

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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to Camp David

November 26, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN HILLEY *John Hilley*
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 105TH CONGRESS

This memorandum highlights significant legislative issues likely to be considered during the second session of the 105th Congress--those that were under consideration in the first session of the 105th Congress or might receive significant legislative attention prior to the 1998 elections.

1. Budget Issues

Appropriations: The 1999 appropriations bills will be constrained by the discretionary caps adopted in the Balanced Budget Agreement. The 1999 caps, which contains a "firewall" between defense and non-defense funds, provide for a slight increase over 1998 levels (an additional \$2.8 billion in budget authority for defense and an additional \$3 billion for nondefense).

A Bosnia supplemental bill is expected early next year. This will become the first appropriation vehicle and may be used to revisit 1998 appropriation issues and for other purposes.

Budget Surplus: Shortly after the balanced budget agreement was signed, some members of Congress turned their attention to the intended use of the budget surplus. For some of these proposals, "budget surplus" had been defined as the \$135 billion five year difference between the revenue projections at the time of the bipartisan budget agreement and CBO's latest projections. Others define "budget surplus" more traditionally, as the period in which revenues exceed outlays. Four major purposes for the surplus have been discussed: 1) federal debt reduction; no further legislative action would be required (Senator Moynihan); 2) tax relief (Representative Boehner, with 32 cosponsors including Majority Leader Armey); 3) additional spending on highways or other purposes (Senator Byrd, Senator Warner, and Representative Shuster); and 4) a combination of the above (Representative Neumann). This issue will be vigorously debated in the context of the 1999 budget resolution next year.

Military Construction Line Item Veto Override: The House passed (352-64) and the Senate adopted by unanimous consent a disapproval motion fully overturning your line item vetoes of 38 military construction projects. Upon return, Congress will likely take up your veto of the motion of disapproval unless a negotiated solution is achieved before then.

2. Taxes

Tax Cuts: While Republicans will be constrained by the budget, Speaker Gingrich has said that he would like the Congress to enact a tax cut every year. Some potential proposals include: repeal of the capital gains tax; increasing the exemption on the estate tax; and possible repeal of the marriage penalty tax.

Tax Simplification and Reform: The Republicans' strategy for IRS and taxes is expected to include dispensing with the income tax and substituting either a flat tax or some form of a national retail sales tax. House Majority Leader Arney and Representative Tauzin are currently promoting their individual tax code proposals. Arney favors the flat tax, while Archer and Tauzin are strong proponents of the national sales tax.

Minority Leader Gephardt has proposed a plan which is essentially a variant of the 1986 Tax Reform Act in which many exemptions and deductions would be eliminated and rates would be lowered. At this point, there is no announced agenda for Congressional consideration of these tax proposals.

IRS Reform: Passage of the House-passed and Administration-endorsed version of the IRS restructuring legislation has been slowed by Finance Chairman Roth. Roth has announced plans to hold additional hearings, suggesting he is unsatisfied with a number of the proposals, and promised to produce his own version of the bill sometime "early" next year. Senators Kerrey and Grassley have introduced legislation that falls somewhere between the House version and the Administration's original plan.

3. Education

National Standards and Testing: The FY98 Labor/HHS Appropriations bill provides the NAGB with authority over developing and administering national exams. While field testing will not proceed until FY99, the Department of Education has provided the Board with \$16 million in discretionary funds to begin the development of these exams and has proposed a 5 year, \$65 million contract for the future development and administration of national exams. The ability to go forward with pilot tests in 1999 is not restricted by the need for authorization. We anticipate challenges to our current approach from conservative Republicans as well as some Members of the Black and Hispanic Caucuses.

This NAGB reauthorization will provide an opportunity for Chairman Goodling to revisit the issue of the national test in his House Education and the Workforce Committee. The

makeup of the Committee is such that the test could have a difficult time making it through without significant limitations. Senate Committee Chairman Jeffords supports the test but he will most likely wait for Goodling before he proceeds.

America Reads: Shortly before adjournment, the House passed H.R. 2614, Chairman Goodling's literacy authorization bill. The Administration supported the legislation in the interest of moving a bill forward despite concerns about voucher language. Senators Jeffords and Kennedy have made a commitment to Secretary Riley to develop a bipartisan Senate bill next year.

Charter Schools: The House passed H.R. 2616, the Charter Schools Amendments Act authorizing \$100 million in FY98, nearly double the \$51 million provided in FY97. The measure would channel appropriations to states that provide charter schools a high degree of autonomy over their budgets; increase the number of charter schools; and conduct reviews to determine whether charter schools are meeting or exceeding academic requirements and goals. The bill awaits Senate action.

School Vouchers: The Coverdell/Archer K-12 IRA proposal which was defeated last year in the Senate may resurface in the second session. This proposal would allow taxpayers to make tax-free withdrawals from education IRAs to pay for elementary or secondary school expenses, and also increase the maximum annual IRA contribution from \$500 to \$2,500 per beneficiary. The withdrawals could be used to pay for tuition, fees, tutoring, special needs services, books, supplies, equipment, transportation and supplementary expenses required for the enrollment or attendance at a public, private religious, or private nonsectarian school, or for home schooling. A growing number of Senate Democrats support some version of this legislation.

Higher Education Reauthorization: Authorization for the Higher Education Act, which provides for federal student aid, among other things, expires in FY98. The Administration has been sending its legislative proposals to the Hill in sections with almost all items slated to arrive by the end of December. A few major items might be held back if they can be announced at the State of the Union Address.

4. Environment

Superfund: Republicans continue to indicate that Superfund reform will be legislative priority next session. In the week prior to the recess Commerce Subcommittee Chair Mike Oxley (R-OH) introduced a bill with seven Democratic sponsors (mostly Blue Dogs) and stated his intentions to hold hearings early next year. Transportation Subcommittee Chair Sherwood Bohmert (R-NY) shares jurisdiction and has a bill which he intends to mark-up early next year. The Senate has been in ongoing bipartisan negotiations but those discussions broke down late in the year. There may be an effort to revive these discussions based on progress in the House. The Administration supports Superfund reform and has a set of principles which represent our position. The issue of polluter liability remains the key stumbling block.

Nuclear Waste Policy: The House approved (307-120) H.R. 1270, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997 during the first session. You will veto the measure because it would undermine the credibility of the Nation's nuclear waste disposal program by designating a specified site for an interim storage facility before the viability of the site as a permanent geological repository has been assessed. Additionally, the House passed version of the measure does not contain adequate budgetary offsets: if the bill were enacted, a sequester of mandatory spending would occur in each of FY99 through FY2001. The Senate passed the bill (65-34) with a sufficient number of votes to sustain your veto. The two houses are likely to go to conference in the second session.

Climate Change: If an agreement is reached in Kyoto in December, 1997, the treaty will need to be ratified in the Senate. If implementing legislation is sent to the Hill with the treaty, it could be 1999-2001 before consideration of ratification is possible. The FY98 Energy and Water Appropriations bill provides a \$35 million funding increase for the alternative energy programs of DOE that are efficient and reduce the emission of climate change gases. This increased funding is consistent with your climate change proposal and includes such programs as solar power and alternative fuel research.

PM/Ozone: Under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act (SBREFA), the Congress will have the right to consider legislation overturning the rules well into 1998. In the House, Representatives Ron Klink and Fred Upton have introduced legislation. The Republican Leadership, however, is unlikely to bring the legislation up for a vote. House supporters of the Administration's position claim to have a veto-sustaining margin.

American Heritage Rivers: Representative Chenoweth (R-ID) introduced a bill which terminates further implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. The measure was cleared by the House Resources Committee and should be vetoed in the unlikely event it passes both Houses.

Endangered Species Act Reauthorization: The Administration has indicated support for the ESA reauthorization in testimony before the Environment and Public Works Committee. The bill codifies many of Secretary Babbitt's new policies in the management of endangered and threatened species, including exemption for small land owners, greater management flexibility for the DOI Secretary, procedures for delisting a species, a "no surprises" protection for the property owner using a Habitat Conservation Plan for threatened and endangered species, and liability protection for private land owners who voluntarily enter into protection agreements.

