

Friday, November 27, 1998

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Tape Radio Address

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- Remarks

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Friday, November 27, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1998

Final Schedule

SCHEDULING DIRECTOR:

STEPHANIE STREETT

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WHCA PAGER: 4824

WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, DC

*Mostly sunny. Winds west at 8 to 12 knots. Low
32 to 37. High 55 to 60.*

CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

*Partly cloudy. Winds northwest at 10 to 15 knots.
Low 31 to 36. High 44 to 49.*

November 25, 1998 (4:55pm)

Friday, November 27, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Friday, November 27, 1998
*Final Schedule***

DAY AND EVENING OFF

TBD

BRIEFING AND TAPE RADIO ADDRESS
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND
Remarks: Lowell Weiss
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Julianne Corbett

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TBD

November 25, 1998 (4:55pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1998

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TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

DATE: November 27, 1998
LOCATION: Camp David
TIME: TBD
FROM: Julianne Corbett

I. PURPOSE

You are announcing \$80 million in new housing funds to help people with disabilities in over 200 communities obtain affordable housing. These funds, combined with nearly \$700 million in grants released earlier this month to non-profit groups to create new subsidized apartments in 48 states, will help nearly 30,000 low income seniors and disabled individuals have a home to call their own.

II. BACKGROUND

Earlier this month, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Cuomo unveiled \$696 million in grants to non-profit groups in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to create 8,213 subsidized apartments for over 12,000 poor senior citizens and people with disabilities. These funds will be used to create new affordable housing (by either building new housing or rehabilitating existing housing) and subsidize the rents of the housing tenants.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Julianne Corbett
WHCA
WHTV

IV. PRESS PLAN

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

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Tape radio address.

VI. REMARKS

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON HOUSING GRANTS
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND
November 26, 1998**

Good morning. This Thanksgiving weekend, we gather in our homes with family and friends to share holiday meals and memories, and to give thanks to God for our many blessings. But Thanksgiving is not only a day to give thanks -- it is also the time when we renew our commitment to our deepest values, and the duty we owe to one another. Today, I want to talk about an important step we are taking to help our neediest citizens.

This year, Americans have much to be grateful for. We are grateful that our economy is the strongest in a generation, offering greater opportunity than ever before for every American. We are grateful that our communities are safer than they have been for 25 years, giving our families the security they need to thrive. We are grateful that our air and water are cleaner than they have been for decades, preserving the environment for our children. And we are grateful that America continues to shine a beacon of peace, freedom, and democracy around the world.

We are also grateful that more Americans will spend this Thanksgiving in homes of their own than at any time in our history. But for millions of struggling senior citizens and people with disabilities, the peace and security of a decent home is a distant dream -- and the threat of homelessness is an ever-present nightmare.

Too many of these hard-pressed Americans are warehoused in sterile nursing homes -- not because they need to be, but because they cannot afford to live anywhere else. Too many are trapped in substandard housing where broken plumbing, inadequate heat, and hazardous hallways are a dangerous fact of life. And too many spend more than half of their very modest incomes on housing, often sacrificing basic needs like food and medical care to pay their rent.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt entreated Americans to help the needy, recalling "the steadfastness of those in every generation who fought ... to hold clear the goal of mutual help, in a time of prosperity as in time of adversity." Today, at this moment of unparalleled prosperity, we must do no less.

Americans should never have to choose between a putting a meal on the table or putting a roof over their heads. That is why I am pleased that this month, we are awarding nearly \$700 million in HUD grants to make sure that no one has to make that impossible choice. These grants will enable hundreds of non-profit organizations like the YMCA, Goodwill, and the Salvation Army to build nearly 9,000 new apartments for struggling senior citizens and people with disabilities -- and to subsidize their rents.

Today, I am also pleased to announce nearly \$130 million for new housing vouchers to help people with disabilities in over 200 communities afford housing in the neighborhood of

their choice. Together with our new housing grants, these steps will help nearly 30,000 Americans -- and I want to thank HUD Secretary Cuomo for his tireless efforts to ensure that our neediest citizens have access to safe, affordable housing.

Let me give you just one example of the difference a home can make in the lives of Americans in need. Six years ago, Helene Williams lost her husband to cancer, and was losing her home. For three years, she struggled to maintain her dignity and her health as she shuttled between friends' and families' houses -- afraid to overstay her welcome, but more frightened by the threat of homelessness.

Fortunately, Mrs. Williams learned about one of the subsidized apartment buildings funded by HUD's housing program for the elderly. Today, along with her dog Mr. B, she is thriving there -- and giving back to her community. Just this week, at the age of 80, she has been busy working with her church to deliver Thanksgiving turkeys to families in need.

That is the kind of Thanksgiving story we need to hear more of -- all of us, bound together across the generations in a cycle of mutual help -- caring for one another, giving back to one another, and thanking God for our blessings. With the steps we take today, we will ensure that the same spirit of Thanksgiving is alive every day of the year.

Hillary and I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy time of Thanksgiving. Thanks for listening.

Monday, November 30, 1998

9:45 AM	Meeting with PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat	All Distributed Separately
10:40 AM	Palestinian Donors Conference - Remarks - Background on Palestinian Donors Conference	All Distributed Separately
11:40 AM	Electronic Commerce Event - Remarks - Draft Directive	Tab A Tab B Tab C
7:45 PM	WETA In-Performance - Remarks	Tab D Tab E

Monday, November 30, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1998

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Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, DC

Sunny. High 71. Low 46.

November 29, 1998 (5:01pm)

Monday, November 30, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Monday, November 30, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00	am-	MEETING
9:15	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: John Podesta
9:15	am-	BRIEFING
9:45	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
9:45	am-	MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN YASSIR ARAFAT
10:15	am	OVAl OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
		STILLS ONLY
10:25	am	THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route State Department [drive time: 5 minutes]
10:30	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives State Department
		Greeters: Secretary Madeline Albright
10:35	am-	CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
11:05	am	LOY HENDERSON CONFERENCE ROOM
		State Department
		Remarks: Ted Widmer
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
		Event Coordinator: Cecily Williams
		OPEN PRESS
		— Secretary Madeline Albright makes remarks and introduces the President.
		— The President makes remarks and departs.

November 29, 1998 (5:01pm)

Monday, November 30, 1998

11:10 am **THE PRESIDENT** departs State Department via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

11:15 am **THE PRESIDENT** arrives The White House

11:20 am-
11:35 am **BRIEFING**
PRESIDENTIAL HOLD
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

11:40 am-
12:25 pm **ELECTRONIC COMMERCE EVENT**
ROOM 450
Old Executive Office Building
Remarks: Paul Glastris, Lowell Weiss
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
Event Coordinator: Clyde Williams
OPEN PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by the Vice President, John Chambers, and Meg Whitman.
- The Vice President makes remarks and introduces John Chambers, CEO, Cisco Systems.
- John Chambers, CEO, Cisco Systems makes brief remarks and introduces Meg Whitman, CEO, e-Bay, Inc.
- Meg Whitman, CEO, e-Bay, Inc., makes brief remarks and introduces the **President**
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

12:45 pm-
1:00 pm **MEETING**
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

1:00 pm-
6:00 pm **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME**
OVAL OFFICE

6:00 pm-
7:00 pm **HOLD 1 HOUR**

7:30 pm-
7:35 pm **BRIEFING**
RED ROOM
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell

November 29, 1998 (5:01pm)

Monday, November 30, 1998

7:35 pm-
7:45 pm

MEET AND GREET

BLUE ROOM

Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

CLOSED PRESS

7:45 pm-
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WETA IN-PERFORMANCE

EAST ROOM

Remarks: June Shih

Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Capricia Marshall

Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

POOL PRESS (AT THE BOTTOM)

- **The President** and First Lady are announced to "*Honors*" into the East Room.
- The First Lady makes welcoming remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes opening remarks and introduces the performers.
- **The President** and First Lady proceed to their seats in the audience.
- The performance begins.
- Upon conclusion of the performance, **the President** and First Lady return to the stage for closing remarks and invite guests to a reception in the State Dining Room.
- **The President** and First Lady have the option to mingle with guests at the reception or depart.

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC**

November 29, 1998 (5:01pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1998

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE EVENT

DATE: November 30, 1998
LOCATION: 450 OEOB
TIME: 11:40-12:25
FROM: Gene B. Sperling
Ira C. Magaziner

I. PURPOSE:

This event has three purposes: (1) to demonstrate your leadership on "growing the new economy"; (2) to highlight the progress that the Administration has made since July 1997 in promoting electronic commerce; and (3) lay out an agenda for promoting the Internet and electronic commerce for 1999 -- which will include consumer protection, encouraging small businesses to use electronic commerce, and speeding up the deployment of higher speed Internet access to homes and businesses.

II. BACKGROUND:

Electronic commerce, the Internet, and information technology are transforming our economy and our society in ways that are as sweeping and profound as the transition from the Agricultural to the Industrial Age. Over the last several years, information technology has accounted for 1/3 of total U.S. economic growth, and has reduced inflation by a full percentage point. When you entered office, the Internet was used primarily by academics. Today, 150 million people use the Internet worldwide.

On July 1, 1997, you and Vice President Gore released a "Framework for Global Electronic Commerce" which set forth principles for the Administration's electronic commerce strategies, and set forth a detailed action agenda. Since then, a great deal has been accomplished.

Congress has passed and you have signed into law the five pieces of e-commerce legislation that the Administration called for:

- **The Internet Tax Freedom Act**, which creates a 3-year moratorium on Internet access taxes and taxes that discriminate against e-commerce, and also establishes a Commission to look at the long-term tax issues raised by e-commerce and remote sales;
- **The Digital Millennium Copyright Act**, which implements treaties on intellectual property protection that the Administration negotiated, and protects America's intellectual property in the online environment;

- The **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**, which requires commercial Web sites to get a parent's permission before collecting personal information about children under 13;
- The **Government Paperwork Elimination Act**, which encourages the government to move towards electronic filing and the acceptance of electronic signatures; and
- The **Next Generation Internet Research Act**, which authorizes an initiative to connect universities at speeds that are 1,000 times faster than today's Internet, and conduct long-term research on Internet technologies.

In addition, the Administration:

- **Made cyberspace a duty-free zone** by winning an agreement in the World Trade Organization to place a moratorium on duties on electronic transmission;
- **Encouraged the Internet industry to protect individual privacy** through self-regulation, third-party audits, and enforcement mechanisms; and
- **Successfully negotiated international agreements** based on your proposals to promote electronic commerce with trading partners such as the European Union, Japan, France, Ireland, Korea, and a whole host of international organizations. Today, you and Prime Minister Howard of Australia are separately releasing an agreement on e-commerce that supports the proposals in your framework.

You will also issue a directive announcing five new areas for government agencies to focus on to promote e-commerce:

- Increasing the availability of higher-speed Internet access in the U.S. for homes and businesses;
- Ensuring effective consumer protection in the online environment;
- Expanding Internet availability and use of electronic commerce in developing countries;
- Understanding better the economic impacts of the Internet and electronic commerce; and
- Encouraging small business use of the Internet and electronic commerce.

Management of e-commerce after Ira Magaziner leaves

We have worked out an arrangement, that John Podesta has approved, for how the e-commerce project would be managed after Ira leaves. Briefly, the responsibility for the coordination of the interagency working group would continue to be in the White House, through the Chief Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President (David Beier), with the Deputy Director of the National Economic Council (Sally Katzen) serving as his Vice Chair. This would emphasize the importance of the project to the President and the Vice President, and also underscore the contribution of this work to the economy. Any interagency policy disputes would be resolved through an NEC process, except in rare cases in which others may have the leading role (e.g. NSC for encryption). The Chief Domestic Policy Advisor would be the principal spokesman for the project, although it is expected that he would ask the Department of Commerce to act as our international spokesman on Internet issues, except where USTR or State otherwise have the lead.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Pre-Brief

The Vice President
Gene Sperling
Ira Magaziner
David Beier
Sally Katzen
Tom Kalil
Jim Kohlenberger
Lowell Weiss

Event

The President
The Vice President
Secretary Robert Rubin
Meg Whitman, CEO, EBAY
John Chambers, CEO, Cisco

Members of Congress

Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT)
Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND)
Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)
Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
Rep. Chip Pickering (R-MS)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

--YOU arrive at 450 OEOB.

--Secretary Rubin makes brief remarks and introduces the Vice President.

--The Vice President makes brief remarks and introduces John Chambers, CEO of Cisco.

--John Chambers, CEO of Cisco makes remarks and introduces Margaret Whitman, CEO and President of eBAY.

--Margaret Whitman makes remarks and introduces YOU.

--YOU make remarks.

--YOU depart event.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE
THE WHITE HOUSE
November 30, 1998

This past weekend marked the beginning of the traditional holiday shopping season. It also marked the coming of a new holiday tradition: shopping on the Internet. Last year, only 10% of those with home computers shopped for holiday gifts online. This year, the figure likely will soar to over 40%. With a few simple clicks of the mouse, online shoppers will buy books from amazon.com, home computers from dell.com, and perhaps even a Mark McGwire rookie year baseball card at ebay.com. We have truly entered a new era, one that can not only can transform the way we conduct commerce but that can also fuel our nation's economy well into the 21st century.

These are good times for America. And just look at how far we have come. A decade ago, the American economy was struggling to keep up with competitors around the world. Some thought our prospects could be summed in the title of a book: *America, What Went Wrong?* But today, our economy is the strongest in a generation, and opportunity is growing as never before. Nearly 17 million new jobs ... the fastest real wage growth in more than 20 years ... the lowest unemployment in 28 years ... the lowest core inflation in more than 30 years. And America is leading the world in the high-tech industries -- from telecommunications to biotechnology -- that are driving global markets. When you think about it, this is not surprising. The qualities that are rewarded in this new economy -- flexibility, innovation, creativity, and enterprise -- are precisely the qualities that have always defined the American character. We are the makers of this new economy. We have shaped the new economy in our image.

The question is, can we keep our remarkable momentum going? I believe the answer is yes - if we hold fast to the economic plan we introduced six years ago, a plan designed to unleash the potential of the new economy. We must maintain our fiscal discipline, to keep interest rates low and spur the creation of new businesses and high-wage jobs. We must continue to open new markets around the world. And we must continue to make historic investments -- to spur research and development and give our people the world-class education that will keep us at the cutting edge of change.

In all these ways, we can make the most of technological advances that have contributed so greatly to the prosperity we enjoy today. Information technology, in particular, now accounts for more than 1/3 of U.S. economic growth. It has boosted our nation's productivity and reduced inflation by a full percentage point. And few applications of technology have more potential than electronic commerce. This year, if all of the sales being conducted over the Internet were taking place in one shopping mall, that mall would have to be 30 times the size of Minnesota's Mall of America, the largest mall in the world. Five years from now, we would need a facility more than 1,000 times the size of the Mall of America to handle the staggering volume of sales.

But we will not fulfill the great promise of electronic commerce unless we create the conditions for electronic entrepreneurship. That is why, in December of 1995, I asked VP Gore and

Ira Magaziner to help build a framework for global electronic commerce. Last summer we released this framework. It said, in short, that the Internet should be a free-trade zone, with incentives for competition, protection for consumers and children, and supervised not by governments but by the people who use the Internet every day.

And I am proud to say that we are ahead of schedule in our efforts to put these principles into action. This year, 132 nations followed the U.S. lead by signing a declaration to refrain from imposing customs duties on electronic commerce. We reached agreements supporting our market-driven approach with the European Union, Japan, and other nations. In fact, today Australian Prime Minister Howard and I will issue a joint statement along these same lines.

