if many parties on the Hill have heard your expressions of discontent about this bill.

The Supplemental

Republicans have once again failed to achieve timely passage of a major Supplemental spending measure, withholding funding for both our troops abroad and emergencies at home. As you know, the hold up is once again Mexico City family planning language and the internal divisions within the Republican Party concerning the need to offset "emergency" spending. The Democratic Leaders can help us put additional pressure on the Republicans by taking the issue to the press and urging that the emergency Supplemental be set free without extraneous add-ons and without further delay. The Supplemental package includes funding for Bosnia, Iraq, domestic emergencies in 16 states and 2 territories, the IMF and UN arrears. We are urging that all of it go in one bill.

Kasich Budget Resolution and Tax Cuts

Budget Chairman Kasich will undoubtedly hold a budget mark-up some time in the next few weeks. The likelihood is that the distinguishing feature between Kasich's resolution and the one Domenici passed in the Senate will be the level of tax cut. Domenici sustained the pay-as-you-go rules and provided room for roughly \$30 billion in tax cuts. Kasich has publicly committed to a much larger cut, either spending some or all of the surplus or else making significant cuts in both discretionary and mandatory programs to achieve his offsets. In either case, Democrats in the House are anxious about facing tax cut votes.

Highest on the probability list among tax cuts are increases in the amount of income subject to the lowest (15 percent) bracket, some variant on fixing the "marriage penalty," and the individual accounts touted by Gingrich, Kasich and Roth as solutions to the retirement security problem. Gephardt's people are nervous that Democrats will not stand firmly against any these proposals. You can fortify Gephardt by urging that he follow you in your "save Social Security first" if Kasich spends the surplus. If Kasich goes the cut direction, he will have a very difficult time sustaining his position. You might urge Gephardt to hold firm against such irresponsible cuts and assure him that you will support him fully if he does.

Additional Issues

Other issues that may emerge include: NATO enlargement, Patients' Bill of Rights, Financial Modernization, and Coverdell education IRA.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-Brief

President

Vice President

Erskine Bowles

Larry Stein

John Podesta

Rahm Emanuel

Gene Sperling

Bruce Reed

Sandy Berger

Chuck Brain

Ann Lewis

Craig Smith

Meeting

President

Vice President

Erskine Bowles

Larry Stein

John Podesta

Sandy Berger

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed Press. Following the meeting, we will hold a press conference in the Rose Garden about the Democratic "school modernization" amendment to be offered on the Senate floor tomorrow.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

As usual.

VI. REMARKS

None during the meeting. Remarks to follow in the Rose Garden with the Congressional Leaders.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AFTER CONGRESSIONAL MEETING
THE WHITE HOUSE
APRIL 20, 1998

Good Afternoon. Today is an extremely important day for the future of public education in America. In a few short hours, the United States Senate will be faced with a clear choice: Whether to modernize 5,000 schools and strengthen educational opportunity for all our children, or to drain more than \$1 billion away from our public schools and undermine our national commitment to public education.

The Information Age, above all, is an Education Age -- and the most important thing we can do to strengthen our nation for the 21st century is to build the best education system in the world. In my balanced budget, I have proposed a comprehensive plan to do just that -- to help all Americans -- teachers, parents, students and communities -- bring a revolution of high standards, strict accountability, rising expectations to all our schools. I am committed to ensuring all our students master the basics with national standards in fourth grade reading and eighth grade math, to reducing class size in the early grades to an average of 18, to encouraging public school choice and ending social promotion.

Making sure that every child in America has the opportunity to learn in modern, safe, state-of-the art facilities is a centerpiece of my plan. Our children deserve schools they can be proud of -- schools that can inspire young imaginations, restore discipline to the classroom, and open doors to a future full of possibility.

The need is great. With the number of school-age children expected to keep on growing, schools across the country are at or beyond capacity. One-third of all schools in America need major repairs. More than half have major building problems. And nearly half do not have the wiring to support basic computer systems. The Federal Government helps build roads, bridges, and other infrastructure projects, but none of that will matter if we allow our education infrastructure to come crumbling down on our children. We must be part of the solution.

Senator Moseley-Braun has offered an amendment in today's education bill that will help communities raise the funds to modernize 5,000 public schools. **If we want our children to be prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century, then they must have 21st Century schools. I urge Congress to adopt this amendment right away. This is the right way to strengthen education in America.**

Today, the Senate will also vote on the wrong way -- a plan to expand Education IRAs with tax benefits for elementary and secondary education expenses. The IRA provisions are both bad education and bad tax policy. The proposal would do nothing to strengthen our schools and in fact, would weaken public education in America by siphoning limited Federal resources away from our public schools. This \$1.6 billion proposal would barely make a dent in most family budgets -- offering just \$7 in tax relief for parents of public school children and \$37 for those with children in private schools. It would disproportionately benefit the highest-income

taxpayers. Struggling families who can barely make ends meet, much less put away \$2,000 in an Education IRA, wouldn't see a penny. We must not shortchange our children. The right way to fix our schools is to fix them, not to walk away from them. That is why if this bill is adopted, I will veto it.