Regulatory Reform: Led by OMB, CEQ, and Legislative Affairs, the Administration has worked with Senators Glenn, Levin, and Thompson on their bipartisan draft legislation. Conservative Republicans have already complained that the draft does not adequately limit agency discretion in rulemaking or sufficiently streamline the rulemaking process. Groups on the left, principally environmental, argue that the draft bill hamstringing the Administration in its ability to protect health and safety. If the Administration's concerns

are addressed and we can support the measure, the bill should pass with broad bipartisan support.

Takings Legislation: H.R. 1534, sponsored by Congressman Gallegly, would greatly narrow both Federal ripeness and abstention doctrines with respect to takings law, thereby allowing real estate developers to seek relief in Federal court if state and local courts prove unfriendly. The measure was strongly opposed by the Administration which successfully worked to solidify Democrats and pro-environment Republicans against the bill. The resulting House floor vote of 248-178 represents a strong bipartisan veto-sustaining margin that significantly strengthens our prospects of defeating the measure or striking an acceptable compromise in the Senate.

5. Health

Consumer Bill of Rights: During the week of November 17, you endorsed the "consumer bill of rights and responsibilities" recommended by the Advisory Commission on Quality and Consumer Protections. There are already a number of consumer protection bills on the Hill that have received broad, bipartisan support. The bill that has received the most attention was introduced by Congressman Norwood (R-GA) and already has over 205 cosponsors in the House, including over 85 Republicans. Senator D'Amato has introduced a companion bill in the Senate. The Norwood/D'Amato bill differs from the Quality Commission in some areas, particularly those that focus on provider protections. Some of these provisions could notably increase the cost of health plans. For example, their bill requires a mandatory point-of-service option which would raise premiums for health plans that do not currently offer this option.

In addition, Congressman Dingell and Senator Kennedy have introduced companion bills, which emphasize consumer (more than provider) protections. Senator Jeffords has indicated his intent to introduce a bipartisan bill with Senator Kennedy, which is much more likely to reflect many of the Quality Commission's recommendations. Senator Lott is pressuring Jeffords not to introduce a bill on this issue; however, the Administration remains cautiously optimistic that progress will be made.

Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization: This Act will expire in 1998. USDA is drafting legislation providing the authority for school lunch, school breakfast, child and adult care, and other child nutrition programs. The legislation will provide local cooperators with increased resources to reach unserved populations; simplify program operations and education opportunities; and make significant reductions in the reporting and record-keeping burdens currently associated with child nutrition programs.

Medicare Subvention: Both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs passed a bill that would allow for a three year demonstration project in which certain veterans could choose to use their Medicare benefits for health care at VA hospitals, allowing Veterans Affairs to be reimbursed by Medicare. The bill was referred to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committees respectively

because of jurisdictional oversight of Medicare. The bills have not been acted on in either Committee. Representative Thomas opposes the bill because he does not want the Medicare trust fund to pay for veterans health care. This bill may see action in the House early next spring, with the Senate to act thereafter.

Food Safety Enforcement: The Administration has submitted a bill which would provide the Secretary of Agriculture with the authority to issue mandatory recalls of adulterated food products, impose civil fines against companies that repeatedly violate food safety regulations, and require companies to notify the Department when they initiate a product recall. The Senate Agriculture Committee held a hearing this fall, but came to no resolution.

6. Crime

Juvenile Justice Reform Legislation: Senate Majority Leader Lott has already indicated that S. 10, juvenile justice reform legislation, will be one of the first bills on the Senate's agenda next session. The measure as reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee provides for a number of reforms in the prevention, enforcement and punishment of juvenile crime. The House has already passed a much narrower bill but it is expected that a House-Senate conference on the bill will produce a comprehensive measure. It is likely that many key Administration priorities including: increased funding for state and local courts and prosecutors; tougher penalties for those who use juveniles to commit drug and gun crimes; and better protections for witnesses and victims of juvenile crime will be included in the final legislation. More problematic will be winning meaningful juvenile crime prevention funding.

Victims Rights Constitutional Amendment: Senators Feinstein and Kyl will likely renew their push to amend the Constitution. The Department of Justice has been leading the negotiations on the Hill on behalf of the Administration. While the idea has popular appeal, the momentum has been tempered by Members' reservations about amending the Constitution. Chairman Hatch has been extremely cautious in his approach to this matter.

7. Government Reform

Campaign Finance Reform Legislation: Earlier this fall, the Senate leaders agreed to take up campaign finance reform legislation by early March. Under the agreement, Senators McCain and Feingold will be allowed to offer a bill or amendment for an up or down vote as an amendment to a Senate Republican campaign finance bill that will be drafted early next year. Following the vote on the McCain-Feingold substitute, further consideration of this and any other modification would potentially face a filibuster.

In the House, the Republican leadership has agreed to consider campaign finance reform legislation on the House floor in February or March, without a commitment on which bill might be brought to the floor. Congressman Shays is circulating a campaign finance discharge petition in the House which currently has almost 190 signatures as "an

insurance policy” to guarantee that the Republican leadership allows a House vote on a bipartisan, consensus reform bill.

Within the context of the campaign finance reform debate, Republicans can be expected to push two contentious provisions: 1) language requiring union members to affirmatively consent to having their dues used for political activities (the so-called Beck issue); and, 2) provisions that would require voters to prove their citizenship at the polls (also known as voter fraud prevention).

White House Chief Financial Officer Legislation: H.R. 1962, sponsored by Congressman Horn, would require the President to designate a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in the Executive Office of the President. The bill as originally introduced was seriously flawed. It has since been successfully negotiated by the Administration to give the President full discretion in determining the appointment, the duties, and the placement of CFO within the Executive Office of the President. The Senate may consider the measure early in the next session.

8. **Social Issues**

Haitian Refugee Relief Legislation: It became clear during recent Congressional consideration of legislation to provide relief to certain Central American immigrants that comparable relief should be provided to similarly situated Haitian immigrants. Bipartisan legislation was introduced in the both the House and the Senate to provide amnesty for many of the Haitians who fled civil unrest in Haiti during the early 1990's. The Attorney General has agreed to refrain from deporting any Haitians covered by the proposed legislation until Congress has a chance to act on the measure.

Tobacco Initiative: Hearings were held in both the House and Senate during the fall. Any tobacco bill will have to make its way through a tangle of overlapping committee jurisdictions and agendas. At least six committees in the Senate and four in the House can lay claim to some piece of this legislation, and dozens of members in both parties have a longstanding interest in tobacco from the standpoint of reducing teen smoking or protecting tobacco farmers.

Affirmative Action: During the first session, legislation (H.R. 1909) sponsored by Congressman Canady eliminating all federal affirmative action programs was tabled in Committee as a result of the Administration's work with Committee Democrats and outside interest groups. It is almost certain that Republicans will push for its consideration again next year. The House Republican Leadership, however, will have to significantly narrow the scope of this legislation to appease Republican moderates if they want to move the bill forward. Such a move could cause conservative Republicans to abandon the effort altogether.

Employment Non-Discrimination Act: The Administration's strong support for this legislation has given its proponents on the Hill renewed momentum. It has also given the opposition on the right another issue to rally around. Senators Jeffords, Kennedy, and Lieberman remain firmly committed to trying to move this bill next session.

School Prayer: The House Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee has marked up a proposed constitutional amendment on religious freedom that would secure that right to pray "on public property, including schools." The full House Judiciary Committee is likely to consider and report out the measure next spring. The measure is strongly opposed by both the House Democratic leadership and many rank and file Democrats which should ensure that the measure will fail to receive the necessary approval of two-thirds of the House.

Flag Burning: Earlier this year the House overwhelmingly passed a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the United States flag. The measure is currently pending in the Senate where supporters admit they are short of the necessary two-thirds for passage. It is likely, however, that the Senate Republican leadership will want to schedule a vote prior to the election.

