

Thursday, May 21, 1998

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998

Revised Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance
for an isolated thunderstorm to the south in
the afternoon, then clearing overnight. Winds
northwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 60 to 66.
High 79 to 84.*

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**Schedule of the President
for
Thursday, May 21, 1998
*Revised Final Schedule***

9:00	am-		MEETING
9:15	am		OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
9:15	am-		FOREIGN POLICY MEETING
10:15	am		CABINET ROOM Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:15	am-	(T)	BRIEFING AND FOREIGN POLICY PHONE CALL
10:45	am		OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:50	am-		MEETING
10:55	am		OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
11:00	am-		BRIEFING FOR INTERVIEW
12:00	pm		OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Mike McCurry
12:00	pm-		INTERVIEW WITH USA TODAY
12:30	pm		OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Mike McCurry
			Interviewer: Susan Page, Bill Nichols
12:35	pm-		BRIEFING
1:00	pm		OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

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1:00 pm-
1:15 pm

MEET AND GREET
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

1:15 pm-
2:00 pm

NATO ENLARGEMENT EVENT
ROSE GARDEN
Remarks: Tony Blinken
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

- **The President** and the Vice President, accompanied by Senator Joseph Biden and Senator William Roth, are announced to "Honors" onto the stage in the Rose Garden.
- The Vice President makes welcoming remarks and introduces Senator Biden.
- Senator Biden makes remarks and introduces Senator Roth.
- Senator Roth makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and invites selected members of the audience to the signing table.
- **The President** signs the documents and works a ropeline.
- **The President** departs.

2:00 pm-
5:30 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
OVAL OFFICE

5:30 pm-
5:45 pm

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Alan Sullivan

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5:45 pm-
5:55 pm

MEET AND GREET

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Alan Sullivan

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

Note: There will be approximately 50 Academy members present for photographs.

6:00 pm-
6:30 pm

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TROPHY PRESENTATION

ROSE GARDEN

Remarks: Ted Widmer

Staff Contact: Alan Sullivan

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

OPEN PRESS

- **The President** is announced onto the stage in the Rose Garden to "Honors."
- **The President** makes welcoming remarks and introduces United States Air Force Superintendent Lieutenant General Tad Olstrom.
- Superintendent Olstrom makes remarks and introduces United States Air Force Coach, James DeBerry.
- Coach DeBerry makes brief remarks and asks team members Christopher Gizzi and Jeffrey Mohr to present the team gifts to **the President**.
- **The President** takes a group photograph and departs.

6:30 pm-
8:00 pm

DOWN TIME

8:10 pm-
8:25 pm

BRIEFING

OVAL OFFICE OR DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

8:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route National Building Museum
[drive time: 5 minutes]

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8:35 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives National Building Museum

Greeters: Dr. Phil Piccigallo, Executive of the Order of the Sons of Italy
Paul Polo, President, Sons of Italy Foundation

8:40 pm-
8:55 pm

ORDER OF THE SONS OF ITALY RECEPTION
NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

Remarks: Laura Capps
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
Event Coordinator: Edward Prewitt
OPEN PRESS

Note: This event is Black Tie.

- Regis Philbin introduces **the President** onto the stage to "Ruffles" and "Hail to the Chief."
- **The President** makes remarks.
- **The President** departs.

9:05 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs National Building Museum via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

9:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 20, 1998 (9:01pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1998

INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN PAGE AND
BILL NICHOLS OF *USA TODAY*

DATE: May 21, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 12:00 p.m. *WWC*
FROM: Mike McCurry

I. PURPOSE

This interview will provide you with an opportunity to amplify your position on the tobacco legislation in the Memorial Day weekend issue of *USA Today*.

II. BACKGROUND

Susan Page will serve as the primary interviewer and will ask you about on tobacco for a story in the four-day Memorial Day issue of *USA Today*. With a projected circulation of 3.3 million, this issue has one of the largest circulations of the year. Your last interview with *USA Today* was on June 11, 1997 for an article on Father's Day.

Susan is interested in forwarding the tobacco story and, of course, making news on the issue. She intends to ask you why the bill has run into problems in Congress, the tobacco industry's campaign against the bill, and about the Democrats who claim the bill does not do enough. In addition, she plans to ask a few questions on the Chinese satellite stories. Specific questions and answers are attached.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Mike McCurry
Susan Page, *USA Today*
Bill Nichols, *USA Today*

IV. PRESS PLAN

Interview is exclusive to *USA Today*. The story will run in the Friday, May 22, 1998 issue.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Tobacco Q&A

China Q&A (To be forwarded)

Current Articles

Debate will decide shape of tobacco bill, *USA Today*, Monday, May 18, 1998

Teen-age smokers can't kick the habit: They say Washington's tobacco drive should focus on preschoolers, *The Detroit News*, Friday, May 8, 1998

Clinton, Republican leaders spar over teen smoking, *USA Today*, Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Settlement is a 'cookie jar' of budget cash, *USA Today*, Friday, April 10, 1998

Transcript of ABC News (May 19, 1998)

Tobacco Q&A's
USA Today Interview
May 21, 1998

Q. The tobacco bill has encountered problems along the way. Why is that? Who is to blame?

A. This is bold, landmark legislation that takes on a number of very important issues and evokes strong opinions. No one said passing comprehensive legislation designed to reduce youth smoking would be easy, and we have overcome numerous challenges to get where we are today with a bill on the Senate floor. Of course, the latest challenge we face is ensuring that tobacco farmers are adequately protected. I have made protecting tobacco farmers and farming communities a top priority for this legislation, and I believe that Senator Ford's LEAF Act, which was included in the bill, fully meets that standard. I am deeply troubled by the Senate Leadership's recent attempt to undermine protection for tobacco farmers and their communities. I sincerely hope that the Senate will work through this impasse and ensure that small, family farmers are protected.

Q. Do you think the tobacco industry's campaign is working?

A. The American people understand that the tobacco companies are just playing politics. It is no surprise that the tobacco industry would oppose the legislation in the Senate, because it is in their interest to object to it now to prevent it from getting even tougher. But I believe that the American people want to change the way the tobacco companies do business and to stop them from targeting our kids. And we are now closer than ever to getting comprehensive tobacco legislation which will dramatically reduce youth smoking.

Q. The GOP is trying to kill this bill, but what about the voices on the left saying it doesn't go far enough?

A. Our negotiations with Senators McCain and Hollings significantly strengthened the bill in the key areas where I called for improvements: namely, strengthening the lookback surcharges, including strong company-specific surcharges; strengthening the environmental tobacco smoke protections; eliminating the antitrust exemption; improving the liability provisions; and funding my public health priorities. And if the bill is genuinely improved in other areas, I certainly will not object.

Q. Some Republicans say Democrats are just playing politics, and would rather have a good issue than pass a bill. Is this true?

A. This isn't about politics. It's about reducing teen smoking. Tobacco has never been a political issue for me. When we first proposed the FDA rule in 1995, some of my

advisers thought I was committing political suicide. When you do the right thing, there's plenty of credit to go around.

Q. Are you happy about how the money in this bill is spent?

A. Yes. I've always said this isn't about the money, it's about getting kids not to smoke. That's what this bill tries to do. It makes an unprecedented commitment to health research cessation, and counteradvertising to tell kids not to start. It helps states invest in health and children, and hopefully we will resolve this impasse over farmers to make sure small family farmers are protected.

Q. Do you need the tobacco companies to come back to the table to make this work?

A. Obviously, we can do more to reduce teen smoking if the companies cooperate than if they keep on advertising to kids and keep fighting us in court. The First Amendment limits what we can do to restrict advertising without their consent -- and advertising has an enormous impact on getting kids to start smoking (34% of young people start because of advertising, according to a recent JAMA study). So I hope the companies do go along in the end.

THE CHINA Q's & A's
FOR THE *USA TODAY* INTERVIEW
WILL BE FORWARDED

Debate will decide shape of tobacco bill

By Wendy Koch
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Senate plans to begin debate today, and will probably vote later this week, on a landmark tobacco-control bill that aims to reduce teen smoking by imposing unprecedented restrictions on the tobacco industry.

Prospects for passing the controversial bill, crafted by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have improved in recent days. The White House signaled its endorsement Friday after McCain agreed to make several changes that would expose the industry to higher legal penalties.



Gannett News Service

"The McCain bill meets the core principles the president has asked for in comprehensive tobacco legislation," Julia Payne, White House spokeswoman, said Sunday in an interview.

To put pressure on the Senate, President Clinton and Vice President Gore are planning to greet 1,000 schoolchildren Wednesday during an anti-smoking rally at the White House.

Yet it's far from clear whether McCain's bill, which would increase cigarette prices, restrict industry advertising to youth and allow nicotine regulation, will have enough votes to prevail.

The industry, which has successfully killed other anti-tobacco measures, has launched a multimillion-dollar campaign against it.



Tobacco and jobs: Tobacco workers have protested a bill by Sen. John McCain, left. Union leader James 'Sonny' Luellen, center, says the bill will cost jobs.

Senators agree on the bill's goal of reducing teen smoking, which has risen by nearly a third in the past six years, but they disagree so widely on how to do it that the debate risks becoming a free-for-all of competing ideas.

They're divided on how much, if at all, to raise cigarette prices, and what, if any, legal protections the industry should receive. They'll also debate assistance to tobacco farmers, restrictions on second-hand smoke and curbs on how cigarette makers market abroad.

Even if the Senate approves legislation, it's unclear the House will follow. House Republican leaders have criticized McCain's bill, but they've yet to propose their own plan.

White House domestic policy adviser

Bruce Reed said once the Senate approves a bill, "the House will be under tremendous pressure to do the same."

A USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll taken May 8-10 shows Americans are ambivalent about several provisions of the McCain bill, including its penalties on tobacco companies if teen smoking rates don't fall. Yet 87% favor the proposed industry restrictions on advertising and selling to minors.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott told CNBC's Tim Russert on Saturday that there's at least a "50-50 chance" something will pass the Senate. But Lott warned that the debate could "get out of control and just explode."

The Senate's second-ranking Republican, Don Nickles of Oklahoma, has

said he wants to kill the McCain bill.

Lott predicted that if the Senate passes a bill, it will probably resemble the agreement reached last June between the industry and 40 state attorneys general. That accord, which would cost the industry \$368.5 billion over 25 years, also would increase cigarette prices and restrict the industry's youth advertising. But it would give cigarette makers broad protection against future lawsuits.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is expected today to propose a substitute bill patterned largely after the June accord.

In contrast, those advocating a McCain-style comprehensive bill predict they'll win. "It seems to me that we have the votes," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle told reporters Friday.

Daschle said many senators want a bill that's tough on the industry. As proof, he pointed to the Senate Finance Committee's bipartisan approval Thursday of an amendment to increase cigarette prices by \$1.50 over three years, rather than the \$1.10 over five years called for in McCain's bill.

Under the agreement worked out with the White House, the McCain bill will be amended to give the industry fewer legal protections and to increase its potential annual legal damages from \$6.5 billion to \$8 billion. It would increase the fines the industry would have to pay if youth smoking doesn't drop.

The bill will also specify how to spend the estimated \$65 billion that it would raise over five years from higher cigarette prices: 40% would go to the states, 22% to federal medical research, 22% on anti-tobacco efforts and the rest to help tobacco farmers whose businesses are hurt by a decline in smoking.

Senate to tackle landmark tobacco bill

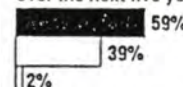
The public strongly favors restricting cigarette sales to minors but is mixed on other major provisions of the tobacco control bill.



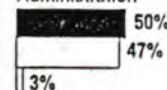
Congress is considering several proposals regarding the tobacco industry. What do you think?

■ Favor
□ Oppose

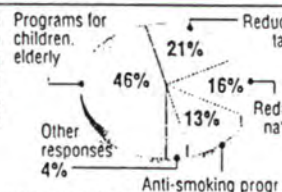
1. Increasing federal taxes on cigarettes by \$1.10 a pack over the next five years



2. Classifying nicotine as a drug so that it can be regulated by the federal Food and Drug Administration



How would you like the government to use the additional revenue an increased federal tax on cigarettes would raise?



Source: USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup telephone poll of 1,007 adults May 8-10. Margin of error: ±3 percentage points.

B. Kevin Reilly/USA

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HEADLINE: Teen-age smokers can't kick the habit: They say Washington's tobacco drive should focus on preschoolers

BYLINE: By Susan Page and Wendy Koch / USA Today

BODY:

CUMBERLAND, Md. -- Fawn Hast doesn't usually pay for her pack-a-day habit, bumming cigarettes from mom and sis.

But she admits smoking has cost her a lot, from her spot on the girls' track team to her relationship with her father, "the biggest anti-smoker in the world."

She's addicted, Hast said, and she'd like to quit. But she and many of her classmates at Fort Hill High School doubt that the remedies being prescribed in Washington will stop most teens from smoking.

"There's no way you can really stop anyone," said Hast, 15.

How to prevent teen-agers from starting a lifelong tobacco habit is now the subject of fierce debate. Despite dire warnings, youth smoking rates have risen nearly a third in the past six years.

This month, the Senate probably will consider a bill that would levy penalties of \$ 516 billion on the tobacco industry over 25 years, increase the price of a cigarette pack by \$ 1.10 and impose tough restrictions on advertising and sales. House Republican leaders are are looking at a bill with fewer fines.

Whatever their approach, members of Congress and President Clinton say their primary goal is to reduce underage smoking. The Senate bill sets a goal of reducing teen smoking by 60 percent over 10 years.

Last week, USA Today polled the sophomore class at Fort Hill High School. The survey found:

- * A fourth of the sophomore class smokes, with girls almost three times more likely to smoke than boys.

- * Almost a third of the smokers say they started before they were teen-agers, at age 12 or younger.

Their chief reaction to Washington's remedies, at least considered individually, was skepticism.

At 15 and 16, they say their smoking habits already are so entrenched that policymakers would do better to focus on their elementary-school siblings.

"In preschool," adds Nicole Shaidt, 15, a pack-a-day smoker who said she started at 9 or 10.

The research done already suggests that cigarette advertising is a powerful influence on teens.

A 1994 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the three brands young smokers buy most -- Marlboro, Camel and Newport -- were the three most heavily advertised.

But smoking clearly has become an entrenched part of teen-age culture, with an estimated 3,000 teens taking up the habit every day.

And soon many of them are in Hast's group. She has tried to quit smoking several times since starting at 12 or 13, only to relapse when she feels stressed and shaky.

"I become very mean" when not smoking, she said ruefully. "I'm just not a nice person to be around."

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Clinton, Republican leaders spar over teen smoking

By Susan Page and Wendy Koch
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — President Clinton called congressional Republicans defenders of Big Tobacco and its most famous cartoon character, Joe Camel, as battle lines hardened Tuesday over a bill to curb teen smoking.

With Democratic congressional leaders by his side in the Rose Garden, Clinton blasted "some in Congress" who "say that teen smoking has nothing to do with Joe Camel." He charged that the grinning dromedary is part of "unscrupulous marketing" aimed at hooking kids on cigarettes.

The reference to "some in Congress" was directed at House Speaker Newt Gingrich,

who at a fund-raiser on Monday night in Conshohocken, Pa., said teen smoking "has nothing to do with Joe Camel."

He cited instead such Hollywood stars as Leonardo DiCaprio, the teen heartthrob who smokes in the movie hit *Titanic*. "Now what do you think that says to 15-year-olds?" Gingrich asked.

The debate over who's to blame for enticing youths to smoke came amid growing disputes over the substance of proposed legislation to discourage them.

Senate Commerce Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., chief sponsor of a sweeping anti-tobacco bill, met with White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles on Tuesday and, briefly, with Clinton to discuss changes the adminis-



At White House: As Democrats Dick Gephardt and Tom Daschle listen Tuesday, President Clinton blasts Republicans over teen smoking.

tration wants.

But Gingrich reiterated that while he will support a bill targeting teen smoking, he'll fight McCain's approach as meaning "higher taxes, bigger bureaucracy and bigger government."

Senate Republican leaders

Trent Lott and Don Nickles said they favor Gingrich's approach of a narrow bill rather than the more comprehensive measure, which also would strengthen federal regulatory powers and force the industry to pay \$516 billion over 25

years.

The White House fought back hard, warning Republicans that they'll be painted as allies of the tobacco industry. "If the House Republican leadership keeps going in this direction, in a few days they're going to try to convince you that nicotine isn't addictive," senior adviser Rahm Emanuel said.