Working with Congress, industry, and state and local officials, we passed a law to put a three-year moratorium on new and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce. We ratified an international treaty to protect intellectual property online. We made it possible to conduct official transactions electronically. We secured the funds to challenge the nation's research community to develop the Next Generation Internet. We passed a law to protect the privacy of our children online. We're working with companies representing a large share of the Internet's traffic to help them meet our privacy guidelines. We have effectively privatized the Internet's domain name and routing systems. We have moved to improve the security and reliability of cyberspace by focusing attention on protecting critical infrastructures and solving the Y2K computer problem.

But this holiday season we are seeing challenges we must still overcome. Many people who surf the Web still won't shop there. They worry that their credit card numbers will be misused. They worry that they will not get what they thought they were paying for. They worry that they will have nowhere to go if cheated. We have already begun to address these fears, not with burdensome regulations that might stifle growth and innovation but with incentives for online companies to offer customers the protections they need.

But we must do more. America has some of the strongest consumer protections in the world. Today, I am directing Sec. Daley to work with the FTC, other agencies, consumer advocates, industry, and our trading partners to develop new approaches that will extend this proud tradition into cyberspace. We must ensure that truthful advertising and full disclosure of information are the foundations of global electronic commerce. People should get what they pay for online, and it should be easy to get redress if they don't. We must give consumers the same protections in our virtual mall that they now count on at the shopping mall.

And if the virtual mall is to grow, we must help small businesses and families gain access to the same services, at the same speeds, that big businesses enjoy today. For many people, connections are so slow that shopping at the virtual mall is filled with frustration. It is as if they had to drive over dirt roads to get to the mall, only to find an endless line of customers just waiting to get in the door. So today, I will also direct Sec. Daley and Amb. Barshefsky to work with the FCC and our trading partners to promote greater competition to bring advanced, high-speed connections into our homes and small businesses. We must ensure that the Internet continues to evolve -- in ways that will benefit all our people.

Our nation was founded at the dawn of a period not unlike our own -- a period of enormous

economic upheaval, when the world was beginning to move from an agrarian to an industrial economy. Alexander Hamilton, America's first Treasury Secretary, understood these changes well. In his *Report on Manufactures* and other writings, Hamilton identified new ways to harness these changes to help the nation advance. He proposed a central bank, a common currency, more roads and canals, and a crackdown on fraud so that American products would be known the world over for quality. He created the blueprint for the institutions that made possible the American industrial age.

Today, we are creating the blueprints of new institutions for a new economic age. We have the honor of designing the architecture for a global electronic marketplace ... a marketplace that includes all nations ... a marketplace with stable laws, strong protection for consumers, and serious incentives for competition. I may not know as much about cable modems or T-One lines as VP Gore. But what I do know is that electronic commerce gives us an opportunity to help usher in the greatest age of prosperity the world has ever known. And that is exactly what we intend to do. Thank you and God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Successes and Further Work on Electronic Commerce

The Internet and electronic commerce have the potential to transform the world economy. The United States Government is committed to a market-driven policy architecture that will allow the new digital economy to flourish while at the same time protecting citizens' rights and freedoms.

My Administration has released a report that details the significant progress made on the implementation of my memorandum on Electronic Commerce of July 1, 1997, and its accompanying policy statement, "A Framework for Global Electronic Commerce." The electronic commerce working group established by the memorandum to coordinate the United States Government's electronic commerce strategy has accomplished a great deal. I am proud of their significant achievements. Governments and private sector organizations around the world now recognize the importance of the Internet and electronic commerce and the viability of the approaches contained in the 1997 report as a means of ensuring future economic success. I am optimistic that the progress realized to date will be continued during the next year.

Accordingly, I direct that work continue in the 13 areas listed in my July 1, 1997, memorandum in order to complete implementation by January 1, 2000.

In addition, five new areas have emerged during the past year that deserve particular attention. To assure progress in these areas, I hereby direct as follows:

1. The Secretary of Commerce, in appropriate consultation with the Federal Communications Commission, shall encourage the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities for all Americans while preserving the vibrant and competitive free market that exists for the Internet and other interactive computer services, unfettered by unnecessary Federal or State regulation. The United States Trade Representative shall work with these agencies to help ensure the elimination of foreign trade barriers to the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities.

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2. The Secretary of Commerce, in appropriate consultation with the Federal Trade Commission, shall foster consumer confidence that the goods, services, and information offered online are fairly represented, that consumers will get what they pay for, and that recourse or redress will be available if they do not. This will include supporting industry self-regulation and cooperation among private sector groups to set common global rules and enforcement mechanisms for consumer protection. The United States Trade Representative shall work with these agencies to help avoid the creation of foreign trade barriers as rules for consumer protection are put in place.
3. The Secretary of State, in appropriate cooperation with the Agency for International Development (AID), the Secretary of Commerce, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), shall initiate a program to help accelerate the spread of the Internet and electronic commerce to developing countries. This will include a demonstration of successful models for development in a small number of interested countries and should highlight and create incentives for public/private sector partnerships to serve as a catalyst to spur successful private action. The Secretary of State should seek the cooperation of the World Bank and other multilateral organizations in carrying out this mission.
4. The Assistant to the President for Economic Policy shall develop a coherent picture of the economic impact of the Internet and electronic commerce in the United States and internationally. This will include convening a conference to engage experts from the public and private sectors to assess the impact of investments in information technology and the influences of electronic commerce and related technologies on the economy, and to recommend new indicators for the information economy, new types of data collection, and new research that could be undertaken by organizations in the public and private sectors. To broaden public understanding of the impact of electronic commerce, the Secretary of Commerce shall publish a volume to succeed the "Emerging Digital Economy" report it issued this year.
5. The Secretary of Commerce and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall develop strategies to help small businesses overcome barriers to the use of the Internet and electronic commerce. The initiative will consider the need to train government employees who have contact with small businesses on the use of the Internet and electronic commerce; identify commonly used government

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products and forms that could be moved to the Internet so that small business will be able to use the Internet to interact with the government, as much as possible; and to develop an outreach plan so as to enhance small businesses' use of the Internet and electronic commerce.

The work in the five above areas shall be carried out subject to the availability of appropriations and consistent with the agencies' priorities and the budget.

I am asking the Vice President to continue his leadership in coordinating the United States Government's electronic commerce strategy. Further, I am directing that executive department and agency heads report back to the Vice President and me through the interagency group 1 year from the date of this memorandum on their further progress in meeting the goals of the July 1, 1997, directive, as well as their accomplishments under this directive.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

WETA in Performance

DATE: November 30, 1998
LOCATION: East Room
TIME: 7:45pm
FROM: MaryEllen McGuire

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I. PURPOSE

To host WETA's "In Performance at the White House" and showcase the American tradition of Broadway- a millenium culture evening.

II. BACKGROUND

The White House has always been an important showcase for the performing arts. Since John and Abigail Adams's first reception on New Year's Day, 1801, world-renowned artists have performed for the First Families. President Kennedy established the White House as a prominent center for America's artistic achievements with "Horowitz at the White House," while President Carter established the sharing of White House concerts through television, leading to "In Performance," a celebratory series of American performing artists on PBS. (President Carter was detained at Camp David with Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat and could not attend the second In-Performance which featured Rostropovich at the White House.)

There have been a total of thirty two televised *In Performance* shows since 1978. Produced by WETA, these programs have featured some of the world's most beloved and renowned artists- from Vladimir Horowitz and Mikhael Baryshnikov to Linda Ronstadt and Bobby McFerrin. During the Bush administration, the 1989-90 *In Performance at the White House* series was built around the theme "The House I Live In," the title of a song made popular by Frank Sinatra during World War II.

This will be the ninth WETA televised event sponsored by the Clinton administration. The first was the Newport Jazz Festival on June 18, 1993 and the most recent was, "The Great American Gospel Tradition," on June 3, 1998, which highlighted the diversity of the American gospel tradition. This is the third *In Performance* program being filmed at the White House this year.

In Performance at the White House is being underwritten by Ameritech.

This evening's program was designed by WETA as part of the White House Millennium initiative and is the last in a series of three performances designed to recognize America's

contribution to the arts. Tonight's performance celebrates the American experience on, and through, Broadway.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The First Lady

Performers- Meet and Greet

Patti Lupone
James Naughton
Brian Stokes Mitchell
Jennifer Holliday

Musicians- Meet and Greet

James Leonhart
John Oddo
David Ratajczak
Michael Ries
Darryl Tookes

Meet and Greet

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Notebaert (Dick and Peggy), Ameritech
Sen. and Mrs. John Rockefeller (John and Sharon)

IV. FORMAT

Provided by Social Office.

V. PRESS

Pool press with rebroadcasting on WETA at a later date.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by speechwriters.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS FOR "IN PERFORMANCE"
THE WHITE HOUSE
NOVEMBER 30, 1998**

The American musical is one of our nation's most beloved art forms. It is also one of the most encompassing. What other country can hum tunes from composers as varied as George Gershwin, Eubie Blake, Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington and Cole Porter?

And typical of our diverse nation, the greatest excitement comes when America's various musical traditions intersect. When Classical, Hebrew and African-American melodies converge in a Gershwin musical, when European marches and African syncopation meet to create Ragtime, or when Duke Ellington fuses gospel and jazz -- there's a new song in the world, a song that could only come from America.

Tonight, we welcome to the East Room of the White House four musical theater artists who are at the top of their game. They've lent their voices to some of our most favorite American classics, and I'm sure they will take American music to new heights in the next millennium. And I think it's appropriate that we've gathered here in America's living room, because tonight, we're going to hear what these terrific performers sing at home, with no one to please but themselves.

And now, please join me in welcoming our emcee for the evening. I first met Jimmy after I saw him in "City of Angels" for which he won a Tony. He won another Tony for his role in "Chicago" and he sang at both of my inaugurations. Ladies and Gentlemen, James Naughton.

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Tuesday, December 1, 1998

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Tuesday, December 1, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1998

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

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Variably cloudy in the early morning, becoming mostly sunny and cooler. Winds northwest at 8 to 15 knots. Low 42 to 47. High 63 to 68.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Tuesday, December 1, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00	am-	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
11:00	am	OVAL OFFICE
11:00	am-	MEETING
11:15	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: John Podesta
11:15	am-	BRIEFING
11:30	am	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
11:30	am-	WORKING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CHISSANO OF
12:00	pm	MOZAMBIQUE OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger Interpretation: Consecutive STILLS ONLY
12:05	pm-	BRIEFING
12:25	pm	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: Bruce Reed, Minyon Moore, Sandra Thurman
12:25	pm	THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Room 450, Old Executive Office Building

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

12:30 pm-
1:15 pm

WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT

ROOM 450

Old Executive Office Building

Remarks: Jordan Tamagni

Staff Contact: Bruce Reed, Minyon Moore, Sandra Thurman

Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg

OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 130 people in attendance.

- Off-stage announcement of the **President**, accompanied by Secretary Madeline Albright, Brian Atwood and Amy Slemmer.
- Secretary Madeline Albright makes brief remarks and introduces Brian Atwood.
- Brian Atwood makes brief remarks and introduces Amy Slemmer.
- Amy Slemmer makes brief remarks and introduces the **President**.
- The **President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

1:30 pm-
1:45 pm

BRIEFING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

1:45 pm-
2:05 pm

MEETING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

CLOSED PRESS

2:10 pm-
2:15 pm

MEETING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

2:15 pm-
6:30 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME

OVAL OFFICE

6:35 pm-
6:45 pm

BRIEFING

OVAL OFFICE or DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM

Staff Contact: Craig Smith

6:50 pm

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

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

6:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives Mayflower Hotel

Greeters: Roy Romer, General Chair, Democratic National Committee
Steven Grossman, Chairman, Democratic National Committee
Len Barrack, Finance Chairman, Democratic National Committee
Jeff Soref
Andy Tobias

7:00 pm-
8:25 pm

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE DINNER
COLONIAL ROOM
Mayflower Hotel
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg
POOL PRESS (REMARKS ONLY)

Note: There will be approximately 40 guests in attendance.

- **The President** is announced into the room and proceeds to the podium.
- Roy Romer, General Chair, Democratic National Committee, makes opening remarks and introduces Jeff Soref.
- Jeff Soref makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Upon conclusion of the remarks, **the President** mixes and mingles with guests.
- **The President** proceeds to his seat and dinner is served.
- Andy Tobias opens an informal dinner discussion.
- Upon conclusion of dinner, **the President** departs.

8:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to East Room

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

8:35 pm-
10:00 pm

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE DINNER
EAST ROOM
Mayflower Hotel
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be approximately 40 guests in attendance.

- The President is announced into the room and proceeds to a mix and mingle.
- The President proceeds to his seat and dinner is served.
- The President departs.

10:05 pm

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

10:10 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House

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November 30, 1998

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WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT

DATE: December 1, 1998
LOCATION: 450 OEOB
BRIEFING TIME: 12:00 pm - 12:25 pm
EVENT: 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
FROM: Bruce Reed/Chris Jennings/Sandy Thurman

I. PURPOSE

To commemorate World AIDS Day by unveiling new steps to address the growing number of children being orphaned by HIV/AIDS -- estimated to be as many as 40 million by the year 2010.

II. BACKGROUND

You will be joined by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Brian Atwood to commemorate World AIDS Day by launching a series of new initiatives to address the growing crisis of children affected by AIDS. You will announce: (1) historic new increases of NIH funding dedicated to new research aimed at developing an effective AIDS vaccine and to new prevention strategies to help address the problem of HIV/AIDS throughout the world; (2) new emergency funding from USAID to support international community-based AIDS orphan programs; and (3) a delegation to Sub-Saharan Africa, led by your AIDS Policy Advisor, Sandra Thurman, to assess the growing problem of AIDS orphans and recommend new strategies for responding.

In your remarks, you will announce the following:

- **USAID projection that up to 40 million children will be orphaned by HIV/AIDS by the year 2010.** (NOTE: this projection is of children who will lose one or both parents to AIDS) Over 90 percent of AIDS orphans live in developing countries that have too few resources to provide for their care and support. Over 33 million people around the world now have HIV or AIDS, with another 5.8 million becoming infected every year. As with so many epidemics, children and young people bear much of the terrible burden of AIDS. In the United States, as many as 80,000 children already have been orphaned by AIDS.

- **Increase in funding by the National Institutes of Health on research to prevent and treat HIV around the world.** NIH will undertake the largest single public investment in AIDS research in the world by supporting a comprehensive program of basic, clinical, and behavioral research on HIV infection and its related illnesses. This program will include:
 - * **\$200 million for research on AIDS vaccines to prevent transmission around the world, which represents a 33 percent increase from last year's funding.** The development of a safe and effective AIDS vaccine is critical to stemming the growing problem of HIV/AIDS and AIDS orphans across the world. NIH will dedicate \$200 million in vaccine research in FY1999 -- a \$47 million increase from FY1998 and an 100 percent increase since FY1995. This investment is critical to meeting your challenge to develop an effective AIDS vaccine.
 - * **\$164 million for other new research critical to addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic across the world.** NIH will invest \$164 million in FY1999, a \$38 million increase over last year, for critical projects to reduce the number of AIDS orphans by preventing and treating HIV/AIDS internationally, including: a new prevention trials network to reduce adult and perinatal transmission of HIV/AIDS; new strategies to prevent and treat HIV infection in children; funding to train more foreign scientists to collaborate on this epidemic; research on the prevention and treatment of the opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis, that commonly kill people with HIV/AIDS; and research on topical microbicides and other female-controlled barrier methods of HIV prevention.
- **\$10 million in emergency relief funding at USAID to provide support for AIDS orphans.** USAID will make available \$10 million in emergency funding to support community-based efforts for orphans, including training and support for foster families, initiatives to keep children in school, vocational training, and nutritional enhancements. In addition, USAID will take steps to help prevent the spread of HIV from mothers to children and to improve medical care for children already infected with HIV.
- **AIDS Policy Advisor Sandra Thurman to lead fact-finding delegation to raise awareness and make recommendations to address growing problem of AIDS orphans.** You will announce that you have asked Sandra Thurman, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, to lead a fact-finding delegation to southern Africa, where 90 percent of AIDS orphans reside. The delegation will include representatives from across the Clinton Administration, key Congressional offices, and the national media to raise awareness about this emerging problem and to develop recommendations for action.