With just 600 days left before a new century, we must do all it takes prepare our children for the challenges of the future. We must begin with our schools.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1998

INTERVIEW WITH GARRY WILLS FOR
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE

DATE: April 21, 1998
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
FROM: Sidney Blumenthal

I. PURPOSE

To interview you for an article for *The New York Times Magazine*.

II. BACKGROUND

Garry Wills, the historian, will interview you both for an article for *The New York Times Magazine* and a book he is writing. The magazine article concerns the new relationship between the states and the federal government. Questions he will likely raise, include:

- Are the states becoming the laboratories of democracy as envisioned by Louis Brandeis?
- Should the federal government be fearful, hopeful, or adopt a hands-off approach?
- How are the states doing on issues such as welfare?
- How do you feel about the Supreme Court attitude toward devolution of power to the states?

The book will be a work of history, tracing the conflict over the proper role of government back to the battle over the ratification of the Constitution. Wills has told me that his thinking follows the following lines: There is an anti-government tradition in America, which has skewed our discourse; and, the suspicion of government has led to the belief that the more local the government the better; that big government tends to be wrong; small government always right. Wills himself, as he made clear in numerous works, including *Lincoln At Gettysburg*, believes in the role of the national government.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing (30 minutes):

The President
Sidney Blumenthal
Mike McCurry
Amy Weiss Tobe

Interview (60 minutes):

The President

Garry Wills

Sidney Blumenthal

Amy Weiss Tobe

NOTE: The First Lady may drop-by during the interview.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1998

**BILL SIGNING CEREMONY FOR S. 419,
THE BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION ACT OF 1998**

DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 1998
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 2:10 pm-2:20 pm
FROM: Larry Stein *gm for 292*
Janet Murguia *gm*

I. PURPOSE

To sign S. 419, The Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

II. BACKGROUND

S. 419 provides authorization for surveillance, research, and services aimed at the prevention of birth defects. Presently, there is no reliable regional or nationwide system for collecting information on babies born with birth defects, and the majority of states have no surveillance or monitoring systems capable of tracking the occurrence of such events. This lack of data and information greatly impedes the development of prevention programs. This bill also provides authorization for the expansion and improvement of existing state birth defects registries, and for technical assistance for new registries in states that wish to create them. S. 419 passed the Senate by voice vote on June 6, 1997 and passed the House by a vote of 405-2 on March 10, 1998.

Senator Kit Bond (R-MO) is the lead Senate sponsor and Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) is the lead House sponsor. In addition to the Members of Congress attending the signing ceremony, key disability and children's health group representatives will be in attendance.

The March of Dimes, which played a leading role in supporting this legislation and is celebrating their 60th Anniversary, will be represented by their President, Dr. Jennifer Howse and by their National Ambassador, T.J. Stallbaumer of Rogers, Arkansas. T.J., who will be attending with his family, was born 4 months early and weighed 1.4 pounds. After intensive care and breathing therapy, T.J. is a healthy and active 5 year old. As National Ambassador, T.J. will be traveling across the country this year promoting the mission of the March of Dimes: preventing birth defects.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing

Janet Murguia
Bill White

Members of Congress

Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO) (Sponsor)
Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN)
Sen. Jim Jeffords (R-VT)
Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) (Pending)

Rep. John Dingell (D-MI)
Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) (Sponsor)
Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

March of Dime Participants

Dr. Jennifer L. Howse	President
Dr. Marina Weiss	Vice President
T.J. Stallbaumer	National Ambassador
Tom Stallbaumer	Father of National Ambassador
Jennifer Stallbaumer	Mother of National Ambassador
Summer Stallbaumer	Sister of National Ambassador

Additional Participants

Ann Langley	National Association of Children's Hospitals
Kathy McGinley	The Arc
Mohammad N. Akhter	American Public Health Association
Kerilyn Frich	American Academy of Pediatrics
Roberta Carlin	Spina Bifida Association of America

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photo only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Members of Congress and other guests are escorted into the Oval Office and proceed to stand behind the desk.
- **The President** signs the bill.

-- Members of Congress and other guests are escorted out of the Oval Office.

VI. REMARKS

None required.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None.