The House Commerce Committee planned to post on the Internet today 39,000 documents that are said to contain some of the tobacco industry's most guarded secrets. The address: www.house.gov/commerce.

The committee subpoenaed the documents, which have been part of a landmark tobacco trial in Minnesota. The industry failed in legal efforts, including an appeal to the Supreme Court, to block their release.

Contributing: Jill Lawrence

Clinton clears smoke around cigar criticism

WASHINGTON — When it comes to tobacco, President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich do agree on one thing:

Clinton probably shouldn't be smoking those big cigars.

In an interview Monday with USA TODAY, Gingrich suggested that Clinton's occasional cigar didn't send "the right signal" to young people. At a Rose Garden session with reporters Tuesday, the president ruefully agreed.

"I think he's probably right about that," he said.

But Clinton protested that "the only time I've done that since I was president"

was on the night pilot Scott O'Grady was rescued in Bosnia in 1995, when Clinton stepped out on the Truman Balcony for a celebratory smoke. He also was seen chomping on a cigar, perhaps unlit, in his African hotel suite this month after Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit was thrown out of court.

Clinton also shot back at Gingrich. To "point the finger" at that "isolated event" was "just a way of avoiding taking responsibility for doing the right thing" by passing a comprehensive tobacco bill, he said.

By Susan Page

USA TODAY • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1998

Settlement is a 'cookie jar' of budget cash

By Susan Page and William M. Welch
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — One reason President Clinton and congressional Republicans are so determined to seal a tobacco deal is that they already have decided how they want to spend the windfall it would bring.

Some of their most popular election-year proposals, from Clinton's plan to help parents pay for child care to GOP promises of tax cuts, would be threatened if Congress fails to pass a comprehensive tobacco settlement. Industry executives declared Wednesday that they were walking away from efforts to draft a deal, which would involve massive industry payments to settle legal costs and finance other programs.

"It is the cookie jar," says Robert Reischauer, former director of the Congressional Budget Office. "It allows both Republicans and Democrats to finance new initiatives in an election year while adhering to the restraints of the balanced budget agreement."

Without a deal, both sides say, they would choose to keep the budget balanced — one of their signal achievements — rather

than finance new spending. There is no optimism they would be able to pay for the proposals by agreeing on cuts in other programs.

The balanced budget already is being squeezed by the \$218 billion highway bill, \$33 billion of which is supposed to be offset by budget cuts.

So far, there have been lots of plans but there is little consensus on what to do with the tobacco money if it arrives.

On the wish lists:

► Clinton proposes to use tobacco money in his fiscal 1999 plan to create the "21st Century Research Fund for America," budgeted at \$25.3 billion over five years. The money also would finance Clinton's \$7.5 billion

Spending plan

President Clinton's spending plan for part of the tobacco settlement, in billions:

Budget	'99-'03 total
Federal programs	
Research Fund for America	\$25.3
EDA enforcement	\$1.24
Cancer trials for seniors	\$0.8
Smoking prevention	\$0.45
State programs	
Child care block grants	\$7.5
Initiative to reduce class sizes	\$7.3
Medicaid outreach to poor children	\$0.9
Other uses	
Including assistance for tobacco farmers	\$22.2
Total	\$65.5¹

¹ — Total based on rounded figures.
Source: U.S. budget; USA TODAY research

lion in child care grants to the states and his \$7.3 billion initiative to reduce elementary-school class sizes by hiring teachers and building schools.

► The Senate in its budget plan earmarked tobacco money to prolong the life of the Medicare Trust Fund.

► House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Budget Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, say any extra tobacco money should go to tax cuts. House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, is working on a plan that would devote the tobacco money to health-care related tax cuts.

"There's no question that without the tobacco revenues, several important initiatives sponsored both by Democrats and Republicans would be much more difficult to fund," says Gene Sperling, head of the White House's National Economic Council.

But he notes that the more important goal of the tobacco bill is health concerns, not budget demands.

The tobacco bill approved this month by a Senate committee would require the industry to pay \$516 billion over 25 years to the federal government.

Much of that money would be given to state governments to settle legal claims and finance anti-smoking campaigns.

Even without a comprehensive settlement, Commerce Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., says Congress has an old-fashioned way to generate more revenue: Raise the cigarette tax.

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ABC NEWS

SHOW: WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH PETER JENNINGS (6:30 pm ET)

MAY 19, 1998

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TYPE: PACKAGE

SECTION: NEWS

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HEADLINE: WILL PRICE INCREASE DETER TEEN SMOKERS?

BYLINE: AARON BROWN, PETER JENNINGS

HIGHLIGHT:

DEBATE OVER RAISING PRICE PER PACK BY \$1.50

BODY:

THIS IS A RUSH TRANSCRIPT. THIS COPY MAY NOT BE IN ITS FINAL FORM AND MAY BE UPDATED.

PETER JENNINGS: In Washington, there has been another round of testy debate in the Senate about a bill to regulate tobacco.

(voice-over) This one that would raise the price of cigarettes by \$1.50 a pack. Those in favor, including that senator, say that if cigarettes are more expensive, teenagers would buy fewer.

(on camera) The tobacco companies say that price is not a factor. Mind you, that's not what they've always said. Here's ABC's Aaron Brown.

AARON BROWN, ABC News: (voice-over) The industry argues that where underage smoking is concerned, the most basic law of economics does not apply -- charging more will not mean selling less.

STEVEN GOLDSTONE, Chairman & CEO, RJR Nabisco: As parents, we know that the reasons kids smoke aren't related to price.

AARON BROWN: (voice-over) In fact, industry ads argue, steep price increases will only make the problem worse.

NARRATOR (Tobacco Industry TV Ad): There will be a black market in cigarettes with unregulated access to kids.

AARON BROWN: (voice-over) The industry cites Canada as proof. In the early '80s, when Canada increased cigarette prices, a black market did emerge. But something else happened in Canada the tobacco industry does not mention.

DAVID SWEANOR, Non-Smokers' Rights-Canada: The price went up in Canada, consumption among teenagers plummeted.

AARON BROWN: (voice-over) The number of kids who smoked every day dropped by 60 percent in little more than a decade.

(on camera) The tobacco companies know this. The evidence of their knowledge is contained in their own files. This Philip Morris strategic planning document from the early '90s states it simply.

(voice-over) "There is no question that increasing taxes will cause a decrease in smoking. This point is best illustrated by the present situation in Canada." Five years earlier, a Philip Morris analysis of price increases concluded, "Price increases prevented 600,000 teenagers from starting to smoke. We don't need to have that happen again."

Today, Philip Morris tells a different story.

STEVEN PARRISH, Senior, Vice President, Philip Morris: There are a lot of things that have an impact on whether a kid is going to smoke. Price is not the only thing.

AARON BROWN: (voice-over) And no one on the anti-tobacco side claims it is. But they do say this...

DAVID SWEANOR: If there is anything more effective at reducing smoking among kids than price, we haven't found it yet.

AARON BROWN: (voice-over) And neither has anyone else. Aaron Brown, ABC News, New York.

PETER JENNINGS: Some other news today. The government has released its first study on the safety...

(voice-over) ...of those so-called personal watercraft, including things like jet skis and waverunners. They represent now a third of all new boats sold. To cut down on accidents, the government recommends the Coast Guard establish safety standards. The vast majority of people who have accidents had no safety instruction.

(on camera) Overseas in Belfast today, rock 'n' roll to promote peace.

BONO. U2: (singing) Just give peace a chance.

PETER JENNINGS: (voice-over) The familiar sounds of U2, including Bono, from Dublin sharing the stage with Protestant and Catholic politicians to encourage support for an historic referendum to be held Friday on the Northern Ireland

peace agreements that were negotiated with American help in April.

(on camera) In just a moment, is the government doing enough to make sure the drugs we take are safe? We have an ABC News investigation.

(Commercial Break)

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LOAD-DATE: May 20, 1998

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1998

NATO ENLARGEMENT RATIFICATION SIGNING CEREMONY

DATE: May 21, 1998

LOCATION: Rose Garden

TIME: 1:00 - 1:40 p.m.

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

(K) For

98 MAY 20 PM 2:04

I. PURPOSE

To sign the instrument of ratification for the accession of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to the NATO alliance.

To underscore the strong bipartisan support that produced the 80-19 Senate vote on April 30.

II. BACKGROUND

This signing ceremony provides you an opportunity to showcase America's leadership in enlarging NATO. It also gives you an opportunity to thank the many individuals, especially in Congress, who contributed to this success.

You have pledged to maintain a close and continuing dialogue with the Congress in the run-up to the April 1999 Washington Summit. This gathering will also underscore your commitment to fulfilling that pledge.

The signing will take place in the Rose Garden, with an audience of 200 prominent American and foreign supporters of enlargement. The Vice President will introduce Senator Biden to make brief remarks, followed by Senator Roth, who will introduce you. (A large Senate turnout may be dampened by scheduled debate on the tobacco legislation.) Following your remarks, you will sign the instrument of ratification.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See scenario.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE

See scenario.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES ARE TENTATIVE

SCENARIO FOR SIGNING OF THE
NATO INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
Oval Office/Rose Garden
May 21, 1998

- (12:15 p.m. Guests begin arriving at the East Visitors Entrance and are escorted to their seats in the Rose Garden.)
- 12:30 p.m. Pre-brief participants gather in the Oval Office:
President
Vice President
Madeleine Albright
Erskine Bowles
Sandy Berger
Don Kerrick
Jim Steinberg
Leon Fuerth
Don Bandler
Others TBD
- (12:50 p.m. Members of Congress will arrive at the West and be escorted to the Cabinet Room.)
- 1:00 p.m. Pre-brief ends. **The President** and Vice President remain in the Oval Office while the Pre-brief participants proceed to the Rose Garden and are escorted to their seats. (Or, depending on number of Congressional members attending, the pre-brief participants may remain in Oval to greet.)
- 1:02 p.m. **The President** and Vice President are joined by members of Congress (included among them will be Senators Biden and Roth who will speak at the event). Greetings are extended/photos are taken.
- 1:10 p.m. **The President**, the Vice President and other two speakers remain in the Oval; all others exit the Oval and are escorted to their positions in the Rose Garden.
- 1:12 p.m. Upon being announced, **the President**, the Vice President and other two speakers exit the Oval Office and proceed to their positions on stage.
- 1:14 p.m. The Vice President welcomes the group with brief remarks, then introduces **SENATOR BIDEN**.
- 1:17 p.m. **SENATOR BIDEN** makes remarks (3 minutes), then introduces **SENATOR ROTH**.

1:20 p.m. **SENATOR ROTH** makes remarks (3 minutes), then introduces **The President**.

1:23 p.m. **The President** welcomes everyone, recognizes select guests, then continues with remarks.

1:29 p.m. Remarks concluded, **the President**, along with the Vice President and the two Senators, proceed to the signing table. **The President** is seated and signs document (offstage announcement is made stating the type of document while the President is signing the Instrument of Ratification).

1:30 p.m. **The President** stands up, shakes hands with those behind him, then walks off stage, proceeds to shake hands with select individuals seated in the front rows.

1:40 p.m. **The President** exits the Rose Garden and returns to the Oval Office.

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**THE REMARKS
FOR THE NATO ENLARGEMENT EVENT
WILL BE FORWARDED**

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1998

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF TROPHY PRESENTATION

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 1998

LOCATION: Rose Garden

TIME: 5:45 p.m.

FROM: Alan P. Sullivan



I. PURPOSE

To present the Commander in Chief Trophy to the Air Force Academy Football Team

II. BACKGROUND

President Clinton has awarded the Commander in Chief Trophy to the winning academy every year.

III. PARTICIPANTS

President

General Henry H. Shelton

General Michael Ryan, USAF (Air Force Chief of Staff)

Lieutenant General Tad Oelstrom, USAF (Academy Superintendent)

50 Air Force Academy team members

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

To be provided by Social Office

5/20/98 2:24 pm

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TROPHY
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAY 21, 1998**

[Acknowledgments: Secretary Cohen; Senator Thurmond; General Michael Ryan; Superintendent (Lt. Gen.) Tad Oelstrom [ole-strum]; Coach Fisher DeBerry [da-BEAR-ee]; Chris Gizzi [hard g] and Jeff Mohr [more] (two players presenting jersey and hat)]

I am pleased to present this year's Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to the United States Air Force Academy. This is the eleventh time the Air Force Academy has won the trophy. Since I became President, I have presented it to the Falcons every year except 1996. You have achieved a remarkable record. I've asked Secretary Cohen to include a special study of your success in our next quadrennial defense review.

This year's team showed real character. You won your first seven games, and ended up going 10-2 in the regular season. Charles Gilliam rushed for 741 yards, and scored 6 touchdowns. Blane Morgan also rushed for six touchdowns, and threw for 975 yards. Chris Gizzi [hard g] had 179 tackles, the third most in school history. "The Giz" proved over and over again that he has a real nose for football [*fyi: his nose was stitched up after every game*].

And Coach DeBerry [da-BEAR-ee], you deserve a lot of credit for inspiring this team's performance. You are the winningest coach in Academy history. Your knowledge of the game and your calm leadership have a lot to do with this success. But you are also a man who excites his team with unexpected displays of emotion on the sideline. I suspect that part of the reason these Falcons flew so high is that they were supremely pumped up by the "chicken dance" you did after beating Navy and Army.

One of my predecessors, Teddy Roosevelt, would admire this team. In his book *The Strenuous Life* (1900), he wrote, "In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard." Your competitive drive, teamwork and hard work brought you here. May you continue to "hit the line hard" in your careers and your service to our nation.

All of us here at the White House are proud of the three academy football programs, and the fine example you set as scholar-athletes. But the 1997 Falcons have proven they deserve the trophy. Your timing could not have been better. Last fall we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Air Force, and you gave us something extra to cheer for.

Let me repeat my congratulations to Coach DeBerry, to the team, and to the Air Force Academy. You not only aim high – you find what you aim for. [*Air Force motto—"Aim High"*]

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1998

SONS OF ITALY FOUNDATION DINNER

DATE: May 21, 1998
LOCATION: National Building Museum
TIME: 8:40 p.m.
FROM: Maria Echaveste
Christine Stanek

I. PURPOSE

To acknowledge the contributions of the Italian American community to this country and re-affirm the Administration's initiatives as they relate to the community.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the tenth anniversary of the Sons of Italy Foundation's Annual National Education and Leadership Awards gala. The NELA Gala raises money for academic scholarships and has raised in an excess of \$26 million. This year twelve outstanding scholars will receive scholarships ranging from \$4,000 - \$10,000.

The dinner is honoring two prominent Italian American individuals, Philip Guarascio, Executive Vice President of General Motors Corporation and Frank Sinatra. Frank Sinatra will be awarded the Sons of Italy humanitarian award for his extraordinary philanthropic generosity. Philip Guarascio is the 1998 Gala dinner honoree and General Motors Corporation is serving as the principal Gala sponsor.

The Sons of Italy Foundation's parent group, Order Sons of Italy is the longest standing and largest organization representing Americans of Italian heritage. OSIA has been a strong supporter of the Administration and its priority initiatives. This will be your first appearance at the Sons of Italy dinner.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Greeters:

Paul Polo, President, Sons of Italy Foundation
Dr. Phil Piccigallo, National Executive Director, Sons of Italy Foundation
Secretary Andrew Cuomo

Stage Participants:

Regis Philbin

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

YOU will be greeted by Secretary Cuomo, Paul Polo and Phil Piccigallo

YOU will proceed to the stage

Regis Philbin will introduce **YOU**

YOU give brief remarks.

YOU work the rope line and depart

VI. REMARKS

Provided by speech writing

THE REMARKS
FOR THE SONS OF ITALY DINNER
WILL BE FORWARDED

Friday, May 22, 1998

2:40 PM

Tape Radio Address
and Radio Actualities

Tab A

- Remarks

Tab B

Friday, May 22, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1998

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Clear and cooler. Winds north-northwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 55 to 60. High 72 to 77.

ANNAPOLIS, MD
Partly cloudy. Winds north-northwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 55 to 60. High 71 to 76.

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Friday, May 22, 1998

2:25 pm-
2:40 pm

BRIEFING
ROOSEVELT ROOM
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Julianne Corbett

2:40 pm-
3:10 pm

TAPE RADIO ADDRESS
ROOSEVELT ROOM
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

Note: Immediately following the Radio Address, radio actualities will be taped for " Message for the 2nd Annual 100 Black Men of America Father's Day Nation Radiothon" and "Northern Ireland Peace Accord Referendums."