9. Business Issues

Products Liability Reform Legislation: The Administration has successfully negotiated with Senator Rockefeller a narrowly-crafted reform bill that is consistent with objections raised in your veto of the products liability reform legislation in the last Congress. Senator Rockefeller is currently discussing his draft legislation with Senator Gorton. While it is likely that Senator Gorton will attempt to gain additional concessions for his support, Senator Rockefeller has remained committed to his agreement with the Administration. Majority Leader Lott has signaled that this legislation will be one of his top priorities in the new session and it is likely that the House will await the outcome of the current Senate discussions.

Energy Restructuring: It is possible that 1998 may see movement on this issue. The Administration is still finalizing its position, which should influence the pace of activity on the Hill. Legislation has been introduced by a wide range of Members. The key questions will be the pace of deregulation, whether to mandate a deregulated environment by a date certain, how to recover the sunk cost of the high-cost power plants (i.e nuclear), and how to deal with the environmental effects of a deregulated industry.

Financial Modernization: While the House Banking and Commerce Committees passed different bills, compromise could not be reached to allow floor consideration. There is no bill under consideration in the Senate. Senator D'Amato has stated that he would like to take up a bill as early as February, but it is likely that legislation will remain stalled until well into the second session. Treasury is taking the lead on resolving two key issues: (1) reconciling the position of the banks and the insurance industry on bank sales of

insurance and (2) allowing operating subsidiaries of national banks to engage in the same range of services enjoyed by affiliates of bank holding companies.

Encryption: There are currently five different encryption bills pending in the House. To date, the Leadership has been unable to reach agreement with the respective Committee Chairman on which of the bills to send to the Rules Committee. Three of the measures favor the software industry; the two others support law enforcement and national security equities. In the Senate, the Administration supported McCain-Kerrey-Hollings bill has been marked up by the Senate Commerce Committee, but has not been reported out because McCain and Kerrey are worried about losing control of the bill to other Committees, principally Judiciary. McCain and Kerrey are tightening their control over the bill in an effort to resolve industry concerns over excessive regulation within the law enforcement provisions of the bill. Action on this bill can be expected shortly after Congress returns.

CBI: The Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) is a program to further the economic development and political stability of countries in the Caribbean and Central America. Defeated in the House last session, H.R. 2644, the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act would provide North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) parity benefits for CBI countries in order to restore benefits eroded by NAFTA implementation, and would preserve and attract investment in the region. There is considerable disagreement on the textile, worker rights and environmental protection provisions of the proposal. There is also disagreement on how to proceed with the negotiations.

Fast Track Trading Authority: On Tuesday, November 4, the Senate voted (68--32) to invoke cloture motion on S. 1269, Fast Track Trading Authority legislation. The House took no action on the bill because certain Republicans attempted to link their vote on the measure to the resolution of the Mexico City issue in the FY98 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. The Administration is expected to submit a narrower Fast Track proposal.

10. Transportation

ISTEA: In lieu of a multi-year bill, Congress sent to the President legislation that would enable spending for highway, transit, and highway safety programs through May 1, 1998. Senator Lott has said that it is his desire to begin floor consideration of S. 1173, the multi-year ISTEA Reauthorization early in the second session. However, pressure can be expected to increase for further delay until it is clear whether increased funding will be available through the budget process. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee advocates this approach. A number of controversial amendments are expected to be considered, including an effort to repeal DOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, to repeal Davis-Bacon, and to weaken environmental initiatives including the Congestion Mitigation and Environmental Quality program (CMAQ).

Aviation Authorization: The House passed H.R. 1271, the FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 during the first session. This legislation would authorize \$672 million through fiscal 2000 for research, engineering and development programs, a 4% increase from fiscal 1997 appropriations levels. The measure was reported out of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and now awaits floor action. Congress is also expected to consider legislation in 1998 to extend the authorization for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which along with other Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs, is funded through aviation taxes that are credited to the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. After last year's battle on airline ticket taxes, the focus next year will be on the appropriate level of funding for AIP and language to implement the recommendations of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC)--principally concerning the way the FAA is funded to include a combination of user fees, ticket taxes, and general funds, and to transfer the safety regulatory aspects of the FAA to a separate Performance Based Organization (PBO).

11. Labor

FLSA: The Administration expects that Republicans will once again try to develop legislation to exempt welfare recipients on workfare from the Fair Labor Standards Act and/or FICA taxes. This fall's efforts fell apart after Representative Clay Shaw was unable to fashion a proposal that satisfied both House Republicans and a bipartisan group of Governors, but the issue will come up again next year.

TEAM Act: The Teamwork for Employees and Management Act (TEAM) would amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow employers to create and influence employee organizations that deal with the employer on the traditional subjects of collective bargaining--wages, hours, and working conditions. You vetoed the TEAM Act in 1996, and no attempt was made to override the veto. The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee reported the bill last April, but neither the House or Senate took action during the first session.

12. Science and Technology

Civilian Space Authorization: On April 24, the House passed H.R. 1275, the Civilian Space Authorization Act. This measure would authorize \$13.8 billion for fiscal 1998 and \$13.9 billion in fiscal 1999 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; \$376 million above the your budget request for fiscal 1998 and \$516 million above the budget request for fiscal 1999. This measure awaits Senate action.

Commercial Space Act: The Administration-supported legislation passed the House last session and is currently pending in the Senate Commerce Committee. The measure would require two market studies on the potential use of the International Space Station

by commercial entities and would allow the Secretary of Transportation the authority to grant licenses for commercial space uses.

13. Foreign Policy

Bosnia: Members can be expected to introduce bills and offer amendments for troop withdrawal and possibly to pursue legislation regarding war criminals. The Administration will send Congress an Appropriations supplemental on Bosnia next spring. Administration efforts to gain congressional approval for this supplemental may attract both criticism and unfavorable amendments with regard to our Bosnia policy.

NATO Enlargement: The spectrum of concerns over NATO enlargement range from liberal Senators who believe that adding new members to the alliance will provoke Russian nationalism and weaken the democratic reform movement in that country to conservative Senators who fear that, in order to assuage Russia, NATO will give Moscow or its "surrogates" the ability to "veto" Alliance decisions. Senators appear to be skeptical over the Administration's cost estimates associated with enlargement, believing the U.S. will be expected to pay far more than what the Administration estimates.

United Nations Arrears/IMF Funding for the New Arrangements to Borrow Initiative/Foreign Affairs Reorganization: Intransigence on Mexico City family planning policy by certain Republican House members resulted in the Republican Leadership's decision not to include these measures as part of the appropriations bills moving at the end of the first session. We will try to move these critical pieces of legislation at the beginning of the year.

Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: On September 20, 1997, you transmitted the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty to the Senate for advice and consent. The Administration is working with Senator Domenici, whose support will be key to its ratification, to ensure that the DoE is adequately funded in their Stockpile Stewardship Program.

National Missile Defense: Senator Lott's bill (the measure mandates a deployment date of 2003 and contains ABM Treaty withdrawal provisions) has been reported out of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Senator Lugar has an alternative bill much closer to the Administration's position, yet no action has been taken as of yet.

Start II: This treaty will not be considered in the Senate until the Russian Duma ratifies START II, possibly in February 1998. START III negotiations are expected to begin late next year.

CWC Implementation: The Senate passed legislation in May 1997 that would implement the international treaty to ban the use and production of chemical weapons. The House held the Senate passed bill until Congress was ready to recess and then attached H.R. 2709, an Administration-opposed bill intended to isolate businesses and

countries, particularly Russia, suspected of transferring missiles or missile technology to Iran. The bill passed by voice vote in the House. Under this legislation, specific economic sanctions would be imposed on any entity that violates the ban. The bill would allow the President to waive this requirement on national security grounds. The Administration has issued a veto threat out on the measure. The Administration is negotiating at the staff level to try to separate the two measures. We expect the Senate to attempt to move the legislation early in the second session, probably by February 15.