- **New steps to address the continued need of those living with HIV/AIDS in the United States.** While the problem of AIDS orphans is most acute internationally, you will also underscore that HIV/AIDS affects families in this country as well. You will announce that the Vice President will unveil over \$200 million in funds for the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program this year to assist communities around the country to prevent individuals affected by HIV/AIDS and their families from becoming homeless. The Vice President will announce these grants at a meeting with local community leaders who provide housing and other support services for people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as several individuals and families who have benefited from these services.

This is also an opportunity to highlight the Administration's record of achievement on HIV/AIDS. In this year, you have:

- **Declared HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic minority communities to be a severe and ongoing health care crisis and unveiled a new \$156 million initiative to address this problem,** including crisis response teams, enhanced prevention efforts, and assistance in accessing state-of-the-art therapies all targeted toward ethnic and racial minorities in communities across the country.
- **Worked with Congress to secure historic increases in a wide range of effective HIV/AIDS programs.** Increases this year alone include: a \$262 million increase in the Ryan White CARE Act; a \$1.79 billion increase in AIDS research funding at the NIH; a \$32 million increase for HIV prevention programs at the CDC; and a \$21 million increase in the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program at HUD.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

Secretary Albright
 Brian Atwood, Administrator USAID
 Bruce Reed
 Chris Jennings
 Sandy Thurman
 Richard Socarides

Program Participants:

YOU

Secretary Madeleine Albright
 Administrator Brian Atwood
 Amy Slemmer, adopting mother and Washington Representative for Mother's Voices
 Against AIDS

- * Several adoptive families from the local area will be seated on stage.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will be announced onto the stage accompanied by program participants.
- Secretary Albright will make welcoming remarks and introduce Administrator Atwood.
- Administrator Atwood will make remarks and will introduce Amy Slemmer.
- Amy Slemmer will make remarks and introduce **YOU**.
- **YOU** will make remarks, work a ropeline, and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting.

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**THE REMARKS
FOR THE WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT
WILL BE FORWARDED**

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**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT**

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Date: Tuesday, December 1, 1998
Location: The Mayflower Hotel
Time: 7:00 p.m.
From: Fran Katz, DNC Finance Director

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the Democratic National Committee.

II. BACKGROUND

The guests in attendance are primarily members of the gay and lesbian community.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Please see the attached guest list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

This event is open to the pool press for remarks only.

V. SEQUENCE

7:00 p.m.

- You arrive and are greeted by Governor Roy Romer, DNC National Chairman; Steve Grossman, DNC Chairman; Len Barrack, DNC Finance Director and Event Hosts Jeff Soref and Andy Tobias.
- **PROGRAM**
- Governor Roy Romer delivers remarks and introduces Jeff Soref.
- Jeff Soref delivers remarks and introduces you.
- You deliver remarks.
- You greet the guests around the table and then take your seat.
- After the first course is served, Andy Tobias delivers brief remarks and opens informal discussion over dinner.
- Andy Tobias closes discussion.
- You depart.

VI. REMARKS

Your remarks are provided by speechwriting.

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THE TALKING POINTS
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE DINNER
WILL BE FORWARDED

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**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT**

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 1998
Location: The Mayflower Hotel
Time: 8:35 p.m.
From: Fran Katz, DNC Finance Director

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the Democratic National Committee.

II. BACKGROUND

The guests in attendance are primarily members of the Major Supporters and Democratic Business Council. They are long time and ardent supporters of the Democratic National Committee.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Please see the attached guest list.

IV. PRESS PLAN

The event will be open to the pool press.

V. SEQUENCE

8:35 P.M.

- You arrive.
- You mix and mingle with the guests.
- Informal remarks optional.
- You are seated for dinner. (All the guests are seated at one table.)
- You depart.

VI. REMARKS

Your remarks are provided by speechwriting.

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THE TALKING POINTS
FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE DINNER
WILL BE FORWARDED

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

9:30 AM	Congressional Meetings	Distributed Separately
	- Statement	Tab A
12:45 PM	Meeting and Working Lunch with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan	Distributed Separately
8:00 PM	Democratic Leadership Council's Policy Forum and Leadership Dinner	Tab B
	- Remarks	Tab C

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Wednesday, December 2, 1998

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FOR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1998

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WEATHER:

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Mostly sunny. Winds west to northwest at 6 to 12 knots. Low 33 to 38. High 61 to 66.

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Wednesday, December 2, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00 am-
9:30 am

BRIEFING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Larry Stein

9:30 am-
10:00 am

CONGRESSIONAL MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Larry Stein
CLOSED PRESS

10:00 am-
10:30 am

SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP MEETING
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Larry Stein
CLOSED PRESS

10:30 am-
10:40 am

STATEMENT
SOUTH PORTICO
Remarks: June Shih
Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
OPEN PRESS

- The Vice President makes brief remarks and introduces Senator Thomas Daschle.
- Senator Thomas Daschle makes brief remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks and departs.

10:40 am

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to the Yellow Oval Room

10:45 am-
11:45 am

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION
YELLOW OVAL ROOM
Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

12:00 pm-
12:15 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: John Podesta

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

12:15 pm- **BRIEFING**
12:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

12:45 pm- **MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER NAWAZ SHARIF OF**
1:15 pm- **PAKISTAN**
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
POOL SPRAY (AT THE TOP)

1:15 pm **THE PRESIDENT** proceeds to the Residence

1:20 pm- **WORKING LUNCH WITH PRIME MINISTER NAWAZ SHARIF OF**
2:20 pm **PAKISTAN**
OLD FAMILY DINING ROOM
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger, Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

-- **The President** escorts guests into the Old Family Dining Room and invites them to be seated for lunch.

-- Upon conclusion of the lunch, **the President**, accompanied by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, departs the Old Family Dining Room and proceeds to the West Lobby.

-- **The President** bids Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif farewell.

2:35 pm- **MEETING**
2:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE**
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

2:45 pm- **PHONE AND OFFICE TIME**
7:30 pm **OVAL OFFICE**

7:30 pm- **BRIEFING**
7:45 pm **OVAL OFFICE OR DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM**
Staff Contact: Craig Smith

7:50 pm **THE PRESIDENT** departs The White House via motorcade en route Corcoran Gallery of Art
[drive time: 5 minutes]

7:55 pm **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Corcoran Gallery of Art

Greeters: Al From, President, Democratic Leadership Council
Senator Joseph Lieberman
Jonathan Tisch, Event Chairman

Wednesday, December 2, 1998

8:00 pm-
8:15 pm

MIX AND MINGLE
GALLERY ONE
Corcoran Gallery of Art
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg
CLOSED PRESS

Note: There will be 25 guests in attendance.

8:20 pm-
9:10 pm

**DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S POLICY FORUM AND
LEADERSHIP DINNER**
ATRIUM
Corcoran Gallery of Art
Remarks: Paul Glastris
Staff Contact: Craig Smith
Event Coordinator: Aviva Steinberg
OPEN PRESS

Note: This event is black tie.

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Al From, Senator Joseph Lieberman, and Jonathan Tisch.
- Senator Joseph Lieberman makes brief remarks and introduces Jonathan Tisch.
- Jonathan Tisch, Event Chairman, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks, works a ropeline and departs.

9:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT departs Corcoran Gallery of Art via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

9:20 pm

THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
STATEMENT AFTER CONGRESSIONAL MEETING
THE WHITE HOUSE
DECEMBER 2, 1998**

Good Morning. Congratulations to the new Senate leadership. As the Vice-President and Senator Daschle said, we have just had a very productive discussion about our agenda for the new Congress.

This is a remarkable moment in the history of America. With the strongest economy in a generation, we have the means to tackle the challenges before us. And as we saw in this last election, we have also found the will. From education to social security to health care, the American people have declared the direction they want America to take to the future. They have made it very clear to their leaders in Washington that they want us to get to work on the issues that matter most in their lives -- modern schools and world-class educations for their children, a sound social security system for the 21st Century, and strong patient protections in this era of managed care.

And that is why Senator Daschle, his colleagues and I are determined to make the passage of a comprehensive Patients' Bill of Rights a top priority in the next Congress. We must give Americans the peace of mind that comes from knowing that when they fall ill, they will be treated as people, not dollar signs on a ledger. I have taken several steps within my power as President to strengthen patient protections. Just this week, my Administration instructed hospitals across America that waiting for approval from an insurance company cannot be a reason for denying a person emergency care. We reassured them that they will be fairly compensated for this care. We have also gone to the Supreme Court to help clear the way for patients, who have been harmed by a health plan's decisions, to seek justice under state law. But the time has come for Congress to do its part to protect America's patients. With Sen. Daschle and his colleagues leading the way, we must work together to make the Patients' Bill of Rights law. Protecting patients isn't a Democratic issue or a Republican issue. It is an American issue.

Thirty days ago, the American people gave all of us in Washington our marching orders: They want us to get to work on their behalf -- and on their business. We have heard them loud and clear. And we look forward to working with colleagues across party lines to create a new season of achievement for the American people.

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December 1, 1998

**DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S (DLC)
1998 ANNUAL CONFERENCE and
LEADERSHIP DINNER**

Date: December 2, 1998

Location: The Corcoran Gallery of Art

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.

From: Craig Smith and Linda Moore, Political Affairs

I. PURPOSE

To deliver remarks to this gathering of self-described "New Democrats."

II. BACKGROUND

This event is the DLC's 13th Annual Conference and the 12th in which you have been a participant. Funds raised around the daytime policy conference and the evening Chairmen's Reception and Leadership Dinner will account for approximately one-third of the DLC's annual budget.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Next Politics." Vice President Gore will deliver the keynote speech at lunchtime.

The conference was designed to underscore the DLC's argument that the New Democratic movement -- under your leadership -- remains the primary source of new ideas and progressive momentum in American politics. The policy program aims to focus the national debate on the big challenges facing the country as we go into the 21st century. Prominent Democrats -- including Senators Bob Kerrey (D-NE), John Breaux (D-LA) and John Kerry (D-MA) and Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-MO) -- will address such issues as education, entitlement reform and tax reform.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 270 supporters of the DLC will attend a Chairmen's Reception prior to your arrival for the dinner. Approximately 25 DLC Trustees will be present for the "meet and greet," and more than 500 people will be present for your remarks at dinner. This group is made up of federal and state elected officials, members of the Administration, and business and civic leaders from across the country.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- You will be greeted upon arrival by DLC President Al From, DLC Chairman Senator Joe Lieberman, DLC Dinner Chairman Jonathan Tisch, PPI President Will Marshall, and Corcoran Gallery President and Director David Levy.
- You will proceed to Gallery One for a brief meet and greet with 25 DLC Trustees, the group's top tier of supporters.
- There will be an off-stage announcement of you accompanied by Al From, Senator Lieberman, and Jonathan Tisch.
- You will proceed to the stage with Senator Lieberman, Al From and Jonathan Tisch.
- Senator Lieberman will make remarks and introduce Jonathan Tisch.
- Jonathan Tisch will make remarks and introduce you.
- Following your introduction, Senator Lieberman, Al From and Jonathan Tisch will leave the stage.
- You will make remarks, work a ropeline and depart.

V. PRESS PLAN

The dinner is open to the press.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting.

***Schedule and times are subject to change

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Paul Glastris/Michael Waldman

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS TO THE DLC
CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART
WASHINGTON, DC
Wednesday, December 2, 1998**

I will never forget the day, seven years ago, when I spoke before the Democratic Leadership Council in Cleveland. At that time our party was struggling, our nation was suffering, and the DLC was just a small group of like-minded individuals with big plans. In Cleveland that day I said that we must give the American people "a new choice, rooted in old values, a new choice that is simple, that offers opportunity, demands responsibility, gives citizens more say, provides them with responsive government--all because we recognize that we are a community, we are all in this together, and we are going up or down together."

Opportunity; responsibility; community--these were the words we used to define a new approach to government and politics, one rooted in our most enduring values but shaped to match the demands of the information age. We would not seek to dam the currents of economic change; to do so would decrease opportunity and doom our children to diminished dreams. But also we would not--as Americans, and as Democrats, we could not--tell our people that they had to sink or swim on their own. We realized that the way to advance the spirit of the New Deal was not to preserve its programs in amber but to act in the spirit of FDR himself, who said in his great Commonwealth Club speech in 1932 that "new conditions impose new requirements upon government and those who conduct government." We said we were New Democrats. We called our ideas the Third Way.

Now, our ideas were not universally welcomed or even wholly understood--by the press, by the Republicans, or even by some in our own party. But fired by the conviction that America could lead once again, we won the Presidency in 1992. Insisting that our way was the only way to build a bridge to the 21st Century, our party won the White House again in 1996--the first time a Democratic president has been reelected since FDR. And as we Democrats have stepped forward with a modern and bold approach, our party has regained the trust of the American people.

Last month, standing strong and united on a platform of fiscal responsibility, strengthening Social Security, renewing our public schools, and protecting people in the new health care marketplace, our party won an historic election victory. As you well know, this was the first time the President's party has gained seats in a sixth year congressional election since 1822. I will point out that after the last time that happened, the other party disappeared!

And those members of the other party who this year had the greatest electoral success campaigned with language and even policies that are strikingly similar to ours. When

Republican governors stand in front of cloth banners that read "opportunity, responsibility, community," it may not be "the sincerest form of flattery," but we should take it as flattery nonetheless.

In fact, these same ideas are reviving center-left political parties throughout the industrialized world. From Great Britain to Germany, Greece to the Netherlands, new center/left governments in Europe are using their strong majorities to cut deficits, to retool welfare systems to reward work, and to remake the social compact so that opportunities expand for all of their citizens.

Far from Europe, in Brazil, bold actions by a like-minded President Cardoso have tamed that country's notorious inflation, pointing the way for a new model for development in emerging democracies, one that does not over-rely on the heavy hand of government or on the invisible hand of markets. And it all started with the DLC. A political movement begun by people in this room a decade ago is today literally sweeping the world.

We have done more than fashion a new political approach, well packaged and well marketed. We have found the right way for a leading industrial nation to thrive in the 21st Century. We have led the way to a new American consensus--a way in which the values and vision that have always animated the American center can once again guide our nation. Today, it is clear, the Third Way has become the American way.

The question is: Why? Why have our ideas become so widely and profoundly accepted? As we move forward, I ask you to remember three lessons.

First, and fundamentally, our ideas have met the most important test: they work in the real world.

When I ran for President, the title on the bestseller lists asked the question on people's lips: *"America: What Went Wrong?"* But as I said in my first Inaugural Address, "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America." Today, after seven years of remarkable effort by the people of this nation, the question to ask is: "America: What Went Right?"

We attacked our problems with a full array of new approaches, many of them hammered out here at the DLC -- welfare reform, community policing, raising the Earned Income Tax Credit, creating AmeriCorps, and putting in place an economic plan that slashed the deficit, spurred lower interest rates, and sparked a boom in private sector investment.

By almost every measure, our families, communities, and country are stronger, healthier, and more prosperous. Crime, divorce, teen pregnancy, drug abuse rates--all have fallen. Welfare caseloads have plummeted, and wages are rising. In a few weeks our economy will break postwar records. And the federal deficit, that glaring symbol of Washington's gridlock, is gone.

Best of all, American has begun--just begun--to regain its legendary faith in itself, to believe that we can meet challenges together, that the system can be made to work for all Americans, that tomorrow just might be better than today.