AFTERNOON AND EVENING OFF

TBD

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart The White House via Marine One en route Camp David

BC/HRC RON

TBD

May 21, 1998 (6:49pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 21, 1998

TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

DATE: May 22, 1998
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
TIME: 2:40 PM
FROM: Julianne Corbett
Deputy Director of Radio

I. PURPOSE

You will discuss Thursday's school shooting in Springfield, Oregon. You will renew your call for tougher measures to help make sure our children are protected from such senseless violence.

II. BACKGROUND

In response to this incident, and previous attacks in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Paducah, Kentucky, and Pearl, Mississippi, you have directed Attorney General Janet Reno to bring together experts on school violence to analyze these incidents.

You have delivered radio addresses on this issue in March and December.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing

The President
Rahm Emanuel
Bruce Reed
Ann Lewis
Jose Cerda
Jordan Tamagni

Taping

The President
Julianne Corbett
Rebecca Cameron
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) staff
White House Television
White House Photographer
Approx. 40 guests (see attached guest list)

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

Briefing

Tape Radio Address

Greet guests

NOTE: Immediately following the Radio Address, radio actualities will be taped for "A Father's Day Message to Black America" and "Northern Ireland Peace Accord Referendums". See attached briefing memos.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by the Office of Speechwriting.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1998

**TAPED GREETING FOR AMERICAN URBAN RADIO NETWORK
FATHER'S DAY RADIOTHON**

DATE: May 22, 1997
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
TIME: 2:40 PM
FROM: Megan Moloney

I. PURPOSE

To record a 90-120 second message for the Second Annual Black Men of America Father's Day National Radiothon which airs live, Sunday, June 12th from 2:00-6:00 pm ET.

II. BACKGROUND

You recorded a message for last year's inaugural radiothon.

Founded in 1986, 100 Black Men of America has 64 chapters in 24 states including Washington, DC. Its mission is to service the nation's youth by providing programs emphasizing education, anti-violence and economic development. The radiothon is designed to promote the strength of the black family, pay tribute to African-American fathers, promote the organization and raise funds so the national and local chapters can continue their work. Other guests expected to participate in person or by taping messages include: Denzel Washington, Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Debbie Allen

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Julianne Corbett
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) staff
White House Television(WHTV)
White House photographer

IV. PRESS PLAN

The radiothon is being produced by the American Urban Radio Network. AURN has 226 affiliate stations nationwide and in predominately African-American markets reaches 90.4% of the population. Nationwide, AURN affiliates reach 72.1% of the general population.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Tape following Radio Address

VI. REMARKS

To be forwarded by the Office of Speechwriting.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1998

TAPED RADIO ACTUALITY

DATE: May 22, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 2:40 pm
FROM: Megan Moloney

I. PURPOSE

To record a message congratulating the results of the Northern Ireland peace accord referendum.

II. BACKGROUND

The referendum on the Northern Ireland peace accord takes place on May 22, but the votes won't be counted until the following day. The results should be known by Noon ET on Saturday

You recorded a message earlier this week calling for passage of the referendum

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Julianne Corbett
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) staff
White House Television (WHTV)
White House photographer

IV. PRESS PLAN

The message will be released to Irish, British and American press on the successful passage of the Northern Ireland Peace Accord referendum.

V. REMARKS

To be forwarded by NSC Speechwriting

THE REMARKS
FOR THE WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS
WILL BE FORWARDED

Monday, May 25, 1998

8:30 AM	Memorial Day Breakfast	Tab A
9:50 AM	Phone Call	Distributed Separately
10:55 AM	Wreath-Laying Ceremony and Memorial Day Service	Tab B
	- Remarks	Tab C

Monday, May 25, 1998
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FOR
MONDAY, MAY 25, 1998**

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Mostly cloudy with a chance for isolated
afternoon thunderstorms and rain showers.
Winds southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 62 to
67. High 81 to 86.*

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Monday, May 25, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Monday, May 25, 1998
*Revised Final Schedule***

8:15 am- **BRIEFING**
8:30 am **MAP ROOM**
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Capricia Marshall

8:30 am- **MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST**
9:30 am **BLUE ROOM**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall, Maria Echaveste
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

Note: Breakfast guests must leave by 9:30 am for Arlington Cemetery.

- The President arrives in the Blue Room for a meet and greet.
- **The President** does a receiving line with guests.
- Upon conclusion of the receiving line, **the President** departs.

9:40 am- **BRIEFING**
9:50 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

9:50 am- **FOREIGN POLICY PHONE CALL**
10:20 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

10:20 am- **BRIEFING FOR ARLINGTON CEMETERY EVENTS**
10:35 am **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

May 24, 1998 (3:48pm)

Monday, May 25, 1998

10:40 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs The White House via motorcade en route Arlington National Cemetery
[drive time: 10 minutes]

10:50 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Arlington National Cemetery

Note: There will be a twenty-one gun salute sounded as the President enters the cemetery.

Greeters: Togo West, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 Major General Robert Foley, Commander, Military District of Washington

10:55 am-

11:05 am

**WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER**

Arlington National Cemetery

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

OPEN PRESS

- **The President**, accompanied by Major General Robert Foley, is escorted by Honor Guard to his position.
- "The Star Spangled Banner" is performed.
- **The President**, accompanied by Military Honor Guards, places the wreath on the stand.
- "Taps" is played.
- A moment of silence is observed.
- Major General Foley and Secretary Togo West escort **the President** to the Display Room.

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11:10 am-
11:55 am

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

AMPHITHEATER

Arlington National Cemetery

Remarks: Ted Widmer

Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

OPEN PRESS

- **The President** is escorted by Major General Robert Foley onto the dais.
- The Colors are presented.
- The invocation is given by Naval Chaplain George D. Copper, Military District of Washington.
- "The Star Spangled Banner" is performed by the United States Navy Band.
- A musical selection entitled "Eternal Father" is performed by the Navy Sea Changers, accompanied by the United States Navy Band.
- Major General Robert Foley makes welcoming remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- "America the Beautiful" is performed by the Navy Sea Chanters, accompanied by the United States Navy Band.
- The benediction is given by Chaplain George D. Copper.
- "Taps" is played.
- The Colors are retired.
- "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is performed by the United States Navy Band.
- **The President** departs.

May 24, 1998 (3:48pm)

Monday, May 25, 1998

12:00 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs Arlington National Cemetery via
motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 10 minutes]

12:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

AFTERNOON AND EVENING OFF

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

May 24, 1998 (3:48pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1998

MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST

DATE: May 25, 1998
LOCATION: East Room, The White House
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. TM
Maria Echaveste
Anne McGuire

I. PURPOSE

To attend a Memorial Day Breakfast in honor of military veterans, in recognition of their service to our country.

II. BACKGROUND

This is an annual event in honor of military veterans. Guests are primarily leaders of national veterans service organizations. Other guests include officials from the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Labor. Veterans Affairs is the lead agency, though the Departments of Defense and Labor, for the first time, are serving as co-sponsors.

You will meet briefly in the Blue Room with Secretary West and Gail West, and Deputy Secretary Gober and Mary Lou Keener. Following, you will host a receiving line with Secretary West.

III. PARTICIPANTS

National leaders of veterans service organizations, other veterans, and Veterans Affairs and Defense officials. Approximately 200 guests will attend.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Closed to the Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8:15 a.m.	Briefing	Map Room
8:35 a.m.	Courtesy Greeting With Secretary West and Gail West, and Deputy Secretary Gober and Mary Lou Keener	Blue Room
8:45 a.m.	Receiving Line with Secretary West	Blue Room
9:30 a.m.	End	

VI. REMARKS

None required.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1998

WREATH-LAYING AND ADDRESS
AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

DATE: May 25, 1998
LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery
TIME: 10:50 a.m.
FROM: Thurgood Marshall, Jr. TM
Maria Echaveste AS
Anne McGuire

I. PURPOSE

To place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and to address a Memorial Day observance in honor of active duty military personnel and veterans, in recognition of their service to our country.

II. BACKGROUND

This is an annual event in honor of active duty military personnel and veterans in recognition of their service to our country. It is a public event with featured guests being military veterans and officials from the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and other government agencies. The Department of Defense and the Military District of Washington are your hosts.

You will be greeted by Major General Robert Foley and Secretary West. You will be escorted to the Tomb by Major General Foley and, later, introduced by him to the crowd. Representing the Department of Defense will be Navy Secretary Dalton. The Department of Veterans Affairs will be represented by Secretary West and Deputy Secretary Gober.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Active duty military personnel, leaders of veterans service organizations, other veterans, and Veterans Affairs and Defense officials are the featured guests.

The official host for event is Major General Foley. He will participate alongside you in laying the wreath at the Tomb. He will also introduce you to the crowd. Also on stage will be Superintendent Metzler and MDW Chaplain Copper.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** arrive at Arlington National Cemetery through McClellan Gate. A 21-gun salute announces your arrival.
- **YOU** dismount on flagstone walk north side of amphitheater, to be greeted by official party and briefed by Major General Foley.
- **YOU** and the official party are escorted into position.
- The National Anthem of the United States, "The Star Spangled Banner," is played.
- **YOU** and Major General Foley proceed to the Tomb of the Unknowns for the wreath-laying.
- After **YOU** place the wreath, there will be four muffled Ruffles and then "Taps," followed by 30 seconds of silence.
- Major General Foley will escort **YOU** into the Display Room.
- The official party is organized for the Amphitheater program.
- Amphitheater program (See attached).
- **YOU** proceed to motorcade and depart. A 21-gun salute announces your departure.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks to be provided by speechwriting.

SEQUENCE

MUSICAL PRELUDE....."The Virginians"
Master Sergeant James L. Hosay / The United States Army Band

PRESIDENTIAL WREATH LAYING

MUSICAL SELECTION....."The Sinfonians"
Clifton Williams / The United States Army Band

ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

INVOCATION.....Chaplain (Captain) George D. Copper
United States Navy Military District of Washington

HONORS TO THE NATION....."The Star Spangled Banner"
Francis Scott Key / The United States Army Band

MUSICAL SELECTION....."Battle Hymn of The Republic"
Julia Ward Howe
Master Sergeant James L. Hosay / The United States Army Chorus

OFFICIAL WELCOME.....Major General Robert F. Foley
Commanding General, United States Army Military District of Washington

MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS.....The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

MUSICAL SELECTION....."The Testament of Freedom"
Randell Thompson / arranged by John D. Corley, Jr.
The United States Army Band / The United States Army Chorus

BENEDICTION.....Chaplain (Captain) George D. Copper
United States Navy Military District of Washington

TAPS

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

POSTLUDE....."The Stars And Stripes Forever"
John Philip Sousa / The United States Army Band

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5/23/98 3:54 pm

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
MEMORIAL DAY REMARKS
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
MAY 25, 1998**

[Acknowledgments: Secretary Dalton; Secretary West; General Shelton; General McCaffrey; Major General Robert Foley (Commander of the Military District of Washington); Superintendent John Metzler (Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery); Chaplain Cooper (Captain George Cooper, USN); veterans; members of the armed forces; friends and families; fellow Americans]

We gather today on sacred ground for a sacred purpose. As spring turns to summer, as Americans around the nation take a day to enjoy friends and family, we come to Arlington Cemetery to remember how much was given so we could enjoy these precious gifts. We come to express our profound respect for those who are not here, but gave all for *us* to be here ... in this place, in this moment ... peaceful, prosperous and free.

Memorial Day began with our most deadly conflict, the Civil War. To this day, the children of Gettysburg spread flowers over the graves of those who fell there. But the debt we owe our veterans and fallen heroes goes back well before the War Between the States. It goes back to the very origin of America, when people from all lands came to this continent to forge a new kind a society. A society where people enjoyed the freedom to pursue their highest aspirations ... where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were the birthright of all Americans ... where war was undertaken only when these ideals were severely threatened. Those ideals shaped us then ... and they shape us today.

At the beginning of our history, and until the present day, we have learned this hard truth: freedom must be defended. But nothing is more worthy of defending. From the American Revolution onward, from Concord to Khe Sanh [kay sahn] to Kuwait, America's men and women have always stood up for their country. And let me say how proud I am that we now have a beautiful monument to the 1.8 million servicewomen who have served our nation: the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, dedicated here at Arlington last October.

Thanks to these heroes, our nation has grown into something extraordinary. We are more than a large nation, or a strong nation, or a populous nation. The United States is today a force for peace around the world ... bringing parties together ... promoting new solutions to old problems ... setting an example for other friends of freedom as they, too, seek something better.

We have much to be grateful for today. Our nation is at peace. Our prosperity has never been greater. And for the first time in history, a majority of the world's people live under governments of their own choosing. In a thousand different languages, people are saying "yes" to democracy and a new era of international cooperation.

As we anticipate a better future, Memorial Day also invites us to remember the past. Let us recall two events from fifty years ago, a time when democracy was imperiled. I was just in Berlin, where we commemorated the airlift that supplied two and a half million people for eleven harrowing months in 1948 and 1949. Those were difficult days for freedom. But Americans never soared higher. I'd like to salute the men and women who participated in that remarkable humanitarian effort.

And fifty years ago, our armed forces helped promote democracy at home, too. In the summer of 1948, President Truman ordered the integration of America's armed forces because he felt strongly that anyone willing to risk their life for their country should enjoy the full rights of citizenship. Today, U.S. troops set a shining example of how well different people can work together as one. As we ask other nations to resolve internal differences ... as we continue the work of resolving ours ... we depend on the powerful message of hope that comes from our multi-racial, multi-ethnic military. You meet every challenge with flying colors.

When we think of the heroes buried here at Arlington, we realize how far we have come as a nation. The entire story of America is written in these hills. Each headstone is a page from our history. George Washington is part of the history of this hallowed ground. There are graves from the Revolution, the Civil War and every conflict since then.

Many of the most famous American names are engraved on these stones. And there are thousands here at Arlington whose names are not familiar to anyone but their families and loved ones. On each of these white tablets is a name, a date of birth, and a date of death. The name of a state ... a religious symbol ... perhaps a few details about rank and service. There is an immense grandeur in these simple facts. They do not tell us much ... but they tell us everything. For each stone stands for a person who once lived in this nation and believed the idea of America was worth fighting for. We must never lose sight of these unsung heroes. They are a part of America's greatness.

And then there are those who have no names. Eleven days ago a Vietnam veteran was removed from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was the right course of action. There is a chance we can restore his name and bring comfort to his family, and we must seize it. But if that place in Arlington is now empty, our hearts and memories will never be. We will never stop praying for the unknown soldiers in Vietnam, Korea and other theaters where Americans lie, far away from home, missing in action, but still with us in spirit. We take great comfort in something Chaplain Leo Joseph O'Keeffe reminded us of at the ceremony on May 14: that if some names are unknown to us on earth, all names are known to God in heaven. I ask Americans to join me in a moment of remembrance at 3 o'clock today Eastern Daylight Time, to honor the known and unknown who gave their all for our nation.

I would like to thank the veterans who are here today, from all the wars of the 20th century, from all the parts of the United States. Without your sacrifice, we would not be standing in the sunlight today. You cast a giant shadow.

The children here will spend most of their lives in the next century. The youngest among us will not even remember the 20th century. It is possible they will glimpse the 22nd century. My hope is that they will look back on us as a people who discharged our duties well and responsibly.

Just as America's bravest men and women fought two World Wars and a Cold War to give us the freedom we enjoy; so we must keep fighting to make the world better for people we do not yet know and may never know. We must strengthen freedom by maintaining America's leading role in the world. To abdicate responsibility now would be to renounce the sacrifice of ten generations of Americans.

In the twilight of this century, as the dawn rises on the next, it falls to us to guard the freedom we have inherited. By strengthening the ties that bind free peoples ... by staying true to the values on which our nation was founded and to which the world aspires ... we ensure that another generation can gather in this theater and say that we honored the trust. We protected the freedom our ancestors passed to us, and held it in safekeeping for those who will come here long after us. We helped make their century – the 21st century – a century of peace. By never giving up the struggle, we made possible a new chapter in our nation's history, and we extended the glory of the patriots who lie here, missing from our lives, but eternally present in our memories and the living spirit of America.