Religious Persecution: The legislation, sponsored by Senator Specter and Representative Wolf, is currently in the House International Relations Committee. The bill is stalled, however, awaiting resolution of the concerns regarding automatic sanctions against countries committing religious persecution. Both chambers are expected to consider the measure next year.

13. **Housing**

Public Housing: The House passed H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, on May 14 by a vote of 293 to 132. S. 462, the Public Housing Reform and Responsibility Act of 1997, passed the Senate on September 26. Many of HUD's proposals were incorporated in the House and Senate bills. Major outstanding issues include public housing and Section 8 income targeting and fungibility, home rule flexible grant, Accreditation Board, rent provisions, community work requirements, and repeal of the 1937 Housing Act. While the two Housing Subcommittee chairmen (Senator Mack and Representative Lazio) had serious discussion of these issues in November, no progress was made.

cc: The Vice President
Erskine Bowles
John Podesta
Sylvia Mathews

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DATE: 1/28 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____SUBJECT: Outlook for next session of Congress

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REMARKS:

This has been forwarded to the President

RESPONSE:

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Per Patty McHugh -
Mack McLarty

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WASHINGTON

November 21, 1997

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *DB*
CHARLES F. C. RUPE *CR*

SUBJECT: Letter to President Zedillo Concerning Festival
of Mexican Culture

Purpose

To send a letter to President Zedillo supporting a 1999 festival
of Mexican culture in Texas.

Background

Our Embassy in Mexico recommends that you send a letter to
President Zedillo supporting a planned cultural festival,
sponsored by Texas International Festivals, to foster increased
awareness and appreciation of Mexico's accomplishments in the
visual and performing arts. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
supports this initiative. To ensure that such a letter is not
used in fundraising for this festival, we intend to send a note
accompanying your letter stating White House policy against
using Presidential letters and messages for such purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter to President Zedillo.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to President Zedillo
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff
Mr. McLarty

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

You and I have long shared a commitment to bringing our nations closer together. I have been informed about an important initiative in Texas that will help advance that goal: a major festival of Mexican culture planned for fall 1999.

I am aware that Texas International Festivals is now working collaboratively with your cultural agencies to create a festival that will showcase many of Mexico's most significant accomplishments in the visual and performing arts. They also will develop an extensive education program about Mexican culture for schoolchildren.

I am certain you will agree with me that this initiative has the promise of an important and lasting contribution to mutual understanding between our nations. As we enhance appreciation of each other's cultural expression and heritage, we will deepen respect and friendship between our peoples.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon
President of the United Mexican States
Mexico, D.F.

TEXAS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS

October 17, 1997

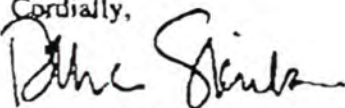
Mrs. Donna McLarty

Dear Mrs. McLarty:

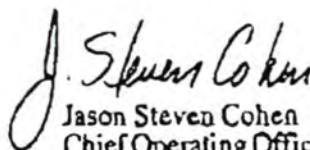
We are writing today to request your assistance. As you can see from the attached letter from Ambassador Jones to Mr. McLarty, the draft of President Clinton's letter to President Zedillo has somehow gotten lost in the White House. It is our understanding that after President Zedillo receives this letter from President Clinton, he then will appoint someone to coordinate the work of the relevant Mexican ministries and cultural agencies. This letter will not be used for fund-raising. Rather, it will formally start the organizational process on the Mexican side.

We would appreciate your assistance in this matter. We believe that this festival will do much to enhance understanding and appreciation of Mexican culture in the United States.

Cordially,



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Chief Operating Officer

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September 16, 1997

AMBASSADOR JAMES JONES
President International

TO: HONORABLE MACK MC LARTY

Attention: Nelson Cunningham

FROM: JAMES JONES

You may recall when I was still Ambassador that I had mentioned about the plan of Texas International Festivals to promote a major festival in Texas highlighting Mexican art and culture.

I wholly endorse this proposal and believe that it will have a major positive impact on our bilateral relations. Several key institutions in Texas such as the Dallas Morning News are actively promoting this.

In order to commence work, the Texas International Festival requested a letter from President Clinton to President Zedillo. (Enclosed is a copy of the draft they suggested to the White House.) Apparently, this request is similar to a letter sent by President Reagan to the Prime Minister of Japan requesting his cooperation to organize a major art exhibition in the U.S.

Apparently, the draft letter is somewhere in the White House.

Your help in locating the letter and helping to push it to a signature by the President would be greatly appreciated.

John
Donohue -
Please check w/ WM Correspondent
on the status of the attached
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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

February 12, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

I have long been committed to projects which offer possibilities for the people of our two countries to know each other better, and I have recently heard about a program which promises to give Americans, and more precisely, Texans, an unprecedented opportunity to learn about Mexico's culture, art, history, and society. This project grows out of a recent festival of Japanese performing and visual arts -- *Sun & Star 1996* -- held in Dallas and Fort Worth.

After the success of *Sun & Star 1996*, the organizers, Debra Skriba and Steven Cohen, would like to present a comprehensive, insightful view of many of the most important achievements of historical and contemporary Mexican culture. By presenting a fresh view of Mexican culture, they hope to encourage Texans to substantially enhance their knowledge and appreciation of Mexico.

The Japanese government called *Sun & Star 1996* the most significant festival of Japanese culture ever to be held in the Americas. Almost every cultural institution in Dallas and Fort Worth participated by organizing, producing, or presenting a major project about Japan. Many cultural institutions in Houston and Austin also participated. *Sun & Star 1996* also included an extensive education program which affected literally hundreds of thousands of Texas schoolchildren.

After seeing the results of *Sun & Star 1996*, I believe that the proposed festival of Mexican culture can be one of the most important cultural exchanges in Mexican-U.S. history. The new understanding and mutual respect that can come from a festival featuring the highest achievements of Mexican art can be of incalculable value as we strive to enhance our relationship.

Already, the festival organizers have held technical meetings with the appropriate individuals in Mexico's major cultural agencies. In developing the festival, they look forward to a close collaboration with their colleagues in Mexico.

I would like to ask for your support of this important project. With your cooperation, this celebration of the culture of Mexico can herald a new century of friendship, respect, and appreciation between the peoples of our countries.

Sincerely,



James E. Jones
Ambassador

His Excellency
Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León
President of the United Mexican States,
México, D.F.



Consejo Nacional
para la
Cultura y las Artes

COORDINACIÓN DE ASUNTOS
INTERNACIONALES

CAI / 384 /97

México, D.F., a 13 de enero de 1997.

Debra Skriba
Executive Director

Jason Steven Cohen
Chief Operation Officer

Estimados Debra y Jason:

En relación con su atenta carta del 19 de diciembre dirigida la Lic. Rafael Tovar, Presidente del Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, me permito confirmarles el interés del CNCA en apoyar el festival sobre cultura mexicana en el otoño de 1999.

El CNCA, y las instituciones que de él dependen, está en la mejor disposición de participar activamente en el diseño de la programación de lo que seguramente será una gran presentación de lo mejor de la cultura de México.

Quedo en espera de sus noticias sobre los avances del proyecto y les envío mis mejores deseos para el año que comienza.

Atentamente.

ALEJANDRA DE LA PÁZ
Coordinadora

c.c.p. Sra. Angier Peavy. Agregada Cultural. Embajada de los Estados Unidos. Presente.
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Sun & Star 1996

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December 19, 1996

Lic. Rafael Tovar y de Teresa
Presidente
Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes
Arenal 40
Col. Chimalistac
01070 México D.F.

Dear Mr. Tovar:

During the past few weeks, we have had the pleasure of meeting with many of your colleagues to discuss the feasibility of organizing a major festival of Mexican culture to be held in Texas in Fall 1999. The proposed festival would include exhibitions and events in the visual and performing arts as well as an extensive education program for teachers and students.