The second reason why our ideas are ascendant is that they are true to the values and the common sense of ordinary, hardworking citizens. For too long the political system treated education, health care, crime, the environment as if they were merely battles over ideology -- not problems to be solved but issues to be exploited. The idea was to divide and conquer the electorate--to split blacks from whites, Northerners from Southerners, the middle class from the working class.

But truth be told, Americans don't want to be divided like that. It offends their deepest values of community and national unity and mutual responsibility. It offends their common sense. We said: Americans should not be forced to choose between family values or government help for the needy; locking up criminals or preventing crime from occurring; high-wage jobs or global free trade; economic growth or a cleaner environment. We say those choices are false; there is no reason we can't be tough on crime and tough on the roots of crime. No reason we can't insist that able-bodied people on welfare work but also offer training and child care to enable them to work. No reason we can't offer opportunity **for** all and demand responsibility **from** all.

The third reason our ideas have been so successful is that they recognize that a modern nation needs an effective government -- not a big and bloated government, but a government that is smaller, more flexible, stronger, and better able to meet the challenges of a new era. A government that does not seek to do for people what they best can do for themselves -- but gives them the tools to make the most of their own lives. A new kind of government for the Information Age.

We said federal bureaucracies designed for the industrial age had become outmoded. But we didn't take the approach of "Chainsaw" Al Dunlop -- we took the approach of Vice President Al Gore. Under his leadership, federal agencies have been reinvented. They have shed needless procedures, regulations, and layers of management to focus on customer service and results that matter. We have the smallest federal government since the last time John Glenn orbited the Earth, but one that does more with less, just as corporate America has done. NASA now conducts six launches per year rather than two per year as it used to, with fewer staff and a smaller budget. It is now clear: Americans do value government--when government gives them value.

America today is strong in the world, prosperous at home, and moving with enthusiasm towards a future of unlimited possibility. Now, we must use this moment of good fortune to meet our long term challenges. We must show that the Third Way is the answer not only to the remaining challenges of the 20th Century, but to the challenges of the 21st Century as well.

In the 20th Century, we built a safety net to give dignity to our parents in their

last years. In the 21st Century, we must show that we can strengthen the Social Security system so my generation can retire without bankrupting my daughter's generation.

In the 20th Century, we lifted millions of Americans into the world's first-ever mass middle class through strong public schools. In the 21st Century, we must show that we can revolutionize those schools so they can continue to transform the lives of our children.

In the 20th Century, we found a way to tame the savage cycles of boom and bust here at home. In the 21st Century, we must show that we can tap the dynamic power of a free international economy, limiting its volatility and giving it a human face.

We have already accomplished more than any of us could have dreamed of that day in Cleveland in 1991. But history will not judge us solely by what we have accomplished up until now. The real test of our ideas is whether they outlast us, whether they provide a strong foundation for our children, for our party, for our nation, for the world, well into the 21st Century. I am confident they will. Thank you and God bless you.

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Friday, December 4, 1998

9:45 AM	Earned Income Tax Credit Event	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B
11:00 PM	Budget Review Meeting	Tab C
1:30 PM	Meeting	Distributed Separately
5:00 PM	Foreign Policy Meeting	No Paper
6:00 PM	State of the Union Address Meeting	Distributed Separately
6:35 PM	Tape Radio Address	Tab D
	- Remarks	Tab E
7:00 PM	Photo Opportunity with the University of Arkansas Women's Basketball Team	Tab F

Friday, December 4, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1998

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Partly sunny and continued warm. Winds west-southwest at 6 to 12 knots. Low 44 to 49. High 67 to 72.

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Friday, December 4, 1998

**Schedule of the President
for
Friday, December 4, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:00	am-	MEETING
9:15	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: John Podesta
9:15	am-	BRIEFING
9:45	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
9:45	am-	MEET AND GREET
9:55	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
		Event Coordinator: Clyde Williams
		CLOSED PRESS
10:00	am-	EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT EVENT .
10:30	am	ROOSEVELT ROOM
		Remarks: Michael Waldman
		Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
		Event Coordinator: Clyde Williams
		POOL PRESS
		-- Gene Sperling, Chairman, National Economic Council, makes brief remarks and introduces Amy Hillen.
		-- Amy Hillen, job counselor, makes brief remarks and introduces the President.
		-- The President makes remarks and departs.
10:35	am-	MEETING
10:55	am	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett
11:00	am-	BUDGET REVIEW MEETING
1:30	pm	CABINET ROOM
		Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

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1:30	pm-	MEETING
1:45	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Larry Stein
1:45	pm-	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
4:45	pm	OVAL OFFICE
4:45	pm-	BRIEFING
5:00	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
5:00	pm-	FOREIGN POLICY MEETING
6:00	pm	CABINET ROOM
		Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
6:00	pm-	STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS MEETING
6:30	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste
6:30	pm-	BRIEFING
6:35	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney
6:35	pm-	TAPE RADIO ADDRESS
7:00	pm	ROOSEVELT ROOM
		Remarks: June Shih
		Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Megan Moloney
7:00	pm-	PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
7:05	pm	OVAL OFFICE
		Staff Contact: Mike Malone
		WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

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WASHINGTON, DC

December 3, 1998 (6:42pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1998

REMARKS ON NEW JOB NUMBERS
AND RELEASE OF REPORT ON THE EITC

DATE: December 4, 1998
TIME: 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (Pre-Brief)
9:45 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. (Meet and Greet)
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Event)
LOCATION: Oval Office (Pre-Brief), Roosevelt Room (Event)
FROM: Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE:

To highlight good economic news and draw attention to an initiative, expansion of the EITC, that is helping lift millions of Americans out of poverty.

II. BACKGROUND:

Overview. You will announce the economic news of the day -- the November jobs numbers -- highlight that we are now in the longest peacetime expansion in history, and release a report on the EITC which shows that it is effective in lifting working Americans out of poverty.

The Families. To get some background on how the EITC is actually working, you will meet briefly with mothers and their children beforehand in the Oval Office.

Amy Hillen, who will introduce you, now works as a job counselor with people making the transition from welfare to work for a non-profit group called Grassroots. She was on welfare until the end of 1996, but last year she earned \$17,000 and received an EITC of "about \$3000" [the EITC for \$17,000 in 1997 was \$2,583.] She used that money to pay for child care expenses, get insurance, and buy a car so that she could continue to work and go to school. This year, she's working a bit less and expects to make only \$11,000 [EITC of \$3,756], but she is working toward a master's degree. She has two children, Alexandra Hilled, 10, and Maxwell Keepers, 5.

Rhonda Clark lives in Baltimore, where she works as a receptionist for the Maryland Committee for Children. She was on welfare as a single parent until November of 1993, when she started at her current place of employment. She has used the EITC to pay for child care expenses, which have made it possible for her to work. She is now earning about \$18,500 [EITC of \$2,437.] Rhonda's children are Amber Daniels, 12, and Richard ("Ricky") Shahan, 10, whose birthday is later this month on Christmas Eve.

Bernadette Hexade will also be coming to the event with her son Joseph, 9. (*Information to be provided*)

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Pre-Brief

- The President
- Gene Sperling
- Janet Yellin
- Doug Sosnik
- Paul Begala

Event

- Same as above **plus**
- Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)
- Rep. Robert Matsui (D-CA)
- Families benefitting from the EITC (see above)
- Representatives of groups that have supported the EITC

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- You will be briefed on how the event unfolds.
- You will spend ten minutes in the Oval Office meeting a couple of Baltimore-area families that have benefitted from the EITC and moved from welfare to work.
- You will proceed to the Roosevelt Room for the event.
- Gene Sperling will speak and outline the conclusions of the report on the EITC and introduce Amy Hillen, a mother of two who has benefitted from the EITC.
- Amy Hillen will talk about her own experiences and introduce you.
- You will speak, work the front row, and depart.

V. PRESS COVERAGE:

Pool

VI. REMARKS:

Prepared by speech writing.

VII. ATTACHMENT

CEA Report, "Good News for Low-Income Families: Expansion in the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Minimum Wage"

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Draft 12/3/98 5:45pm
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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON JOBS AND THE EITC
THE WHITE HOUSE
December 4, 1998**

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Acknowledge: Sec. Herman, Gene Sperling [*whose tireless fight to expand the EITC came directly from the heart*], Amy Hillen.

One of the main reasons I ran for President six years ago is because I deeply believed that people like Amy and her family could achieve great success -- if we could just unstack the deck. I knew that when our nation was taxing working families into poverty, that was wrong. I knew that when a mother was rising at dawn, putting in an honest day's work, and still she could not afford to buy her children proper clothes for school, that was wrong. I knew that we had to create new incentives to help people climb the economic ladder and reach a place of true independence -- instead of kicking out the ladder's lowest rungs.

And that is why, in 1993, we fought for, and won, a dramatic tax cut for working families like Amy's by doubling the Earned Income Tax Credit. That is why, two years ago, we fought for, and won, a major increase in the minimum wage -- and why we are fighting to increase it again.

Today, we are releasing a new analysis prepared by the Council of Economic Advisors that shows just how helpful these actions have been for millions of working families. It shows that the EITC family tax cut has been a major factor in encouraging work among single mothers and has been responsible for much of our strong progress in reducing child poverty. And it shows that the combined effects of increases in the EITC and the minimum wage have been nothing short of remarkable. Since 1993, families with two children and one parent working full time saw their income rise by more than \$2,700 after inflation just because of these two policies alone. These policies, which we fought so hard to achieve, have lived up to their promise. They have strengthened the bonds of community. They have helped restore America's compact of mutual responsibility. They have helped America live up to its obligation to promote our core values of family and work.

And on top of these gains from the EITC family tax cut and the increase in the minimum wage, America's working families are also reaping the rewards of America's growing economy. This month, our economy will achieve the longest peacetime expansion in American history -- and all economic groups in America are being lifted by this rising tide. In fact, for low-income men and women, paychecks are up approximately 6% since 1996 alone.

And just this morning, the Labor Department reported that average workers continue to enjoy the fastest real wage growth in 20 years. These strong wage gains have been accompanied by a steep decline in unemployment both for workers with college degrees and those without. Overall, our economy added TK new jobs in November. And the nation's unemployment rate TK -- while inflation has remained low and stable.

Now we must press forward with our comprehensive strategy of fiscal discipline, investing in our people, and expanding markets for America's goods. For while our economy continues to grow and create new opportunity, we do know that the shocks abroad can reverberate in important sectors of our own economy. Boeing has announced that they will lay workers off because Asian airlines can't pay for the planes they've ordered; the steel industry has been overwhelmed by imports at fire-sale prices; farm prices are at record lows in the high plains. Clearly these are symptoms of the global financial crisis and in particular the economic problems in Asia. And that's why, for more than a year now, we have worked so hard to limit the spread of the financial contagion, reverse conditions in Asia, and restore economic growth around the world.

Our efforts are yielding positive results. Countries around the world are cutting interest rates to spur global growth. The U.S. Congress has fully funded our obligations to the International Monetary Fund. Together with Japan we have launched an initiative to help relieve crushing debt burdens in Asia and revive the private sector there. In countries like South Korea and Thailand there are signs that the worst of the crisis has come and gone. And our efforts will continue. We simply must continue to lead the world in restoring growth and in building a strong finance and trade system for the 21st century.

Yes, America is blessed. Yes, our economy is doing very well. But if we are to continue to add new jobs, raise wages, cut poverty, and give families like Amy's the tools they need to live up to their dreams, we must continue to help restore growth abroad and strengthen our economy at home. If we work together -- and we use America's momentum and confidence wisely -- I know we can do just that. Thank you and God bless you.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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December 3, 1998

**MEETING WITH SECRETARY ALBRIGHT
ON 2000 BUDGET**

DATE: December 4, 1998
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
FROM: Jack Lew
Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

To listen to the State Department make its case for large resource increases in the FY 2000 Budget. However, as you know, because of limited resources, it is important to keep flexibility for other appeals and your initiatives.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Meeting

The President
Secretary Albright
John Podesta
Maria Echaveste
Steve Ricchetti
Karen Tramontano
Secretary Rubin
Jack Lew
Gene Sperling
Larry Stein
Janet Yellen
Ron Klain
Bruce Reed
Sandy Berger
Sylvia Mathews
Larry Summers
Doug Sosnik
Paul Begala
Sally Katzen
Elena Kagan
Bob Kyle

III. PRESS PLAN

Closed press.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Meeting with Secretary Albright and your advisers

V. REMARKS

No remarks.

VI. ATTACHMENTS

None.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 3, 1998

TAPED WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS

DATE: December 4, 1998
LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
TIME: 6:35 PM
FROM: Megan Moloney

I. PURPOSE

You will discuss the federal lawsuit filed by the National Rifle Association which attempts to block the FBI from retaining records on gun purchasers.

II. BACKGROUND

The NRA filed a suit on December 2 attempting to block the FBI from retaining the records of gun purchasers as part of the new Instacheck system.

Since its enactment, the Brady Law has helped block nearly a quarter of a million illegal handgun sales and has proven to be one of our most critical crime fighting tools. The FBI's policy of temporarily retaining certain records is intended to ensure the effectiveness and integrity of the Brady law's background check system, while protecting the privacy of gun purchasers. The policy is also fully consistent with federal law. This lawsuit is viewed as another attempt by the NRA and its allies to undermine the Brady law.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Oval Office 6:30 -6:35 PM
The President
Doug Sosnik
Ann Lewis
Jose Cerda
June Shih

Radio Address Roosevelt Room 6:35 - 7:00 PM
The President
Megan Moloney
Mary Morrison
White House Communications Agency (WHCA) Staff
White House Television (WHTV)
White House photographer
Approx. 60 guests (see attached for list)

IV. PRESS PLAN

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

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Briefing
Deliver Radio Address
Greet Guests

VI. REMARKS

To be forwarded by the Office of Speechwriting.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
RADIO ADDRESS ON BRADY LAW/NRA LAWSUIT
DECEMBER 5, 1998**

Good Morning. This week, America launched a new effort to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and make our streets even safer for our families. For the first time ever, the Justice Department, working with the state, conducted instant, computerized background checks on all firearm purchases. In its first three days, the new National Instant Check System reviewed more than 60,000 prospective gun sales. While it allowed law-abiding buyers to take their guns home within minutes, in just three days, the new system stopped some 1,300 felons, fugitives, stalkers and other prohibited purchasers from taking home new guns -- and saved who knows how many lives.

But not 24 hours after the new background checks went into effect, the National Rifle Association announced that they would go to court to stop them. The goal of gun lobby's suit is plain: As the NRA's executive director himself put it this week, they want to "scale back" the Brady law.

Five years ago, as the Brady Bill was nearing passage in Congress, the gun lobby spent millions of dollars, twisting countless arms and marshaling all their resources in an all-out effort to kill it. They lost. But they have never given up their fight.

I have no doubt that the gun lobby will open even more new fronts in their efforts to gut the Brady Bill and stymie the clear desire of the American people to keep guns from falling into the wrong hands. We must fight them every step of the way. Brady background checks have stopped nearly a quarter of a million illegal handgun sales. We cannot afford to go back to the days when dangerous criminals walked away from our stores with new guns, no questions asked.

The American people have made it clear to their leaders in Washington that they want even tougher gun laws. That is why we must continue to work with law enforcement officials to strengthen -- not weaken -- the Brady law. That is why, when the new Congress goes into session next month, one of my top priorities will be to pass legislation to require a minimum waiting period before a handgun sale becomes final. This "cooling off" period will help prevent rash acts of violence and giving authorities more time to stop illegal gun purchases. I also call on Congress to ban violent juveniles from owning guns for life. There is absolutely no reason why young people convicted of violent crimes should be allowed to buy guns on their 21st birthday. And I thank Senator Bob Dole for coming out in support of such legislation this week.