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10:30 AM	Meeting	Distributed Separately.
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11:15 AM	Economic Statement	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1998**

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

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*Mostly cloudy with a chance for scattered rain
showers and thunderstorms. Winds south at 8
to 12 knots. Low 63 to 69. High 80 to 85.*

May 22, 1998 (6:37pm)

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Tuesday, May 26, 1998
*Final Schedule***

10:15 am-
10:30 am

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

10:45 am-
11:15 am

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

11:15 am-
11:45 am

ECONOMIC STATEMENT
ROSE GARDEN
Remarks: Lowell Weiss
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

- The Vice President makes welcoming remarks and introduces Jack Lew, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.
- Jack Lew makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING OFF

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC**

May 22, 1998 (6:37pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1998

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RELEASE OF THE BUDGET SURPLUS IN
THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET'S MID-SESSION REVIEW**

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 1998
TIME: 11:15am-11:45pm
LOCATION: Rose Garden
FROM: Gene Sperling
Jack Lew

I. PURPOSE

To reveal budget surplus figure in the Mid-Session Review, to continue to press the Administration's message of preserving the surplus until Social Security reform is addressed, and to take aim at those who propose using the surplus for other purposes.

II. BACKGROUND

As you know, the Mid-Session Review is OMB's official budget update, typically released during the summer, refining the economic projections first issued when the federal budget is released in early February. The Mid-Session Review will reveal that, for the first time in 29 years, the federal budget will achieve surplus. In fact, the review will show that the surplus for FY 98 will be the largest surplus in dollar terms in all of U.S. history and the largest as a percentage of GDP in over 40 years (since 1957).

III. PARTICIPANTS

Pre-brief participants:

- The President
- The Vice President
- Erskine Bowles
- Jack Lew
- Gene Sperling
- Janet Yellen
- Rahm Emanuel
- Paul Begala
- Sylvia Mathews
- John Podesta

Event participants:

- The President
- The Vice President
- Jack Lew
- Gene Sperling
- Erskine Bowles
- Janet Yellen
- Secretary Rubin
- Secretary Daley
- Secretary Herman
- Larry Summers

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

--You will meet with your advisors in the oval.

--Then you, the Vice President, and your economic advisors will walk out to the Rose Garden.

--The Vice President speaks

--Jack Lew speaks and then will present your with Mid-Session Review

--You speak

V. PRESS COVERAGE

Open

VI. REMARKS

Speechwriting to provide

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Draft 5/25/98 5:10pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON PROJECTED BUDGET SURPLUS
THE ROSE GARDEN
May 26, 1998

Acknowledge: VP Gore, Jack Lew, Gene Sperling, Janet Yellen.

The mid-session review that Acting Director Lew has just presented to me contains very good news for the American people. It is now official: This year, well ahead of the most ambitious schedule, America has balanced the budget. In fact, as the chart behind me shows, America's achievement will not stop there. OMB projects that we will produce a budget surplus of \$TK billion this year -- the largest surplus in all of U.S. history. And if we stick to our course of fiscal discipline and hold all surpluses until we have strengthened Social Security, our surpluses are expected to grow to nearly \$TK billion by the year 2002. America can now turn off the deficit clock, long a sign of our leaders' failure of will, and plug in the surplus clock, a new symbol all Americans can look to with pride.

Given the speed with which America has reached this remarkable milestone, it is all too easy to forget just how far we have come. Six years ago, because of the drag of deficits our people were running in place and our nation was falling behind. On the day I took office, the deficit for this year was projected to top \$340 billion. How did America turn the greatest projected deficit in history into the greatest projected surplus? The old-fashioned way: We earned it. Our nation earned it as a result of hard work by the American people. And, as the Vice President just said, we earned it with the help of two visionary actions in Congress: the courageous vote in 1993 that led to a cut in the deficit of 90%, and the truly historic bipartisan balanced budget agreement passed by Congress last year.

Now that we are on the verge of realizing a surplus for the first time since Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, America faces a crucial decision. We can use these good times to honor those who have put in a lifetime of work and save the Social Security system for generations to come, or we can give in to the temptation of squandering our surpluses the moment they start coming in. I believe the choice is clear. I believe Social Security, a cornerstone of our society for the past six decades, must come first.

Unfortunately, the Republican leaders in Congress have a different idea. While Speaker Gingrich and others had offered to join me in saving Social Security first, the Republican budget now making its way through the House of Representatives does no such thing. It ignores the long-term challenge of shoring up Social Security in favor of short-term schemes that compromise our future. Let me be clear: I will oppose any budget that fails to set aside surpluses until we have strengthened Social Security for the 21st Century.

Today, our economy is the envy of the world. But this progress was not predestined. We must not abandon the strategy of fiscal discipline and investments in the future that is now expanding opportunity for American families. Instead, let us work together to maintain fiscal responsibility, save Social Security first, and prepare for an even brighter future for our people. Thank you very much.

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Wednesday, May 27, 1998

10:00 AM	Ambassador Credentials Ceremony	Tab A
10:45 AM (T)	Meeting	No Paper
11:45 AM	Meeting with Welfare-to-Work Partnership Board; Welfare-to-Work Event	Tab B
	- Board Meeting Talking Points	Tab C
	- Remarks	Tab D To Be Forwarded
	- Background	Tab E
	- Board Meeting Attendees	Tab F
1:45 PM	Video Taping for Black Leadership Forum Dinner	Tab G
	- Script	Tab H To Be Forwarded
7:15 PM	Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies Dinner	Tab I
	- Remarks	Tab J To Be Forwarded

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

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FOR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1998**

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Partly cloudy. Winds northeast to southeast
at 5 to 10 knots. Low 58 to 63. High 78 to 83.*

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**Schedule of the President
for
Wednesday, May 27, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00 am-	MEETING
9:15 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
9:15 am-	MEETING
9:30 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:30 am-	MEETING
9:45 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:00 am-	AMBASSADOR CREDENTIALS CEREMONY
10:30 am	OVAL OFFICE
	WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
10:45 am-	MEETING
11:15 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich
11:15 am-	BRIEFING
11:45 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

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11:45 am-
12:15 pm

**MEETING WITH WELFARE TO WORK PARTNERSHIP
BOARD**
ROOSEVELT ROOM
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
CLOSED PRESS

12:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Blue Room

12:25 pm-
12:30 pm

MEET AND GREET
BLUE ROOM
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

12:30 pm-
1:30 pm

WELFARE TO WORK EVENT
EAST ROOM
Remarks: Jordan Tamagni
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

- **The President**, accompanied by Eli Segal, CEO, Welfare to Work Partnership, Jerry Greenwald, Chairman and CEO, United Airlines and Chairman of the Board, Welfare to Work Partnership, and Rhonda Costa, is announced into the East Room to "Honors."
- Eli Segal makes remarks and introduces Jerry Greenwald.
- Jerry Greenwald makes remarks and introduces Rhonda Costa.
- Rhonda Costa makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- **The President** works a ropeline and departs.

1:35 pm-
1:45 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

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1:45	pm-	VIDEO TAPING FOR BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM DINNER
1:50	pm	CABINET ROOM
		Remarks: Laura Capps
		Staff Contact: Brenda Anders, Minyon Moore
2:00	pm-	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
6:30	pm	OVAL OFFICE
6:30	pm-	DOWN TIME
7:15	pm	

Note: The Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies events are black tie.
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7:15	pm-	MEET AND GREET
7:30	pm	BLUE ROOM
		Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
		Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
		CLOSED PRESS

7:30	pm-	FRIENDS OF ART AND PRESERVATION IN EMBASSIES
9:00	pm	DINNER
		TENT
		South Lawn
		Remarks: June Shih
		Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
		Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
		POOL PRESS (POST DINNER, REMARKS ONLY)

- **The President** and the First Lady are announced into the Tent to Honors.
- The First Lady makes welcoming remarks from her table.
- Dinner and dessert are served.
- Upon conclusion of dinner, **the President** and the First Lady are announced onto stage.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces Jo Carole Lauder, Chairman, Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies.

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- Jo Carole Lauder makes remarks and the presentation of Roy.
- Chuck Close makes remarks and introduces Robin Chandler Duke, President, Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies Millennium Program.
- Robin Chandler Duke makes remarks and presents Lichtenstein Print.
- Ann Gund, President, Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies, makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- **The President** and the First Lady have the option to dance.
- **The President** and First Lady depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 26, 1998 (7:48pm)

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WASHINGTON

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PRESENTATION OF
DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS

DATE: May 27, 1998

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 10:00-10:30 a.m.

FROM: SAMUEL R. BERGER 

I. PURPOSE

To receive diplomatic credentials of five new ambassadors who have arrived in Washington recently.

II. BACKGROUND

This event offers you the opportunity to receive credentials from foreign ambassadors who have recently been posted in Washington. The following five ambassadors will present their official credentials:

Ambassador Edgardo Dumas, The Republic of Honduras
Ambassador Baki Ilkin, The Republic of Turkey
Ambassador Pascal Bodjona, The Republic of Togo
Ambassador Lee Hong-koo, The Republic of South Korea
Ambassador Jaime Daremblum, The Republic of Costa Rica

III. PARTICIPANTS

The ambassadors, their families, myself, selected representatives from the Department of State and the NSC.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photos only.

V. SEQUENCE

Sequence of events is attached.

Attachments

Brief Biographical Data
Sequence of Events
Brief Points and Participants

DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS CEREMONY
THE WHITE HOUSE
Wednesday, May 27, 1998

9:25 a.m. The Ambassadors and families begin arriving at the Diplomatic Entrance via the South Portico of the White House. The Chief of Protocol, Mel French, greets each Ambassador and family and escorts them into the Diplomatic Reception Room where they are introduced to representatives of the National Security Council and Department of State.

Ambassadors and accompanying family members are escorted by representatives of the National Security Council and Department of State to the Guest Book (located in the Diplomatic Reception Room).

The Military Aide invites the Ambassador to sign the Guest Book.

After signing the Guest Book, the Ambassador and accompanying family members are escorted by the NSC and State representatives from the Diplomatic Reception Room down the hallway along the Colonnade thru the Cabinet Room and into the Roosevelt Room.

9:58 a.m. The first Ambassador (Honduras) and family, accompanied by the Chief of Protocol, NSC and Department of State representatives, are escorted from the Roosevelt Room to the hallway outside the Oval Office where they await the President.

10:00 a.m. The Chief of Protocol escorts the Ambassador and family, accompanied by the NSC and Department of State representatives, from the Hallway to the Oval Office and introduces the first Ambassador and family to the President.

Group photos of the Ambassador and family with the President are taken.

Following the photo ops, the group will be joined by Sandy Berger and the NSC and Department of State representatives, at which time there will be an exchange of documents.

The President has brief conversation with the Ambassador and his family. (All participants remain standing.)

10:05 a.m. At the conclusion of the meeting with the President, the NSC and Department of State representatives escort the Ambassador and his family to the Diplomatic Reception Room where they depart.

10:06 a.m. The second Ambassador (Turkey) and family, accompanied by the NSC and Department of State representatives, are escorted to the Oval Office and introduced to the President.

Group photos of Ambassador and family with the President are taken.

Following the photo ops, the group will be joined by Sandy Berger and the NSC and Department of State representatives, at which time there will be an exchange of documents.

The President has brief conversation with the Ambassador and his family. (All participants remain standing.)

10:11 a.m. At the conclusion of the meeting with the President, the NSC and Department of State representatives escort the Ambassador and his family to the Diplomatic Reception Room where they depart.

10:12 a.m. Remaining Ambassadors and their families follow the same scenario at five-minute intervals.

LIST OF AMBASSADORS, IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL:

Ambassador of The Republic of Honduras
Ambassador of The Republic of Turkey
Ambassador of The Republic of Togo
Ambassador of The Republic of South Korea
Ambassador of The Republic of Costa Rica

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WASHINGTON

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WELFARE TO WORK EVENT

DATE: May 27, 1998
LOCATION: East Room
BRIEFING TIME: 11:30 am
EVENT TIME: 11:45 am (Roosevelt Room Meeting)
12:25 pm (East Room Event)
FROM: Bruce Reed

I. PURPOSE

To demonstrate your leadership in reforming the welfare system by announcing: (1) the accomplishments of the Welfare to Work Partnership in its first year; (2) a new decrease in welfare caseload numbers; (3) the first round of Department of Labor Welfare-to-Work Competitive Grants.

II. BACKGROUND

This event will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Welfare to Work Partnership. You will announce that the Partnership has grown from 105 to 5,000 companies since it was launched at the White House last May and that its member companies hired over 135,000 welfare recipients in 1997. You will also announce dramatic new caseload reduction figures, showing that over five million people have come off the welfare rolls since you took office and over three million since you signed welfare reform into law. Finally, you will announce the first Welfare-to-Work competitive grants and highlight Congressional action on your welfare-to-work transportation proposal.

Welfare to Work Partnership Success

On May 20, 1997, 105 company executives joined you at the White House to launch the Welfare to Work Partnership. One year later, 5,000 businesses of all sizes from all 50 states have joined the Partnership and pledged to hire and retain welfare recipients without displacing current employees. In 1997, the Partnership's business partners hired 135,000 welfare recipients, and today you will challenge those companies to double their efforts by hiring 270,000 workers from the welfare rolls in 1998.

Record Welfare Caseloads Declines

You will announce new figures showing welfare caseloads have fallen to 8.9 million, a record drop of 3.3 million since you signed welfare reform into law and 5.2 million since you first took office. The welfare rolls have declined by 37 percent since January 1993, when they stood at 14.1 million, and by 27 percent since their August 1996 level of 12.2 million. The percentage of the U.S. population on welfare is at its lowest since 1969 -- 3.3 percent. The latest data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey show that 1.7 million adults on welfare in 1996 were working in March 1997, an increase of 20 percent over the previous year.

First Welfare to Work Competitive Grants

You will announce the first round of competitive grants from the \$3 billion Welfare-to-Work program you fought for in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The \$186 million in grants from the Department of Labor will support 49 innovative welfare-to-work efforts designed to move long term welfare recipients into lasting, unsubsidized jobs. These awards are the first of five rounds of competitive grants to be awarded in 1998 and 1999. Twenty five percent of the Balanced Budget Act's \$3 billion welfare to work funds are to be awarded on a competitive basis, with the remaining 75 percent to be allocated by formula to states to be used by local Private Industry Councils to help welfare recipients who have significant barriers to employment obtain and retain jobs.

Funding of Welfare-to-Work Transportation Proposal

You will praise the Congress for including your welfare-to-work transportation proposal in the ISTEA transportation bill which passed the Congress on Friday. The proposal will provide up to \$150 million a year for local efforts to help welfare recipients get to where the jobs are.

Attending this event will be: over 100 executives of small, medium, and large companies who belong to the Welfare to Work Partnership, former welfare recipients who are now successful employees, and some of the local organizations receiving the new Welfare-to-Work grants.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

Erskine Bowles

Bruce Reed or Elena Kagan

Andrea Kane

Roosevelt Room Meeting Participants:

Secretary Shalala

Secretary Herman

Administrator Alvarez

Erskine Bowles

Bruce Reed

Eli Segal, President of the Welfare to Work Partnership

Welfare to Work Partnership Board of Directors (*SEE ATTACHED LIST)

East Room Event Participants:

Eli Segal, President of the Welfare to Work Partnership

Jerry Greenwald, CEO of United Airlines and Chairman of the Welfare to Work Partnership.

Rhonda Costa, former welfare recipient who currently works as an Administrative Assistant at Salomon Smith Barney. Rhonda is featured in one of the Welfare to Work Partnership's PSAs and will be introducing you at this event.

[Rhonda received public assistance for one year following the birth of her first child in 1983, and again after the birth of her second child in 1994. Determined to get off welfare, in July 1996 she enrolled in a job training program at the Wildcat Service Corp., which lead her to an internship at Salomon Smith Barney. She was quickly hired and has been working there for 1 ½ years. She earns \$29,000 per year with full benefits and stock options. She has moved her family from New York City to Irvington, New Jersey, so that her two daughters could attend better schools and live in a safer neighborhood.]

IV. PRESS PLAN

Roosevelt Room Meeting -- CLOSED PRESS

East Room Event -- OPEN PRESS

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Meeting with the Welfare to Work Partnership Board of Directors in Roosevelt Room

- You will briefly greet each of the meeting participants.
- You will briefly thank the Partnership Board for coming and invite Eli Segal to lead the discussion.
- Eli will make brief remarks, and will open up the conversation. He will call on three Partnership Board Members to speak.
- You will have an opportunity to respond to each speaker and then Eli will close the meeting.

East Room Event

- You will be announced into the room accompanied by Eli Segal, Jerry Greenwald, and Rhonda Costa.
- Eli Segal will make remarks and introduce Jerry Greenwald, CEO, United Airlines.
- Jerry Greenwald will make remarks and introduce former welfare recipient Rhonda Costa.
- Rhonda Costa will make remarks and introduce you.
- You will make remarks, work a ropeline, and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

Talking Points for Roosevelt Room meeting attached.