We would like to present a comprehensive, insightful view of many of the most important achievements of historical and contemporary Mexican culture. By presenting a fresh view of Mexican culture, we hope to encourage Texans to substantially enhance their knowledge and appreciation of your country.

For background, we have just completed Sun & Star 1996, which the Japanese government has called the most significant festival of Japanese culture ever to be held in the Americas. Almost every cultural institution in Dallas and Fort Worth participated by organizing, producing, or presenting a major project about Japan. Many cultural institutions in Houston and Austin also participated. We enclose a Sun & Star 1996 brochure and a catalogue from the centerpiece exhibition so that you can see the scope and quality of the program.

Already, we have held technical meetings at many institutions. Although we have just begun to explore different possibilities for the festival, in all of these meetings the proposed festival was greeted with great enthusiasm. For reference, our meetings were held at the organizations listed below.

- Consejo Nacional para la Cultural y las Artes
 - Coordinación Nacional para Asuntos Internacionales
 - Coordinación Nacional de Descentralización
- Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes
- Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia
- Festival Internacional Cervantino

- Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores
Dirección General para Asuntos Culturales
- Secretaria de Turismo
- Museo Franz Mayer
- Papalote Museo del Niño

We also have had the pleasure of meeting with Ambassador Jones, who expressed his immediate and considerable support for the project.

We would like to ask for your support of this ambitious undertaking. If we are able to proceed, we hope that we will have the benefit of your advice and guidance. We feel confident that the festival can make a valuable contribution to Texans' understanding of the culture of Mexico, an important goal as we begin a new century together.

Sincerely,



Debra Skriba
Executive Director



Jason Steven Cohen
Chief Operating Officer

cc: Alejandra de la Paz
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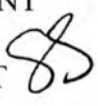
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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT 
SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS
CC: JOHN PODESTA & SYLVIA MATHEWS

ACCEPT:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

11/21/97

Signing Ceremony for S. 830, Food and Drug Administration
Modernization and Accountability Act of 1997
Roosevelt Room, The White House
Staff Contact: John Hilley

11/21/97 - 12/18/97

Meetings to Develop the FY 1999 President's Budget
Staff Contact: Franklin Raines, Gene Sperling

**Starting on November 21, and lasting through December 18,
there will be a series of approximately seven one-hour meetings
to discuss your FY 1999 budget.**

12/1/97

Meeting with Bill Hybels

12/15/97

Working Visit with Irish Prime Minister Ahern
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

12/19/97

Working Visit with Turkish Prime Minister Yilmaz
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

12/23/97 Oval Office Menorah Lighting Ceremony to Celebrate the Jewish Festival of Chanukah at Sundown
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

This is the only event, in addition to the Residence Staff Holiday Party, that you will have on this day. You will have the rest of the day off.

12/24/97 Christmas Eve Phone Calls to Members of the Armed Forces
Staff Contact: Virginia Apuzzo, Alan Sullivan

Congressional Meetings

11/21/97 Meeting with Senator Lott
Staff Contact: John Hilley

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the legislative agenda and priorities for next year.

12/2/97 Meeting with Rep. Bill Archer and a Houston Constituent
Staff Contact: Erskine Bowles, John Hilley

12/8/97 Meeting with Speaker Newt Gingrich
Staff Contact: John Hilley

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the legislative agenda and priorities for next year. We have offered this date to the Speaker, and are waiting to receive a confirmation.

12/8/97 Meeting with Senators Coverdell, Lieberman, Torricelli, and Coats, Speaker Gingrich and a D.C. Family
Staff Contact: John Hilley

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Senator Coverdell's school voucher proposal.

12/8/97 Meeting with the Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus
Staff Contact: John Hilley

12/17/97 Meeting with Senator Daschle and Rep. Gephardt
Staff Contact: John Hilley

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the legislative agenda and priorities for next year. We have offered this date to the members, and are waiting to receive a confirmation.

PENDING:

Date of Event:

12/9/97, 12/10/97,
or 12/13/97

Description of Event:

Attend Special Collaboration Performance of the Joffrey Ballet
of Chicago and Dance>Detour
Staff Contact: Marsha Scott

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago has requested your attendance at a special performance involving Dance>Detour, a wheelchair dance troupe. You are currently scheduled to be traveling on December 9 and 10. There is a matinee performance on Saturday, December 13. You are currently scheduled to attend the DNC Arkansas dinner in D.C. that evening. The First Lady's office is currently considering this invitation.

12/4/97

Attend Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission Event
Little Rock, AR

Jack Gibson, Executive Director of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, invited you to attend an event celebrating Arkansas as a state free of brucellosis in the cattle industry. You are scheduled to be in D.C. on this day. We would like to regret this event, and have a nice letter from you prepared to be read at the event. *Are you ok with this?*

REGRET:

Date of Event:

11/19/97 - 11/20/97

Description of Event:

Photo-op with Winners of the Ford Foundation Awards for
Innovation in American Government
Staff Contact: Bob Stone

Your schedule for November 19 is already very full. The recipients are only available in the morning on November 20, and you are scheduled to participate in the Religious Leaders breakfast. The Vice President met with the recipients previously when their awards were announced in October.

11/20/97 - 11/22/97

Participate in 1997 Minority Enterprise Development Week Activities

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall Jr.

The recommendation from the Senior Staff was that you not attend this conference. However, both the Race Initiative group and the Senior Staff felt it was important for you to tape a video greeting to be played at the welcoming session.

12/4/97

Attend the 1997 Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Leadership Awards Event

Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra, Fred DuVal

You are currently scheduled to be down until 12:00pm, since you will be traveling late on the evening of December 3. You are also scheduled to participate in the lighting of the National Christmas Tree, the White House Pageant of Peace reception, and the premier of Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" on this day. This proposal has been forwarded to the other principals and the Cabinet for consideration.

12/6/97

Event for the 50th Anniversary of the Everglades National Park
Everglades National Park, FL

Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall Jr.

The Vice President will be participating in this event.

November 1997

* Presidential Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Retreat, Amelia Island, FL RON Amelia Island, FL FLOTUS Foreign Travel
2 Retreat, Amelia Island, FL Staten Island, NY/Edison, NJ Manhattan, NY RON DC FLOTUS Foreign Travel	3 Morning Down Beyer Rally, N. VA (Noon) Fast Track Cong. Mtgs. (2) National Public Radio Event	4 Fast Track Congressional Mtg. Statement For. Pol. Cong. Mtg. (2 Hrs.) Hold 1 Hour/Kerry Fundraiser Rabin Assassination Anniversary Election Day	5 Congressional Mtg. (Goodling) TAA Fast Track Event VP Lunch Congressional Meetings (4) Private Reception, DC	6 Dedication of the George Bush Presidential Library, Texas A&M Return to DC Statement Congressional Meetings (3) Evening Off	7 Statement Congressional Mtgs Hold 1 Hour (MM) Tape Radio Address Short Term CR 2 Expires	8 Morning Down "Meet the Press" Briefing & Taping Human Rights Campaign Dinner, DC
9 Day & Evening Off	10 WH Conference on Hate Crimes "Lewis & Clark" Screening (WH)	11 Veteran's Day Events (AM) Afternoon & Evening Off Veteran's Day	12 Capps Memorial Service VP Lunch Amb. Cred. Ceremony Youth Outreach Meeting DGA Reception, DC DNC Dinner, P. Residence, DC FLOTUS Foreign Travel	13 Labor HHS Signing Down Time (10:30am - 5:30pm) Congressional Reception Dinner w/Pres. Zedillo of Mexico Optional Dinner Drop-by	14 Off. Work. Visit of Pres. Zedillo (4 hrs) Mtg. w/King Hussein of Jordan Tape Radio Address WLF Event, Las Vegas, NV DNC Dinner, Las Vegas, NV RON Las Vegas, NV	15 Enviromental Event, Sacramento, CA DNC Lunch, Sacramento, CA Depart for Los Angeles, CA RON Los Angeles, CA
FLOTUS Foreign Travel						
16 Day Off Rock the Vote Event, LA, CA DNC Dinner, Los Angeles, CA/RON Los Angeles, CA Internat'l Day of Prayer FLOTUS Foreign Travel	17 Welfare Event, Wichita, KS Down Time DSCC Dinner, St. Louis, MO RON DC FLOTUS Foreign Travel	18 Down until 4:00pm Work Vis. w/Pres. Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan (30 min.) Satellite to Council of Jewish Federations Videos (5) DNC Dinners, DC (2)	19 Adoption Bill Signing Ceremony Working Visit of President Konare of Mali (30 minutes) VP Lunch Intern Photo Hold 1 Hour Movie Night	20 Religious Leaders Breakfast Healthcare Bill of Rights Event Briefing for Foreign Trip (1 Hour) Evening Off	21 FDA Bill Sign. Ceremony (OEOB 450) Rabin-Peres Award Luncheon Congressional Mtg. (Lott) Budget Brief (1 Hour)/Hold 1 Hr (MM) Tape Radio Address Evening Off FLOTUS Domestic Travel	22 Depart for Denver, CO Arrival Statement DNC Lunch, Denver, CO DSCC Event, Seattle, WA P. Murray Dinner, Seattle, WA RON Vancouver, British Columbia
23 Down Time/OTR Time Bilateral RON Vancouver, British Columbia FLOTUS Domestic Travel	24 ASEAN Breakfast Bilaterals (3) APEC Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia RON Vancouver, British Columbia	25 APEC Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia RON DC FLOTUS Domestic Travel	26 Presentation of Thanksgiving Turkey Afternoon & Evening Off RON Camp David, MD	27 Day & Evening Off RON Camp David, MD Thanksgiving	28 Day & Evening Off Tape Radio Address RON Camp David, MD House Closed for Holiday Decorating	29 Day & Evening Off Return to DC RON Camp David, MD
30 Day & Evening Off RON TBD House Closed for Holiday Decora.						