Finally, we must make sure that firearms sold at gun shows are not exempt from background checks -- and that they do not enable unscrupulous dealers to circumvent our gun laws. Last month, I asked Treasury Secretary Rubin and Attorney General Reno to close this loophole. And I call on Congress to support their recommendations.

For the past five years, we have worked very hard to make our streets, schools, and neighborhoods safer places to live, work and raise families. We've put in place a comprehensive strategy of more prevention, stricter enforcement and tougher punishment. We've taken more guns and criminals off the street and put more police on the beat. Why would we retreat on this hard-won progress? We must remain vigilant in our efforts to support the laws that protect our children and families. We must continue to move forward. Thanks for listening.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1998

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

DATE:	December 4, 1998
LOCATION:	Oval Office
TIME:	6:45 pm
FROM:	Mike Malone

I. PURPOSE

Photo Opportunity with the University of Arkansas Women's Basketball Team.

II. BACKGROUND

The thirteenth ranked Lady Razorbacks are in town for a game against George Washington University on Saturday, December 5, 1998. The team is currently 6-2 and is coming off a recent loss to the University of Memphis last Tuesday evening. Two key players (Karyn Karlin and Carrie Satterfield) are injured and were unable to play Tuesday evening and are unlikely to play against George Washington University on Saturday.

Last season, the Lady Razorbacks qualified for the NCAA's Final Four out of the West Region. It was the program's first Women's NCAA Final Four appearance.

III. PARTICIPANTS

YOU

University of Arkansas' Women's Basketball Team (Lady Razorbacks),
Coaches and Traveling Party

IV. PRESS PLAN

No press

V. SEQUENCE

- o Coach Gary Blair will enter the Oval Office and be introduced to you.
- o Coach Gary Blair will introduce the players, coaches and members of their traveling party to you.
- o You will greet the team, coaches and members of the traveling party and pose for a photograph with them.
- o You thank everyone and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

No formal remarks are required

VI. ATTACHMENTS

List of University of Arkansas' Women's Basketball Team players, coaches, and members of the traveling party.

**Photo Opportunity with the University of Arkansas' Women's Basketball Team
December 4, 1998**

GARY BLAIR	Coach
NAN BLAIR	Wife of Coach Blair
TENILLE ADAMS	Team Member
CELIA ANDERSON	Team Member
LONNIE BRAGG	Team Member
TREVA CHRISTENSEN	Team Member
KARYN KARLIN	Team Member
SYTIA MESSER	Team Member
JOY OAKLEY	Team Member
CARRIE SATTERFIELD	Team Member
KAMARA STANCLE	Team Member
BRANDI WHITEHEAD	Team Member
WENDI WILLITS	Team Member
AMY WRIGHT	Team Member
AMBER NICHOLAS	Assistant Coach
VIC SCHAEFER	Assistant Coach
TERENA TILLIS	Assistant Coach
BRUCE WILLIAMS	Strength Coach
GLEN ADAMS	Radio Announcer
KEVIN BARNES	Television Announcer
JASON CLEMONS	Team Manager
BILL JOWERS	Alumni/Booster
JEAN JOWERS	Alumni/Booster
KRIS RING	Trainer
DEBBIE SCOGGIN	Secretary
STEVE SCOGGIN	Spouse
BILL SMITH	Women's Sports Information Director
TIFFANY WRIGHT	Television Announcer

Sunday, December 6, 1998

5:20 PM	<i>The Today Show</i> Holiday Interview	Tab A To Be Forwarded
5:40 PM	White House Reception For Kennedy Center Honors	Tab B
	- Remarks	Tab C To Be Forwarded
7:40 PM	Kennedy Center Honors	Tab D To Be Forwarded

Sunday, December 6, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1998

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Partly to mostly cloudy. Winds variable to southwest at 5 to 10 knots. Low 42 to 47. High 63 to 68.

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Schedule of the President
for
Sunday, December 6, 1998
Final Schedule

DAY OFF

Note: The following events are black tie.

5:10	pm-	BRIEFING
5:20	pm	STATE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
5:20	pm-	TODAY SHOW HOLIDAY INTERVIEW
5:25	pm	RED ROOM Staff Contact: Marsha Berry, Joe Lockhart CLOSED PRESS
 Note: This is a joint interview with the First Lady.		
5:25	pm-	MEET AND GREET WITH KENNEDY CENTER HONOREES
5:35	pm	BLUE ROOM Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall WHITE HOUSE PHOTO /CBS CAMERA/IN STYLE PHOTOGRAPHER
5:40	pm-	WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR KENNEDY CENTER HONORS
6:00	pm	EAST ROOM Remarks: Jordan Tamagni Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz POOL PRESS
 - The President and the First Lady are announced onto stage to <i>Honors</i> .		
- The First Lady makes welcoming remarks and introduces the President .		
- The President makes remarks and acknowledges the honorees.		
6:00	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady proceed to the Blue Room

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Sunday, December 6, 1998

6:05 pm- **PHOTO RECEIVING LINE**
7:05 pm **BLUE ROOM**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO/CBS CAMERA/IN STYLE PHOTOGRAPHER

-- Upon conclusion of the receiving line, the **President** and the First Lady proceed to the Residence for a brief hold.

7:10 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady proceed to the Blue Room

7:15 pm- **HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPH**
7:20 pm **BLUE ROOM**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz

7:20 pm- **SOCIAL AIDE PHOTOGRAPH**
7:25 pm **EAST ROOM**
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

7:30 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady departs The White House via motorcade en route Kennedy Center
[drive time: 5 minutes]

7:35 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrives Kennedy Center

Greeters: James Johnson, Chairman, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Maxine Issacs, spouse
Larry Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Jill Wilker, spouse

7:40 pm- **KENNEDY CENTER HONORS**
10:30 pm **OPERA HOUSE**
John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts
Staff Contact: Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Clyde Williams
POOL PRESS

-- **The President**, the First Lady, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore are announced into the Opera House and proceeds to their seats in the Presidential Box.

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- The National Anthem is played.
- Off-stage announcement of Walter Cronkite.
- Walter Cronkite makes welcoming remarks.
- White House Reception tape is played.
- Walter Cronkite introduces Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo.
- Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo performs.
- Off-stage announcement of Alec Baldwin.
- Alec Baldwin pays tribute to John Kander and Fred Ebb.
- Alan Cumming, Joel Grey, Bebe Newwirth and Chita Rivera give a tribute performance to John Kander and Fred Ebb.
- Phylicia Rashad pays tribute to Bill Cosby.
- Bill Cosby tape is played.
- Robert Culp pays tribute to Bill Cosby.
- Sinbad and Comedians TBD pay tribute to Bill Cosby.
- Walter Cronkite introduces scholars.
- Scholars pay tribute to Bill Cosby.
- Scholars perform a tribute medley to Bill Cosby.
- Tommy Lee Jones pays tribute to Willie Nelson.
- Willie Nelson tape is played.
- Person TBD introduces musical tribute to Willie Nelson.
- Dwight Yoakam, Aretha Franklin, Performer TBD, and Kris Kristofferson perform musical tributes to Willie Nelson.
- Dwight Yoakam, Aretha Franklin, Performer TBD, and Kris Kristofferson perform a joint tribute to Willie Nelson.
- 15 minutes intermission.

Note: The President and the First Lady will pose for a photograph for *In Style* Magazine.

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- Off-stage announcement of Walter Cronkite.
- Walter Cronkite introduces James A. Johnson.
- James A. Johnson, Chairman, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, makes remarks.
- Person TBD pays tribute to Andre Previn.
- Andre Previn tape is played.
- Person TBD introduces the Curtis Orchestra.
- Curtis Orchestra performs a tribute to Andre Previn.
- Curtis students perform a tribute to Andre Previn.
- Renee Fleming performs a tribute to Andre Previn.
- Person TBD pays tribute to Shirley Temple.
- Shirley Temple tape is played.
- Off-stage announcement of Henry Kissinger.
- Henry Kissinger pays tribute to Shirley Temple.
- U.S. Air Force Band performs a tribute to Shirley Temple.
- Walter Cronkite introduces United Nations International School.
- United Nations International School performs a musical tribute to Shirley Temple.
- Person TBD introduces tap dancers.
- Tap dancers perform a musical tribute to Shirley Temple.
- Walter Cronkite makes closing remarks.
- **The President**, the First Lady, the Vice President, and Mrs. Gore depart.

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Sunday, December 6, 1998

10:35 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart the Kennedy Center via
motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 5 minutes]

10:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrives The White House

BC/HRC RON **THE WHITE HOUSE**
WASHINGTON, DC

December 4, 1998 (8:45pm)

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THE BACKGROUND MEMO
FOR *THE TODAY SHOW* HOLIDAY INTERVIEW
WILL BE FORWARDED

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT
THE FIRST LADY

WHAT: KENNEDY CENTER HONORS EVENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1998

WHERE: BRIEF: STATE DINING ROOM
INTERVIEW: RED ROOM
MEET: BLUE ROOM
EVENT: EAST ROOM
RECEIVING LINE: BLUE ROOM

NOTES: APPROX. 500 GUESTS/POOL PRESS/BUSINESS ATTIRE

FROM: CAPRICIA PENA VIC MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

5:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY receive briefing in State Dining Room.

5:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY proceed to the Red Room for a brief interview by Katie Couric on the holiday season for the TODAY SHOW.

5:25 p.m. Following the interview, THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY proceed to the Blue Room for the greet.
(WH PHOTO, CBS Production Camera and IN STYLE photographer present)

Blue Room Participants

Honorees

Bill Cosby and wife Camille	Willie Nelson and wife Annie
Fred Ebb and sister Norma Bernard	Andre Previn and wife Heather
John Kander and friend Albert Stephenson	Shirley Temple and husband Charles Black

CBS Production

Mr. Don Mischer
Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens (Elizabeth)
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moonves (Nancy)

Kennedy Center

Mr. Jim Johnson and Ms. Maxine Isaacs, Chairman

5:40 p.m. **PROGRAM BEGINS**

Honorees are announced in alphabetical order from the Cross Hall and are escorted to the stage by their Social Aide.

THE PRESIDENT and **THE FIRST LADY** are announced to HONORS and proceed to the stage.

THE FIRST LADY makes welcoming remarks and introduces **THE PRESIDENT**.

THE PRESIDENT makes remarks and acknowledges honorees.

Note: Each Honoree stands for the President's acknowledgment (Honorees received medals Saturday night).

6:00 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** proceed to the Blue Room for a receiving line.

7:00 p.m. Upon conclusion of the receiving line, **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** proceed to the Residence.

7:15 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** proceed to the Blue Room for the annual picture in front of the tree and proceed to the North Portico for the annual picture with the Social Aides.

7:30 p.m. **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** depart for the Kennedy Center from the North Portico.

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**THE REMARKS FOR THE
WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR
THE KENNEDY CENTER HONORS
WILL BE FORWARDED**

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THE EVENT MEMO
FOR THE KENNEDY CENTER HONORS
WILL BE FORWARDED

Monday, December 7, 1998

10:35 AM	Video Taping for Christmas in Washington	Tab A
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	- Drunk Driving Prevention	
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8:00 PM	Congressional Ball	Tab G

Monday, December 7, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1998

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Mostly cloudy and cooler with isolated rain
showers. Winds west-northwest at 8 to 15 knots.
Low 43 to 48. High 58 to 63.*

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**Schedule of the President
for
Monday, December 7, 1998
*Final Schedule***

9:30	am-	MEETING
9:45	am	OVAl OFFICE Staff Contact: John Podesta
9:45	am-	BRIEFING
10:00	am	OVAl OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:00	am-	BRIEFING
10:15	am	OVAl OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
10:20	am-	BRIEFING
10:30	am	LOCATION TBD Staff Contact: Marsha Berry
10:35	am-	VIDEO TAPING FOR CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON
10:45	am	STATE DINING ROOM Staff Contact: Marsha Berry Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
10:50	am-	BRIEFING
11:00	am	DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart, Brenda Anders

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11:00 am-
11:35 am

VIDEO TAPINGS

DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM

Remarks: Josh Gottheimer, Ted Widmer, David Halperin, Antony Blinken
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart, Brenda Anders

- *Ramadan Message*
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
- *PSA on Drunk Driving Prevention*
Staff Contact: Ann Lewis, Bruce Reed
- *Message for Nobel Peace Prize Concert*
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
- *Message to Congratulate Secretary Alexis Herman on Receiving an Award from the Brotherhood Crusade Black United Forum*
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
- *Greeting for Walt Disney World's Very Merry Christmas Parade TV Special*
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart
- *Christmas Greeting to the Nation*
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart
- *Message for 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis*
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
- *Message for John Hope Franklin's 84th Birthday Celebration*
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
- *Message for George Gershwin Centennial Celebration Concert*
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

11:45 am-
12:15 pm

BRIEFING

OVAL OFFICE

Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

12:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Room 450, Old Executive Office Building

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12:20 pm-
12:25 pm

MEET AND GREET
HALLWAY
Old Executive Office Building
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
Event Coordinator: Jeff Forbes
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

12:25 pm-
1:05 pm

MEDICARE FRAUD EVENT
ROOM 450
Old Executive Office Building
Remarks: Paul Glastris
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
Event Coordinator: Jeff Forbes
OPEN PRESS

- Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, makes brief remarks and introduces Deborah Briceland-Betts.
- Deborah Briceland-Betts, Executive Director, Older Women's League, makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

1:15 pm-
2:15 pm

BUDGET REVIEW MEETING
CABINET ROOM
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling, Samuel Berger

2:20 pm-
2:30 pm

MEETING
OVAL OFFICE
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

2:30 pm-
7:00 pm

PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
OVAL OFFICE

7:00 pm-
8:00 pm

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8:00 pm-
9:30 pm

CONGRESSIONAL BALL
STATE FLOOR
Staff Contact: Larry Stein, Capricia Marshall
Event Coordinator: Laura Schwartz
CLOSED PRESS

Note: The attire for the Congressional Ball is black tie.

- **The President** and the First Lady proceed to the Map Room.
- **The President** and the First Lady receive guests for photographs.
- Upon conclusion of the receiving line, **the President** and the First Lady depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC

December 6, 1998 (6:41pm)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1998

INTERVIEW WITH *CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON*

DATE:	December 7, 1998
LOCATION:	State Dining Room
TIME:	10:30 a.m.
FROM:	Joe Lockhart Marsha Berry

I. PURPOSE

You will tape brief remarks for a video that will be shown at NBC's annual *Christmas in Washington* celebration. Due to your Middle East trip, you will not be attending the event.

II. BACKGROUND

Last year, you attended the *Christmas in Washington* celebration at the National Building Museum. Since you are not attending the event this year, you will participate in a brief video with the First Lady which will be shown in your absence.

The First Lady will videotape a tour of the holiday decorations on the State Floor. You will participate at the end of the taping to wish the viewers a happy holiday season.

The event is a benefit for the Children's National Medical Center in Washington DC. Brooke Shields is hosting this year's program, and musical entertainers include Smokey Robinson and Kenny Loggins.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
The First Lady
Christmas in Washington video crew

IV. PRESS PLAN

This tape will be shown at the *Christmas in Washington* celebration at the National Building Museum on Sunday, December 13. It will also air as part of a *Christmas in Washington* television special on NBC on Friday, December 18.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- You will enter the State Dining Room as the First Lady is finishing describing the gingerbread house.
- The First Lady will greet you as you enter the frame.
- You will join the First Lady in wishing the viewers a happy holiday season.

VI. REMARKS

See attached for draft possible remarks.