Remarks for East Room provided by Speechwriting.

Talking points for the President in the Welfare to Work meeting:

- First and foremost, I want to thank you for all you have done to provide a second chance for people on welfare.
- Most people on welfare want to work -- and they make good employees. I am interested to hear that many of you have found that you have less turnover among your welfare hires than your non-welfare hires.
- I know that the Welfare to Work Partnership could never have grown from 105 companies a year ago to 5,000 companies today without the leadership and commitment of each and every one of you.
- I want you to know that I am personally committed to this effort, and that my Administration stands ready to help. I fought for an extra \$3 billion in welfare-to-work funds in the Balanced Budget, to help provide the least work-ready welfare recipients with the preparation they need to become productive employees. In this year's budget, I made child care and transportation -- concerns raised by you and many of your colleagues -- two of my top priorities. Just last week, we had a great success when Congress, in the ISTEA legislation, agreed to set aside funds for welfare-to-work transportation services.

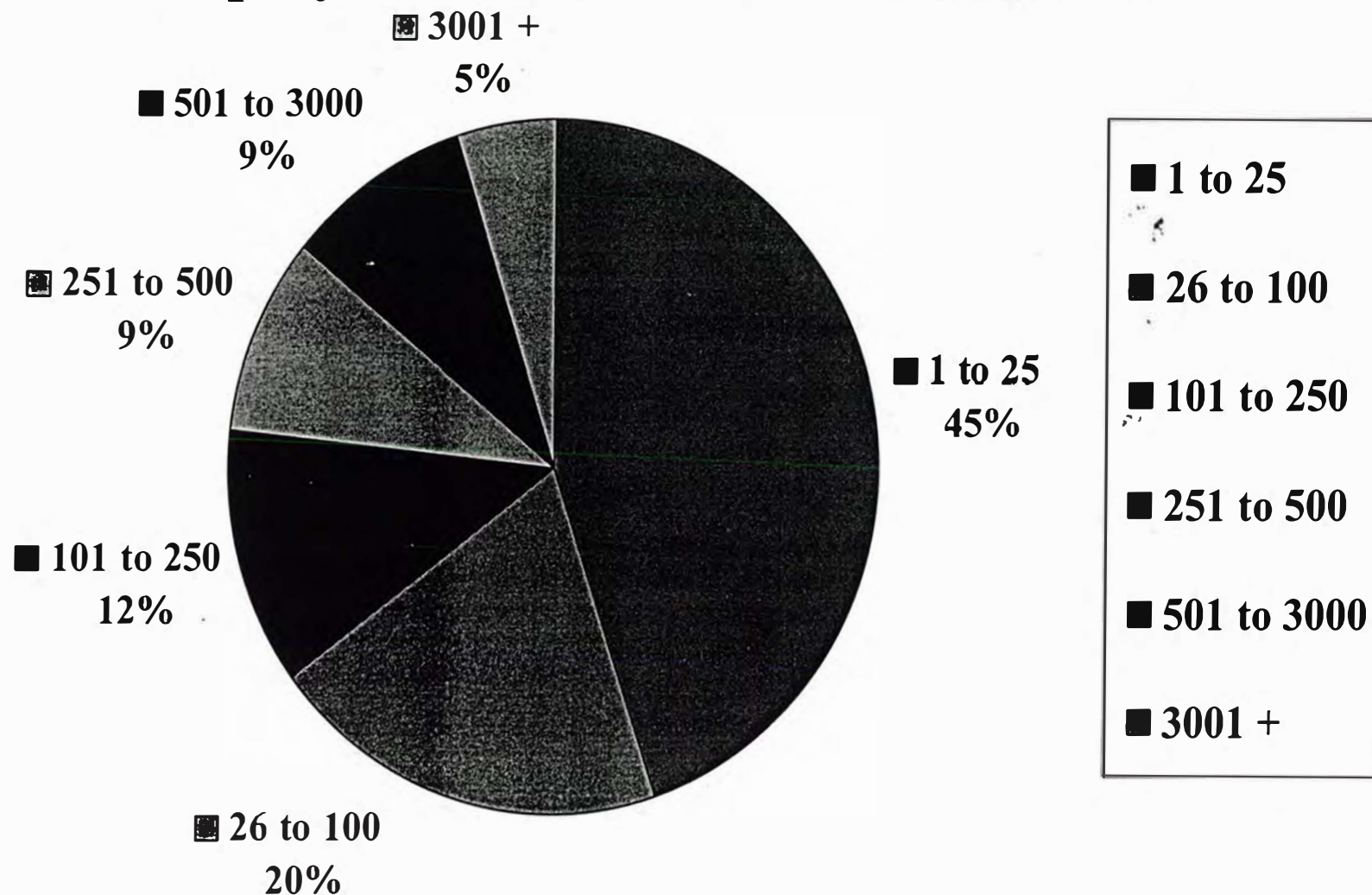
**THE REMARKS
FOR THE WELFARE-TO-WORK EVENT
WILL BE FORWARDED**

The Welfare to Work Partnership
Business Partner Profile
May 27, 1998

- 5050 Business Partners representing almost 10 million employees nationwide.
- Business Partners are from all 50 states.
- 86% of Partners have already hired or plan to hire in the coming year.
- 76% of Partners who have hired found new hires to be good, productive employees.
- 135,000 former welfare recipients were hired by Business Partners in 1997.
- 72% of Partners have fewer than 250 employees. 45% have fewer than 25 employees.
- 72% of Partners offer full-time benefits for their welfare to work hires.
- 72% of Partners offer medical benefits for their welfare to work hires.
- The leading industries for hiring include the service industry, temporary staffing, manufacturing, health care, and retail.
- The Partnership represents 38 Fortune 100 companies.
- The Partnership has 26 Governors on its Advisory Council.

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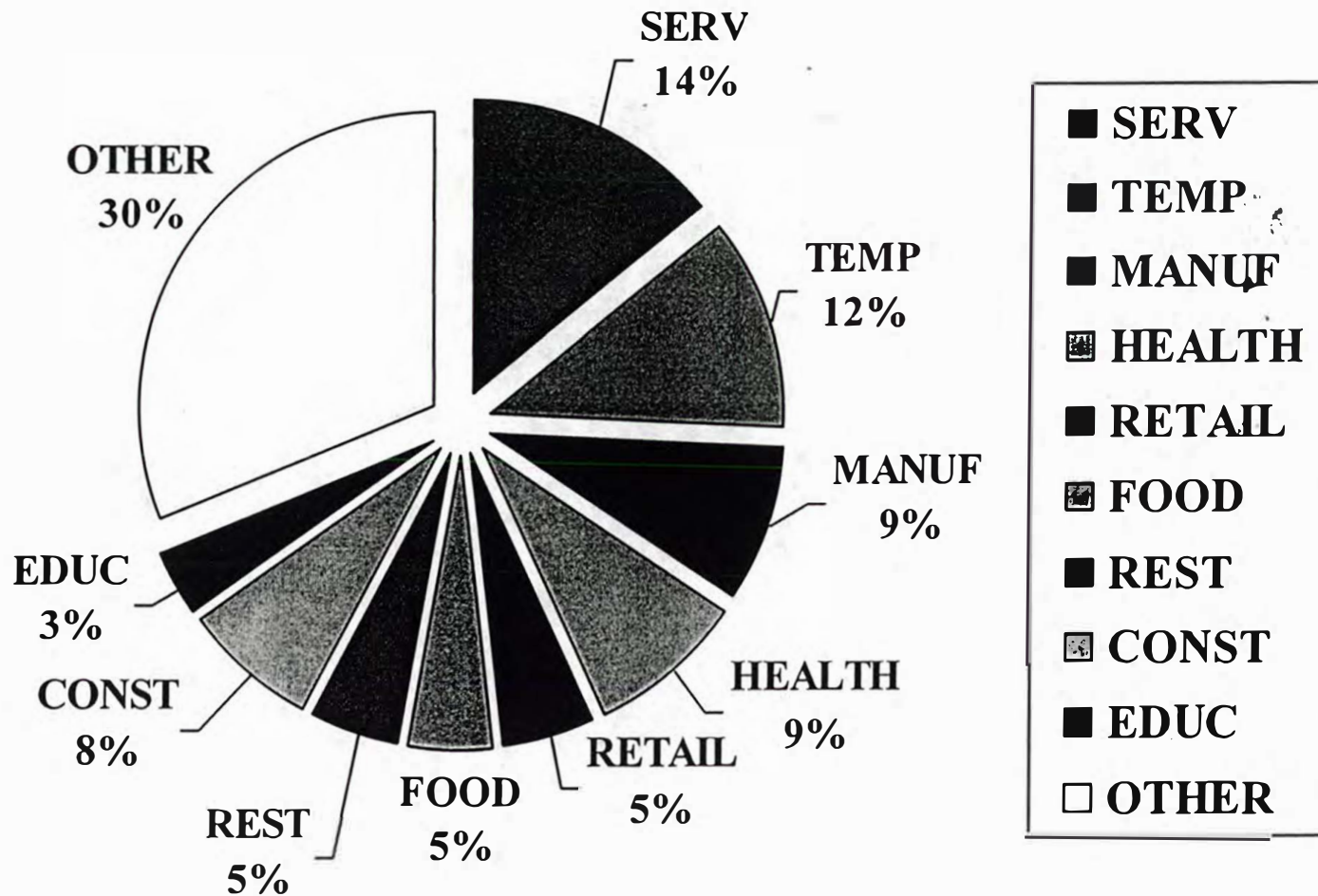
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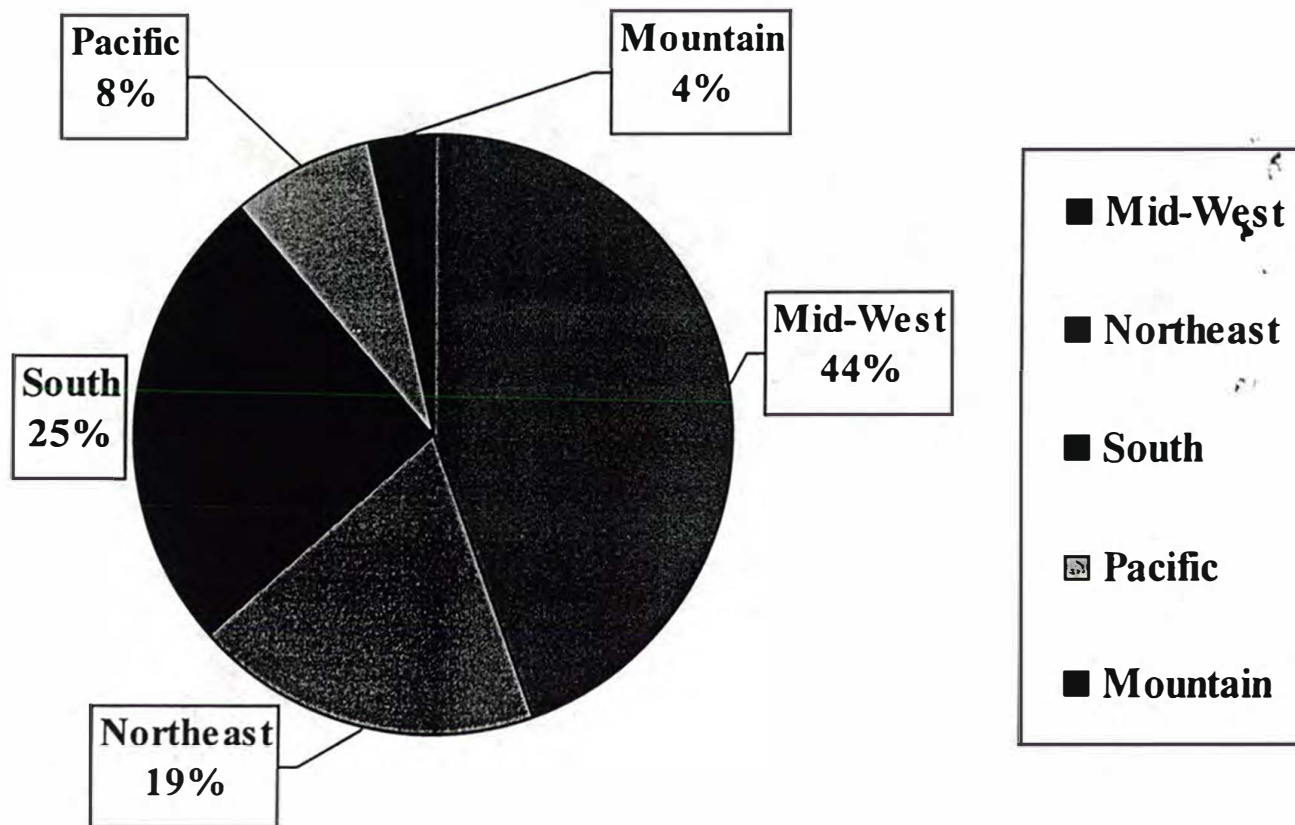
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The Partnership is represented in all 50 states

Note: Mid-West area includes Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois, where The Partnership has held major business events.





The Welfare to Work PARTNERSHIP

MEMBER SURVEY: EXECUTIVES SPEAK OUT

TRENDS IN EXECUTIVE OPINIONS MEASURED BY WIRTHLIN WORLDWIDE

1998 SERIES NO. 1

PARTNERSHIP AND PROMISE: BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT WELFARE TO WORK

AMONG the most trumpeted achievements of President Clinton and the Congress in 1996 was the passage of welfare reform legislation designed to change forever the role of the government in supporting those without permanent employment.

But passage of a law does not guarantee its success, as the nation has learned time and time again.

In this case success depends upon businesses providing opportunities for employment to welfare recipients. Now, more than ever, the nation's employers are in a position to make or break welfare reform efforts. With their cooperation, welfare recipients can make the transition to self-sufficiency on a large scale basis.

To that end, the Welfare to Work Partnership was organized last year to assist businesses with hiring people off public assistance.

Today the Partnership's more than 4,500 member businesses are leading the way in tackling this significant challenge. A recent study conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide, a McLean, Virginia-based strategic research and consulting firm, sheds light on the Partnership's efforts and member businesses' experiences to date. The detailed findings from this national telephone survey of 400 randomly selected Partnership member businesses are the focus of this newsletter. In essence, through this research, the "collective voice" of these pioneering executives regarding their opinions and hiring experience to date is heard for the first time.

Above all, the survey reveals that most member businesses are optimistic

about welfare to work programs' prospects for success.

In fact, the more experience companies have in hiring welfare recipients, the more optimistic they are about the potential to make this effort successful—and most (86%) have either already hired or expect to hire someone off welfare this year.

In addition, virtually all (92%) of the senior executives and upper management who participated in the study agree that, in general, the country is heading in the right direction "to address welfare issues and get people off welfare."

WHY MEMBER BUSINESSES ARE BECOMING INVOLVED

Executives have seen that hiring welfare recipients makes good business sense by providing them an untapped resource of employees.

In fact, most (71%) Partnership businesses say their company or industry now faces a labor shortage. And the vast majority of those surveyed (76%) say that former welfare recipients have turned out to be "good, productive employees" in their organizations. Just 21% have found this not to be the case.

EMPLOYEE SUCCESS RATES

IN GENERAL, WOULD YOU SAY THAT FORMER WELFARE RECIPIENTS HIRED BY YOUR COMPANY HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE GOOD, PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYEES?



In addition, half of companies interviewed (48%) say that their welfare hires have the *same or higher* retention rates than those hired through standard chan-

HIGHLIGHTS

1

WELFARE TO WORK

A win-win situation

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FOCUS: TRANSPORTATION

Members comment on problems and solutions

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MAKING IT HAPPEN

Businesses report what they have accomplished

3

PERCEPTIONS FROM MEMBER BUSINESSES

How do executives view those on welfare?

3

ONGOING CHALLENGES

Evaluating the obstacles of hiring off welfare

4

FOCUS: TAX CREDITS

Perks for participating member businesses



FOCUS: TRANSPORTATION

As respondents to this study attest, transportation is among the most-mentioned immediate need for many former welfare recipients as they enter the workforce.

Obviously the need for transportation varies by region, city, and locale. Typically, urban areas are better served by public transportation than their rural counterparts, but even strong public transport systems present costs too high for former welfare recipients to absorb.