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December 1997

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	1 Hold 30 Minutes (SS) Hold 1-1/4 Hour (ME) (T) Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Videos DSCC Reception/DNC Dinner, DC World AIDS Day House Closed for Holiday Decorating	2 DC Community Leaders Mtg. Mil/PPD Departure Photos Congressional Mtg. (Archer + 1) MCI Center Grand Opening Basketball Game, DC	3 Race Forum, Akron, OH Democratic Party Reception, Chicago, IL DNC Dinner, Chicago, IL RON DC	4 Down Until 12:00pm VP Lunch Official Photo Lighting of the National Christmas Tree Pageant of Peace Reception "Amistad" Private Screening, D.C.	5 USEU Summit at the WH Tape Radio Address Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Holiday Receptions (2) Evening Off	6 Day & Evening Off Anniv. of NAFTA
7 Metropolitan Baptist Church Kennedy Center Honors Reception Kennedy Center Honors Pearl Harbor Day	8 Congressional Meeting (Coverdell) (T) Native American Outreach Meeting (T) Congressional Asian Pacific Caucus Meeting (T) Congressional Mtg. (Gingrich) (T) Congressional Ball Anniv. of GATT	9 Day & Evening Off Depart for New York RON New York, NY	10 Message Event TBD, New York DCCC Dinner, New York DNC Dinner, New York RON TBD Human Rights Day House Closed for Tours	11 Message Event, Miami, FL DNC Lunch, Miami, FL DNC Dinner, Miami, FL RON DC	12 Down until 12:00pm Asian Pacific American Outreach Meeting (T) VP Lunch Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Hold 1 Hour (MM) Holiday Reception	13 Live Radio Address Arkansas DNC Dinner, DC
14 Christmas in Washington Social Aide Photo Evening Off	15 Working Visit with Irish PM Ahern (30 minutes) Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Holiday Press Reception	16 Medals of Science & Technology Event Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Holiday Press Reception	17 Minority Farmers Meeting Cong. Space Medal of Honor Congressional Mtg. (Daschle/ Gephardt)(T) Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Evening Off	18 VP Lunch Budget Briefing (1 Hour) Children's Holiday Event Holiday Reception Holiday Dinner, P. Residence, DC	19 Malcolm Baldrige Quality Awards Ceremony, DC Working Visit with Turkish PM Yilmaz (30 minutes) Hold 1 Hour (MM) Tape Radio Address Holiday Dinner	20 Day & Evening Off
21 Day Off Holiday Reception First Day of Winter	22 Evening Off	23 Day & Evening Off Menorah Lighting Residence Staff Reception Chanukah (begins at sundown)	24 Christmas Eve Call to Troops	25 Christmas Day Hold for Holiday Vacation	26 Tape Radio Address	27 Candlelight Tours
28	29 Candlelight Tours	30 Hold for Travel RON Hilton Head, SC	31 Hold for Travel RON Hilton Head, SC New Year's Eve House Closed to Remove Decorations Hold for Holiday Vacation	November 97 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 January 98 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		

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February 1998

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1	2 FY 1999 Budget Submission	3	4 Evening Off	5 National Prayer Breakfast Hold for Possible Official Visit	6 Hold Day & Evening	7 Hold Day & Evening Winter Olympics Opening Ceremo...
8 WH Reception for Ford's Theatre Gala Ford's Theatre Salute to the President	9	10 Hold for Foreign Travel	11 Hold for Foreign Travel	12 Hold for Foreign Travel Lincoln's Birthday	13 Hold for Foreign Travel	14 Hold for Foreign Travel Valentine's Day
15 Hold for Foreign Travel	16 Hold for Foreign Travel Washington's Birthday President's Day	17 Hold for Foreign Travel	18 Hold for Foreign Travel	19 Hold for Foreign Travel	20 Hold for Foreign Travel	21
22 National Governors Association Dinner Winter Olympics Closing Ceremo...	23 National Governors Assn. Meeting DGA Dinner, DC (T)	24	25 Ash Wednesday	26 Hold for Family Time	27 Hold for Family Time	28 Hold for Family Time

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November 1997
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Afternoon Down in Boston Depart Boston late afternoon for Amelia Island, FL DNC Dinner w/ POTUS in FL RON in Amelia Island, FL
2 DNC Retreat in Florida RON in Florida	3 Down Day POTUS Evening Off POTUS Natl. Public Radio Evt Return to DC 5:30 pm	4 1 hr. Calls/Burson Time/ Hopkins pm MEG in New Orleans POTUS FP Cong Mtg Sturdivant Funeral	5 Education Teleconference Gips/ 90 min calls/WEB/ Bagley Mtg <i>NPR 4th Annl Rprt Announ</i> POTUS Cong Mtg POTUS Lunch	6 POTUS in TX Soros Call/Burson/Fast Track Calls Trip to the Hill Urban Conty Exe/Women Leg	7 Cohen Mtg/Scher Swear In <i>FCC Swear In</i> <i>Hud Annoucement</i>	8 Pres. Budget Brief
9	10 RON in DC WH Conf on Hate Crimes	11 NOTE: Veterans Day POTUS Veterans Breakfast	12 Boggs Swear In/Tufu Swear In Gibbons/ 1 hr calls/Gips/ Burson Hammer Awds PBGC New Meeting 90 min/Shal... POTUS Lu...	13 Foreign Policy Briefing New Dem Network Dinner, D.C. US-Kazakhstan Brief	14 Depart for TN 5:00 Family Policy Seminar Mexican State Lunch POTUS DNC Dinner Las Vegas POTUS Wkg Visit w/ Mexic- an President Zedillo (4 hrs)	15 America Recycles Day Crime Evt in TN POTUS in Sacramento & Los Angeles: DNC RON in Tennessee TN JJ Dinner
16 Down Day Note: International Day of Prayer POTUS returns to DC	17 DNC Dinner in Cleveland POTUS Evening Off POTUS in KS (Welfare to work) Tobacco Evt in OH US-Kazakastan open session	18 All-American Cities Evt <i>Healthcare Comm Mtg</i> Life-Ing Learning Conf 10:15 am Wrk Vst w/ Pres. Nazarbay- ev of Kazakstan	19 Wrk visit Pres Konare of Mali <i>Adoption Bill Signing</i> Hold 1 hr & Pre-res Lncn w/ POTUS	20 Dinner w/ Kuchma in NY POTUS Briefing for Foreign Trip <i>POTUS Healthcare Evt.</i> POTUS Religious Leader Bkfst Sarcophagus Pledging C...	21 Rabin-Peres Award Luncheo- n(POTUS) 1 hr calls/ Burson/Hoit/Hall Swear In <i>FDA Bill Signing</i> Pres. Budget Brief	22 Down Day POTUS Departure Statement POTUS in Denver, CO/ WA
23 Gonzales Event in TX RON in San Antonio San Antonio DNC Events	24 Dallas Brownfields Evt Dallas DCCC Event Houston stop for Lee Brown	25 DOWN DAY	26 POTUS down POTUS Turkey Presentation	27 Thanksgiving Day Harvard / Sidwell Break POTUS Day and Evening Off Hold for Private Time	28	29
Political Travel in Texas						
30 POTUS Day and Evening Off Hold for Private Time						