B

12/4/98 5:15 pm Widmer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
REMARKS FOR "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON" PROGRAM
TO BE TAPED DECEMBER 7, 1998
THE WHITE HOUSE**

"Christmas in Washington" is one of our favorite programs of the holiday season, and I'm sorry that Hillary and I will be missing it this year. But there is important work to be done in the Middle East, and I am meeting with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to help strengthen the prospects for peace. I know that I carry the best wishes of all Americans as the two sides pursue this historic opportunity. Christmas began with a birth in the Middle East almost two thousand years ago – and my fondest wish for the holiday season is that a new birth of trust will spread joy and harmony throughout the Holy Land. In all of our homes, here and abroad, we must do all we can to honor the true spirit of Christmas ... building peace on earth, and good will to all men and women. Have a happy holiday.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VIDEO TAPINGS

December 6, 1998

DATE: December 7, 1998

LOCATION: Diplomatic Reception Room

TIME: 10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

FROM: Brenda Anders

I. PURPOSE

You will tape nine video messages.

II. BACKGROUND

The first video is the Christmas Greeting to the Nation. This message will be played nationally on television and radio stations between Christmas and the New Year. The video will be fed via satellite to television affiliates across the country. In previous years, more than 210 affiliates in over 64 markets have taken the satellite feed. The networks will also feed the message to their stations nationwide. Mrs. Clinton will also participate in this taping.

The second video is a greeting for the 16th annual Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade. Disney's two-hour Christmas special, airs on ABC Christmas Day. This year the show will be seen by over 20 million viewers in Canada, South America, and on the Armed Forces Network. Mrs. Clinton will also participate in the video.

The third video is a message congratulating Secretary Herman on her receipt of the Walter Bremond, Pioneer of African American Achievement Award. Secretary Herman will be honored for her professional achievements by the Brotherhood Crusade Black United Fund, a self-help organization that distributes funds to support health, education, welfare and economic development programs. Previous award recipients include Representative Maxine Waters and Quincy Jones. The video will be shown to 1,000 people at the awards dinner on December 11 in Beverly Hills, California.

The fourth video is a message for John Hope Franklin's 84th birthday celebration. The birthday event will be hosted by Maya Angelou and will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on January 7. Over 500 of Dr. Franklin's family and friends will attend.

The fifth video is a public service announcement about drunk driving. You have recorded these PSA's for the last six holiday seasons. The National Association of Broadcasters will distribute the PSA to the major television networks and all local television stations who will broadcast the PSA's until the start of the new year.

The sixth video is a message for the start of Ramadan. The message will be distributed in the United States and internationally through USIA's Worldnet. Ramadan is December 20, 1998-January 19, 1999.

The seventh video is for the Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. Dee and Davis are noted movie and television entertainers who have been active in civil rights issues. There will be special presentations from Maya Angelou, Harry Belafonte, Lena Horne and other stars. The event will be attended by 850 people on December 15 in New York, New York.

The eighth video is for the annual Nobel Peace Prize Concert. The Norwegian Nobel Institute is hosting a post-award ceremony concert in honor of David Trimble and John Hume on December 11 in Oslo. Bertie Ahern, Tony Blair, and Nelson Mandela will also tape messages for the concert. Over 6,000 people will attend the concert and it will be broadcast to more than 100 countries.

The ninth video is a message for the George Gershwin Centennial Celebration Concert. The concert is the final event of a four-month celebration in France of Gershwin's centennial. You will also acknowledge President Chirac's award of the Legion of Honor to Boston Symphony Orchestra conductor Seiji Ozawa. The video will be seen at the concert in Paris on December 19.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

The First Lady

Brenda Anders

Technical Personnel (5)

IV. PRESS PLAN

Each video message will be played at open press events.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Make-up/Briefing

Videotape Messages

VI. REMARKS

A teleprompter will be provided.

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12/6/98 5:33 pm Widmer

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR RAMADAN
TO BE TAPED DECEMBER 7, 1998
THE WHITE HOUSE**

On behalf of the American people, the First Lady and I send warm greetings to the followers of Islam as they enter the holy month of Ramadan. The crescent moon is rising again, lighting the way before you as you begin this time of reflection and renewal.

Ramadan is a special time for Muslims around the world – including the six million Americans who are making Islam one of our fastest-growing religions. Through fasting and devoted reading of the Koran, Muslims everywhere relearn the compassion that gives their faith such dignity and power in the eyes of Muslims and non-Muslims alike. It is a time for strengthening bonds of spirituality, and for reaffirming our common humanity. It is a time to remember all that we have done, and all that we have yet to do ... to make this world worthy of its Creator.

The 97th Sura of the Koran, often linked to Ramadan, describes a “night of power” when angels help restore peace and tranquility in the soul.

As the ninth month begins, I believe the crescent moon can also stand for a rising tide of peace on earth, particularly among the people of the Middle East. As Muslims around the world rejoice in the call to prayer, Muslim Americans – and all Americans – wish you the blessings of faith and friendship. May your families enjoy health, prosperity and happiness, and may your prayers for the year ahead be answered. *Ramadan kareem* (traditional greeting; “have a generous Ramadan”).

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Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/4/98 7pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION TELEVISED PSA
DECEMBER 15, 1998**

Thanks to tough laws, strict enforcement, and the voluntary actions of 67 million designated drivers, more than 50,000 lives have been saved. Drunk driving fatalities have reached the lowest point in decades. But we can not rest in our efforts when, every year, over 16,000 men, women and children lose their lives to drunk driving.

This holiday season, if you choose to drink alcohol, please be responsible. Drink in moderation and choose a designated driver who doesn't drink at all. Remember: the designated driver is the life of the party.

Hillary and I wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

12/4/98 9:00 am
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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CONCERT
WASHINGTON, DC
DECEMBER 7, 1998**

God Aften [good AHF-ten]. I want to send best wishes from the United States to everyone taking part in tonight's Nobel Peace Prize Concert: the performers and all of those who have made this concert possible, the audience at the Oslo Spektrum, and people listening around the world.

Each year, this concert is a celebration of peace -- and of men and women who work to bring peace. I am very pleased that this year the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the Peace Prize to two leaders in Northern Ireland's peace process, John Hume and David Trimble.

Ever since the Troubles began in Northern Ireland 30 years ago, John Hume has worked bravely and tirelessly for a just and peaceful solution. His commitment to nonviolence has been an inspiration to people in Northern Ireland and around the world. At a crucial moment, David Trimble, the leading representative of Northern Ireland's unionist tradition, also took up the challenge of peace, demonstrating courage and skill in reaching and starting to implement the landmark Good Friday Accord.

I am honored that the Nobel Committee acknowledged the contributions of the United States, along with the United Kingdom and Ireland, in helping to bring about the accord. Many people have been important to the process: Prime Minister Blair, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, and their predecessors; Mo Mowlam, George Mitchell, Gerry Adams, and Seamus Mallon, to name but a few. But above all, those who deserve the credit are the courageous men and women of Northern Ireland, who have resolved to take back their neighborhoods from the forces of hate and violence. Clearly, there is still hard work ahead to build a permanent peace. But in Northern Ireland, the healing has begun, and the people are entering a new century with pride and hope.

The challenges of building peace are great -- not only in Northern Ireland, but in the former Yugoslavia, on Cyprus, in the Middle East, in Central Africa, in Cambodia, on the Korean Peninsula, in Colombia -- everywhere that there is conflict, hostility and fear. But the bright prospect of a peaceful future compels us to make the effort. I hope all of you will come away from this concert with a greater commitment than ever to working for tolerance, justice, and an end to violence -- in your own communities ... and around the world.

Tusen Takk [TOO-zen tahk]. Thank you very much.

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[Note: This video will play at the 5th annual Nobel Peace Prize Concert on Dec. 11 at the Oslo Spektrum, a 9000-seat hockey and concert arena. The performers are primarily rock acts. So you may be speaking above some crowd noise. PMs Blair and Ahern have also agreed to make videos for this event, which will be broadcast around the world.]

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/4/98 6:30pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEO REMARKS FOR ALEXIS HERMAN,
RECIPIENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE, PIONEER OF AFRICAN
AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
December 11, 1998**

I am very honored to have this opportunity to pay a tribute to my dear friend and our committed Labor Secretary, Alexis Herman, as this year's recipient of the prestigious Walter Bremond Pioneer of African American Achievement Award. I am also pleased to congratulate the Brotherhood Crusade on their thirtieth anniversary. One of the premier black, self-help organizations in the country, the Brotherhood Crusade -- under the leadership of Danny Bakewell -- has raised over \$40 million to improve the health, education and welfare of African Americans in California.

As a leader in the black community, Alexis Herman has championed these causes not only for African Americans but for all Americans. From her days in the Carter Administration as the youngest Director of the Women's Bureau to her leadership as my Director of Public Liaison --- and now as Secretary of Labor, Alexis has spent her career on the front lines of a changing workforce, fighting for working men and women.

Her indomitable spirit has been demonstrated time and again. As a young social worker down in Mobile, Alabama, Alexis helped desegregate her former high school, Heart of Mary. Then, as a government worker in Atlanta, she established programs to place minority women in white-collar and nontraditional jobs. And just over a year ago, during the UPS strike, Alexis brought the sides together and just about refused to let them leave until they reached an agreement.

On this special evening, the Brotherhood Crusade could not have selected a better example of a pioneering public servant. Alexis, congratulations again on your award, and thank you again for your decades of service to our country. And to the Brotherhood Crusade, I hope your next thirty years are as successful as your first. Good night and God bless you.

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/03/98 6:30pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
DISNEY CHRISTMAS PARADE
December 15, 1998**

THE PRESIDENT: Hello and happy holidays to everyone enjoying today's broadcast of the Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade. Hillary and I are very glad to join you again this year as you celebrate the magic of the holidays in the Magic Kingdom.

MRS. CLINTON: Christmas is a time for children. It is a day to revel in their excitement, rejoice in their growth, and renew our pledge to help them make the most of their God-given gifts here in our own country and around the world.

PRESIDENT CLINTON: Let us all rejoice in the hope and promise every child brings to this Earth. Today, as we journey toward a new millennium, it must be our children who continue to light the way. Hillary, Chelsea, and I wish you all a joyous holiday and a very happy New Year. Thank you, God bless you, and may the magic of Christmas always be with you.

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/6/98 5pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION
December 25, 1998
(1 minute)**

THE PRESIDENT: On this joyous occasion, Hillary and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Tonight, as we gather around our Christmas trees and dinner tables, let us take the time to give thanks to the blessings of the year just passed, to rejoice in our children, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

As we approach the feast of light, I'd also like to send a special greeting to all of the brave men and women in uniform who are serving our country in lands far from home -- you are in our hearts and prayers. On behalf of all Americans, I thank you for the greatest gift of the season -- for protecting our nation and safeguarding the freedom we all hold dear.

MRS. CLINTON: Christmas reminds us that the values we share far outweigh whatever the differences there are between us. The twinkle of a child's eye, the joy of a grandmother's laughter, the love in the hearts of mothers and fathers for their children -- all these blessings are unwrapped on Christmas morning.

THE PRESIDENT: May the spirit of the season be with you today and throughout the new year. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God bless you all.

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/3/98 5pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION
December 25, 1998
(30 seconds)**

THE PRESIDENT: On this joyous occasion, Hillary and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Tonight, as we gather around our Christmas trees and dinner tables, let us take the time to give thanks to the blessings of the year just passed, to rejoice in our children, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

MRS. CLINTON: The twinkle of a child's eye, the joy of a grandmother's laughter, the love in the hearts of mothers and fathers for their children -- all these blessings are unwrapped on Christmas morning.

THE PRESIDENT: May the spirit of the season be with you today and throughout the new year. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God bless you all.

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/6/98 5pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION
December 25, 1998
(10 seconds)**

THE PRESIDENT: On this joyous occasion, Hillary and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Tonight, let us take the time to give thanks to the blessings of the year just passed, to rejoice in our children, and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

MRS CLINTON: From our family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God bless you all.

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/6/98 5pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
THE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF RUBY DEE AND OSSIE DAVIS
December 15, 1998**

Good evening. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate my dear friends Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

As many of you know, Ossie and Ruby met in 1945, when they were both performing as the leads in the same play on Broadway. Three years later, still working together, they took advantage of a rehearsal-free day in their schedule to get married. And they have been together through thick and thin ever since.

I think everyone in the room tonight would agree that as individuals and as a couple you are a national treasure. Like many Americans, I have followed and admired your artistic and social contributions on stage and off.

Both Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis got their start in basement theaters in Harlem. Since then, Ruby and Ossie have tackled dozens of stage, film, and television roles from Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* to Alex Haley's acclaimed mini-series *Roots: The Next Generation*. And just recently, Ruby and Ossie co-authored a narrative on their wonderful life together.

It is a life, most notably, that has been spent as cultural ambassadors. Ruby and Ossie have dedicated a lifetime to advancing black participation in theater. Their Dee and Davis Foundation funds local community theaters, where fledgling actors and actresses can learn the ropes of an often trying profession, without the usual financial stress. Like baseball's farm league, these theaters have helped propel the careers of countless young professionals into the big leagues.

Even tonight, when most people would use this half century mark as a time to bask in their own achievements, Ruby and Ossie have chosen to continue to share their cultural bounty with others. I am heartened to know that the proceedings from tonight's celebration will benefit twelve New York based community theaters.

Ruby and Ossie, on this golden occasion, Hillary and I offer you our heartfelt congratulations. You two are a powerful testament of what we can achieve when we work together to benefit our community and country, and when we share our gifts with the world. Happy holidays to you all and good night.

Josh Gottheimer
Draft 12/04/98 6:45pm

**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
VIDEOTAPED REMARKS FOR
JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN'S 84TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
January 7, 1999**

Thank you for inviting me to join in this wonderful celebration of Dr. John Hope Franklin's 84th birthday. Hillary and I wish we could be there to share in this very special occasion.

John, for so many Americans, myself among them, you are more than a historian, you are a hero. Through your writings and teachers, you have change the way we think about race in this country -- so much so, that some of your colleagues call you "the Godfather of race relations." Your landmark work, "From Slavery to freedom," was first published five decades ago, but it continues to be required reading for students everywhere. And as we approach the 21st Century, your wisdom will continue to light our way to building that more perfect union our founders dreamed of.

Last year, when I asked you to chair my Initiative on Race, I knew that you were the best choice because you understood what America can and should be...a country that holds itself to the ideals of justice and equality.

Throughout the Advisory Board's 15 month journey, you stood as the moral leader of our mission -- determined to inspire the American people to think, talk and act about race in new and productive ways. I want you to know that your work has laid a strong foundation for our continuing efforts. We are determined to achieve those ideals you have spent a lifetime teaching us.

Many of the younger folks who worked with you on the Initiative told me they were amazed by your energy and stamina even after traveling thousand of miles across this country, attending hundreds of meetings and giving countless speeches. But, then again, you have always been a trailblazer.

Dr. Franklin, every American owes you a debt of gratitude for your uncommon wisdom, insight and compassion. I am fortunate to call you my friend and I am grateful for your service to America.

Hillary and I wish you the best on your 84th birthday and we look forward to your continued counsel and friendship.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1998

STATEMENT ON MEDICARE FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

DATE: December 7, 1998
LOCATION: Room 450
BRIEFING TIME: 11:45 am - 12:15 pm
EVENT: 12:20 pm - 1:05 pm
FROM: Bruce Reed/Chris Jennings

I. PURPOSE

To unveil new proposals to crack down on Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse.

II. BACKGROUND

You will be announcing several new steps to fight fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare program including: (1) a legislative package of anti-fraud, abuse, and waste proposals that will save Medicare over \$2 billion; and (2) new administrative actions to crack down on fraud, including new efforts to make Medicare contractors more accountable. You will be joined by HCFA Administrator Nancy Ann Min DeParle, Inspector General June Gibbs-Brown, Senator Tom Harkin, and representatives of all the major senior citizen advocacy organizations.