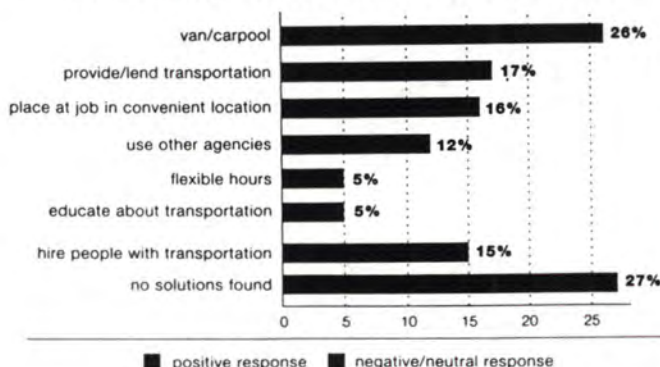
Just how serious a problem is transportation in hiring someone off welfare? On a 10-point scale where 1 is not at all a problem and 10 is a very serious problem, just over half (51%) rate it decidedly on the "problem" side with scores of 6 or higher. More than one-third (38%) gauge its severity with ratings of 8, 9, or 10.

Of the Partnership businesses who say transportation definitely presents a problem (rating it 6 or higher on the 10-point scale), there are a number of dimensions to the issue. When asked what specifically presents the greatest problem, respondents cite the following:

PROBLEM	PERCENTAGE
New hires cannot afford a reliable vehicle or car insurance	51%
Public transportation does not run near my workplace	34%
Public transportation does not operate during hours needed for our jobs	18%
Company site is in a difficult / hard-to-reach location	11%
Lack of / poor public transportation	6%
New hires live in cities, while jobs are in suburbs	3%
No driver's license	3%
Cost / can't afford transportation	2%

Many of the Partnership businesses have already instituted creative solutions to the transportation problem. The top solutions are presented in the following chart. ■

ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS



nels, bucking perceptions that those coming off of welfare will not stay on the job very long.

A smart solution for business, members' involvement in the Partnership has typically been initiated at very high levels within a company or organization: 61% say that the primary initiative for getting involved came from CEOs, owners, presidents or other senior management. In another 28% of organizations, the initiative came largely from middle management.

Given this vested interest from high-level personnel within member businesses, it is not surprising to find that most say their companies are quite strongly committed to hiring welfare recipients. On a ten-point scale where 1 means management is not at all committed and 10 means management is extremely committed to hiring welfare recipients, the average commitment rating for Partnership businesses is a solid 7.9. A strong majority (63%) rate themselves with an 8, 9, or 10 on the scale, while just 3% give ratings of 1, 2, or 3.

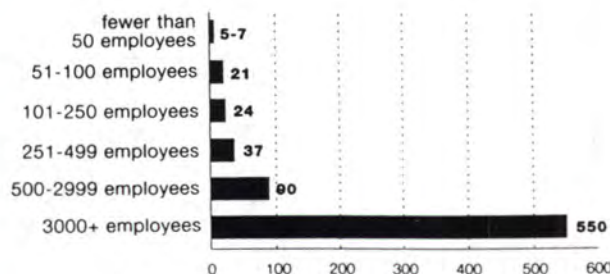
MAKING IT HAPPEN

What have businesses involved in the Welfare to Work Partnership accomplished?

According to those surveyed, the mean number of people hired per organization was an astounding 56.7 in 1997. Specifically, 252 of the 400 companies surveyed report having hired nearly 20,000 people off welfare last year alone. When projected across the Partnership's current membership, the total hires off welfare last year by member businesses is nearly 135,000 Americans.

Obviously, this number is somewhat deceptive, as smaller companies typically hire fewer employees off welfare, while large employers generally can bring many more onto the payroll; each business contributes according to its hiring needs and capabilities.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF FORMER WELFARE RECIPIENTS HIRED PER COMPANY BY COMPANY SIZE



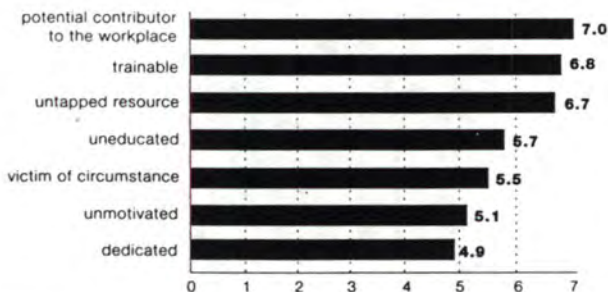
When respondents are asked to project how many people their organization plans to hire off welfare in 1998, we find very optimistic figures. The mean number of expected hires jumps to 81. In fact, just 4% of member businesses expect still to have not hired anyone off welfare by the end of the year, while 10% are not sure.

A critical measure of the long term impact of this effort, fully 72% of those businesses hiring people off welfare in 1997 offered full-time positions, and most (72%) provided health benefits as well. This information confirms that these efforts are truly opening doors toward economic viability for many who may not have had such opportunities in the past.

PARTNER PERCEPTIONS OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS

On the whole, study participants feel there is great potential for welfare recipients to become productive members of the workforce. When asked how well various traits and characteristics describe people on welfare, executives give higher scores to those attributes which suggest this positive potential. The following chart illustrates mean scores for various attributes measured on a 10-point scale where 1 means the attribute does not describe welfare recipients at all and 10 means it describes them extremely well.

ATTRIBUTES OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS



“Potential contributors,” “trainable,” and “untapped resource” definitely express a belief that welfare recipients constitute a valuable labor pool. There is also a sense, from these scores, that some frequent stereotypes of welfare recipients do not hold true, as we see in extremely moderated ratings for concepts like *“uneducated,” “a victim of circumstance,”* and *“unmotivated.”*

When asked for primary sources of potential employees to hire off welfare, nearly half (48%) men-

SOURCE	FIRST MENTION	TOTAL MENTIONS
Government social service offices	44%	48%
Community-based organizations	17%	25%
Temporary placement services	8%	12%
Ads	8%	10%
Word of mouth	7%	8%
Walk-ins	8%	8%
We locate them	3%	4%
Schools/colleges	2%	3%
Job service/state employment office	2%	2%
Church	2%	2%
Other	5%	6%

tion government social services offices. Another 25% cite community-based organizations.

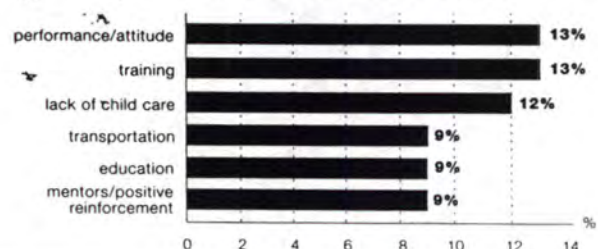
Many executives expressed a need for help in identifying and pooling potential hires off of the welfare rolls, just one of several challenges facing companies seeking to hire people off welfare.

ONGOING CHALLENGES

It is no secret that there are specific challenges facing prospective employers and welfare recipients in welfare to work. Top specific mentions include transportation for prospective employees (19%), workers' lack of technical skills to meet job tasks (16%), employee motivation (14%), workers' lack of educational background (12%) and job-readiness skills (10%), providing day-care for workers (10%), and a key antecedent to any of these obstacles: difficulty locating job applicants in the first place (9%).

While the majority of obstacles in hiring focus on the employee, when we ask respondents what is the number one need that former welfare recipients have after being hired by their companies, the nature of responses differs. Here the primary concerns have to do with what the employer or outside services might offer to facilitate the employment situation, as the following chart shows.

TOP NEEDS OF FORMER WELFARE RECIPIENTS UPON BEING HIRED



While all of these items can present formidable challenges for individuals making the transition from welfare to work, some are fortunate enough to find

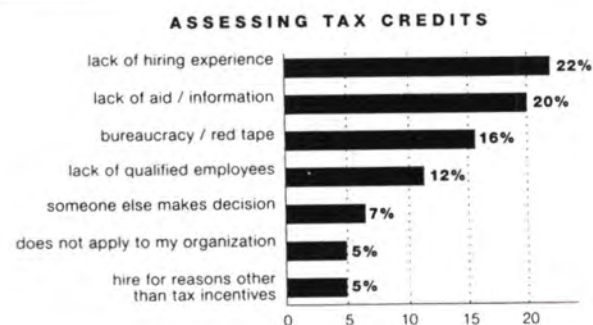
FOCUS: TAX CREDITS

In an effort to encourage private businesses to join welfare-to-work initiatives, the federal government has established several types of tax credits which companies can take advantage of for each former welfare recipient hired.

Despite these incentives, less than one-quarter (22%) of survey participants say their organization has ever accessed either the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) or the Welfare to Work Tax Credit.

Approximately half (51%) are aware of the credits but never accessed them, while as many as 18% say they have not heard of the credits.

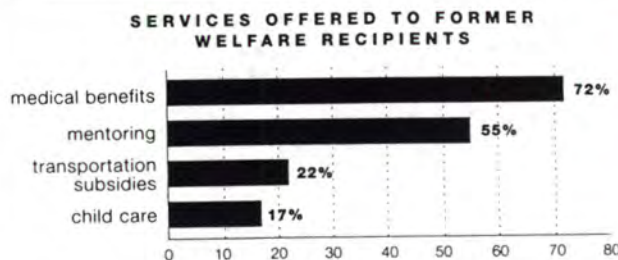
Partnership businesses who have not accessed the WOTC or Welfare to Work Tax Credit give a number of reasons why they have not participated, which are illustrated in the chart below.



When we ask this group what would motivate them to take advantage of the available tax credits, responses center around three key barriers:

- **Information.** More than one quarter (27%) say they need more information about the tax credits generally, information about how to identify eligible potential employees, and information about how to determine whether they qualify for the credits.
- **Hiring Employees Who Qualify.** Nearly one in five (19%) cite primary barriers in finding and hiring people who qualify as well as retaining people long enough to become eligible for the credits.
- **Red Tape / Procedures.** There is a definite perception that qualifying for and processing the tax credits involves a complicated procedure, as expressed by the 11% who say simplifying the procedure would be a prime motivation for taking advantage of the credits. ■

employers who offer programs which help address these needs. According to study participants, medical benefits and mentoring are services offered by a majority of the Partnership member organizations.



On the other hand, relatively few offer assistance with child care or transportation subsidies which are less traditional but equally important to finding economic self-sufficiency in the workplace.

Significantly, 41% say they provide these services directly. However, 18% primarily rely on another agency for the services, while 39% use some combination of direct and agency-supported efforts.

In short, this benchmark research points to a highly optimistic group of executives who are pioneering the effort to provide jobs for thousands of Americans moving off welfare, but who remain realistic about the challenges involved and the partnership needed between the private and public sector. ■

ABOUT THE MEMBER SURVEY

The Welfare to Work Partnership is a nonpartisan, nationwide effort designed to encourage and assist businesses with hiring people on public assistance.

The primary objective of this study is to establish a benchmark of Partner businesses' perceptions of welfare to work and welfare recipients, as well as their experience to date in hiring welfare recipients.

Out of the total sample of 400 member businesses, 196 interviews were conducted among senior executives, CEOs, and owners, and 204 interviews were conducted among other vice presidents, managers, directors, and human resource executives. In addition, the sample was stratified to represent current Partnership membership by company size.

Interviews were gathered from across the United States and collected between February 11-24, 1998.

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Welfare to Work Partnership Meeting Attendees

Erskine Bowles
Bruce Reed
Secretary Shalala
Secretary Herman
Administrator Alvarez

Jerry Greenwald, CEO, United Airlines, and Chairman of the Welfare to Work Partnership
United Airlines hired 760 welfare recipients with an average 69 percent welfare-to-work retention rate (double that of other entry-level employees). It has committed to hire 2,000 welfare recipients by the year 2000.

Mr. Duncan Pollock, President for North America, Ammirati Puris Lintas Advertising Agency
Ammirati Puris Lintas produced pro bono The Partnership's print and television PSA campaign.

Mrs. Barbara Turner, President, Boscart Construction
Boscart has employed 10 former welfare recipients as laborers, receptionists, and apprentices. It works with several churches in Anacostia to help train potential workers.

Mr. James (Jim) Watkins, Senior VP, Worldwide Marketing, Burger King Corporation
Burger King has hired over 6,200 welfare recipients in its corporate stores and has committed to hire 10,000 in corporate and franchise-owned stores. Retention rates are higher than normal hires.

Ms. Carolyn Stradley, President & Owner, C & S Paving Company
C & S has hired a number of parolees, some of whom received public assistance. New hires are supported by a career advancement training program and a van-pool to ease transportation burdens.

Mr. Russell (Russ) Meyer, Jr., Chairman & CEO, Cessna Aircraft Company
Of the 237 individuals who successfully completed Cessna's training program, over 200 are currently employed at Cessna and 26 are currently employed with other local Wichita companies.

Ms. Carol Parry, Executive VP, Community Development Group, Chase Manhattan Corp.
The program's goal is to tailor training programs to hire 100 welfare recipients as branch tellers, call center customer service representatives, and staff for operations functions in several business units.

Mr. John McIlwain, President, Fannie Mae Foundation
The Foundation's goal is to address barriers to employment for welfare recipients in public housing, drawing from the experience of housing programs that foster self-sufficiency.

Mr. George Stinson, Chairman, President & CEO, General Converters & Assemblers, Inc.
GCA has hired over 1,200 people off public assistance since the mid-1980s, and currently employs over 100 who have access to specialized training. An on-site child-care facility is underconstruction. Mr. Stinson participated in the launch of The Welfare to Work Partnership last May.

Mr. Jonathan Tisch, President & CEO, Loews Hotels

Loews Hotels and the Greater Miami Hotel Association will lead an effort of nearly 40 hotels to hire 800 welfare recipients by the year 2000, and plans to use this program as a model for other cities.

Mr. Mitchell Fromstein, Chairman, President & CEO, Manpower, Inc.

Manpower provided temporary placements and free training to thousands of welfare recipients in 1997, in part by opening offices in impoverished areas.

Mr. Brandon Keegan, Senior Vice President, Marriott International

The more than 1,000 former welfare recipients Marriott has hired have a one-year retention rate of 70 percent, compared to the non-welfare retention rate of 52 percent.

Mr. Barry Corona, Sr., President, Production Products

Production Products has hired more than 800 former welfare recipients and is a founding member of the Mid-Tec Consortium that provides industry-specific job training in the manufacturing industry.

Ms. Rachel Hubka, President & CEO, Rachel's Bus Company

In 1997, Rachel's hired 10 welfare recipients, retaining 5 as full-time office staff and school bus drivers. Ms. Hubka opened another bus company and plans to continue to hire from welfare roles.

Mr. James (Jamie) Dimon, Co-CEO, Salomon Smith Barney

Salomon Smith Barney hired 52 welfare recipients over the last two years for entry-level jobs with an average salary of \$24,000. Their retention rate over two years is 92 percent.

Edward Mueller, President and CEO of Pacific Bell.

In 1997, Pacific Bell hired 100 welfare recipients. Pacific Bell has an aggressive state-wide recruiting program and has plans to hire more welfare recipients in 1998.

Toni Fay, Senior Vice President, Time Warner

Time Warner has committed to air the Welfare to Work Partnership PSAs on all of its television stations throughout next week. Time Warner also has a welfare-to-work program in place.

Mr. James (Jim) Kelly, Chairman & CEO, United Parcel Service of America, Inc.

UPS hired more than 11,000 welfare recipients in the last 17 months. Part-time employees start with full medical benefits and job sharing options. The retention rate exceeds that of non-welfare hires.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1998

BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM VIDEOTAPING

DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 1998
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 1:45 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.
FROM: Brenda Anders

I. PURPOSE

You will tape one video message.

II. BACKGROUND

This video is for the Black Leadership Forum's Second Annual Lamplighter Gala. The BLF is a non-partisan confederation of civil rights and service organizations that promotes coordinated African-American leadership. The Lamplighter Award, an actual lamp of wisdom, symbolizes the virtues of extraordinary leadership and vision. The honorable Percy Sutton was the first to receive the award in 1997. The 1998 Lamplighter Award recipients are: Daisy Bates, Dr. Dorothy Height, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Vernon Jordan. The Lamplighter Awards Gala, to be attended by 500 national African-American leaders, will be held in New York on May 28.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Minyon Moore
Brenda Anders
Television Crew (5)

IV. PRESS PLAN

The video will be broadcast at an open press dinner.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Make-up/Briefing
Tape Message

VI. REMARKS

A Teleprompter will be provided.