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	1 Carey Swear In/1hr Calls <i>Message Evt tbd</i> New 90 min mtg Note: Kyoto Enviro Summit (Dec. 1 -12) POTUS Budget Brief POTUS DNC Dinners,DC (T)	2 Burson/ Gips Staff Time DC Community Leaders Mtg(T) Domestic Travel TBD Jewish Outreach Mtg POTUS: MCI Center Opening Game	3 Burson/ Gibbons/1 hr calls Enviro Mtg (T) Hermelin Swear in (at State) POTUS DNC Dinner in Chicago POTUS Race Town Hall in Akron,OH VP Down until noon	4 Down until 11:00 am. Lighting of Christmas tree POTUS Pageant of Peace recpt Lunch w/ POTUS	5 Bondurant Swear In(9:30) POTUS Budget Brief USEU Summit WH WH Holiday Receptions (2)	6 Anni NAFTA signing FL Everglades Trip Note: 50th anniv. of Everglades
7 Kennedy Center Honors Pearl Harbor Day POTUS Metro Baptist Church	8 Anni of GATT signing Asian Pacific Outrch Mtg Congressional Ball (7pm) POTUS Cong Mtg (T)	9 1hr calls/Burson/Katie/Leon/ Gips	10 1 hr calls/Gips <i>Message Evt (T)</i> POTUS DNC Dinners NY	11 POTUS DNC Evt's in FL Lunch w/ POTUS	12 Native American Outreach Mtg POTUS Budget Brief (T) VP Down Day WH Holiday Reception Lunch w/ POTUS	13 Morning and Afternoon Down Navobs Reception (5:00-6:30) Navobs Reception(7:30-9:00) POTUS AR DNC Dinner POTUS Live Radio Address
14 Christmas in Washington Navobs Reception (2:00-3:30) Navobs Reception (4:00-5:30)	15 5:00 pm WH Press Reception Budget Brief (T) Lautenberg Evt in NJ Minority Farmers Mtg (T) Wk Visit of Irish PM Ahern	16 5:00 pm WH Press Reception DNC Dinner in Seattle MEG hosting party for Woody House POTUS Budget Brief (T) Tobacco Event in Seattle Trip to Seattle, WA	17 1 hr calls/Burson Budget Brief (T) Cong. Space Medal of Honor (T) Sustainable Communities Joint Mtg VP down until noon Womens Outrch Mtg (Potus)	18 Budget Brief (T) Down until 11:00 am Navobs Reception (6:30-8:00) POTUS Children's Holi... Scheduling Mtg (AJ) Women's Health issues ... Lunch w/ POTUS	19 <i>Malcolm Baldrige Quality Awd's(T)</i> Navobs Reception (5:00-6:30) POTUS Holiday Dinner Working Visit w/Turkish PM Yilmaz	20 Navbos Reception (6:30-8:00) Sidwell Winter Break
21 First day of winter WH Holiday Reception 4:00 pm	22 Mosley-Braun Evt Public Evt tbd Trip to Chicago	23 Hanukkah begins sundown POTUS Residence Staff Reception	24 Hanukkah POTUS Christmans Eve Call to Troops	25 Christmas Day	26 Senator Gore Sr's B-day	27
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2 FLORIDA with VP	3 BLOCK EVE - NY	4 American Acad of Pediatrics Mtg - LA SIDS Event - New Orleans NEW ORLEANS	5 Mental Health Briefing WLF in DC with HRC BOSTON	6 Jewish Family Service Evt/ State Party Funder - Detroit WLF in Indianapolis (eve) Detroit/Indianapolis	7 Phone/office time TENNESSEE with VP	8 JJ Dinner with VP in TN
9 TENNESSEE with VP	10 Priv evt - NYC BLOCK EVE - NY	11 Veterans Day	12 Children's Center Awd Evt/BU Training for the Future Event - Boston BOSTON	13 Return to DC from Boston ATLANTA	14 Nat'l Women's Law Center Breakfast - NavObs	15 JJ Dinner with VP in TN
16 TENNESSEE with VP	17	18 11:30 AM Private Mtg. Nazarbayev Lunch with VP	19 Children's Defense Fund event HUD Lead Paint Announce- ment Event - DC	20 Carter Center Confer - Atlanta WLF in Atlanta ATLANTA	21 Rabin-Peres Lunch at WH	22
23	24	25 11:30 AM Private Mtg. Tree Topping -- Ellipse	26	27	28	29
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7 Kennedy Center Honors	8 *Congressional Ball *Democratic Spouses Lunch	9 11:30 AM Private Mtg.	10	11 BLOCK - PRIVATE TRAV...	12	13 NavObs Holiday Party
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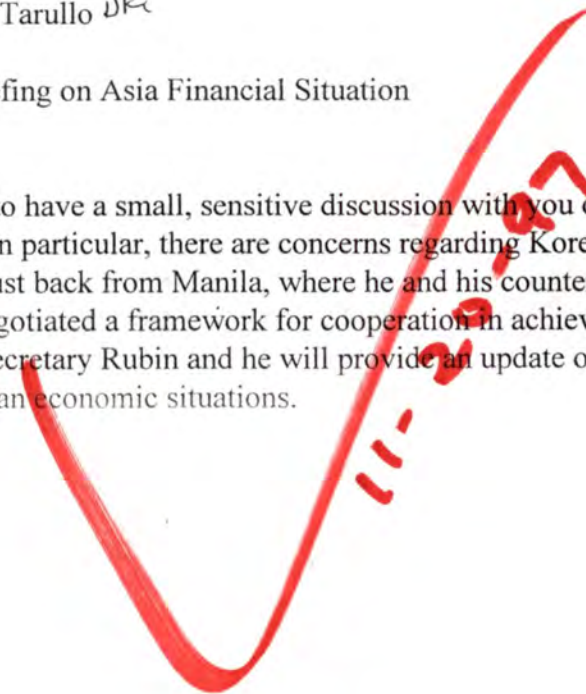
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 19, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Daniel K. Tarullo *DK*
SUBJECT: 6 PM Briefing on Asia Financial Situation

We thought it important to have a small, sensitive discussion with you on recent developments in Asia financial markets. In particular, there are concerns regarding Korea's financial stability. Larry Summers will be just back from Manila, where he and his counterparts from a number of other APEC countries negotiated a framework for cooperation in achieving greater financial stability in the region. Secretary Rubin and he will provide an update on this agreement, as well as the Japanese and Korean economic situations.



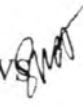


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WASHINGTON

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November 18, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE FIRST LADY

FROM: SYLVIA M. MATHEWS 

SUBJECT: First Lady's Plane

After the incident occurred with the First Lady's flight on November 9, I asked the White House Military office to prepare an explanation of what happened and to determine whether there was a problem with the pre-take off inspection. As you can see from the attached, it does not seem that the frayed wire could have been detected during the inspection.