NEW LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE THAT WILL SAVE MEDICARE OVER \$2 BILLION BY COMBATTING FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.

You will announce that you will send Congress a comprehensive legislative package to fight fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare program as part of your FY2000 budget proposal. Many of these proposals are consistent with recommendations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in recent reports. These new proposals, which will give HCFA the tools it needs to root out fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicare, include:

- **Eliminating Wasteful Excessive Medicare Reimbursement for Drugs.** A recent report by the OIG found that Medicare currently pays hundreds of millions of dollars more for 22 of the most common and costly drugs than would be paid if market prices were used. For more than one-third of these drugs, Medicare paid more than double the actual average wholesale prices, and in one case paid as high as ten times the amount. This proposal would eliminate the mark-up for many drugs by basing Medicare's payment on the provider's actual acquisition cost of the drug --

the same policy Department of Veteran Affairs uses to pay fair prices for its drugs.

- **Ending Overpayments for Epogen**, a drug used to treat anemia related to chronic renal failure. An OIG report found that the current EPO reimbursement rate of \$10 per 1,000 units exceeds the current cost of the drug by approximately 10 percent. The Administration's proposal reduces Medicare reimbursement to reflect current market prices.
- **Preventing Abuse of Medicare's Partial Hospitalization Benefit.** A recent OIG report found that providers are abusing Medicare by billing for services that were never given or provided to many fewer patients than were billed for. One of the most abused benefits is group therapy. This proposal would better ensure that Medicare only reimburses for necessary services.
- **Ensuring Medicare Does Not Pay for Claims Owed by Private Insurers.** Private insurers of working Medicare beneficiaries are required under law to be the primary payor of health claims. However, Medicare and the taxpayers that support the program are being ripped off by private insurers who do not pay the claims they are responsible for. These proposals ensure that private payors pay first by requiring insurers to report the Medicare beneficiaries they insure to HCFA. This proposal would also provide the authority to recoup twice the amount owed by insurers who purposely let Medicare pay claims they owe and impose fines for those who fail to report legal settlements where Medicare should have been reimbursed.
- **Empowering Medicare to Purchase Cost Effective High Quality Health Care.** Using centers of excellence has enabled Medicare to take advantage of the widely used private sector insurance practices of contracting out with institutions that have a track record of providing exceptionally high quality care at a reasonable price. Under current law, however, Medicare can only do this under a limited demonstration authority. As a result, hundreds of millions of dollars have been wasted for potentially lower quality care. This proposal authorizes Medicare to expand its centers of excellence authority to all urban areas, which have multiple providers competing against each other on cost and quality.
- **Requesting New Contracting Authority to Enhance Contractor Performance.** HCFA still does not have the authority it needs to terminate poorly performing contractors. It also cannot adequately expand the pool of companies eligible to process and pay claims and therefore is dependent on limited number of carriers, making it difficult to eliminate bad apples. The proposal you are announcing would give HCFA new flexibility to aggressively oversee general contractor performance, including important program integrity related functions, such as provider enrollment and overpayment collection.

TAKING NEW ACTIONS TO HELP ASSURE MEDICARE CONTRACTORS FIGHT FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE. Recent IG reports show that one-third of the fraud units have referred no cases to the IG and nearly two-thirds have referred less than three cases. You will announce the following actions that HCFA is taking to assure contractors are cracking down on fraud and abuse. These include:

- **Requiring Contractors to Immediately Report Fraud Complaints to the Inspector General.** Currently, many contractors hold back cases of suspected fraud because the dollar amounts seem low before reporting them to the Inspector General when, in fact, they may add up to significant dollars or show patterns of fraud. This month, HCFA will send program memorandums to every contractor requiring them to immediately refer suspicious fraudulent providers to OIG for review to ensure that fraud is identified and addressed expediently.
- **Awarding First Contracts This Spring That Allow New Fraud Surveillance Units to Perform Payment Safeguard Activities.** The Administration fought to include the Medicare Integrity Program (MIP) in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 that gave Medicare new authority to competitively contract with new, specialized fraud surveillance units or "fraud fighters" that are better equipped to conduct medical review, educate providers, and audit cost reports, activities that are vital to the detection of fraud and abuse. Previously Medicare could only hire insurers, who often have conflicts of interest, to do this work. This spring, the first fraud surveillance units will begin their efforts.
- **Implementing the Competitive Bidding Demonstration for Durable Medical Equipment.** The OIG recently found that Medicare rates for hospital beds are substantially higher than rates paid by other payers. HCFA will begin a competitive bidding demonstration this spring using market forces to decrease Medicare payment for hospital beds and other durable medical equipment, thereby lowering program costs.
- **Announcing That A New Comprehensive Plan to Fight Fraud and Abuse Will Be Completed By Next Spring.** To improve efforts to cut down on fraud and abuse, HCFA will release a new Comprehensive Plan for Program Integrity early next year. This report includes important new strategies to promote appropriate reimbursement of legitimate providers for covered, reasonable, and necessary services provided to eligible beneficiaries. This comprehensive plan outlines a strategy to promote better safeguards in Medicare and Medicaid by implementing improved management tools and targeting key benefit areas for routine audit.

BUILDING ON YOUR LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING FRAUD AND ABUSE. These new steps build on the Administration's longstanding commitment to crack down on fraud and abuse through HHS, the Department of Justice, and the FBI. Since 1993, the Administration's efforts have saved taxpayers more than \$20 billion and health care fraud convictions have increased by more than 240 percent. The Administration

has assigned more federal prosecutors and FBI agents to fight health care fraud than ever before. The Kassebaum-Kennedy law created -- for the first time ever -- a stable funding source to fight fraud and abuse and in FY1997 alone nearly \$1 billion was returned to the Medicare Trust Fund. The Administration also fought for an array of new weapons in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to keep scam artists and fly-by-night providers out of Medicare and Medicaid.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

HCFA Administrator Nancy Ann Min DeParle

Inspector General June Gibbs Brown

Bruce Reed

Chris Jennings

Program Participants:

YOU

HCFA Administrator Nancy Ann Min DeParle

Deborah Briceland-Betts, Executive Director of the Older Women's League

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will be announced onto the stage accompanied by program participants.
- Nancy Ann Min DeParle will make remarks and introduce Deborah Briceland-Betts.
- Deborah Briceland-Betts will make remarks and introduce **YOU**.
- **YOU** will make remarks, work a ropeline, and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

Provided by Speechwriting.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS ON MEDICARE FRAUD
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC
Monday, December 7, 1998**

Acknowledgments: Sen. Tom Harkin; HCFA Admin. Nancy-Ann Min DeParle; Older Women's League Exec. Dir. Deborah Briceland-Betts.

For more than 30 years, Medicare has been much more than a government program. It has been a way for us honor our obligations to our parents and grandparents. Medicare is an expression of the old and profound American belief that the bonds of mutual love and support between the generations must remain strong. Any threat to Medicare is a threat to these sacred bonds. That is why I have worked so hard to strengthen Medicare. In the balanced budget bill I signed last year, we took action to extend the life of the Medicare trust fund for a decade. We also established a commission that is currently working to help Medicare meets the needs of the baby boom generation. Today, I am announcing additional steps to strengthen Medicare by fighting the threat of Medicare fraud.

Every year, Medicare is cheated out of billions of dollars-- money that translates into higher taxes on working Americans and higher copayments and premiums for elderly Medicare recipients. I am proud of what we have already done to fight waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare. Since 1993, we have assigned more federal prosecutors and FBI agents to fight health care fraud than ever before. As a result, we have increased prosecutions for health care fraud by over 60 percent; increased convictions by 240 percent; and saved \$20 billion in health care claims. Money that would have lined the pockets of scam artists is now helping to preserve the Medicare trust fund and to provide high-quality, affordable health care for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

But there is still much more to be done. The private-sector health care contractors that are responsible for fighting waste, fraud, and abuse, are too often not living up to their responsibilities. We have recently learned that one third of those contractors have never reported a single case of fraud, even though the inspector general is quite certain that fraud is pervasive in this area. Therefore, we are using new authority we fought for to create new weapons in the fight against fraud. **Beginning this spring, we will empower new, specialized contractors-- Medicare "fraud hunters" who will focus on rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse. These new Medicare "fraud hunters," by tracking down scams and waste, can bring real savings to Medicare and strengthen the system for the 21st Century.**

I am also requiring all Medicare contractors to notify the government immediately when they learn of any evidence of fraud, so that we can detect patterns of fraud quickly and take swift action to stop it. And I am asking HCFA to report back to me next spring with a comprehensive plan to fight waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicare.

In the fight against Medicare fraud, Congress must do its part, too. When it returns next year, I will ask Congress to pass legislation that can save Medicare \$2 billion over five years. First, this legislation will allow us to empower our new "fraud hunters" to collect overpayments and keep crooked medical service providers from getting into the Medicare system to begin with. Second, the legislation will allow Medicare to pay much lower rates for prescription medications. Under current law, Medicare loses hundreds of millions of dollars paying as much as ten times more than the private sector does for certain drugs. Third, the legislation will force private insurers to pay claims that they are legally responsible for, so that Medicare does not get stuck with the bill. Fourth, the legislation will allow us to crack down on medical providers, particularly those claiming to deliver mental health care, who bill for services they never in fact provide--a large and growing problem according to recent reports.

By passing these common-sense measures to fight Medicare waste and fraud, Congress can do more than help save taxpayers money. It can demonstrate a bipartisan desire to preserve and strengthen Medicare for the future. If we take action now, we can help assure that the system that has served our parents and grandparents so well, will be there to serve our children and grandchildren in the 21st Century.

Thank you and God bless you

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT
THE FIRST LADY

WHAT: CONGRESSIONAL BALL

WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1998

WHERE: MAP ROOM

NOTES: APPROX. 1,300 GUESTS/CLOSED PRESS/ BLACK TIE

FROM: CAPRICIA PENA VIC MARSHALL, LAURA SCHWARTZ

8:00 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY arrive in the Map Room for receiving line. (WH Photo-posed pictures)

Approx. 9:30 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT and THE FIRST LADY depart.

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

8:45 AM	White House Conference on Social Security	Tab A
	- Remarks	Tab B
[travel to Nashville, Tennessee, and return]		
6:50 PM	Drop-By Jim Steinberg's Meeting with David Trimble	Distributed Separately
7:35 PM	Remarks to Peace Links Dinner	Tab C
	- Remarks	Tab D To Be Forwarded
8:50 PM	Greet Northern Ireland VIP's and Award Winners	Distributed Separately
9:05 PM	National Democratic Institute Annual Awards Dinner and Presentation of the W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award	Distributed Separately
	- Remarks	Tab E To Be Forwarded
10:00 PM	Pull-Aside with Gerry Adams	Distributed Separately

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1998

Final Schedule

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WEATHER:

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Cloudy with scattered rain showers, becoming mostly cloudy by late evening. Winds northeast at 8 to 12 knots. Low 49 to 54. High 56 to 61.

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**Schedule of the President
for
Tuesday, December 8, 1998
*Final Schedule***

8:00	am-	BRIEFING
8:30	am	DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ROOM Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
8:30	am	THE PRESIDENT departs The White House via motorcade en route Marriott Wardman Park Hotel [drive time: 10 minutes]
8:40	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

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Tuesday, December 8, 1998

8:45 am-
9:30 am

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL SECURITY
COTILLION BALLROOM
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Remarks: Jeff Shesol
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling
Event Coordinator: Clyde Williams
OPEN PRESS

- Off-stage announcement of **the President**, accompanied by Senator Thomas Daschle, Representative Richard Gephardt, Senator Rick Santorum, and Representative Clay Shaw.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Off-stage announcement of Representative Richard Gephardt.
- Representative Richard Gephardt makes remarks.
- Off-stage announcement of Senator Rick Santorum.
- Senator Rick Santorum makes remarks.
- Off-stage announcement of Representative Clay Shaw.
- Representative Clay Shaw makes remarks.
- Off-stage announcement of Senator Thomas Daschle.
- Senator Thomas Daschle makes remarks.
- **The President** departs.

9:35 am

THE PRESIDENT departs Marriott Wardman Park Hotel via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 10 minutes]

9:45 am

THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House

Note: The President's motorcade will arrive on West Executive Avenue.

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10:05 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart The White House via Marine One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 10 minutes]

10:15 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Andrews Air Force Base

10:30 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force One en route Nashville International Airport
[flight time: 1 hour, 40 minutes]
[time change: -1 hour]

11:10 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Nashville International Airport

11:25 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Nashville International Airport via motorcade en route War Memorial Auditorium
[drive time: 20 minutes]

11:45 am **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive War Memorial Auditorium

11:50 am-
12:00 pm **VISIT WITH GORE FAMILY**
DRESSING ROOM B
War Memorial Auditorium
Staff Contact: Ron Klain
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
CLOSED PRESS

12:00 pm
1:15 pm **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER SENATOR ALBERT GORE, SR.**
WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
Staff Contact: Ron Klain
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
POOL PRESS/OPEN PUBLIC

Note: There will be approximately 1700 guests in attendance.

-- **The President** and the First Lady, accompanied by the Gore family, proceed to their seats.

-- The program begins.

Note: The President will not make remarks during the service.

-- Upon conclusion of the program, **the President** and the First Lady depart.

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1:20	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart War Memorial Auditorium via motorcade en route Nashville International Airport [drive time: 20 minutes]
1:40	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Nashville International Airport
1:55	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Nashville International Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base [flight time: 1 hour, 25 minutes] [time change: +1 hour]
4:20	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive Andrews Air Force Base
4:35	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route The White House [flight time: 10 minutes]
4:45	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive The White House
4:45	pm	PHONE AND OFFICE TIME
6:30	pm	OVAL OFFICE
6:30	pm-	MEETING
6:45	pm	OVAL OFFICE Staff Contact: John Podesta
6:50	pm	DROP-BY JIM STEINBERG'S MEETING WITH DAVID TRIMBLE
7:00	pm	SAMUEL BERGER'S OFFICE Staff Contact: Samuel Berger WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY
7:25	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady departs The White House via motorcade en route Capital Hilton Hotel [drive time: 5 minutes]
7:30	pm	THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrives Capital Hilton Hotel
		Greeters: Senator Alan Simpson, Master of Ceremonies Joan Baker, Chair, Peace Links Deba Leach, Vice Chair, Peace Links

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7:35 pm-
8:35 pm

**REMARKS TO PEACE LINKS DINNER
BALLROOM**

Capital Hilton Hotel

Remarks: June Shih

Staff Contact: Brenda Costello

Event Coordinator: Laura Graham

OPEN PRESS

Note: There will be 500 guests in attendance.

Note: The President will attend this black tie event in business attire.

- Off-stage announcement of the President and the First Lady, accompanied by Senator Alan Simpson, Joan Baker, and Deba Leach to *Ruffles and Flourishes* and *Hail to the Chief*.
- The President and the First Lady proceed to their seats at the head table.
- Senator Alan Simpson introduces Deba Leach.
- Deba Leach makes welcoming remarks.
- Joan Baker, Chair, Peace Links, makes welcoming remarks and introduces Reverend J. Phillip Wogaman.
- Reverend J. Phillip Wogaman delivers the Invocation.
- Senator Alan Simpson introduces Ann Bingaman.
- Ann Bingaman makes brief remarks.
- Senator Alan Simpson introduces Senator David Pryor.
- Senator David Pryor makes remarks and introduces the President and the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes remarks and introduces the President.
- The President makes remarks and invites Senator Dale Bumpers and Betty Bumpers to join him on stage.
- The President presents the Peace Links award to Betty Bumpers.
- Senator Dale Bumpers and Betty Bumpers make brief remarks.
- The President and the First Lady depart.