THE SCRIPT
FOR THE BLACK LEADERSHIP FORUM DINNER VIDEO TAPING
WILL BE FORWARDED

THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

May 26, 1998

Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies Gala

DATE:	May 27, 1998
LOCATION:	Tent on the South Lawn
TIME:	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
FROM:	Bobbie Greene

I. PURPOSE

To host the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies annual gala held for the first time at the White House.

II. BACKGROUND

This year you and the First Lady are hosting The Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies (FAPE) annual gala. While you hosted receptions in 1995, 1996, and 1997, this is the first gala to be held at the White House.

Founded in 1986, The Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies is a non-profit, tax-exempt, educational foundation that assists the State Department with programs designed to exhibit and preserve art in U.S. embassy residences abroad. FAPE members support the Art in Embassies Program and the Interior Design and Furnishings division at the State Department. Since FAPE was founded, it has raised more than \$8 million in private donations, in-kind services and contributions of works of art.

As is customary at FAPE annual galas, two works of art will be presented at this year's gala. Chuck Close will present *Roy*, a signed lino cut print of the late Roy Lichtenstein to FAPE in honor of the First Lady; and Dorothy Lichtenstein will present *Reflections on Senorita, 1990* to FAPE. In addition, you and the First Lady are honoring the creation of FAPE's *Millennium Gift to the Nation* program to celebrate the next millennium. This gift will consist of donations and purchases of as many as two hundred American paintings, sculptures, works on paper, decorative objects, crafts and folk art, to be placed in permanent locations in United States embassies and Ambassadors' residences around the world.

Other events planned by FAPE will include a luncheon at the State Department for the FAPE Business Committee hosted by Secretary Albright and a speech by Alan Greenspan on May 27th; a breakfast hosted by Mrs. Gore at the Vice President's Residence, and a tour of the Alexander Calder exhibition at the National Gallery of Art with the Curator of the exhibition, Marla Prather, on May 28th.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Meet and Greet

To be forwarded by the Social Office.
Guest list to be provided by the Social Office.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

To be provided by the Social Office.

V. PRESS

Pool press for remarks.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by speechwriting.

THE REMARKS
FOR THE FRIENDS OF ART AND PRESERVATION IN EMBASSIES DINNER
WILL BE FORWARDED

Thursday, May 28, 1998

9:45 AM	Patients' Bill of Rights Event	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B
11:10 AM	Interview with Lars-Erik Nelson and Kathy Kiely of the <i>New York Daily News</i>	Tab C
12:45 PM	Brief Meeting/Photo Opportunity with Prince Turki of Saudi Arabia	Distributed Separately
1:00 PM	Photo Op with Admiral Robert E. Kramek, Commandant, USCG, and Family	Tab D To Be Forwarded

Thursday, May 28, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
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THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Partly cloudy. Winds variable at 3 to 6 knots.

Low 57 to 62. High 78 to 83.

May 27, 1998 (8:02pm)

Thursday, May 28, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Thursday, May 28, 1998
Final Schedule**

9:00 am-
9:15 am

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles

9:15 am-
9:45 am

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

9:45 am

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Old Executive Office Building

Greeters: Dr. Regina Benjamin, American Medical Association
Person TBD

9:50 am-
10:50 am

PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS EVENT
ROOM 450, OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
Remarks: June Shih
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed
Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams
OPEN PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of **the President** and the Vice President, accompanied by Secretary Donna Shalala, Secretary Alexis Herman, Dr. Regina Benjamin and Person TBD.
- Secretary Shalala makes remarks and introduces Secretary Herman.
- Secretary Herman makes remarks and introduces Dr. Regina Benjamin.
- Dr. Regina Benjamin makes remarks and introduces the Vice President.
- The Vice President makes remarks and introduces Person TBD.
- Person TBD makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

May 27, 1998 (8:02pm)

Thursday, May 28, 1998

10:55 am **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to the West Wing

11:10 am- **HOLD 1 HOUR**
12:10 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
 Staff Contact: Mike McCurry

12:15 pm- **MEETING**
12:30 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
 Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

12:30 pm- **MEETING**
12:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
 Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

12:45 pm- **BRIEF MEETING/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PRINCE**
12:55 pm **TURKI OF SAUDI ARABIA**
 OVAL OFFICE
 Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
 OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY

1:00 pm- **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH ADMIRAL ROBERT E.**
1:05 pm **KRAMEK, COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD AND**
 FAMILY
 OVAL OFFICE
 Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.
 WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

1:10 pm- **MEETING**
1:15 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
 Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

1:15 pm- **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME**
6:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**

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

May 27, 1998 (8:02pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 27, 1998

PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS EVENT

DATE: May 28, 1998
LOCATION: 450 OEOB
BRIEFING TIME: 9:15 am - 9:45 am
EVENT TIME: 9:50 am - 10:50 am
FROM: Bruce Reed

I. PURPOSE

To highlight the need for a federal Patients' Bill of Rights, and to demonstrate the special importance of these protections for women.

II. BACKGROUND

You will announce the release of a White House report pointing out the need for federal patients' rights legislation. As the report documents, a patchwork of non-comprehensive state laws cannot provide Americans with the protections the Quality Commission recommended. Even if states were to pass all of the patient protections in the "Consumer Bill of Rights," states do not have full authority over the 122 million Americans who are in health plans that are governed by ERISA. States have no ability to protect the 50 million Americans in ERISA self-funded health plans, and states have limited authority over the 72 million Americans in fully-insured ERISA plans. Therefore, even if each state in the nation were to pass a comprehensive patients' bill of rights, millions of Americans would be without the full range of patient protections recommended by the Quality Commission.

The report also demonstrates the particular importance of the protections in the Patients' Bill of Rights to women. Women are more frequent users of health care services than men, and they have specific health needs that are directly addressed by the patients' bill of rights. For example, the Quality Commission's recommendation that women have direct access to an obstetrician/gynecologist is not only necessary to make sure that pregnant women get the care they need, but is also important to ensure that women obtain important preventive services. Studies show that gynecologists are almost two times as likely as internists to perform needed women's preventive services, such as pelvic exams, Pap tests, and breast exams.

In addition to their own health needs, women are also more likely to be responsible for the health care of others. Women make three-quarters of the health care decisions for their families and are more likely to be caregivers when a child, parent, or spouse is ill. Therefore, patient protections that ensure that health plans and health providers provide information and appeals rights are particularly important for women.

This report underscores the urgent need for Congress to pass a bipartisan federally enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights this year. Attending this event will be: approximately 100 health care advocates, providers and practitioners, and women's health advocates.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

The Vice President
Secretary Shalala
Secretary Herman
Bruce Reed
Chris Jennings

Event Participants:

The Vice President
Secretary Shalala
Secretary Herman
Dr. Regina Benjamin, Family Physician on the Board of Directors of AMA, who strongly supports a federal patients' bill of rights.
Ricka Powers, a woman recently diagnosed with cancer.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will be announced into the room accompanied by the Vice President, Secretary Shalala, Secretary Herman, Dr. Regina Benjamin, and Ricka Powers.
- Secretary Shalala will make remarks and introduce Secretary Herman.
- Secretary Herman will make remarks and introduce Dr. Regina Benjamin.
- Dr. Regina Benjamin will make remarks and introduce the Vice President.
- The Vice President will make remarks and introduce Ricka Powers.
- Ricka Powers will make remarks and introduce **YOU**.
- **YOU** will make remarks, work a ropeline, and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks provided by Speechwriting.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS
THE WHITE HOUSE
MAY 28, 1998

Acknowledgments: VP Gore; Sec. Shalala; Sec. Hermann; Dr. Regina Benjamin;

I have said that our greatest challenge at the dawn of the 21st Century is to apply our most enduring values to changing times. I'm proud to say that America is already meeting this challenge on many fronts. Because of the hard work of the American people and a strict observance of fiscal discipline, we have balanced the budget years ahead of schedule. Earlier this week, I announced that we now have a projected surplus of \$39 billion -- a surplus we must set aside until we have honored our duty to our parents and future generations by saving Social Security first.

Yesterday, we celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Welfare-to-Work partnership. By rewarding work and creating more opportunity, we have helped millions of Americans free themselves from lives of dependency. We now have the lowest percentage of people on welfare -- 3.3 percent -- since 1969.

And, step-by-step, we are doing all we can to strengthen our families by strengthening health care in America. Two years ago, we made sure that workers could keep their health insurance when they changed jobs. Last summer, we passed legislation to expand health care to up to five million uninsured children. But, as we all know, there is much more to do.

There is no question that health care in America has been and is undergoing fundamental change. I grew up in the world of medicine and health care. My mother was a nurse anesthetist. And I know full well that things are much different today than they were 40 years ago. Dramatic advances in public health, in medical treatment and technology have helped us conquer diseases once thought unconquerable. We now have the lowest infant mortality rate, the highest rate of childhood immunization, and the longest life expectancy in our nation's history. We have the best doctors, the best hospitals, the best medicine in the world.

Managed health care plans have also altered the way Americans find and pay for, provide and receive medical treatment. Today, millions of Americans are enrolled in these plans -- plans that have kept health costs down and in some ways, improved and innovated care. But, innovation can go too far when insurance company accountants begin making medical decisions, when profit -- and not a patient's health -- becomes the bottom line on care.

As we've heard today, these plans also have the potential to compromise our doctors' and nurses' abilities to provide patients the best possible care. The stories are frustrating and sometimes even heartbreaking. How many more stories do we need to hear before we act? How many more mothers and fathers must go without the peace of mind that comes from knowing a sick child is getting the best possible medical care? How many more Americans must be denied a visit to a specialist before an illness worsens into a life-threatening crisis? How many more

hours will our doctors have to spend dueling with insurance companies for the right to treat their patients as they see fit?

We must pass a national Patients' Bill of Rights now -- a bill of rights that will protect Americans during some of the most vulnerable times of their lives -- when they or their loved ones are ill. We must make these basic, common-sense principles the law of the land: You have the right to know all your medical options, not just the cheapest. You have the right to choose the specialist you want for the care you need. You have the right to emergency room care, wherever and whenever you need it. You have the right to appeal decisions made by your health plan.

Today, we are releasing a report that shows why it is especially important to women that we pass a national Patients' Bill of Rights and why it is crucial that we take national action as soon as possible. Three-quarters of all family health decisions are made by women. In many American households, women are the ones who deal most often with health care -- taking sick children to the doctor, caring for elderly parents, paying the medical bills. Women more frequently suffer chronic illnesses that require constant and specialized medical attention. The Patients' Bill of Rights would help bring more peace of mind to millions of women and families.

We must protect all Americans. I have already acted to ensure that federal employees, military personnel, veterans and their families, Medicare and Medicaid recipients are covered by the Patients' Bill of Rights. And I want to thank Governors of both parties for leading the effort to enact patient protection laws. Already, 44 states have passed at least one of provisions in the Patients' Bill of Rights. But unfortunately, state law and a patchwork of reforms can't protect all Americans. Some 122 million Americans are enrolled in health plans that aren't fully governed by state law. For instance, even if the state of California passed a full Patients' Bill of Rights, 13 million Californians would not be completely protected by these state laws. That is why we must have a national Patients' Bill of Rights to protect all our people.

I call on Congress to pass a bipartisan, national Patients' Bill of Rights this year. Some very powerful special interests have lined up against this bill. Let us say "no" to the special interests and "yes" to progress and better health care for the American people. I know this is an election year. But there is no reason why this year cannot also be a year of achievement. We must put medical decisions back in the hands of doctors and patients. Our families, doctors and nurses have waited long enough.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1998

SESSION WITH LARS-ERIK NELSON AND KATHY KIELY OF THE
THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

DATE: May 28, 1998

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 11:10 a.m.

FROM: Michael McCurry *MMC*

You will meet with Lars-Erik Nelson and Kathy Kiely of the New York Daily for an off-the-record session.

Lars-Erik Nelson is noted as one of the most supportive columnists toward this Administration. You last interviewed with him on May 18, 1994 during a columnist roundtable which also included William Raspberry, Jack Nelson, and Michael Kinsley. Having covered Washington since the 1970s for various news organizations including Reuters, Newsweek, the New York Daily News, and Newsday, he has earned the title of veteran Washington journalist. Nelson has worked at the New York Daily News since 1979, with the exception of a 2 year stint at Newsday in protest to Mortimer Zuckerman's management of the paper.

Kathy Kiely, as you know, is also a veteran Washington journalist. She has covered the White House throughout your presidency. You last met with Kathy Kiely on October 30, 1997 for a story on the opening of the Bush Presidential Library.

THE BRIEFING MEMO
FOR THE PHOTO OP WITH ADMIRAL KRAMEK
WILL BE FORWARDED

Friday, May 29, 1998

9:45 AM	Meeting and Photo Op with Kosovo Albanian Leader Ibrahim Rugova	Distributed Separately
10:30 AM	Announcement of New Cops Pilot Project	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B
11:45 AM	Tape Radio Address and Radio Actuality	Tab C
	- Remarks	Tab D
	- Script	Tab E
12:30 PM	Meeting	No Paper
1:45 PM	Meeting	No Paper
2:25 PM	Drop by Samuel Berger's Meeting with Gerry Adams, President, Sinn Fein	Distributed Separately

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WEATHER:

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*Partly cloudy and hot, becoming mostly
cloudy with a chance for an isolated
thunderstorm in the evening. Low 63 to 67.
High 90 to 95.*

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Friday, May 29, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Friday, May 29, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00 am-	MEETING
9:15 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles
9:15 am-	MEETING
9:30 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:30 am-	MEETING
9:45 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:45 am-	BRIEF MEETING AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH
10:00 am	KOSOVO ALBANIAN LEADER IBRAHIM RUGOVA
	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
	OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY
10:00 am-	BRIEFING
10:25 am	OVAL OFFICE
	Staff Contact: Bruce Reed, Rahm Emanuel
10:25 am	THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Old Executive Office Building
10:30 am-	MEET AND GREET
10:35 am	ROOM 450 HOLDING ROOM
	Staff Contact: Bruce Reed, Mickey Ibarra
	CLOSED PRESS

Note: The President will greet 10 mayors and 2 members of Congress.

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10:35 am-
11:20 am

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COPS PILOT PROJECT
ROOM 450, OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Remarks: Jordan Tamagni
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed, Rahm Emanuel
Event Coordinator: Jennifer Palmieri
OPEN PRESS

- The Vice President makes welcoming remarks and introduces Mayor Michael White, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Mayor Michael White makes remarks and introduces Attorney General Janet Reno.
- Attorney General Janet Reno makes remarks and introduces Terry Hillard, Superintendent of Police, Chicago, Illinois.
- Terry Hillard makes remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

11:25 am

The President proceeds to the West Wing

11:30 am-
11:45 am

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

Note: Set up for the Radio Address will begin at 10:30 am.

11:45 am-
12:30 pm

TAPE RADIO ADDRESS
OVAL OFFICE
Remarks: Lowell Weiss
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney

Note: A radio actuality will be recorded for Del Lewis, Retiring President and Chief Executive Officer, National Public Radio, immediately following the Radio Address.

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12:30 pm-	MEETING
12:40 pm	OVAL OFFICE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Nancy Hernreich
12:40 pm-	LUNCH WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT
1:40 pm	OVAL OFFICE
1:45 pm-	MEETING
2:10 pm	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
2:15 pm-	MEETING
2:20 pm	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
2:25 pm-	DROP BY SAMUEL BERGER'S MEETING WITH GERRY
2:40 pm	ADAMS, PRESIDENT, SINN FEIN OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR Staff Contact: Samuel Berger OFFICIAL PHOTO ONLY
2:45 pm-	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
6:45 pm	OVAL OFFICE

<i>EVENING OFF</i>

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 27, 1998

COPS EVENT

DATE: May 28, 1998
LOCATION: Rose Garden
BRIEFING TIME: 10:00 am
EVENT TIME: 10:30 am
FROM: Bruce Reed

I. PURPOSE

To announce a new initiative to hire more community police in high-crime, high-need neighborhoods by waiving the local match, and to highlight that the COPS Office has now funded over 75,000 police officers.

II. BACKGROUND

This event is an opportunity to highlight the success of the COPS program to date, and to launch a new COPS initiative that targets high-crime, high-need neighborhoods. Grants for the new initiative will provide 18 cities with \$106 million to fund over 700 new community police officers. You will also announce \$115.6 million for 553 communities across the country to hire an additional 1,748 officers under the regular COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP). With these grants, the COPS Program will have helped to fund an increase of 75,000 more police on America's streets.