Since this was raised last week in the Oval office, I thought you might be interested in seeing the memo that was provided by the Military office.

Attachment

cc: Erskine Bowles
John Podesta



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR SYLVIA MATHEWS
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

THROUGH: VIRGINIA M. APUZZO *apuzzo*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

FROM: ALAN P. SULLIVAN *Alan P. Sullivan*
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE

SUBJECT: Background on C-137C In-Flight Malfunction

On the evening of November 9, 1997, the First Lady departed from Andrews Air Force Base (AFB), Maryland, onboard a C-137C aircraft (tail #27000). Approximately seven minutes into the flight the aircrew experienced the indication of a possible fire in the number one (left outboard) engine. In accordance with checklist procedures, the aircrew declared an emergency with Air Traffic Control, shutdown the engine, and coordinated for a return to Andrews AFB. The return immediately after departure required the dumping of fuel to reduce the aircraft's maximum gross landing weight. The landing back at Andrews AFB was uneventful and the aircraft was met by emergency response crews without further incident.

The problem was traced to a short circuit in the sealed cannon plug on the bottom of the engine that joins the fire detection sensor wire to the engine's electrical system. The short circuit was caused by fluids which had penetrated the cannon plug seal. The engine fire detection warning system had been tested during the pre-flight inspection and had worked normally.

The engine cowling is removed to facilitate a physical inspection only during isochronal inspections, which are completed every 167 days. In this instance, even a physical examination would not have detected an incipient failure, as the plug's seal is usually coated with a mist of oil and hydraulic fluid.

The discrepancy was repaired, the fire agent bottle used during the engine shutdown was replaced, and the aircraft was checked thoroughly both on the ground and during a subsequent test flight. The flight proceeded overseas without incident on November 10, 1997.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1997

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHARLES F.C. RUFF
ELENA KAGAN

SUBJECT: Importation of Modified Semiautomatic Assault Type Rifles

As you requested, attached is a redraft of the directive. The directive now includes a more detailed discussion of the predicate for the actions to be taken by the Secretary. We have also separated the action of suspending existing permits from the discussion regarding the review process and pending applications.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 14, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

SUBJECT: Importation of Modified Semiautomatic Assault Type Rifles

The Gun Control Act of 1968 restricts the importation of firearms unless they are determined to be particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes. In 1989, the Treasury Department conducted a review of existing criteria for applying the statutory test based on changing patterns of gun use. As a result of that review 43 assault type rifles were specifically banned from importation. However, manufacturers have modified many of those weapons banned in 1989 to remove certain military features without changing their essential operational mechanism. Examples of such weapons are the Galil and the Uzi.

In recent weeks members of Congress have strongly urged that it is again necessary to review the manner in which the Treasury Department is applying the sporting purposes test to ensure that the agency's practice is consistent with the statute and current patterns of gun use. A letter signed by 30 members of the Senate strongly urged that modified assault type weapons are not properly importable under the statute and that I should use my authority to suspend temporarily their importation while the Treasury Department conducts an intensive, expedited review. A recent letter from Senator Feinstein emphasized again that weapons of this type are designed not for sporting purposes but for the commission of crime. In addition, 34 members of the House of Representatives signed a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu requesting that he intervene to stop all sales of Galils and Uzis into the United States. These concerns have caused the Government of Israel to announce a temporary moratorium on the exportation of Galils and Uzis so that the United States can review the importability of these weapons under the Gun Control Act.

The number of weapons at issue underscores the potential threat to the public health and safety that necessitates immediate action. Firearms importers have obtained permits to import nearly 600,000 modified assault type rifles. In addition, there are pending before the Treasury Department applications to import more than one million additional such weapons. The number of rifles covered by outstanding permits is comparable to that which existed in 1989 when the Bush Administration temporarily suspended import permits for assault type rifles. The number of weapons for which permits for importation are being sought through pending applications is approximately ten times greater than in 1989. The number of such firearms for which import applications have been filed has skyrocketed from 10,000 on October 9, 1997, to more than one million today.

This Administration is committed to enforcing the statutory restrictions on importation of firearms that do not meet the sporting purposes test. It is necessary that we ensure that the statute is being correctly applied and that the current use of these modified weapons is consistent with the statute's criteria for importability. This review should be conducted at once on an expedited basis. The review is directed to weapons such as the Uzi and Galil that failed to meet the sporting purposes test in 1989, but were later found importable when certain military features were removed. The results of this review should be applied to all pending and future applications.

The existence of outstanding permits for nearly 600,000 modified assault type rifles threatens to defeat the purpose of the expedited review unless, as in 1989, the Treasury Department temporarily suspends such permits. Importers typically obtain authorization to import firearms in far greater numbers than are actually imported into the United States. However, gun importers could effectively negate the impact of any Treasury Department determination by simply importing weapons to the maximum amount allowed by their permits. The public health and safety require that the only firearms allowed into the United States are those that meet the criteria of the statute.

Accordingly, as we discussed, you will:

- 1) Conduct an immediate expedited review not to exceed 120 days in length to determine whether modified semiautomatic assault type rifles are properly importable under the statutory sporting purposes test. The results of this review will govern action on pending and future applications for import permits, which shall not be acted upon until the completion of this review.
- 2) Suspend outstanding permits for importation of modified semiautomatic assault type rifles for the duration of the 120 day review period. The temporary suspension does not constitute a permanent revocation of any license. Permits will be revoked only if and to the extent that you determine that a particular weapon does not satisfy the statutory test for importation, and only after an affected importer has an opportunity to make its case to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

November 12, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Robert E. Rubin *R.E.R.*
SUBJECT: Update on Financial Market Developments
as of 4:30 pm, Wednesday, November 12, 1997

Continuing global financial market weakness contributed to a flight to quality in the dollar and U.S. Treasury securities. Long-term interest rates were down 3 to 4 basis points. This was prompted by both a decline in global stocks and the conclusion of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meeting. No statement was issued, which implied that monetary policy is unchanged. The U.S. equity markets finished lower today. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 158 points (2.1 percent) to close at 7401. Further declines in global equity markets raised concerns about corporate earnings.

Major equity markets in Asia were mostly lower today. Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia were the exceptions, all advancing marginally. The Japanese stock market fell 2.7 percent, to the lowest level in nearly 2 1/2 years on continued investor pessimism. Japan's Topix Bank Index fell 2.0 percent. The dollar surged against the yen (1.3 percent) to a six-month high of 126.5 yen. South Korean stocks fell 0.9 percent and Hong Kong stocks fell 4.0 percent, both in response to rising interest rates.

European equity markets closed lower, as further declines in Asian markets rekindled corporate profit growth concerns. U.K. stocks led the decline, falling 1.5 percent. German stocks fell 1.0 percent. The dollar strengthened versus the German mark (0.4 percent).

Latin equity markets dropped steeply today, driven by concerns over the recessionary impact of Brazil's fiscal reform package and continued malaise about emerging market risk. A 10.2 percent fall in Brazilian equities stopped trading in Sao Paulo for the second time in three weeks. Mexican stocks fell 4.8 percent and Argentine stocks fell 5.3 percent.

Oil prices fell by 5 cents (0.2 percent) per barrel today.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1997

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Information

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL WALDMAN *MW*
SUBJECT: ATTACHED BOOK BY NORM ORNSTEIN
ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

I thought you might be interested in the new booklet, written by Norm Ornstein, on campaign finance reform. It includes some very interesting charts that show the trajectory of spending and the reasons for increased costs. See especially the chart on page 11, showing the spike in independent expenditures, and on page 14, showing the rising cost of airtime.

Ornstein, as you know, is cochairing your Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Broadcasters, and has been very supportive of us on campaign reform.



Norman J. Ornstein

Campaign Finance

An Illustrated Guide

Norman J. Ornstein,
with Jeremy C. Pope

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