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8:40 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady depart Capitol Hilton Hotel via motorcade en route Omni Shoreham Hotel
[drive time: 5 minutes]

8:45 pm **THE PRESIDENT** and the First Lady arrive Omni Shoreham Hotel

Greeters: Ken Wollack, President, National Democratic Institute
(Curbside) Jean Dunn, National Democratic Institute
 Paul Kirk, Chairman, National Democratic Institute

Greeters: John Hume
(Inside)

Note: John Hume will escort the President to the VIP Room.

8:50 pm- **GREET NORTHERN IRELAND VIPS AND AWARD WINNERS**
9:00 pm **VIP ROOM**

Omni Shoreham Hotel
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY

Note: There will be 15 guests in attendance.

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9:05 pm-
9:55 pm

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE ANNUAL AWARDS
DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF THE W. AVERELL HARRIMAN
DEMOCRACY AWARD
BALLROOM
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Remarks: Ted Widmer
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
OPEN PRESS**

Note: There will be approximately 800 guests in attendance.

Note: The National Democratic Institute dinner is business attire

- On-stage announcement of the **President** and the First Lady, accompanied by Paul Kirk.
- Paul Kirk, Honorary Chairman, National Democratic Institute, makes brief remarks and presents the W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award to the **President**.
- The **President** accepts the award and makes remarks.
- The **President** works a ropeline and departs.

10:00 pm-
10:10 pm

**PULL-ASIDE WITH GERRY ADAMS
VIP ROOM
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger
Event Coordinator: Laura Graham
WHITE HOUSE PHOTO ONLY**

10:15 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady depart Omni Shoreham Hotel via motorcade en route The White House
[drive time: 10 minutes]

10:25 pm

THE PRESIDENT and the First Lady arrive The White House

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC**

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WASHINGTON

December 7, 1998

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

DATE: December 8, 1998
TIME: 8:45-9:30 AM
LOCATION: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Cotillion Ballroom
FROM: Gene Sperling

I. PURPOSE

To open first-ever White House Conference on Social Security, which is supposed to help shift the debate from a year of national dialogue to a year of achieving comprehensive bipartisan Social Security reform.

II. BACKGROUND

As you know, the White House Conference on Social Security is two days. The first day will consist of the opening session you are participating in, along with three public panels. You should know that the Conference will be broadcast to 60 satellite sites in all 50 states.

- Panel #1 will focus on why we need to act now to save Social Security and the role of the budget surplus for Social Security reform. Marilyn Moon (Urban Institute) and Rudy Penner (Former Director of CBO) will make presentations.
- Panel #2 will focus on the impact of reform on different segments of the population. Alicia Munnell (former CEA member) will discuss the impact of reform on women, Kilolo Kijakazi (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) will discuss the impact on minorities and the disabled, Richard Thau (Third Millennium) will discuss the impact on young people, and Carol Cox Wait (Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget) will discuss the impact of not doing reform on generational equity.
- After a lunch break, panel #3 will focus on the difficult issues surrounding the trust fund investing in equities and Individual Accounts. Henry Aaron (Brookings Institution) will make the case *for* trust fund investments, while Carolyn Weaver (American Enterprise Institute) will make the case *against*; José Piñera (Cato Institute) will make the case *for* Individual Accounts, while Bob Ball (former SSA Commissioner) will make the case *against*. And Gene Steuerle (Urban Institute) will argue for publicly-managed, TSP-style Individual Accounts.

The final session of the day will be closed press and off-the-record break-out sessions, which will provide conference participants the opportunity to speak directly with key Administration officials and Members of Congress. We are dividing the audience of approximately 250 into six groups for these discussions. This group is bipartisan, including experts from all sides and a broad cross section of the public -- business, labor, academia, senior and youth groups, and other communities that have a strong interest in Social Security. The list includes representatives from the CATO Institute to the AFL-CIO, and from National Association of Manufacturers to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

On the second day, we will have two closed-press workshops for Members and Administration officials *only*. Bob Greenstein and Ken Kies will lead one workshop, discussing the scope of the Social Security problem and traditional reform options. Bob Reischauer and Martin Feldstein will lead the other, discussing Individual Accounts and trust fund investments. Each of the Congressional leaders have appointed 12 members for these sessions. With our 12 Administration appointees, we will have two groups of 30 people participating in these workshops. To close the conference, the 60 workshop participants will meet with you at Blair House. (We will send you another briefing memo tomorrow night on this session.)

You should know that we have set up a web page for the Conference and we have asked each of the conference participants to submit a 2-page statement on their views on Social Security reform. We will be distributing this book of over 100 statements to the participants and the press on the first day.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Event

YOU

Representative Gephardt
Senator Rick Santorum
Representative Clay Shaw
Senator Tom Daschle

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will be briefed by your advisors in the Diplomatic Reception Room.
- **YOU** will travel to the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.
- **YOU**, Rep. Gephardt, Sen. Santorum, Rep. Clay Shaw, and Sen. Daschle will be announced into the Cotillion Ballroom at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.
- **YOU** make remarks and introduce Rep. Gephardt.

- Rep. Gephardt makes remarks and introduces Sen. Santorum.
- Sen. Santorum makes remarks and introduces Rep. Clay Shaw.
- Rep. Clay Shaw makes remarks and introduces Sen. Daschle.
- Sen. Daschle makes remarks and then you depart.

V. PRESS COVERAGE

Open Press.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by speechwriting.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- None.

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Final 12/07/98 4:00pm
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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
OPENING REMARKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
ON SOCIAL SECURITY
MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL
WASHINGTON, DC
December 8, 1998**

Acknowledgments: Sec. Rubin; Sens. Daschle and Santorum; Rep. Gephardt; other members of Congress TBD

I want to welcome all of you to this first-ever White House Conference on Social Security -- all of you here in Washington, as well as the thousands of people watching at 60 satellite sites in all 50 states. I also want to express regret for what will be my early departure. When I conclude my remarks this morning I will leave for Tennessee, where I will join the Vice President and his family as they mourn the death and celebrate the life of Al Gore, Sr., a true progressive who embodied everything public service ought to be. Senator Gore and his generation built the entire post-war order, from Medicare to the interstate highway system, both of which he helped create -- civic institutions that have shaped our nation and our world in the half-century since. It is now our turn to be builders, and to renew the institutions that have made America strong.

In our own time, America faces no challenge more fundamental than the need to save Social Security for the 21st Century. Social Security is -- and must remain -- a rock-solid guarantee. It is a sacred trust among generations; between parents and children and grandparents and grandchildren; between those in retirement and those at work; between the disabled and the able-bodied. It is our obligation to one another and to our deepest values as Americans.

This year I have been talking and listening to the American people, discussing the need to strengthen Social Security for the future. This White House Conference -- this gathering of lawmakers and experts and Americans from all walks of life -- marks an important step in that direction. We will, I think, be hearing a lot of ideas expressed about the course we should take. Let me shock you by predicting that we will find some difference of opinion on one or two points. But we begin this process on common ground -- agreeing, above all, on the importance of saving Social Security now, while we can, during these prosperous and productive times America has worked so hard to achieve.

Our economy is indeed a powerful engine of prosperity. It creates, in its wide wake, something every bit as important as jobs and growth -- it creates an opportunity to do something meaningful for America's future. An opportunity to honor our parents and our children. An opportunity to strengthen Social Security for the 21st Century.

Let history record that we seized this opportunity. Earlier this year, I said we should

reserve any surplus until we had saved Social Security first. We have done so. We should take the next step and save Social Security now. It is more than an opportunity; it is a responsibility - to take the achievement of past generations, the great Americans who had a "rendezvous with destiny," and to renew President Roosevelt's social contract for a new era.

Through war and peace, from recession to expansion, our nation has fulfilled its obligation to older Americans. It is hard, thankfully, to remember a time when growing old often meant growing poor. It seems impossible to believe, but in many cases retirement meant being relegated to a rest home and the degradations of dependence. The normal aches and pains of aging were accompanied by the unbearable pain of becoming a burden to your children. That's why Social Security offered and continues to offer so much hope, so much confidence, so much peace of mind. It is one of the most important and ambitious undertakings in the life of our nation.

As President Roosevelt said, "There is no tragedy in growing old, but there is tragedy in growing old without means of support." We will soon face a rising challenge in providing that support. As our panelists will discuss, we are about to have many more older Americans. 75 million baby boomers will retire during the next two decades. By 2013, what Social Security takes in will no longer be enough to fund what it pays out, and we will have to use proceeds from the trust fund. By 2032, the money Social Security takes in will only be enough to pay 72 percent of benefits.

Now, there are many ways to fix this. But there is only one way to get it done. Let me say to all people on all sides of this debate: the only way we are going to save Social Security is by working together... by putting progress above partisanship... by placing the long-term interests of our nation ahead of short-term politics.

Already, some are predicting that we are not capable of working together to save Social Security. I am determined -- and I am asking everybody on any side of this issue -- I am determined to prove them wrong, determined that we can rise above the standard of political debate in Washington. This means disagreements cannot take the form of personal attacks. We will each have to sacrifice our sense of the perfect to work together for the common good.

There is, in this process, simply no room for rancor. The stakes are too high; the issues are too important. It's not about politics. It's about doing right by young and old without regard to party. The whole point of this conference is to open honest debate and to build consensus -- not to shoot down ideas or insist that one side or the other has to go first. I'm prepared to do whatever it takes to move us forward to the finish line. But let's agree, the only way we are going to get there is by marching together. Our ears -- and our minds -- must remain open to any good idea from any party, or any person of goodwill.

In judging any proposal to save Social Security, I believe we must be guided by five principles:

First, as I have said, it must strengthen and protect the guarantee of Social Security for the 21st Century.

Second, it must maintain universality and fairness. Later, panelists will discuss the impact of reform on different groups. The First Lady was scheduled to discuss the special impact on women -- who, on average, live longer than men, so they depend on Social Security more. Now, keep in mind that only 4.6 percent of elderly married women are living in poverty. For elderly single women, that number is nearly 20 percent. Those who think we can wait should never forget that fact. Let me be clear: When we judge any plan to save Social Security, we need to ask whether it cuts the poverty rate among single elderly women and other groups in our population that are still at significant risk. Any acceptable proposal must do more to keep these vulnerable people out of poverty, and give them the secure future they deserve.

Third, Social Security must be counted on regardless of the ups and downs of markets or the economy.

Fourth, Social Security must continue to provide financial security for disabled and low-income beneficiaries. We should never forget that one in three Social Security beneficiaries are not retirees.

And fifth, any proposal must maintain our hard-won fiscal discipline. It has helped fuel the prosperity Americans enjoy today -- which now gives us the chance to plan for the future.

I look forward to transforming these ideas into action. Let us begin -- firm in our faith that Social Security can bind our people not only across generational divides, but across party lines. It offers a choice between progress and partisanship, between moving forward and turning back. I think that is a very clear choice for the American people, and for all of us in public life.

[The PRESIDENT introduces the next speaker.]

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1998

PEACE LINKS "PEACE ON EARTH" GALA

DATE:	Tuesday, December 8
TIME:	7:45 pm - 8:35 pm
LOCATION:	Capitol Hilton Hotel
FROM:	Brenda Costello

I. PURPOSE

To attend the Peace Links annual "Peace on Earth" Gala, and to jointly present with the First Lady the *Peace Links Annual Award* to Senator Dale Bumpers and Betty Bumpers for their combined years of public service.

II. BACKGROUND

Peace Links

Betty Bumpers founded Peace Links in Arkansas in 1982 to help educate women on nuclear arms issues, and to encourage them to work towards nuclear disarmament through education and grassroots outreach to other women. Mrs. Bumpers decided to form the organization when her 19-year old daughter expressed worry about the nuclear arms race, and Mrs. Bumpers realized that she and many other mothers did not know how to address their children's fears about nuclear proliferation. With the help of several other Congressional wives, Mrs. Bumpers formed Peace Links to help women's voices be heard in the debate on nuclear issues.

The non-profit, non-partisan Peace Links organization is comprised of approximately 190 Congressional and gubernatorial wives, with an international grassroots network of more than 30,000, made up primarily of women. The organization reaches out to women around the country, many of whom have never been involved in the peace movement or been politically active at all.

Peace Links has become best-known for its personalization of the peace process through exchange trips between the U.S. and the former Soviet nations. Peace Links also started a program called "Pen Pals for Peace" in 1989, to facilitate correspondence between citizens of each nation. Through this program, Peace Links has matched up over 35,000 Americans and citizens of the former Soviet Union.

In recent years, Peace Links has broadened its purpose beyond nuclear disarmament, and works to promote non-violent resolutions to conflict. The group works on issues ranging from school violence to the military budget, and took part in an American/Japanese exchange this summer. The First Lady met with Mrs. Kumiko Hashimoto and a delegation of prominent Japanese women in September 1997 as part of the American/Japanese exchange. Peace Links plans to convene an international conference on women's health next year in Asia.

Peace Links launched *Youth Links = Safe Schools Initiative* in 1998, an effort to reduce school violence in response to the increase of violent incidents in the nation's schools in recent years. The initiative, co-chaired by Laurie Wyden, wife of Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Elisabeth Leach, wife of Representative Jim Leach (R-IA), is comprised of congressional spouses, and community and youth representatives. The National Education Association is endorsing the initiative. Plans are also underway to launch an exchange with Cuban women next year, modeled after the American/Japanese exchange. Peace Links will also send a delegation to the Hague Conference on World Peace and Disarmament in May 1999.

Peace Links "Peace on Earth" Gala

This is Peace Links' twelfth annual "Peace on Earth" fundraising gala. As you may know, the First Lady attended this gala in 1992 and presented Rosalyn Carter with Peace Links' "Eleanor Roosevelt Living World Award"; in 1994 she presented Betty Bumpers with the "Woman of Vision Award"; and last year she herself received the 1997 Eleanor Roosevelt Living World.

Tuesday evening's Gala will honor both Senator and Betty Bumpers for years of public service. This will be the first time Peace Links had presented its award to a man. The theme of the dinner is "Creating A Legacy." Over 450 guests are expected at this year's dinner, including Ambassadors, members of Congress and a delegation of about 50 Arkansans.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Head table

- YOU and First Lady
- Ambassador Kunihiko Saito and Mrs. Akiko Saito
- Senator Dale Bumpers and Mrs. Betty Bumpers
- Secretary Glickman and Rhoda Glickman
- Senator David Pryor and Barbara Pryor

Program

- You and the First Lady
- Senator Alan Simpson, Dinner Emcee
- Elisabeth Leach, Peace Links Vice Chair
- Joan Baker, Peace Links Chair
- Reverend Wogaman
- Ann Bingaman
- Senator David Pryor
- Sen. Dale and Betty Bumpers

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Off-stage announcement of YOU and First Lady accompanied by Sen. Simpson, Joan Baker and Elisabeth Leach to "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief".
- YOU and the First Lady proceed to head table and take your seats.
- Sen. Simpson introduces Elisabeth Leach.
- Elisabeth Leach makes welcoming remarks.
- Joan Baker makes welcoming remarks and introduces Reverend Wogaman.
- Invocation is given by Reverend Wogaman.
- Simpson introduces Ann Bingaman.
- Ann Bingaman makes remarks.
- Simpson introduces Senator David Pryor.
- Senator David Pryor makes remarks and introduces YOU and the First Lady.
- The First Lady makes brief remarks.
- YOU make remarks and invite Dale and Betty Bumpers to join you on stage.
- YOU present Peace Links Award to Betty Bumpers.
- Dale and Betty Bumpers make brief remarks.
- YOU and the First Lady depart.

V. PRESS

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VI. REMARKS

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