- Putting resources in high-crime neighborhoods. While crime is coming down in cities of all sizes and in all regions of the country, some neighborhoods have not shared in the same level of progress enjoyed by the rest of the country. The pilot program launched today will provide full funding for new officers in these areas, by waiving the usual matching requirements. Each city receiving funds under this pilot program has a high per capita level of crime and poverty, either throughout the city or in certain neighborhoods. The cities will deploy their new officers to help meet the unique needs of their communities, such as combating gangs or targeting drug "hot spots."

Pilot cities receiving funds are: Chicago, IL; Hartford, CT; Camden, NJ; Bessemer, AL; Miami, FL; Flint, MI; Fresno, CA; San Bernardino, CA; Fort Pierce, FL; Monroe, LA; Baltimore, MD; Muskegon, MI; Greenville, MS; Buffalo, NY;

McAllen, TX; Birmingham, AL; El Paso, TX; and Cleveland, OH.

- Hitting the 75,000 mark. The pilot will provide \$106 million in funding for 18 cities to hire 738 community policing officers. In addition, the regular COPS UHP grants announced today will provide \$115.6 million to 553 police departments to hire 1,748 officers. The hires will bring the total number of officers funded under the Clinton COPS Initiative to over 75,000 -- and put the COPS Initiative ahead of schedule to meet the President's pledge to provide 100,000 officers.

Since you signed the 1994 Crime Act, which authorized nearly \$9 billion for the COPS program, the number of police departments engaged in community policing has increased from hundreds to over 10,000.

- Cutting crime rates to the lowest levels in a generation. Earlier this month, the Justice Department released preliminary data showing that crime dropped in 1997 for an unprecedented sixth year in a row. Since 1993, violent crime has dropped by more than 15%, and murders are down by more than 25%.

Attending this event will be: Mayors and Police Chiefs from the cities receiving grants from the pilot program and representatives from national law enforcement organizations.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

The Vice President
Attorney General Reno
Bruce Reed or Elena Kagan
Lynn Cutler
Jose Cerda

Event Participants:

The Vice President
Attorney General Reno
Mayor Michael White, Cleveland, Ohio
Superintendent Terry Hillard, Chicago Police Department

Meet and Greet Participants:

Mayor Jim Patterson, Fresno, CA
Mayor Judith Valles, San Bernadino, CA
Mayor Joe Carollo, Miami, FL
Mayor Kurt Schmoke, Baltimore, MD
Mayor Michael White, Cleveland, OH
Mayor Quitman Mitchell, Bessemer, AL
Mayor Abe Pierce, Monroe, LA
Mayor Woodrow Stanley, Flint, MI
Mayor, Fred Nielsen, Muskegon, MI
Mayor Pro-Temp Phyllis Griggs, McAllen, TX

COPS-funded Police Officers:

Officer Thomas Harwood, Grant Park, IL

Officer Jamie Keneally, Boston, MA

Deputy Scott Dyke, Ottawa County, MI

Officer Chris Lonsford, Fontana, CA

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will briefly meet with Mayors receiving COPS grants and four police officers funded by the COPS Office.
- **YOU** will be announced into the room accompanied by the Vice President, Attorney General Reno, Mayor White, Superintendent Hillard, and uniformed police officers from the local area.
- The Vice President will make remarks and introduce Mayor White.
- Mayor White will make remarks and introduce Attorney General Reno.
- Attorney General Reno will make remarks and introduce Superintendent Hillard.
- Superintendent Hillard will make remarks and introduce **YOU**.
- **YOU** will make remarks and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks provided by Speechwriting.

Draft 5/28/98 6pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON CRIME
ROOM 450 OEOP
May 29, 1998**

Acknowledgments: TK

Over the past five and a half years, our nation has made striking, once unthinkable progress in meeting many of our challenges. The federal budget -- whose deficits dampened our economy for decades -- is now balanced for the first time in three decades. The old welfare system, which trapped generation after generation in a cycle of dependency, is gone; the welfare rolls are now the smallest percentage of the population in three decades.

And for years, it seemed that crime was a constant in this country -- that our communities would never recover from the wave of crime that seemed destined to rise ... that our families would never feel safe on our streets or in their homes.

I took office determined to change that. But to succeed, I knew we had to change our approach to crime. We needed a comprehensive plan, rooted in what works at the local level: more police, tougher punishment, better prevention. We needed to get guns off the streets and out of the hands of criminals -- so we passed the Brady Bill and the assault weapons ban. We needed to enlist ordinary citizens to work with community police, to patrol the streets, to teach young people right from wrong. And we needed to work together with state and local law enforcement -- sharing resources and strategies to take back our streets.

Today, we see the remarkable results of our combined efforts. Crime is down, respect for the law is on the rise, all over America. For a record six years in a row, crime has dropped. Robbery is down. Assaults are down. And murder is down by a remarkable 27%. We have the lowest crime rate in a generation. When it comes to crime, just as with the budget deficit and welfare, when we work together and commit to meeting our challenges, there is no limit to what America can accomplish.

And as you have heard today, the key to our success has been community policing. The principle behind community policing is disarmingly simple: We needed to get more police out from behind the station house desk and out of the squad car -- we needed more police, on the streets, working with communities, schools and neighbors, catching criminals, preventing crime, ending the sense of disorder on our streets that is the breeding ground for crime.

We pledged to put 100,000 new community police on our streets. This was to be a long-term effort, working with states and communities to make certain that the new police would be well trained and deployed. And we've reached a milestone: We have now funded 75,000 new community police. And this initiative has come in ahead of schedule and under budget.

Community policing is working all across America. Our work is not done. Though many cities have strong community policing programs that are working, many cities do not. As the Attorney General said, experience shows there are still too many neighborhoods in America where crime has not receded far enough or fast enough. It is time to focus our resources on these high-crime, high-need neighborhoods, to bring the benefits of community policing to every community. So I am pleased to announce that the Department of Justice will fully fund over 600 new community police officers who will be on the beat in troubled areas. Chicago will put 150 new officers to work fighting drug-related crime. Baltimore will deploy 100 officers to fight drugs and violent crime. Miami will use 170 community officers to take back the streets in neighborhoods along the [Miami] river. And Hartford will put their officers to work to fight a surge in violent gang activity.

And as we extend the reach of community policing in our cities, we in Washington have a responsibility to advance the strategy that has brought such distinct success. We have more to do to protect our children, fight juvenile crime, and keep our schools safe and free from guns and drugs. The same community policing techniques that are helping to make our streets safe again are also the best way to keep our schools safe. In March, we began to make funds available to do this -- and we should do even more.

Law enforcement at every level can and must do what we can to push back the frontiers of violence. But the recent wave of shootings in our schools reminds us again: More police, more prosecutors, tougher laws, even more vigilant neighborhoods, cannot do this job alone. We must all do more, as parents, as teachers, as community leaders, to teach our children the unblinking distinction between right and wrong -- to teach them to turn away from violence -- to shield them from violent images. We must all do more to show our children, by the power of our example, how to resolve conflicts peacefully. And we must do more to recognize early warning signals of troubled young people.

Finally, I ask you to think about what our progress in the fight against crime has meant. These victories are not statistical abstractions -- they are becoming a reality in our lives. Children whose parents were afraid to let them walk to school alone can once again play in the streets ... elderly people who once barricaded themselves inside their homes can now sit out on their stoops. A falling crime rate gives our people freedom from the fear that imprisoned them in their homes. We must continue to press our advantage in the fight against crime. And that is the way to enter the 21st Century stronger than ever.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
May 28, 1998

TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

DATE: May 29, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:45 AM
FROM: Megan Moloney

I. PURPOSE

You will announce the release of revised guidelines for religious activities in public schools.

II. BACKGROUND

The original 1995 guidelines on religious activities in public schools have been revised to incorporate changes made necessary by court rulings.

This address will allow you to:

- Affirm the role of faith in the school system
- Discuss the multi-denominational group assembled to develop the original guidelines
- Illustrate how the guidelines are working
- Explain the reason for revising the guidelines
- Explain that these guidelines -- not a constitutional amendment -- are the best way to deal with religion and prayer in the public schools

Invited guests include a number of leaders from the religious community who have been active both in the writing and revision of the guidelines and in opposition to the Istook Amendment. In addition to the religious groups in attendance, civil rights advocates and educators from AFT and NEA have been invited.

III. PARTICIPANTS

<u>Briefing</u>	11:30 - 11:45 AM
The President	
Rahm Emanuel	
Ann Lewis	
Maureen Shea	
Michael Waldman	

Radio Address 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM
The President
Megan Moloney
Rebecca Cameron
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) Staff
White House Television (WHTV)
White House photographer
Approx. 70 guests (see attached for list)

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
Tape Radio Address
Greet Guests

VI. **REMARKS**
To be forwarded by the Office of Speechwriting.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1998

TAPED MESSAGE FOR DEL LEWIS OF NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

DATE: May 29, 1998
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:45 AM
FROM: Megan Moloney

I. PURPOSE

You will record an audio taped message for Del Lewis congratulating him on his four years as President of National Public Radio. Mr. Lewis is retiring this year.

II. BACKGROUND

Del Lewis co-chaired the National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council. Mr. Lewis also participated in the your Economic Summit in December 1992.

A tribute will be paid to Mr. Lewis this weekend at a public radio national convention in San Francisco.

Vice President Gore has also recorded a message for the tribute.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Megan Moloney
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) staff
White House Television(WHTV)
White House photographer

IV. PRESS PLAN

Not for media release. This message will be played as part of a retirement party for Mr. Lewis at the public radio convention this weekend in San Francisco.

V. REMARKS

To be forwarded by the Office of Speechwriting.

Draft 5/27/98 8:00pm

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDELINES
May 29, 1998

Good morning. I want to talk to you today about an issue that affects all of our children -- and one that is of deep, personal concern to me: voluntary prayer in our nation's public schools.

We know how important public schools are, not only to the education of our children, but to the moral foundation of our society. We trust our schools to teach our children, and to give them the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life. But schools must do more than train our children's minds -- they must also help to nurture our children's souls by reinforcing the spiritual values they learn at home and in their communities of faith.

I believe that one of the best ways we can do this is by supporting students' right to pray voluntarily in school and to pursue religious activities on school grounds. Studies show that children who are involved in religious activities are less likely to use drugs. And in a world that increasingly exposes our children to images of immorality and violence, common sense tells us that they are more likely to stay out of trouble and live up their full potential when they are spiritually grounded.

There is no question that the issue of prayer in schools is a complex and emotional one for many Americans, and it has long been a matter of great controversy in our courts. But nothing in the Constitution requires our public schools to be religion-free zones where our children must leave their faith behind at the school house door.

To help clear up confusion about what kind of religious activity is and ought to be permissible in public schools, we issued comprehensive guidelines in 1995 to every school district in America. Here is what is at the core of those guidelines: Students have the right to pray privately and individually in school. They have the right to say grace at lunchtime. They have the right to meet in religious groups on school grounds and use school facilities, just like any other club. And students have the right to read the Bible, or any religious text, during study hall or free class time.

Since we issued these guidelines, appropriate religious activity has flourished in our schools. And the guidelines have encouraged communities to develop common understanding about what kinds of religious activity is permissible in schools, helping them to avoid costly lawsuits and divisive disputes. For example, after parents sued the school board because their son was wrongly punished for praying quietly in the cafeteria, St. Louis used the guidelines to adopt more explicit policies for the future. In Atlanta, where schools hold workshops and distribute the guidelines to teachers at the beginning and middle of every school year, disputes about religious activity have all but disappeared.

To help more school districts follow these communities' lead -- and to make sure our national guidelines are consistent with current court cases -- we will reissue the guidelines and mail them to every school district in the country. And I call on those school districts to make sure that the guidelines are understood and used by school principals, teachers, parents, and students themselves.

Helping communities to find common ground about school prayer is the right way to protect religious freedom. But there is also a wrong way. Some people say there should be a Constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in our public schools. There is one. It is the First Amendment. For more than 200 years, it has protected religious freedom and allowed many faiths to flourish -- in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our schools. And we don't need to rewrite the Constitution to protect our children's right to pray in school.

George Washington once said that Americans have "abundant reason to rejoice that in this land ... every person may worship God according to the dictates of his own heart." Americans still have cause to rejoice that this most precious liberty is as strong today as it was then -- and that it will still be there for our children in the 21st Century.

Thanks for listening.

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
RADIO ACTUALITY HONORING
DELANO LEWIS
MAY 30, 1998**

I want to congratulate Del Lewis on his terrific work as he prepares to step down as President of NPR. Under Del's leadership, NPR has continued to thrive as a forum that brings perspective to politics and insight to the issues. I have depended on Del's expertise over the years, and I want to thank him for his service as co-chair of the National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council. All things considered, Del's tenure at NPR has been a resounding success. Good luck and best wishes to you and Gayle.

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Saturday, May 30, 1998

1:00 PM	Brunch	No Paper
6:45 PM	Georgetown University 30th Anniversary Gala	Tab A
	- Talking Points	Tab B

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Saturday, May 30, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1998

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Winds west to northwest at 3 to 6 knots. Low
62 to 67. High 84 to 89.*

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Saturday, May 30, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Saturday, May 30, 1998
*Final Schedule***

1:00 pm-
4:00 pm **BRUNCH**
BLAIR HOUSE
Staff Contact: Kim Widdess

6:45 pm-
7:30 pm **RECEPTION**
STATE FLOOR
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

Note: The Georgetown Reunion Gala events are black tie.

8:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady proceed to the South Lawn
via the Diplomatic Reception Room

8:15 pm-
TBD **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA**
TENT
South Lawn
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

-- **The President** and the First Lady proceed to their table for dinner.

9:15 pm -- **The President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Ed McManinon,
Reverend O'Donovan, Melinda Bates, and Kathy Baczko are announced
onto stage.

-- The First Lady makes welcoming remarks and introduces Ed McManinon,
Class President.

-- Ed McManinon makes remarks and introduces Kathy Baczko.

-- Kathy Baczko makes remarks and introduces **the President**.

May 29, 1998 (6:20pm)

Saturday, May 30, 1998

- **The President** makes remarks.
- Melinda Bates makes remarks and presents class gift.
- 9:30pm -- **The President** thanks the class and introduces "The Righteous Brothers."
- **The President** and the First Lady proceed to their seats for the entertainment.
- Entertainment begins.
- **The President** and the First Lady depart.

BC/HRC RON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 29, 1998 (6:20pm)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT
THE FIRST LADY

WHAT: GEORGETOWN REUNION

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1998

NOTES: APPROX 1050 GUESTS/CLOSED PRESS/BLACK TIE

FROM: CAPRICIA PENA VIC MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

8:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY are announced into the tent to honors and proceed to their table in the Tent via the Diplomatic Reception Room.

9:05/10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY accompanied by Ed McManimon, Reverend O'Donovan, Melinda Bates and Kathy Baczko are announced to the stage.

PROGRAM BEGINS

THE FIRST LADY welcomes everyone and introduces Class President, Ed McManimon.

Ed McManimon makes remarks and introduces Rev. O'Donovan.

Rev. O'Donovan makes remarks and introduces Kathy Baczko.

Kathy Baczko makes remarks and introduces THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT makes remarks.

Melinda Bates makes remarks and presents class gift.

Approx. 9:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT thanks the class and introduces the Righteous Brothers.

Entertainment notes:

The Righteous Brothers will play two songs while people are seated and invite everyone up to dance starting with the third song.

Following the Righteous Brothers performance, the Lazy Boys dance band will play for the rest of the evening.

TBD

THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart via front of the Tent.

98 MAY 29 -- 7:45

Acknowledge: Ed McManimon, Class of '68 Pres.; Kathy Bazcko, reunion organizer; Melinda Bates, Dir. of the Visitor's Office.

- Thank you to Juliette Chiodo Lloyd for organizing this week's community service project at Meridan Hill Park. Thank you to the 100 or so of you who spent a lot of time helping to restore this beautiful D.C. park.

- Also, thanks to Gayden Thompson for putting together the day of golf at Fort Belvoir. I wish I could have joined you.

It is wonderful that so many of you are here (about 530, 2/3 of the graduating class.) And it's wonderful how much the Class of '68 has given back to Georgetown. We have raised a record \$3 M for the Univ.

After you conclude your remarks, Melinda will present you with the gift -- a Dale Chihuly [Chi-HOO-lee] bowl. Chihuly's work is currently part of the WH Collection of American Crafts. Because you liked it so much Chihuly has loaned the WH a bowl. Now you have your very own.

After the gift presentation, please introduce The Righteous Brothers.